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The 2% Land Fund needs to stay just as the citizens of Hawaii County voted.

I am a homeowner here in Kailua-Kona and want 2% of my property taxes set aside for property acquisition for purposes of public recreation and education, including access to beaches and mountains; properties that preserve historic or culturally important land areas and sites; lands that protect our natural resources, including buffer zones and watershed lands to preserve water quality and water supply; and land to preserve forests, beaches, coastal areas, natural beauty and agricultural lands.

These funds need to be set aside and available so that when matching funds are available, the County of Hawaii can take the appropriate actions. Also, at a time when land is cheaper, the County of Hawaii needs to take advantage and protect these lands for the benefit of the community at large, this includes, native hawaiiians as well as the tourists visiting our islands.

Mayor Kenoi and the rest of the County of Hawaii PUBLIC officials need to follow the citizens lead. The County of Hawaii needs to take action now, by keeping the 2% Land Fund and purchasing lands now. More better these lands are in the hands of the public for future use rather than be developed with yet another golf course and high-end housing development.

Mahalo for your time,

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