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Aloha,

Please see attached support testimony for Waikoloa Green LLC PL-SLU-2026-000016 and PL-REZ-2026-000096.

Best,

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Re: Letter of Support — Waikoloa Green (Change of Zone and Special Use Applications)

Dear Chairman Au and Members of the Leeward Planning Commission,

My name is Kona Lyau and I am the Poke Chef for Pono Hawaiian Style Deli in Waikoloa Village. I want to express my strong support for the Waikoloa Green project, and to ask the Commission to approve it.

Up until last year, I used to live with my father in Waimea when I worked at the resorts as a prep cook and beach attendant. However, I recently moved my job to working in the Village, and had to relocate my residence to Hamakua Coast and my god the commute is BRUTAL. Fuel costs are completely unsustainable for my family and I.

We are living day by day and it should not be this way. Especially when Pono Hawaiian Style Deli ranks in the top 10 poke businesses of Hawaii Island. I should be doing way better than I am but living in a place I can afford is the reason for my lack of thriving due to the long and dangerous daily commute my family and I have to make.

I chose to live on a farm in Hakalau because my rent is reduced in exchange for helping to mow the owner's 11 acres of the farm. It is a burdensome drain on my time to mow in order to afford rent. At this time, I do not have a solution for how to afford living in the area I work as **the rent amounts are too high to afford.**

Waikoloa Green offers a real solution. Four hundred attainable rental homes, built within a commuting distance to my place of work, designed for the workforce that makes this community run. That is not a small thing. That is a meaningful change in the right direction for me and my family of native Hawaiian ancestry. This is huge.

I'm especially interested in their idea of family farm lots and food hub that will give local families a path to grow food and build a livelihood on land that has sat idle for too long. My fiancée has here BA in agriculture and she could make things happen with this opportunity, I know she can.

I urge the Commission to approve Waikoloa Green. I need affordable housing and I need food security. I can also grow food for my business ideas as a chef. Chili pepper water cannot stay on the shelves at Pono's.

Mahalo for your time and for your service to our community,



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