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To: [Planning WPC Testimony](#)
Subject: In opposition for special permit
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Aloha,

I am writing in strong opposition to the special permit application by Teppy Mountain LLC (PL-SPP-2024-000075) to host an annual multi-day Festival on agricultural land in Papaikou.

Agricultural land in Hawaii is a limited and precious resource. Approving this permit would set a dangerous precedent for the conservation of Agland across Hawaii island.

The applicant has already held this event several times without a permit, accumulated over 34,000 in fines, and is currently appealing those fines while simultaneously seeking this permit. This pattern of disregard for County rules does not Inspire confidence that permanent conditions will be respected going forward.

I also urge the commission to scrutinize the applicants that is designation of only 14.7-acres for festival use on a 1400 acre property. This appears designed specifically to stay just under the 15-acre threshold for a higher level of review, and there's not reflect the true skill and impact of this proposal.

Our rural communities, are farming families, and are agricultural lands deserve protection. I respectfully urge the commission to deny this application.

Mahalo for your consideration.
Mikela Wood
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