



Ka Moku'aina 'O Hawai'i Aha Moku O Pae'Aina

State of Hawai'i Aha Moku

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Testimony of the Hawaii State Aha Moku

Board of Land and Natural Resources

Friday, April 26, 2024

9:00 a.m.

DLNR Boardroom, Kalanimoku Bldg.

STRONG SUPPORT – Agenda Item D--1

Agenda Item D-1: RE: Approve One or More Dispositions to Applicants RP21 Coco Palms LLC and/or **I Ola Wailuanui, Inc.** and/or Sale of Lease at Public Auction, or No Action for Parcel B, Wailua, Kawaihau, Kauai, TMK: (4) 4-1-003:017. Approve One or More Dispositions to Applicants RP21 Coco Palms LLC and/or **I Ola Wailuanui**, or No Action for Parcel C, Wailua, Kawaihau, Kauai, TMK: (4) 4-1-005:017.

Aloha Chair Chang and Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR),

On behalf of the generational and lineal descendants of the Wailua Ahupua'a and the local communities that are connected to this Ahupua'a, we offer our testimony.

The Hawaii State Aha Moku (Aha Moku) strongly supports agenda item D-1 as it pertains to I Ola Wailuanui.

The purpose of this submittal of the DLNR Land Division is to provide the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) with a choice of approving dispositions of state lands of Wailua, Kawaihau, Kauai. There are two applicants with two very different agendas:

- A. I Ola Wailuanui – a 501(c)3 non-profit comprised of generational and lineal descendants of Wailua and general communities of that ahupua'a. The Purpose of their Application is to restore this critically important and culturally significant place to the Public Trust where its strong native Hawaiian history can be shared, and where the restoration of this wahi pana will culminate into a resilient cultural and educational site.** We strongly support and recommend that BLNR approve I Ola Wailuanui a one-year month-to-month revocable permit (RP) of parcels B and C. Within one year, DLNR will be able to assess its fulfillment of its own mandate – *to enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawaii's unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources held in public trust for current and future generations of the people of Hawaii nei, and its visitors, in partnership with others from the public and private sectors.*
- B. RP21 /Coco Palms LLC – a for-profit developer comprised of those centered on tourism and money that only really operated as a resort hotel between 1972 and 1992.**

Pae'Aina: Moku O Keawe, Moku O Piilani, Moku O Kanaloa, Nana'i Kaula, Moloka'i Pule O'o, Moku O Kakuhihewa, Manokalanipo, Ka'Aina O Kawelonakala

Another critical consideration is that the Kapa'akai Analysis must be done before any RP's or leases can be finalized. This analysis comes directly from the Hawaii Supreme Court Case Ka Pa'akai O Ka'Aina¹ which directed the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law: 1) Identification and scope of "valued cultural, historical, or natural resources" in petition or impacted area, including the extent to which traditional and customary native Hawaiian rights are exercised in the petition area; 2)The extent to which those resources, including traditional and customary native Hawaiian rights, will be affected or impaired by the proposed actions; and 3)The feasible action, if any, to be taken to reasonably protect native Hawaiian rights if they are found to exist.

Wailua ahupua'a has deep native Hawaiian traditional mauka, coastal, river and ocean gathering and fishing practices. To protect these practices, any commercial activity on these sites must comply with the analysis. **I Ola Wailuanui will easily comply with Kapa'akai because of its strong connection to Hawaiian royalty, and a historic preservation of these sites, particularly the Royal Coconut Grove.**

We do not believe that RP21 /Coco Palms LLC, even with their good intentions will be able to generate the honest goodwill of the communities that are connected to this Wailua site. There are only so many jobs a resort can offer!

Mahalo nui loa, for the opportunity to testify on this land disposition that is so important to the people of Manokalanipo!

Respectfully yours,

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Leimana DaMate, Luna Alaka'i/Executive Director, Hawaii State Aha Moku, 808-640-1214, Leimana.k.damate@hawaii.gov

¹ Ka Pa'akai O Ka'Aina vs. Land Use Commission, State of Hawai'i (No.21162 (CIV.NO.96-190K)), State of Hawaii, 2000, Supreme Court of Hawai'i

From: [Elif Cuceloglu Beall](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony 4-26-24 Meeting Agenda item D-1, support for options B3 and C4
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 1:25:36 PM

Aloha BLNR Chair and Members,

I am submitting testimony regarding agenda item D-1.

I am in favor of option B3 which provides a direct lease to I Ola Wailuanui. Currently it is subject to access easement in favor of RP21; I support Option B3, WITHOUT being subject to access easement by RP21, Coco Palms LLC. I ask that in future options be provided that do NOT provide favor to RP21.

I also strongly support option C4, which provides direct lease to I Ola Wailuanui without access easements or favor to RP21.

I hope that these three parcels will serve as a foot in the door towards community management of the larger area, and I Ola Wailuanui's management of them will demonstrate the community's ability and commitment to care for these spaces.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,
Elif Beall
ZIP: 96754

From: [Emma Cabos](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BLNR Hearing April 26 2024 Written Testimony
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 9:16:48 AM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Emma Cabos and I am from Long Beach, California, with paternal roots in Maui.

I am submitting testimony on agenda item D1 in support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. I do not support the use of these State parcels for resort development and use. I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4. This land deserves to be managed by the public and not for potential hotel development. The land needs to be used for public use and stewardship by the local community so that the natural beauty and serenity of Kaua'i is not ruined by large-scale tourist attractions. Kaua'i is a place of peace, and introductions of resort development will only serve to ruin its identity.

Please protect this important site and hand over stewardship to I Ola Wailuanui.

Mahalo,

Emma Cabos

From: [mimi campbell](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item D-1, support for options B3 and C4
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 9:52:43 AM

Aloha BLNR ,

I am submitting testimony regarding agenda item D-1.

I am in favor of option B3 which provides a direct lease to I Ola Wailuanui. Currently it is subject to access easement in favor of RP21; I support it WITHOUT being subject to access easement by RP21, Coco Palms LLC. I ask that in future options be provided that do NOT provide favor to RP21.

I also strongly support option C4, which provides direct lease to I Ola Wailuanui without access easements or favor to RP21.

I hope that these three parcels will serve as a foot in the door towards community management of the larger area, and I Ola Wailuanui's management of them will demonstrate the community's ability and commitment to care for these spaces.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,
Mimi Campbell
96756

From: [Keaka Canevali](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Written Testimony for I Ola Wailuanui
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 1:48:15 PM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Keakamahana Canevali and I am from the Big Island of Hawai'i.

I am submitting testimony on agenda item D1 in support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. I do not support the use of these State parcels for resort development and use. I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4.

Please protect this important site and hand over stewardship to I Ola Wailuanui. The Board should prioritize the protection of sacred ancestral and historical sites. The building of the resort will only contribute to the over-usage of Kaua'i natural resources and destroy the ancestral relics of Hawaiian history.

Mahalo,
Keakamahana Canevali

From: [Sydney Carlin](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I Ola Wailuanui
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 9:31:19 AM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Sydney Carlin and I am from Honolulu.

I am submitting testimony on agenda item D1 in support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. I do not support the use of these State parcels for resort development and use. I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4.

Please protect this important site and hand over stewardship to I Ola Wailuanui.

Mahalo,

Sydney Carlin

From: [Luna Courtois](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item D1
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 9:21:04 AM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Luna Courtois,
and I am from O'ahu

I am submitting testimony on agenda item

D1 in support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. I do not support the use of these State parcels for resort development and use. I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4.

Please protect this important site and hand over stewardship to I Ola Wailuanui.

Mahalo,

Luna Courtois

From: [Corynn Craig](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I Ola Wailuanui
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 1:48:00 PM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Corynn Craig and I am from Los Angeles. I am submitting testimony on agenda item D1 in support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. I do not support the use of these State parcels for resort development and use. I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4.

Please protect this important site and hand over stewardship to I Ola Wailuanui.

Mahalo,
Corynn

From: [Kristine Donayri](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Wailuanui
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 12:14:59 PM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Kristine and I am from Kaua'i. I was raised in Wailua Homesteads, just above the old Coco Palms resort. My grandparents, aunts, uncles, have all worked at Coco Palms when it was up and running in its prime. I was born in 1998, and although it would have been cool to experience what they have back in the days, it is impossible to do so presently.

Wailua beach is far less smaller than what it used to be, floods are very prominent in that area as we've seen, and the traffic that resort would bring would be frustrating to the locals just trying to get to work. There is no room for a resort there, the damage it would do to the current ecosystem will be permanent. Hawaiians believed the health of the land is the health of its people. To destroy our own land and ecosystem, you're giving away natural resources that her beauty Kaua'i nourishes us with.

In honor of the sacred cultural sites that were first ignored to build Coco Palms, the area should be restored as a place where the community can learn and volunteer to restore Hawaiian practices, edible plants, and kalo grounds. Or it should be a memorial park in honor of our Hawaiian caretakers who made sure to give to the land as much as they took.

Visitors not only come to Hawai'i for its beauty, but they come for the Aloha spirit. I work at Duke's Kaua'i as a waitress, and I'm constantly complimented on my warm personality from visitors- which I owe to my Hawaiian lineage. To disrespect sacred cultural sites of our Hawaiian ancestors is to disrespect the Hawaiian race as a whole. Would a resort be built on Catholic, or Christian, or Mormon sacred grounds and cemeteries? To go along with the resort development would also prove to the Hawaiians that we don't matter- on the very land our ancestors took care of for hundreds of years to maintain and nourish- foreigners can just fly in, demoralize, and destroy cultural sacred grounds. This shows me there is no respect for Hawaiians.

I am submitting testimony on agenda item D1 in support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. I do not support the use of these State parcels for resort development and use. I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4.

Please protect this important site and hand over stewardship to I Ola Wailuanui.

Mahalo,

Kristine Donayri

From: [Eliel Starbright](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I support the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 1:59:04 PM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Eliel Starbright and I live in Kapaa.

I am submitting testimony on agenda item D1 in support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. I do not support the use of these State parcels for resort development and use. I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4.

Please protect this important site and hand over stewardship to I Ola Wailuanui.

Mahalo,

Eliel Starbright

From: [Fangirl_14](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I Ola Wailuanui Testimony
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 2:28:18 PM

My name is Laurel Flowers and I am from Massachusetts.

I am submitting testimony on agenda item D1 in support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. I do not support the use of these State parcels for resort development and use. I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4.

Please protect this important site and hand over stewardship to I Ola Wailuanui.

Mahalo,

Laurel

From: [Nathan Gallagher](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for 4/26/2024
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 12:11:10 PM

Aloha, Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Nathan Gallagher from Kekaha. I am submitting testimony on agenda item D1 in support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. I do not support the use of these State parcels for resort development and use. I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4.

Please protect this important site and hand over stewardship to I Ola Wailuanui.

Na‘u me ka mahalo,

Nathan Gallagher

From: [Sharon Goodwin](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] April 26, 2024 Agenda Item D-1 re: Coco Palms and Disposition of State Land Leases
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 9:29:41 AM

Aloha Honorable Dawn Chang, Chair and Members,

I support I Ola Wailuanui's request to be granted the annual leases of three (3) Revocable Permits parcels at Wailuanuiahoano. I support Option B3 (TMK 4-1-003:017) for parking, landscaping, and beautifying purposes. I also support Option C4 (TMK 4-1-005:017) for public access and shoreline preservation. In BOTH of these options for I Ola Wailuanui, I am OPPOSED to giving ANY easement to RP21 Coco Palms LLC.

The time has long passed for another hotel to be erected at the corner of Kuhio Highway between Kuamo'o Road and Hale'ili'o Street, Wailua. CLIMATE CRISIS IS UPON US !! The drone video taken of recent April 12, 2024 flood (<https://www.instagram.com/p/C5rYkNUyDcM>) inundated the hotel site, and forced evacuation of nearby residents from their homes. Imagine hundreds of Coco Palms condo owners and guests sleeping on cots at a local school gymnasium. Consider the Pacific Ocean is a mere hundred yards away from the closest roadside building. A resurrected hotel at this site would be an Environmental Disaster !

In 1960 at age 15, my Oahu friends and I flew to Kaua`i to see all the sights we had heard about, and in particular, Coco Palms. The 7 of us visited at night, dark, tiki torches aglow, Hawaiian music, laughter...and came upon a scene -- small rowboats in smallish ponds where boats can leave a pond for another by a narrow waterway. Looked romantic and awesome to a 15 year old. Fast forward to 2006, now a resident of Kaua`i Island, when I learned the ponds were actually fishponds providing daily sustenance to Kanaka Maoli, I felt sick to my stomach. For them, the fishponds, the royal lands, the heritage, the bones, the trees, and the animals, everything there-in is Sacred, and Spiritual. It will never be that, though, for the owners of RP21 Coco Palms LLC. Deep within me I feel like that's the crucial difference.

Please grant the Leases to I Ola Wailuanui !!

Humbly,
Sharon Goodwin
Kapa`a Homestead

From: [Jaime Hoe](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) for I Ola Wailuanui
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 2:18:47 PM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Jaime Hoe and I am born on the island of Kaua'i in Lihu'e, raised in Kula, Maui.

I am submitting testimony on agenda item D1 in support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. I do not support the use of the State parcels for resort development and use. I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4.

Please protect this important site and hand over stewardship to I Old Wailuanui.

Mahalo,
Jaime Hoe

From: [Suzie Holmes](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] April 26, 2024 Meeting: : 817 0609 2300
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 12:51:53 PM

Regarding Agenda Item D-1.

As a long full-time resident, (20 years), of Kauai I would like my opinion known on this item. I Ola Wailuanui should be granted all leases requested for the three RP parcels noted in this item.

It is a disgrace and horrid mistake to allow RP21 Coco Palms LLC to continue with their plans for this area. Recent flooding this month should have shown an additional reason why their project is so detrimental to our island.

That corridor is already a nightmare to traverse. I do not understand how any person who claims to represent Kauai could agree to the disrespect and desecration this company is inflicting and will continue to inflict on our island home.

Sincerely,
Suzanne Holmes
Lihue, HI

April 25, 2024

Aloha Chairwoman Chang and DLNR Board Members,

My name is Dr. Ku‘ualoha Ho‘omanawanui, and I fully support I Ola Wailuanui’s application requesting annual leases of the three Revocable Permit (RP) parcels in Wailua Kai, namely, Tax Map Key (TMK) numbers are 4-1-003:044, 4-1-003:017, and 4-1-005:017. Thus, I am in favor of option B3 under agenda item D-1, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I also support option C4.

I was raised in Kaipuha‘a, Wailua Homesteads just ma uka of the Wailua Kai, where the former Coco Palms property is located, and where my ‘ohana has lived for many decades. I am intimately familiar with this property since childhood (1960s-1970s). In my professional career as a professor of Hawaiian literature at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa who has published peer-reviewed scholarship on Wailuanuiahoano, as a member of I Ola Wailuanui, a Kaua‘i-based nonprofit of island residents devoted to restoration of Wailuanuiaho‘āno, and as a Hawaiian cultural practitioner, I have more than just a personal interest and concern in the future of the ‘āina in question.

While the former Coco Palms Resort has a modern sentimental appeal for some with limited memory of its much longer, sacred tradition, it should not have been developed or expanded in its current location for many reasons, particularly because it is located in a recognized flood zone. Traditionally, it is a wetlands subject to regular flooding, as recently recorded as earlier this month. As if this is not enough reason to halt construction, that *any* redevelopment of the property for commercial use at this time is insane, particularly in the face of climate change, increasing traffic congestion, other community concerns, and new attitudes against continued tourism development and desires to preserve Hawaiian culture in holistic, meaningful, and sustainable ‘āina-based ways.

Repurposing the property for cultural and public use in a way that is complementary to the geographical, environmental, cultural and historical contexts of the location would be a win for Kaua‘i and the state on multiple levels; that the sacred and royal nature of this ‘āina is not being championed by DLNR is a tragedy. Please do what is right for our land and natural resources—for all of us tax payers who fund your salaries and expect you to represent our voices and perspectives—please stop kowtowing to greedy, uncaring foreign investors, and protect our beloved ‘āina. Please allow I Ola Wailuanui be granted RPs for the ‘āina in question.

‘O au me ka ha‘aha‘a,



Dr. Ku‘ualoha Ho‘omanawanui

From: [Grace](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for BLNR Hearing
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 2:06:06 PM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Grace Hudson and I am from California but I am a resident of Kaua'i.

I am submitting testimony on agenda item D1 in support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. I do not support the use of these State parcels for resort development and use. I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4.

Please protect this important site and hand over stewardship to I Ola Wailuanui.

Mahalo,

Grace Hudson

From: [Olivia Hughes](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony Agenda Item D-1
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 11:35:30 AM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Olivia Hughes, and I am an oceanographer from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

I am submitting testimony on agenda item D1 in support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. **I do not support the use of these State parcels for resort development and use.** I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4.

Please protect this important site and hand over stewardship to I Ola Wailuanui. This will provide the community with the opportunity to establish a place of cultural and historical preservation, environmental conservation, and create a space to provide food to the community.

Mahalo,

Olivia Hughes

From: [Ani Kaakimaka](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for BLNR Meeting - Agenda Item D1: Support for I Ola Wailuanui
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 11:53:19 AM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Sariah K K Kaakimaka and I am from Waimānalo, Oahu, Hawai'i.

I am submitting testimony on agenda item D1 in support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. I do not support the use of these State parcels for resort development and use. I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4.

Please protect this important site and hand over stewardship to I Ola Wailuanui.

Mahalo,

Sariah K K Kaakimaka

From: [nani kaluhiokalani](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] agenda item D-1
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 2:03:19 PM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Nani Brun Kaluhiokalani and I am from Kapa'a, Kaua'i. I am submitting testimony regarding agenda item D1 in support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. I do not support the use of these State parcels for resort development and use. I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4. Please protect this important site and hand over stewardship to I Ola Wailuanui. Kaua'i has enough resorts and other tourist-centered spaces. I humbly ask that you consider the goals of I Ola Wailuanui and return stewardship to those that have the best interest of Kaua'i, Hawaiians, and locals families in their hearts. I grew up minutes away from this site and I know that a place of cultural enrichment, historic preservation, land conservation, and public food production would be so valuable to our people. This site has great cultural significance and has the potential to feed our people in body and spirit. It is so important that our keiki have spaces like this to learn about where they come from and what they can do to malama 'āina. Please do what is pono for the lāhui.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Nani Brun Kaluhiokalani

From: [Ciara Kam](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Coco Palms permits - Hawaiian Land
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 10:44:45 AM

Good Afternoon Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Ciara Kam and I am from Oahu.

I am submitting testimony on agenda item D1 in support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. I do not support the use of these State parcels for resort development and use. I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4.

There has been and continues to be a lost and disregard of Hawaiian culture. Set an example of protecting what is sacred and dying. Hawaiian culture and tradition is important to uphold since so much has been erased. Your people and their voices MATTER.

Please protect this important site and hand over stewardship to I Ola Wailuanui.

Thank you,

Ciara Kam

From: [Kaehukai Keala](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 9:46:45 AM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Kaehukaihaamainae Keala and I am from Kilauea, Hawaii.

I am submitting testimony on agenda item D1 in support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. I do not support the use of these State parcels for resort development and use. I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4.

Please protect this important site and hand over stewardship to I Ola Wailuanui.

Mahalo,

Kaehukaihaamainae Keala

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Ayzlin Kealoha-Albarado](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 1:40:23 PM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Ayzlin Kealoha-Albarado and I am from Līhu‘e, Kaua‘i.

I am submitting testimony on agenda item D1 in support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. I do not support the use of these State parcels for resort development and use. I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4.

I was born and raised on Kaua‘i but have been displaced from Hawai‘i ever since 2017. It is because of these developments that have driven kānaka away from their homes and continue to do so until this day. Our reality is that we may never be able to permanently return home because of the high cost of living. So, what I can do is voice my concerns for our people from a thousand miles away. You must understand that this is for the safety and of our ‘āina.

Please protect this important site at all costs and hand over stewardship to I Ola Wailuanui.

Mahalo nui,

Ayzlin Kealoha-Albarado

From: [Taylor King](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony on item D1
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 10:13:33 AM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Taylor King and I am from Oahu.

I am submitting testimony on agenda item D1 in support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. I do not support the use of these State parcels for resort development and use. I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4.

Please protect this important site and hand over stewardship to I Ola Wailuanui.

Mahalo,

Taylor King

From: [Sunnie Kupahu](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 11:10:02 AM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is _Sunnie Kupahu_____ and I am from _____Waimanalo_____.

I am submitting testimony on agenda item D1 in support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. I do not support the use of these State parcels for resort development and use. I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4.

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Mahalo,

Sunnie Kupahu

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From: [Robin Kutkowski](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] SUBJECT LINE: Agenda item D-1, support for options B3 and C4
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 11:20:15 AM

Aloha BLNR,

I am submitting testimony regarding agenda item D-1.

I am in favor of option B3 which provides a direct lease to I Ola Wailuanui. Currently it is subject to access easement in favor of RP21; I support it WITHOUT being subject to access easement by RP21, Coco Palms LLC. I ask that in future options be provided that do NOT provide favor to RP21.

I also strongly support option C4, which provides direct lease to I Ola Wailuanui without access easements or favor to RP21.

I hope that these three parcels will serve as a foot in the door towards community management of the larger area, and I Ola Wailuanui's management of them will demonstrate the community's ability and commitment to care for these spaces.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,
Robin Kutkowski 96754

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From: [Johann Lall](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony April 26th C 5 and 6 and D 1
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 10:48:38 AM

C 5 and 6 testimony:

Aloha, I have worked in conservation, planning, and law enforcement previously. In my professional opinion, enforcement is important for its deterrent effect. I know that conservation enforcement and punitive fines are rare in Hawai'i for developers, large landowners, and construction companies, presumably because of the power and influence they are perceived to hold. But I urge that the maximum fines be both the killing of the endangered Hawaiian bee species, and the albatross. Developers and land owners currently feel that they are immune from consequences and regularly violate regulations in Hawai'i, to the detriment of the environment and Native Hawaiians.

Johann Peter Lall
Kihei, Maui, HI

D 1 testimony:

I support option C4 primarily because of Coco Palms' egregious violations of county regulations and state/federal laws protecting the environment, shoreline, and indigenous rights. Their violations would not be considered acceptable in 49 other states and they certainly would not be rewarded with public easements. The easement should be leased to I Ola Wailuanui so it can be improved for public benefit. Additionally, DLNR and BLNR should pursue enforcement and punitive action against Coco Palms. A "cease and desist" without fines only encourages violations as it is a de facto permission after the fact. Ceasing cannot bring back the numerous trees they removed or restore the ground altering damage. Mahalo for hopefully acting in the public interest!

Johann Peter Lall
Kihei, Maui, HI

From: [Ellen LaPenna](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Wailua Kai Testimony, D-1
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 2:54:53 PM

Aloha,

I'm writing to express my support for agenda item 1-D with the option to lease (B3), without being subject to access easement by RP21. I also support option C-4.

Mahalo for reading,

Ellen LaPenna
Na'aluhu, Hawaii Island

From: [Nanea Lo](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Save Wailua!
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 9:54:24 AM

Hello,

I'm writing for agenda item D-1 we need to prevent the use of these lands for hotel use it is an important cultural resource. Please save wailua!

Nanea Lo (*she/they/'o ia*) | Micro-influencer
Admin & Program Coordinator | [HAPA](#)
Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action 5013-c
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"Some people say that Hawai'i will be a better place when Hawaiians no longer stand in the way of progress. But even these people must know that at this point, this will no longer be Hawai'i."- Jonathan Kay Kamakawiwo'ole Osorio. The Value of Hawai'i

From: [Jess Kēhau Lucas](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Preserve Cultural Heritage and Environment through Allocation to I Ola Wailuanui
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 10:54:54 AM

Welina mai kākou,

‘O au ‘o Jessica Kēhaulani Lucas. He kama no Manokalanipō ma ka moku o Kona mai ke ahupua‘a ‘o Waimea. I am writing to you today with a deep sense of urgency and concern regarding the future of our state parcels. I do not support the use of these state parcels for resort development and use. I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4. As custodians of our ‘āina - our land and natural resources - you hold a profound **kuleana** to ensure their preservation and protection for future generations of Hawai‘i.

I Ola Wailuanui is committed to preserving and honoring the cultural heritage of our ‘āina hānau. Their dedication to sustainable practices and community engagement makes them the ideal kahu, or stewards, for these precious parcels. By entrusting the land to I Ola Wailuanui, we can ensure that it remains a sanctuary for both cultural traditions and biodiversity.

The rampant overdevelopment that often accompanies resort projects poses a grave threat to our environment and cultural identity. We cannot afford to sacrifice our heritage for short-term economic gain. It is our duty to protect and cherish these ‘āina for future generations.

I urge you to prioritize the long-term well-being of our community and environment by supporting the allocation of the state parcels to I Ola Wailuanui. Together, we can preserve the essence of our land and ensure a sustainable future for all

Me ka mahalo piha a me ka ha‘aha‘a,

Aloha ‘āina

J. Kēhau Lucas

From: [Shannon Maldonado](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 1:50:58 PM

Aloha,

I would like to submit testimony in support of I Ola wailua nui. This organization has the best interests for community and preservation of this area. I believe the area should remain a cultural preserve like the areas/ heiau around it. This testimony is on agenda item D-1 in favor of option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21, as well as support for option C4.

Mahalo
Shannon Maldonado

From: [Janessa Llego-Finney](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY FOR WAILUANUI
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 10:35:12 AM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Mino'aka speaking behalf of the Pa ohana and I am from Anahola.

I am submitting testimony on agenda item D1 in support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. I do not support the use of these State parcels for resort development and use. I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4.

Please protect this important site and hand over stewardship to I Ola Wailuanui.

Mahalo,

Name

Mino'aka Marshall

From: [Marj Masalta](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I Ola Wailuanui
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 9:42:00 AM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Marjorie Masalta and I am from Kula, Maui,HI.

I am submitting testimony on agenda item D1 in support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. I do not support the use of these State parcels for resort development and use. I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4.

Please protect this important site and hand over stewardship to I Ola Wailuanui.

Mahalo,

Marjorie Masalta

From: [rachel matias](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony on agenda item D1 in support of the Revocable Permits
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 1:38:33 PM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Rachel Matias and I am from the Big Island of Hawaii.

I am submitting testimony on agenda item D1 in support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. I do not support the use of these State parcels for resort development and use. I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4.

Please protect this important site and hand over stewardship to I Ola Wailuanui.

Mahalo,

Rachel Matias

From: [Marghee Maupin](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Submitting testimony
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 10:17:30 AM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources, My name is. Margaret Maupin and I am from Kalaheo, Hawaii.

I am submitting testimony on agenda item D1 in support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. I do not support the use of these State parcels for resort development and use. I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4.

Please protect this important site and hand over stewardship to I Ola Wailuanui.

Mahalo,

Margaret Maupin
Hawaii resident

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Andrianna Mendivil](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Wailua Coco Palms development
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 11:24:13 AM

Hello,

I am a born and raised resident of Kauai. The development of the old Coco Palms resort would be detrimental to our island residents and tourist industry alike. For one, the traffic in that area is already extremely problematic. Our roads cannot handle additional cars in that area. This would prevent local residents getting to and from work, child care establishments, as well as the county's main concern, our beloved tourists would be stuck in traffic for hours. What is to become of the waste from this development? Where is the sewage and trash supposed to go? Has any thought been put into what would happen during heavy rains as this is in a flood zone?

This is also a cultural site and burial ground. A better development would be a cultural site and historic landmark for tourists and residents to learn from.

Development of this area into a resort would further contribute to the death of a once vibrant and beautiful island. It would infuriate residents as well as tourists alike. It would be a future environmental hazard as well. I urge you to reconsider the development of this area into an unnecessary resort into a cultural site and local park.

Thank you,
Andrianna Mendiville

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Claire Ortega](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Cc: [Claire Ortega](#); [Kevin Ortega](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] April 26, 2024 Agenda Item D-1 Coco Palms and Disposition of State Land Leases
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 1:15:35 PM

Aloha,

We oppose any action by the Land Board to grant permits or leases to developer RP21 Coco Palms, LLC because of the impact our communities and increased traffic.

We urge you to support of the application submitted by I Ola Wailuanui requesting annual leases of three Revocable Permit (RP) parcels located within Wailua Kai. We support Option B3 (TMK 4-1-003:017) for parking, landscaping, and beautification purposes, but NOT to allow access easement(s) in favor of RP21 Coco Palms, LLC. Also, we support Option C4 (TMK 4-1-005:017) for public access and shoreline preservation initiatives, but NOT subject to any easement in favor of RP21 Coco Palms, LLC.

Kauai residents will be impacted by these small State parcels if granted use to RP21 Coco Palms developer. We urge you to deny assignation of lease or permit to the RP21 Coco Palms developer.

Mahalo,

Kevin & Claire Ortega
Kapaa, HI

From: [Tejah Paik](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 10:52:33 AM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Tejah Paik and I am from Anahola, Kauai. I am submitting testimony on agenda item D1 in support of the revocable permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. I do not support the use of these state parcels for resort development and use.

I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4.

Hawaiians and Hawaiian lands have endured enough desecration to our sacred 'āina. When will it stop? If you have the power to put an end to this you must. Hawaiians are tired.

Please protect this important and culturally significant site and hand over stewardship to I Ola Wailuanui.

Mahalo

From: [M.K](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony of Support for I OLA WAILUANUI
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 11:55:32 AM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

'O Courtney Mahina Peralta ko'u inoa. Noho au ma Wailuanuiaho'āno.
My name is Courtney Mahina Peralta, born and raised in Wailuanuiaho'āno.

I live in Wailua Homesteads with my 'ohana for over 45 years. I've seen Coco Palms in its prime and visited the place/zoo many times as a child. I've also survived hurricane 'Iwa and 'Iniki and have seen Coco Palms decline.

Although it would be nice to revitalize the Coco Palms era, over the years, our island has become overly saturated with tourist and traffic. Kuamo'o and Kuhio Hwy are heavily used. Adding another resort to entice more tourist and traffic in this area is unwelcomed.

I am submitting testimony on agenda item D1 in support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. I do NOT support the use of these State parcels for resort development and use.

I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4.

I do NOT support any resort development in the Wailua area!
Please protect this important site and hand over stewardship to I Ola Wailuanui.

Mahalo,
Courtney Mahina Peralta

From: [Aehsley Piturachsait](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 1:28:34 PM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Aehsley Piturachsait and I live in Kapahi on the Island of Kauai. I am submitting testimony on agenda item D1 in support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. I do not support the use of these State parcels for resort development and use. I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4. Please protect this important site and hand over stewardship to I Ola Wailuanui.

Mahalo,

Aehsley Piturachsait

From: [April Pluss](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Saving our aina
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 2:18:14 PM

Aloha Chair Chang and Members of the Board,

My name is April Leilani Perreira Pluss,
I am 5 generations from Hawaii. If we don't stand and protect our aina for the helpless species that dwell in Ho'okipa or anywhere in Hawaii who will? Havent we destroyed enough of our island?

I write in strong support of Items C-5, C-6, and K1, the DOFAW and OCCL enforcement actions for the death and destruction of native Laysan Albatross and Yellow-Faced Bees and their coastal habitat at Marconi.

As the DOFAW and OCCL submittals explain in detail, the death of Ho'okipa and 300 Yellow-Faced Bees, 106 trees, and two acres of habitat is a tragic loss of our native species.

The alleged actions of the developers/owners and their agents indicates intentional, reckless, and careless actions that violate our state laws that protect these species and their habitat.

The alleged violations are very serious, numerous, and deserve the substantial fines and remedies as proposed by DOFAW and OCCL.

Mahalo for standing up for our native species and ecosystems and for supporting the proposed enforced actions!

Sincerely,

April Leilani Perreira Pluss



"Let yourself be silently drawn by the stronger pull of what you love!"
-Rumi

April Perreira Pluss (RA)
RS-83066
Kailua, Hawaii 96734
Direct: 808.859.6195

From: [Sandi Quinsaas](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Cc: iolawailuanui@gmail.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Board of Land and Natural Resources Meeting Agenda April 26, 2024 / Item D. Land Division
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 12:52:47 PM

.Aloha mai kakou,

I am writing in support of I Ola Wailuanui who has submitted applications requesting to be granted annual leases of the three (3) Revocable Permit (RP) parcels located within the Wailua Kai area. Tax Map Key (TMK) Numbers: TMK 4-1-003:044, TMK 4-1-003:017, and TMK 4-1-005:17 are the parcels noted on Item D. Land Division of your Meeting Agenda.

We pray for your support in favor of Agenda Item D. Land Division; Option B3 without being subject to access easement by RP21 Coco Palms LLC. Moreover, we further pray for your support of Option C4 which signify the significance of our community needs for Public Access and Shoreline Preservation Initiatives. We are the Stewards of this aina that requires strong support from the State of Hawaii that will allow us to malama as necessary.

Your understanding and support in favor of I Ola Wailuanui and our community is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi P. Quinsaas
Kaua`i/Ni`ihau Island Burial Council

From: [Carrie Rohrbach](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 2:15:50 PM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Carrie and I am from Sacramento, CA.

I am submitting testimony on agenda item D1 in support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. I do not support the use of these State parcels for resort development and use. I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4.

Please protect this important site and hand over stewardship to I Ola Wailuanui.

Mahalo,

Carrie

From: [Jack Ross](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Protect Kauai
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 11:53:15 AM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Jack Ross and I am from Los Angeles.

I am submitting testimony on agenda item D1 in support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. I do not support the use of these State parcels for resort development and use. I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4.

Please protect this important site and hand over stewardship to I Ola Wailuanui.

Mahalo,

Jack

From: [Elizabeth Scamahorn Scamahorn](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for BLNR Meeting on 4/26!
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 2:12:37 PM

in support

I support the passage of items C4 as well as agenda item D-1 in favor of option B3, without being subjected to easement by RP21.
The Tax Map Key (TMK) numbers are 4-1-003:044, 4-1-003:017, 4-1-005:017.

Elizabeth Scamahorn
PO Box 841
Kalaheo, 96741

[You may view the meeting via livestream using the link here.](#)

Please submit written testimony via email to blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov. To show up in person to testify, the meeting begins at 9 AM, the meeting location is 1151 Punchbowl St. Room 132 (Kalanimoku Building), Honolulu, Hawaii. [Please submit written testimony by Thursday, April 25.](#) Testimony submitted late will be added to the records but may not be distributed to Board Members before the meeting. To sign up to provide testimony via Zoom, follow the instructions [provided on the meeting agenda](#).

To find out more information regarding the RP parcels, and what IOW intends to do with these parcels, [read our blog post](#).

Any amount of monetary support goes a long way towards supporting a community vision for the future of Wailuanuiaho'no. [Donate online here](#).

Mahalo to you and your continued kāko'o (support) of I Ola Wailuanui.

Pua Rossi (Board President)
Mason Chock (Board VP)
Jordan Loudon (Executive Assistant)
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From: [Kelly Sinclair](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony on agenda item D-1 in favor of option B3
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 9:20:06 AM

Dear BLNR,

I am a Kauai community member writing in support of option B3 and option C4 on agenda item D-1 for Friday's meeting. I support I Ola Wailuanui being granted annual leases of three Revocable Permit (RP) parcels located within the Wailua Kai area (Tax Map Key (TMK) numbers 4-1-003:044, 4-1-003:017, 4-1-005:017.)

Thank you,
Kelly Sinclair

kelly sinclair

From: [Sophie](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony submission BLNR meeting, Friday, April 26, 2024
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 12:49:45 PM

I would like to submit testimony on agenda item D-1 in favor of option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21, as well as expressing support for option C4.

Please act for Hawaii, not for mainland development and money.

aloha.

From: [Eliel Starbright](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please grant I Ola Wailuanui, the three Revocable Permit (RP) parcels located within the Wailua Kai area.(TMK) numbers are 4-1-003:044, 4-1-003:017, 4-1-005:017
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 1:51:07 PM

I Support I Ola Wailuanui, submitted applications requesting to be granted annual leases of three Revocable Permit (RP) parcels located within the Wailua Kai area. The Tax Map Key (TMK) numbers are 4-1-003:044, 4-1-003:017, 4-1-005:017. agenda item D-1 in favor of option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21, as well as expressing support for option C4. I fully support the recommendation to allow I Ola Wailuanui to steward this property and provide public use. However, I do not support utilizing public lands for hotel operations, which is what the parcel being subject to an easement might eventually lead to. Eliel Starbright, Kapaa

From: [Tiara Cleveland](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Wailua/Coco Palms
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 1:21:16 PM

Aloha

My name is Tiara Parker and I am a lifetime resident of Wailua.

As construction/ demo has begun on Coco Palms it seems that community voices are falling on deaf ears. It's my hope that you whom ever is reading this will help change that.

No only is Wailua one of the most sacred and culturally rich areas in all of Hawaii it is also one that is at great risk. The recent floods show just how vulnerable this area is to environmental shifts. Could you imagine if Coco Palms was at full capacity during the recent flooding. Hundreds of cars would have been underwater.

Not only that how is this going to affect the small communities on both sides of Coco Palms in terms of traffic.

Neither the Kuamo'o nor Haleilio are fit for this type of traffic.

It's obvious that this hotel is a disaster in the making. And it's unfortunate that over tourism and lack of management is creating an island run by tourism and greed.

It's my hope that you'll open your eyes to the vision of the community and return Coco Palms to the Native Hawaiians whose ancestors are buried there.

Mahalo

Tiara

Sent from my iPhone

From: [aui'i](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Keep Hawaiian lands in Hawaiian Hands.
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 2:31:18 PM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Auli'ilani Tamura and I am from O'ahu Hawai'i.

I am submitting testimony on agenda item D1 in support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. I do not support the use of these State parcels for resort development and use. I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4.

Please protect this important site and hand over stewardship to I Ola Wailuanui.

Mahalo,

Auli'ilani Tamura

From: [Kkthomas315](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 9:54:15 AM

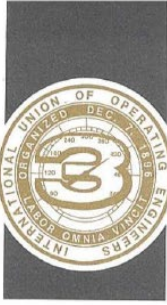
Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Katy and I descend from the Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux tribes. As someone who is passionate about land conservation, cultural preservation and honoring the rights of Indigenous people, I am submitting testimony on agenda item D1 in support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. I do not support the use of these State parcels for resort development and use. I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4.

Please protect this important site and hand over stewardship to I Ola Wailuanui.

Mahalo,

Katy Thomas



OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL UNION No. 3

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Jurisdiction: Northern California, Northern Nevada, Utah, Hawaii, and the Mid-Pacific Islands

April 25, 2024

**RE: AGENDA ITEM D(1)- APPROVE ONE OR MORE DISPOSITIONS TO APPLICANTS RP21
COCO PALMS LLC, OPTIONS B4 AND OPTION C2.**

Chair Chang and BLNR Members,

My name is Ana Tuiasosopo. I am the District Representative and Trustee for Operating Engineers Local 3. We are the largest Construction Trades Local in the United States. I and the members of **Operating Engineers Local 3 strongly support the approval of one or more Dispositions to Applicants RP21 Coco Palms LLC, option B4 and option C2.**

The restoration of Coco Palms will help to address the decades of degradation of these public lands that has been allowed to occur without active management. The rebirth of Coco Palms will help support cultural activities at the site, reactivate public use of the area. As studies have shown 61% of Kauai voters prefer the restoration of Coco Palms, than have the property remain in its current condition.

The positive economic impact this project and the future revenues a new Coco Palms will provide to the community will help local families on Kauai be able to live and thrive.

We humbly ask for your support in the approval of Option B4 and Option C2 regarding Coco Palms LLC.

Sincerely,

Ana Tuiasosopo
Hawaii District Representative, Trustee
Hawaii Operating Engineers Local 3

From: [Maria Ventura](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony in support of the Revocable Permits given to I Ola Wailuanui
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 1:59:56 PM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Maria Ventura and I am from Schaumburg,IL 60194.

I am submitting testimony on agenda item D1 in support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. I do not support the use of these State parcels for resort development and use. I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4.

Please protect this important site and hand over stewardship to I Ola Wailuanui.

Mahalo,

Maria Ventura

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From: [Bianca Wagner](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BLNR HEARING ON APRIL 26, 2024
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 9:47:43 AM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Bianca Wagner, and I am from Lawai, Kaua'i.

I'm emailing to submit testimony on agenda item D1 in support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. I don't support the use of these State parcels for resort development and use. As a resident of Kaua'i my whole life, I have seen time and time again the government prioritizes visitors over locals, and I believe this is another situation in which locals are fighting for a project that will improve the quality of life for those of us who live here and pay taxes. Developing another resort is the last thing the island needs with the lack of local infrastructure and housing. I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4.

Please protect this important site and hand over stewardship to I Ola Wailuanui.

Mahalo,

Bianca

From: [Chloe Walecki](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Wailua Nui testimony
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 9:23:30 AM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Chloe Walecki and I am from California.

I am submitting testimony on agenda item D1 in support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. I do not support the use of these State parcels for resort development and use. I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4.

Please protect this important site and hand over stewardship to I Ola Wailuanui.

Mahalo,

Chloe

From: [Aiyannah Walker](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Vote Against land development
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 2:11:43 PM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Aiyannah Walker and I am from Wailua, Kaua'i.

I am submitting testimony on agenda item D1 in support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. I do not support the use of these State parcels for resort development and use. I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4.

Please protect this important site and hand over stewardship to I Ola Wailuanui.

Mahalo,

Aiyannah Walker

From: [Chai Massage Therapy](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony: 4/26/24 Hearing on CocoPalms property; Wailua, Kauai
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 9:45:25 AM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Wil McClaren. As a resident of Kauai what is blaringly obvious is that people who here overwhelmingly do not want a resort on this land; they overwhelmingly do support some sort of preservation > educational/cultural site.

I am submitting testimony on agenda item D1 in support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. I do not support the use of these State parcels for resort development and use. I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4.

Please protect this important site and hand over stewardship to I Ola Wailuanui.

Mahalo,
Wil

From: [Grace Wood](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda item D-1, support for options B3 and C4
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 1:30:47 PM

Aloha BLNR,

I am submitting testimony regarding agenda item D-1.

I am in favor of option B3 which provides a direct lease to I Ola Wailuanui. Currently it is subject to access easement in favor of RP21; I support it WITHOUT being subject to access easement by RP21, Coco Palms LLC. I ask that in future options be provided that do NOT provide favor to RP21.

I also strongly support option C4, which provides direct lease to I Ola Wailuanui without access easements or favor to RP21.

I hope that these three parcels will serve as a foot in the door towards community management of the larger area, and I Ola Wailuanuis management of them will demonstrate the community's ability and commitment to care for these spaces.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Grace Wood

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From: [Dlynn Yokoyama](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I Ola Wailuanui Testimony
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 11:55:39 AM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Dlynn Yokoyama and I am from Oahu.

I am submitting testimony on agenda item D1 in support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. I do not support the use of these State parcels for resort development and use. I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4.

Please protect this important site and hand over stewardship to I Ola Wailuanui.

I'm sure you will do what is right for the people and the Aina.

Mahalo,
Dlynn Yokoyama.

From: [Elisa Zammuto](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] testimony in support of peoples of kua'i
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 10:54:18 AM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is elisa zammuto and I am from ontario, canada.

I am submitting testimony on agenda item D1 in support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. I do not support the use of these State parcels for resort development and use. I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4.

Please protect this important site and hand over stewardship to I Ola Wailuanui. i would consider it disrespectful to the native community in kua'i to build on their sacred land and disrupt their everyday lives and spirituality. thank you for your time and consideration of this.

Elisa Zammuto

From: [Isabella Scott-Moncrieff](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 4/26 Testimony
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 3:25:02 PM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Isabella and I am from Massachusetts.

I am submitting testimony on agenda item D1 in support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. I do not support the use of these State parcels for resort development and use. I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4.

Please protect this important site and hand over stewardship to I Ola Wailuanui.

Mahalo,

Isabella

From: [Lydia](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BLNR HEARING ON APRIL 26, 2024
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 3:26:27 PM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Lydia and I am from Chicago, but dearly love Hawai'i.

I am submitting testimony on agenda item D1 in support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. I do not support the use of these State parcels for resort development and use. I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4.

Please protect this important site to honor the rightful land and people of Hawai'i and hand over stewardship to I Ola Wailuanui.

Mahalo

Sincerely,
Lydia Schultz
she/her

From: [Robin Wong](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fri 4/26 - Agenda Item D1
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 3:37:31 PM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I am submitting this testimony regarding agenda item D1 in favor of granting the Revocable Permits (RPs) to I Ola Wailuanui. I am strongly opposed to using these State lands for resort development. I support the adoption of Option B3 to maintain protection against any impacts from access easement by RP21. Additionally, I back Option C4 for the preservation and safeguarding of these lands.

Please preserve this sacred site and entrust its care to I Ola Wailuanui.

Respectfully,

Robin Wong/Wailua

From: [Angelica Devers](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] STOP EXPLOITATION OF HAWAIIAN LANDS
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 3:35:17 PM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Angelica Devers and I am from Oahu, Hawai'i.

I am submitting testimony on agenda item D1 in support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. I do not support the use of these State parcels for resort development and use. I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4.

Please protect this important site and hand over stewardship to I Ola Wailuanui.

Mahalo,

Angelica Devers

From: [William Wong](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fri 4/26 - Agenda Item D1
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 3:34:40 PM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

I am William Wong, a Native Hawaiian living in Wailua Homesteads.

I am writing to express my strong support for agenda item D1 regarding the Revocable Permits (RPs) being granted to I Ola Wailuanui. I stand firmly **against** the use of these State lands for resort development. I urge you to adopt Option B3, ensuring that access easement by RP21 does not negatively impact these lands. I also support Option C4, which would help protect and preserve the area.

Please protect this culturally significant site and entrust its stewardship to I Ola Wailuanui. These lands hold deep cultural, historical, and spiritual significance, and their preservation is essential to safeguarding the traditions and identity of the Native Hawaiian people. I beg you to do the right thing for Kauai's future.

Mahalo,

William Wong

From: [Sarah J](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony on Agenda item D1
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 3:34:31 PM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Sarah Jung and I am from Los Angeles, CA.

I am submitting testimony on agenda item D1 in support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. I do not support the use of these State parcels for resort development and use. I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4.

Please protect this important site and hand over stewardship to I Ola Wailuanui.

Mahalo,

Sarah Jung

From: [Natia Barber](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Submitting Testimony item D-1
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 3:46:23 PM

Aloha,

My name is Natia Ray and I'm writing you today in support and favor of option B3, without being subject to access easement by Rp21, as well as expressing support for option C4.

It is of no surprise that the right choice to make is to put this public land into public good, and not in yet another resort development that will only perpetuate the major issue on all the islands today which is over tourism and lack of balance. This land was originally sacred and held space for the kupuna and should be returned to those inherit rights and to further breathe culture, aloha and life into said space.

I urge you to consider what another resort would do to the island of Kaua'i. And then I implore you to imagine what a piece of the aina returned to its people and its culture would do.

Mahalo for your time,

Natia

From: [Steve Sakala](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony on Agenda Item D1 in support of Revocable Permit
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 3:45:12 PM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Steve Sakala and I am a resident of the Big Island of Hawaii.

I am submitting testimony on agenda item D1 in support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. I do not support the use of these State parcels for resort development and use. I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4.

Please protect this important sacred site and hand over stewardship to I Ola Wailuanui.

Mahalo,

Steve Sakala

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From: [Sarah Tatley](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Revocable Permits for I Ola Wailuanui
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 3:49:05 PM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Sarah Tatley and I am from San Jose, California.

I am submitting testimony on agenda item D1 in support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. I do not support the use of these State parcels for resort development and use. I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4.

Please protect this important site and hand over stewardship to I Ola Wailuanui.

Mahalo,

Sarah

From: [Koyuki Ichikawa](#)
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I Ola Wailuanui
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024 3:52:41 PM

Aloha Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Koyuki and I am from Japan.

I am submitting testimony on agenda item D1 in support of the Revocable Permits (RPs) being given to I Ola Wailuanui. I do not support the use of these State parcels for resort development and use. I am testifying in support of Option B3, without being subject to access easement by RP21. I am also submitting this testimony in support of Option C4.

Please protect this important site and hand over stewardship to I Ola Wailuanui.

Mahalo,

Koyuki