Pūʻohala/Kāneʻohe Residents Against Serenity Gardens Cemetery

July 28, 2017

To: Ikaika Anderson, City Councilmember  
Jarett Keohokalole, State Representative, District 48  
Jill Tokuda, State Senator, District 24  
Aaron Aliʻi Tamos, Horseshoe Land Co. LLC and DOHO, Ltd.  
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As the committee representing the Kāneʻohe/ Pūʻohala residents in opposition to the Serenity Gardens Cemetery development, our purpose is to express our strong opposition and disappointment with the process and lack of community engagement in this project.

We first expressed our opposition with a petition signed by 100 Kāneʻohe/ Pūʻohala residents that were presented to Ikaika Anderson’s office prior and to the Kāneʻohe Neighborhood Board meeting, which then resulted in an 11-0 vote against the proposed project. The names on petition have since increased to 223 residents against the project. (The list of residents against the project has been included with this letter for your reference.)

Then on Monday, July 24, we held a community meeting with over 50 residents who again expressed unanimously their opposition to the development. It is our understanding that these parcels are zoned for preservation and ask how does this project fit into the Koʻolaupoko Sustainable Communities Plan. Also, having not made the effort to include the community in the process we ask that you address the following concerns:

- Provide evidence of an Environmental Impact Statement
- Provide evidence of a study of the historical context of the property which would include a plan for the discovery of ‘iwi kupuna and the impact on Native Hawaiian gathering rights
- Provide evidence and a plan for the viability of the project once the land has reached its full capacity.
- Provide evidence of the impact on the fresh water stream adjacent to the property and the Waikalualoko I’a Fishpond
- Flooding concerns, tsunami inundation zone
• Provide evidence of a traffic study - impact on senior services and schools
• Grading runoff
• Provide Evidence of Successful business practices by the landowner

We are asking for all parties addressed above to answer the concerns of this community within the next 30 days to kaui@prattlawhi.com. Again, we wish to express our disappointment in the lack of community engagement in presenting this project. We value our community and wish to preserve it, not only for this generation, but also for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

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