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January 15, 2020

(via email: mayor@kauai.gov)

Mayor Derek S. K. Kawakami
County of Kaua'i
4444 Rice St., Suite 235
Lihu'e, HI 96766

Re: Land Use for 1326 Inia Street, Kapa'a 96746 TMK (4) 4-5-008-008 and 009

Aloha Mayor Kawakami,

We understand that the State, by Executive Order No. 4566, has set aside for the county a .521-acre property identified for "community needs and social services related purposes" to be under the control and management of the County. We also understand that New Hope Church hosted a discussion in September 2019 regarding the use of this property.

W-KNA respectfully requests that the administration request agenda time before the County Council to disclose the status of, and future plans for this valuable property which is centrally located in Kapa'a town. We believe more opportunity for community input is important.

The W-KNA board fully endorses the position of the Kapa'a Business Association and the Royal Coconut Coast Association for the redevelopment of this property as a public parking lot to serve community needs. Kapa'a town has a long-standing need for parking, and even more so with the popularity of the Multi-use Path. Providing parking at this location will also help mitigate traffic congestion caused by vehicles maneuvering to parallel park along Kuhio Highway or circling in search of parking spaces.

Furthermore, it would provide much needed parking for access to nearby restaurants and businesses, as well as events and sporting activities at Kapa'a Beach Park. It is also likely that the parking lot at Kapa'a Beach Park will sustain continued erosion and therefore the additional parking at nearby Inia Street will help compensate for this loss. Relief may also be provided to nearby residents whose driveways are oftentimes blocked. "Green parking lot" design techniques can be used to incorporate permeable or semi-permeable paving to reduce stormwater runoff, and landscaping to improve appearance and offer shade.

We look forward to more dialogue at a council meeting about this issue, and hope you agree that a county dedicated public parking lot at 1326 Inia Street would be a great asset for the entire community.

Sincerely,

Rayne Regush, Chair
On behalf of the W-KNA Board of Directors

cc: Representative Nadine Nakamura repnakamura@capitol.hawaii.gov
Kaua'i County Council Members councilmembers@kauai.gov

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