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Aloha,

The Wailua-Kapa'a Neighborhood Association Board of Directors would like to thank KIUC and David Bissell for the presentation "**KIUC Hydro-power and Wailua Streams - Finding Balance,**" on February 23, 2019. We appreciate the time that was put into preparing the presentation.

The W-KNA Board and several members of the organization do, however, have some concerns to bring to your attention.

First, the Board feels that the unexplained presence of a police officer, armed and in uniform, was perceived by some members of the public as intimidating. We have been informed of this by several of our members. Was there really a good reason for the police officer's presence? Was there a serious threat of violence? If so, why wasn't the W-KNA informed of it before the meeting?

Less significant, perhaps, but also contributing to the hesitation of some members of the audience to ask questions and to participate in the discussion, was the very curt and dismissive response of Mr. Bissell to the first question asked of him. We understand that there may have been a "history" between the questioner and Mr. Bissell, but his response indicated to some that he (and KIUC) wasn't really interested in any dialogue.

Thank you in advance for your response to these questions and concerns.

Sincerely,

Rayne Regush, Chairperson
On behalf of the W-KNA Board

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April 22, 2019

Ms. Rayne Regush
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Dear Rayne:

Mahalo for your letter regarding KIUC's participation in the W-KNA meeting on February 23.

Regarding your questions: KIUC arranged for an off-duty officer to be present outside the building in an effort to assure the safety of all in attendance. As you know, public dialogue regarding this issue has at times been contentious, and especially so during this legislative session. The meeting had been publicized on the front page of The Garden Island newspaper, was shared on social media and on radio, and we felt this was a prudent measure given that W-KNA had no control over who might attend. The officer was pleasant, professional and respectful, and minimized his presence while insuring he could respond if needed.

As for the questioning by Ms. Hammerquist: David allowed her to pose five to six questions before he opened it up for others in the audience. Because time was limited and there was a large attendance, he wanted to assure that others had a chance to participate.

Thank you for the feedback and for the opportunity to address your membership and the public at large.

Best regards,



Beth Tokioka
Communications Manager

Cc: David Bissell, President and Chief Executive Officer
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