

January 21, 2009

TO: City Managing Director  
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FR: Creighton Mattoon  
Cathy Mattoon  
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RE: Extension to the Ko`olauloa Sustainable Community Plan

We listened with interest to La`ie's request for an extension of time on the above referenced plan and have the following comments, concerns and requests.

Comments:

That there is a recognition that planning for La`ie needs to involve all of our communities in a process from the beginning and not at the end was something that we were all glad to hear

All of our communities are willing to work with La`ie as a sister community for the needs and benefits of the Ko`olauloa area

If the area can work together to develop a plan that is truly supported by all of our communities the City would not be able to stop its being processed at any time

Concerns:

This iteration of the Sustainable Plan is long overdue and we have been slowed even further due to contract amendments required "because we ask too many questions, want too much information and thus have exhausted the budget for this plan" – this is our community and if we do not have proper information to base our decisions on then the plan will not benefit the community

La`ie is an important community and economic engine in our area but it is not the only thing that this plan addresses that is of interest to us and neighboring communities

To go forward with the current public meeting where the focus can be taken off the plan by the request for an extension is not in the best interest of the public process and runs the risk of making this meeting a one issue meeting which is a disservice to the other issues in the plan and the other communities in the area

The PAC has been working for over a year on the plan and although we are pleased with La`ie's commitment to work with all of us this eleventh hour attempt to derail the process is not well received

Requests:

We request that the City deny the request for an extension prior to the public meeting or if it is going to continue to entertain it that the public meeting be cancelled until a decision is made for the above stated concerns

We also request that the city work with us to find a creative way to deal with the need for us to spend more time working with La`ie on a plan rather than standing in the way of any consideration of anything out side of waiting for the next 5 (probably 7or 10) year review

We look forward to a quick response as the public meeting is not far away and some of us may reassess our participation at that meeting should this not be resolved.