



# Keau Kukui `Ula Heiau Hui

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August 22, 2020

To: Michael Yee, Planning Director  
From: Heiau Preservation Hui, Keau Kukui `Ula Heiau  
Re: Royal Vistas Development Plan

As the hui that is responsible for the preservation and protection of the heiau in the Pualani Estates subdivision, we wish to express our concerns with the proposed development "Royal Vistas Housing Project" [TMK (3) 7-6-021:016-019].

- The study of the area shows that there is evidence of pre-contact agricultural, habitation, burial and transportation features, lava tubes and caves that were not obscured already by the bulldozing done in past. The size of the development proposed will erase some of that history that cannot be restored or recreated.
- That land is a significant part of the Kona Field System (KFS) that fed and supported a large population in a fairly inhospitable area. The land proposed for acquisition retains some of the historical evidence which was lost when neighboring developments were built.
- Though the area roads and streets flood, there are no perennial streams in Kona. The area under consideration contains one of the few seasonal watersheds that could provide insight into the historical uses of the land in relation to water sources.
- Most preservation efforts in Kona are at the shoreline, so this parcel is especially valuable for preservation that such a large development threatens.

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