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June 15, 2016

Klaus Conventz **Baumeister Consulting** P. O. Box 2308 Kailua-Kona, HI 96745

Dear Mr. Conventz:

SUBJECT: Application:

Variance - VAR 16-000343-Revised

Applicant:

KLAUS CONVENTZ/BAUMEISTER CONSULTING

Owner:

CHANCE T. AND DONNA P. BOWLING

Request:

Variance from Chapter 25, Zoning, Article 5 Division 7, Section 25-5-76 Minimum Yards and Article 4, Division 4, Section 25-4-44(a) Permitted Projections into Yards and Open

Space Requirements (Encroachment into the East Rear Yard

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Tax Map Key: 7-3-031:039; Lot 125

The Planning Director certifies the approval of Variance No.16-000343-Revised, subject to variance conditions. The variance will allow portion of the two-story single-family dwelling to remain with a minimum 18.2-foot rear (east) yard setback to a minimum 19.1-foot rear (east) yard setback, in lieu of the required 20-foot rear (east) yard setback and the wooden deck projection resulting with a 13.8-foot rear (east) yard open space in lieu of the required 14-foot open space requirement. These exceptions are in lieu of the required 20-foot rear yard setback as required by the Hawai'i County Code, Chapter 25, Zoning, Section 25-5-76, Minimum yards and Section 25-4-44 (a), Permitted projections into yards and open space requirements.

This revised variance (Variance-16-000343-Revised) is to correct typographical errors and reference to the incorrect Variance number in the body of the letter.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS

- 1. Location. The subject property, consisting of approximately 11,977 square feet of land, is located in the Kona Palisades Subdivision, situated at Kalaoa 5th, North Kona, Hawai'i. The subject property's street address is 73-4329 Pā'ani Place.
- 2. **Zoning**. Agricultural 5 acres (A-5a).

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- 9. **Time Extension.** The applicant's variance application was acknowledged by letter dated February 9, 2016 and additional time to review the application was required. The applicant granted the Planning Director an extension of time for decision on the Variance Application to April 16, 2016.

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10. Comments from Surrounding Property Owners or Public. No written comments or objections from surrounding property owners or general public were received by the Planning Department.

ANALYSIS OF GROUNDS FOR VARIANCE

No variance will be granted unless it is found that:

(a) There are special or unusual circumstances applying to the subject real property which exist either to a degree which deprives the owner or applicant of substantial property rights that would otherwise be available, or to a degree which obviously interferes with the best use or manner of development of the property.

The variance application meets criteria (a) for the following reasons:

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No evidence has been found to allow indifference or premeditation by the owners or builders to deliberately create or intentionally allow the open lanai encroachment problem to occur.

It appears that the two-story single-family dwelling constructed nearly 31 years ago was constructed under valid building permits and other construction permits issued by the County. Also, it appears that past building permit inspections of the premises by the agencies during construction of the single-family dwelling did not disclose any building encroachment issues or building setback irregularities at that time.

The above special and unusual circumstances determine the owner was not at fault in creating the encroachment violation and requiring them to fix the encroachments would interfere with the best use and development of the property.

(b) There are no other reasonable alternatives that would resolve the difficulty.

The variance application meets criteria (b) for the following reasons:

Alternatives available to the current owners to correct and/or address the single-family dwelling encroachment constructed into the affected rear yard setback and open space of the subject property include the following actions:

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Remove the building encroachments and/or redesign or relocate the single-family dwelling constructed upon the subject property to fit within the correct building envelope denoted on the recent survey map as prescribed by the Zoning Code. This alternative would be deemed unreasonable, especially when the current owners were under the impression that the open lanai was in compliance with all County requirements. Also, any structural or design correction to the open lanai to meet setback requirement would leave unattractive reconstruction scars.

Another alternative is to consolidate the subject property with the adjoining rear property which is owned by another party, and resubdivide the property to modify property lines and adjust minimum yard setbacks. Both of these alternatives are not practical. Therefore, there are no reasonable alternatives to resolve the difficulty.

(c) The variance is consistent with the general purpose of the district, the intent and purpose of this chapter, and the general plan, and will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare or cause substantial, adverse impact to an area's character or to adjoining properties.

The variance application meets criteria (c) for the following reasons:

The intent and purpose of requiring building setbacks within a subdivision are to assure that adequate air circulation and exposure to light are available between permitted structure(s)/ uses and boundary/property lines.

No evidence has been found to show indifference or premeditation by the owners or builders to deliberately create or intentionally allow the building encroachment problems to occur.

The variance request will not be materially detrimental to the public's welfare and will not cause substantial adverse impact to the area's character and to adjoining properties. As such, it is felt that the issuance of this variance will not depreciate or detract from the character of the surrounding properties.

This can be substantiated, to some degree, by the fact that no comments or objections were received from the surrounding property owners or general public in response to the Notification of Surrounding Property Owners.

Based on the foregoing findings and unusual circumstances, the applicant's request for variance would be consistent with the general purpose of the zoning district and the intents and purposes of the Zoning Code, Subdivision Code, and the County General Plan. Furthermore, the variance request will not be materially detrimental to the public's welfare and will not cause substantial adverse impact to the area's character and to adjoining properties.

PLANNING DIRECTOR'S DECISION AND VARIANCE CONDITIONS

Based on the variance application's survey map, the single-family dwelling built upon the

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subject property (LOT 125) will not meet the minimum rear yard setback and open space requirements pursuant to Hawai'i County Code, Chapter 25, (Zoning Code).

This variance request is **approved** subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The applicant/owner, their assigns or successors shall be responsible for complying with all stated conditions of approval.
- 2. The applicant/owner(s), successors or assigns shall indemnify and hold the County of Hawai'i harmless from and against any loss, liability, claim, or demand for the property damage, personal injury, or death arising out of any act or omission of the applicants/owners, their successors or assigns, officers, employees, contractors, or agents under this variance or relating to or connected with the granting of this variance.
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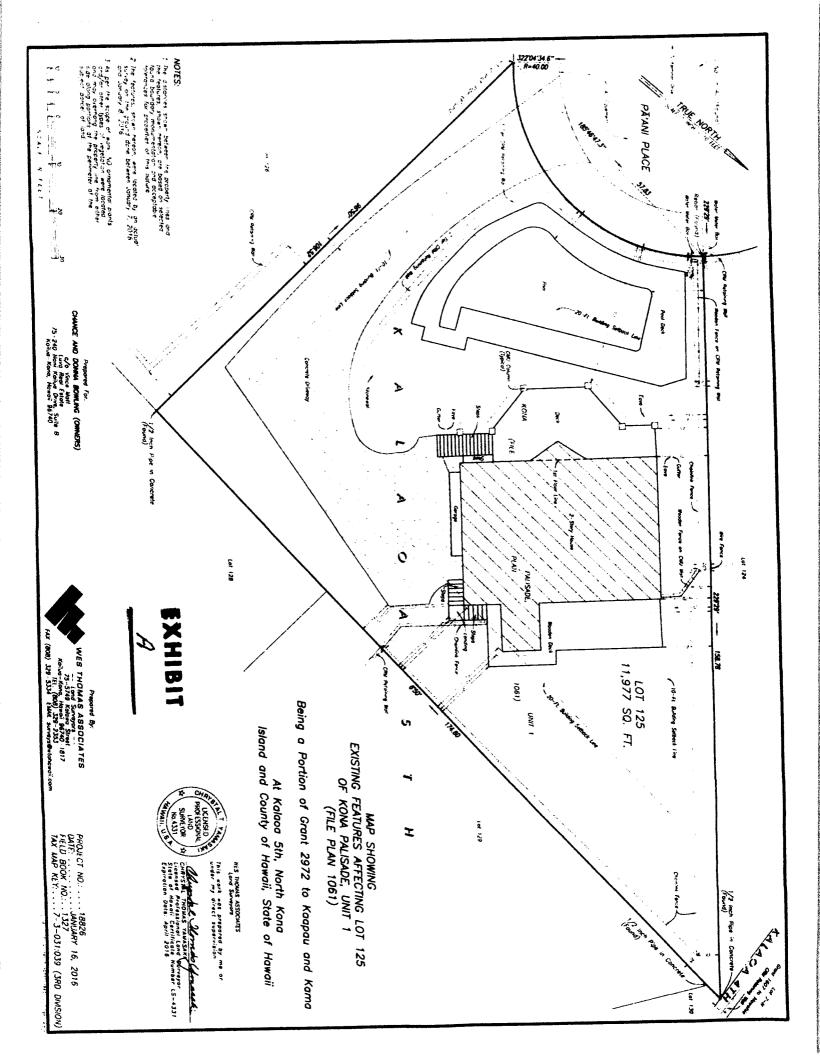
Sincerely,

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MEMORANDUM

DATE:

February 18, 2016

TO:

Mr. Duane Kanuha

Planning Director, County of Hawaii

FROM:

Eric Honda Shi District Environmental Health Program Chief

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EXHIBIT

WORD: VAR 16-000343.eh

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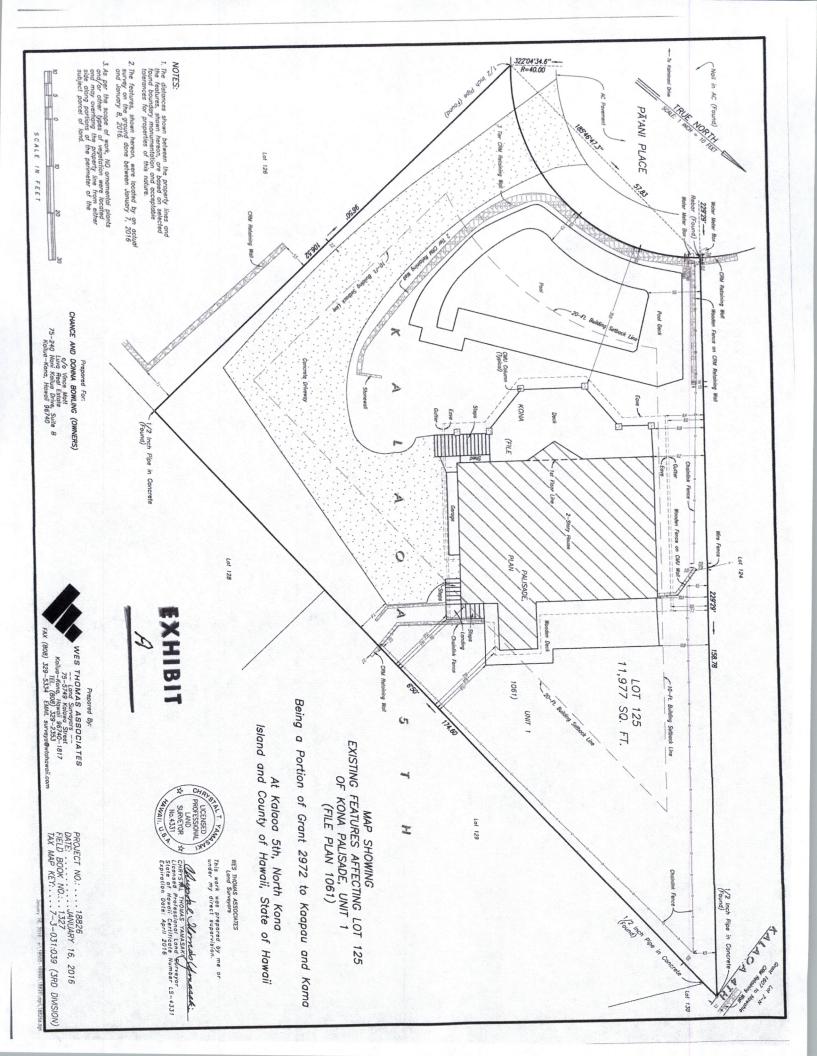
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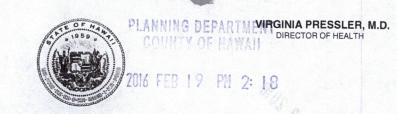
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