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Mr. Michael Yee, Director
Planning Department
COUNTY OF HAWAI`I
101 Pauahi Street
Hilo, HI 96720

Dear Mr. Yee:

> **Subject:** **Withdrawal of Waikoloa BC, LLC's Applications
> County Rezoning (REZ 17-000225), SMA (SMA 17-000068), and
> Amendment to SMA No. 412 (SMA 00-000015)
> `Anaeho`omalu, South Kohala, Hawai`i, TMK: 6-9-007: 015**

As you are aware, during the course of the public and agency review of the subject applications and in response to these comments, considerable modifications were made to the proposed project. These modifications were made to address not only public but agency comments such as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, U.S. National Park Service, County Cultural Resources Commission and the SHPD-approved Archaeological Inventory Survey and Preservation Plan. It is the considered opinion of the applicant that the updated plan presented at the Leeward Planning Commission was responsive and became greatly improved because of these comments. For example, it reflected additional setback from the certified shoreline; density reduction; height reduction; and the preservation of wide network of trails and anchialine ponds with extended buffers.

Notwithstanding those modifications, it appeared from public testimony at the January 18, 2018 Commission hearing that some still considered the proposed V-7.5 zoning inappropriate.

Accordingly, on behalf of the applicant, please be informed that the applicant hereby withdraws the subject applications. We believe that the Commission's scheduled February 15, 2018 field trip and hearing on this matter are moot and should, therefore, be cancelled.

We thank you and your staff for your time, guidance, and courtesies on this matter throughout this process.

Sincerely,

SIDNEY M. FUKE
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