

E MAU NA ALA HELE**P.O. BOX 6384
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September 12, 1995

Wilton K. Wong
Chairman
HAWAII COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
25 Aupuni Street
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Dear Mr. Wong:

The nonprofit trails organization, E Mau Na Ala Hele has been in existence for fifteen years, and has approximately 250 members. Its mission is to protect and preserve ancient and historic trails and public rights of way, and the natural areas and historic sites near them.

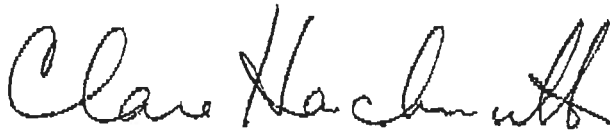
One of the concerns of the organization is the inability of the public to access and use public rights of way as they pass through privately owned land.

From the southern end of Ali'i Drive in Keauhou, to Ka'awaloa overlooking Kealakekua Bay, there exists a state owned public right of way known as the Old Government Road. This trail passes through the proposed Oceanside 1250 project. At this time, locked gates block the alignment at the northern and southern project boundaries. The position of E Mau Na Ala Hele is that these locks should be removed so that members of the public are free to hike along this right of way. We suggest that this situation be resolved before the Planning Commission consider the applications which have been submitted by Oceanside 1250.

* Highways Act of 1892

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



Clare Hachmuth
President