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Mr. Glenn Miyao
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Dear Mr. Miyao:

Having reviewed the draft environmental assessment (DEA) for the Ho'okena Beach Park Improvement Project, Ho'okena, South Kona, Island of Hawai'i, TMK (3rd) 8-6-20-25 and 47, we submit the following comments for your response.

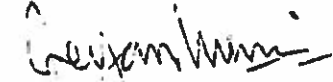
- (1) **SHORELINE SETBACK AREA:** In both figures 2 and 3, please indicate the shoreline setback line for the County of Hawai'i, along with a scale of measurement (e.g., 1" = 20 feet). If any of the proposed improvements are within the shoreline setback area, the County should consider moving such improvements inland outside of the setback zone.
- (2) **LANDSCAPING:** In Figure 2, Site Plan, we observed that you will be removing several trees from the site. We would like to suggest the use of native xerophagic vegetation for landscaping.
- (3) **FLORA AND FAUNA:** Section 3.2 notes that the 'io or Hawaiian Hawk (Buteo solitarius) and the 'ope'ape'a or Hawaiian Hoary Bat (Lasiurus cinereus semotus) are present in the area. We would like to suggest the erection of interpretive signage to educate park users on the extent of the bat and hawk and other natural and cultural resources of the area.
- (4) **PHOTOGRAPHS:** Please include photographs of the site in the final environmental assessment.
- (5) **CONSULTATION WITH AFFECTED COMMUNITY GROUPS:** Page 7 lists government agencies consulted. Please also consult with any community groups in the area.
- (6) **WASTEWATER:** As we are concerned about the possibility of leachate directly discharging into the ocean, please ascertain that the subsurface area below the leach field does not lead to a lava tube connected to the ocean.

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Otherwise, please consider other alternatives such as
composting toilets.

If there are any questions, please call Leslie Segundo,
Environmental Health Specialist, at 586-4185.

Sincerely,



for
GARY GILL
Director

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