

March 8th, 2011

Aloha Ko'olauloa North Shore Alliance Supporter-

As you know, last year the Hawai'i Supreme Court ruled that the developer at Turtle Bay Resort was required to submit a supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) before proceeding with any development of the property. Before the SEIS process began, the former lenders who assumed control of Turtle Bay hired Drew Stotesbury of Replay Resorts (a mainland resort company) to oversee the ongoing management of hotel and golf operations as well as the real estate development program. In a recent letter to various groups and "stakeholders" in the community, Mr. Stotesbury outlined a set of values that underpin Replay's new approach to land use at Turtle Bay. These values include cultural respect, community integration, and market compatibility as well as an acknowledgement of the passion that residents of Ko'olauloa and the North Shore have for their environment.

Mr. Stotesbury and KNSA leadership mutually agreed to meet in order for us to articulate some of the long held concerns and wishes of residents across the island concerned with Keeping the Country Country. Thus far, the dialogue has been positive and candid. KNSA has also accepted Mr. Stotesbury's invitation to send representation to a three-day workshop at the resort on March 8-10, 2011. Denise Antolini, Dee Dee Letts, Kent Fonoimoana and Larry McElheny have agreed to attend the workshops on behalf KNSA. They will listen, provide input from the community perspective as part of the discussion, and provide information back to KNSA. These meetings, while productive as a way of sharing information and concerns, should in no way be perceived as negotiations or concessions being made by KNSA on behalf of the community. KNSA remains dedicated to the preservation goals detailed in our mission statement (available at: KNSAlliance.org), and respects the right of each member group and individual supporter to participate in their own way in the process over the months ahead and to reach independent conclusions about the developer's new plans. We welcome the expressed intent of the developer to conduct a highly transparent and inclusive SEIS process because it allows all of us to have a voice, individually and collectively. It is our hope that this process will help KNSA move toward our goal of the permanent protection of undeveloped lands mauka and makai of the Turtle Bay Resort in the moku of Ko'olauloa on the North Shore of Oahu. We also urge the owners of Turtle Bay to consider alternatives to development brought forth by the community.

KNSA views its role as a conduit to the community. As we look forward to participating in and closely monitoring the SEIS process, we will provide updates for our supporters. In an effort to perpetuate dialogue and keep you informed, the alliance is proud to announce "Talk Story 3," the latest in a series of community discussions involving the future of Turtle Bay Resort. Initiated in 2008, the Talk Story has served to provide information on topics ranging from State acquisition and eminent domain to Land Use Designation and alternative uses for the undeveloped land. Past invitees have included members of Federal, State and City government, past resort developers, environmental and traffic experts, and our kupuna. Talk Story 3 will be held in late April at on the North Shore with details forthcoming. Please join us as we seek to build a sustainable future for our keiki.

Stay strong and positive-

Ko'olauloa North Shore Alliance