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Public testimony and/or agency comments received by the Planning Department as of October 18, 2023, 1:30pm for the October 19, 2023, Kaua'i Historic Preservation Review Commission meeting regarding the following item:

H.1. **Nomination to the State Historic Register**
The Makai Golf Course at Princeville
Property Address: 4080 Lei O Papa Road
Tax Map Keys: (4) 5-4-005:022; (4) 5-4-005:049; (4) 5-4-005:054; (4) 5-4-006:003; (4) 5-4-006:005; (4) 5-4-006:006; (4) 5-4-012:001; (4) 5-4-012:006
Princeville, Hawai'i

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From: Bernard Markowicz <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 4:34 PM
To: Planning Department
Subject: Testimonial regarding New Business #1. Nomination to the State Historic Register: The Makai Golf Course at Princeville

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Dear Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the Kauai Historic Preservation Review Commission,

My name is Bernard MARKOWICZ, a permanent resident of Princeville, representing myself as a concerned member of the Princeville community.
I would like to provide comments regarding the October 19 Meeting of the Commission's New Business Item #1 of the Agenda: **Nomination to the State Historic Register - The Makai Golf Course at Princeville.**

I have been a permanent resident of Princeville for 10 years, and active in a number of committees of the Princeville at Hanalei Community Association (PHCA), including the strategic planning committee. I am not representing the PHCA in any way. I was made aware of a petition filed by a Nevada limited liability company named the Albatross Alliance to add the Princeville Makai Golf Course to the register of historic places in Hawaii. I am told that this entity has no relationship to Princeville. I am also aware of separate efforts by individuals to try to influence the future of the Makai golf course for what I believe are ulterior motives.

As an urban planner by training, I am sensitive to the historical and cultural implications of each property, especially on the Hawaiian Islands. In this case, I am certain that the Makai Golf Course does not meet any criteria for being registered as a historical place:

- The golf course is not associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history.
- The golf course is not associated with the lives of significant persons in the past.
- The golf course does not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or possess high artistic values.
- The golf course has not yielded, nor is it likely to yield, information important to history or prehistory.

Naming the Makai Golf Course on the Register of Historic Monument would denigrate the important contributions of key residents and structures of Kauai and the State of Hawaii to the history of our State and Nation. I personally believe that the petition filed in Nevada is designed to ultimately achieve ulterior motives by the petitioners. Moreover, I believe that these petitioners may be prepared to do anything to fulfill their personal objectives. I respectfully request that you consider my comments as part of your recommendations and decisions.

Best Regards,
Bernard Markowicz, PhD