

## Concern for Hapuna

As Trustee for Office of Hawaiian Affairs for Hawaii Island, elected statewide, it is my responsibility in the spirit of Aloha Aina, "to love the land, take care of the land", a tradition passed on from our kapuna (elders).

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present and future generations and say "no" to United Airlines attempt to put a hotel, condominium and single-family structures next to Hapuna Beach. Placing this development on our islands' most popular white sand beach will be robbing residents while use-priority will go to only those wealthy enough to pay Mauna Kea Beach Hotel rates.

In a democracy the good of the majority, residents should come before the few outsiders — United Airlines, multi-national corporations, tourists and other special interests. Self-determination means that we the people living here should be able to determine land use policies not just those interested in personal gain.

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