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Subject: Puna Community Development Plan

Aloha,

The Arc of Hilo would like to request that more thought be put into developing a new community services core in the Keaau area. With the increasing cost of transportation for The Arc of Hilo to provide services for our clients in the Puna District, our organization must begin considering an Arc satellite facility in the Keaau area.

We see little consideration for such a service core to be appropriately located in the Keaau area in the present draft plan, and therefore would support the suggestion that the present draft community plan be given further consideration and review before adoption. The present draft emphasizes continuing to rely on Hilo to provide community human services for the Puna area. Our community may find this impractical very soon with the increasing cost of transportation. A development plan for Keaau, the "crossroads" for Puna that includes opportunities for human services may be a solution.

Sincerely,

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