



## LBD COFFEE, LLC

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Dear Neighbors,

Let me start by introducing myself, since we live about a mile down the road on another farm. My name is Les Drent, and my wife's name is Gigi. I've been farming on Kauai since 1998, and my wife has been teaching math at Kauai Community College since 2003. We have two children who attend Kanuikapono Charter School in Anahola. I've spent countless hours coaching youth sports on this island, and I have contributed greatly in both time and money at Kanuikapono. My wife has also spent countless hours not only educating the youth on this island, but also instructing other public school math teachers. My managers' names are Tai Erum, and Trevyn Pless. They are both kind, courteous, hard working, attentive and competent employees. They oversee nearly 100% of our farm operations and they are the true face and future of our family owned business.

I am sending you this information so that you have the full and complete story regarding our proposed farm development at 5907 C Kawaihau Road. It is unfortunate that some in our community have chosen to spread lies and misinformation rather than truth and facts. Sadly, and as a result of this fear mongering some people have also chosen to make racially insensitive remarks towards us through social media.

I'd also like to respond to those that are spreading the falsehood that we are suing the County of Kauai for the right build on this agricultural land. The truth is that we are asking the courts to clarify the State of Hawaii law that clearly states a farmer's right to sell his value added agricultural products from their land. The County of Kauai Planning Department is insisting that we endure another public hearing before that right is granted to us.

I should also mention that our application before the Liquor commission is NOT an application to run a bar, nor is it an application to sell alcohol for consumption at our farm.

All I ask of you is that you at least reach out to us, personally, if you have any questions, or concerns regarding our farm, or future agricultural operation at 5907C.

I am also giving you our personal contact information so you have it today, and in the future. I hope you find it in your hearts to seek out the truth before petitioning against us in the future. We are not the enemy that some have made us out to be.

Happy Holidays from Les, Gigi, Jessica, Jorgen, Tai, Trevyn and our entire crew.

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