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Developer helps local community

Developer Peter Savio once again displays why he is outstanding both personally and in business ("Perseverance of the Pagoda," Star-Advertiser, April 27).

This local boy consistently provides an honorable legacy while providing jobs for locals, maintaining Hawaii's heritage and ensuring that average residents have a dignified place to live.

His values and practices are a stark contrast to current speculators. While adjacent Kakaako developers compete to deplete all natural beauty and regulations, Savio's projects preserve what makes Hawaii special.

Pagoda founder Herbert Hayashi would be proud of Savio's compassion. Successful business leaders like him are rare, and he should be applauded for his policy of favoring redevelopment for locals over unlimited greed. Character and success are not incompatible.

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