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My name's Stan Chong-Kee. I was born & raised on Maui. I retired on Maui. And I will die on Maui. Things that happen here interests me .. and, in many cases, affects me.

How many of those who have already given their testimony lived in the camps? Or had family or friends who did? How many went to Paia School? haiku School? makawao School? How many remember Spreckelsville School? Kealaho School? Keokea School? All of these were feeder schools to Old MHS. How many went to Maui High when there was only one Maui High, and it was not in Kahului?

The previous testimonials were given by those who got their opinions & convictions by reading TEACH's proposal, the newspaper accounts, and thru' discussions w/ others. I read the proposal & newspaper accounts, and, also, discussed this w/ others. But, my life here on Maui, too, fuels my decision. The lives of others who grew up here, went to school here, whose strongest memories are here, also, fuels my decision.

Life goes on .. time goes on .. We have no control over them. But, what we can do something about, is the change that accompany's them. And change will happen .. be it tomorrow, next week, next year, or 20 years from now .. change will happen. But, we are drawing up the blueprint for these changes. We, being TEACH, the County and us. TEACH, thru' their proposal, will reuse and re-develop the 22 + acres that Old Mhs is rests on, and strive for a self sustained learning, teaching, and gathering place for Maui; the County will ensure that these things are accomplished as per their promise, and we, by physically, mentally & emotionally, helping where we can and participating when we can.

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This is not an us against them .. this is we. We can discuss, we can decide, and we can move on. Let's do it.

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