

## EAR Committee

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**From:** Malia Akinaka <maliaakinaka@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 15, 2016 9:03 AM  
**To:** EAR Committee  
**Subject:** Old Maui High

Aloha Economic Development, Energy, Agriculture, and Recreation Committee,

Please defer this item, regarding Old Maui High & TEACH LLC. as there has NOT been any community outreach regarding this huge project that will affect all parties of Hāmakuapoko & Hāna Highway.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration,

Malia Akinaka, Haiku Resident

## EAR Committee

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**From:** Konaneakamahina de la Nux <konane.awo@me.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 15, 2016 9:04 AM  
**To:** EAR Committee  
**Subject:** TEACH LLC Lease proposal

to: EAR Committee Chair Guzman  
and Committee Members

Aloha council Chair Guzman,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed resolution to authorize Maui County to lease the Old Maui High School Site (Hamakuapoko) to Teach Development LLC. Maui has seen plenty of developers proposing and promising to protect and preserve the local culture and environment.

- **Lack of community engagement, meetings, or outreach since the last committee meeting in September. Only one community meeting held on 11/10 and only 5 days prior to committee meeting on 11/15.**
- **County administration turned down an RFP from a charter school because they couldn't prove a funding source to pay for infrastructure. Maui only has one charter school on island. There is a demand for more place based education on Maui. I would rather see my tax dollars go to **supporting** ~~fronting~~ the costs for water and sewer infrastructure rather than **allocate** ~~give it away to~~ a for-profit **commercial real estate developer**. They plan to build these fancy retreat centers; how many locals **have the financial means to you know can** afford these type of services?**
- **TEACH LLC plans to access historic preservation grant funding. Why hasn't Maui County tried to source these same grants? There are million of dollars available for historic preservation and agriculture opportunities. The county would be better off hiring a full time grant writer to access these funds.**
- **Let's put this investment into perspective. Approximately 200,000sf of developed space. Paia today has roughly 140,000 sf, pre-Paia 2020 development. You're looking at a potential new development 1.5x the size of Paia on 22 acres for a total cost of \$60...paid over 60 years.**
- **Teach LLC is paying lip service to farmers and non profits. Unless their promises are written into the lease, TEACH LLC is not required to fulfill **loose commitments**At the very least. Teach LLC should be required to pay market rent after 10 years. Their projected profit after 5 years **are estimated** ~~estimate~~ at \$17million. ~~profit~~. Why are we giving a private entity a 60 year lease for \$1 a year? It is a low rate for tenuous deliverables.**
- **~~There is no commitment from~~ ~~No promise by~~ the State DOT to build Paia Bypass anytime soon. In fact, that project has been taken off of **the State Highways Priorities list**. ~~priority~~**
- **Crosswalks and turning lanes will most likely have to be **constructed at the** ~~built off of~~ Baldwin Ave and Hana Highway **intersections with Holomua Road**. **Will this cost our Hawaii** taxpayers for widening of highway, land acquisition, and drainage costs.**
- **A crosswalk would be extremely dangerous on Hana highway to access the beach.**
- **request that the Council change their policy of leasing our valuable County-owned properties- to FOR PROFIT entities for \$1 per year! We have an affordable housing crisis here in Maui County. We need to increase our revenue flow, so we can buy more land, to build affordable homes. These leases should cost much more!**

I respectfully urge your committee to **defer further action on EAR-63 and** ask the Administration to reconsider this private commercial land development proposal of our treasured Hamakuapoko.

thank you,

**Konaneakamahina de la Nux**

## EAR Committee

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**From:** Theresa Munoz Ko'omoa <theresa@mamasfishhouse.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 15, 2016 9:07 AM  
**To:** EAR Committee; Donald S. Guzman  
**Subject:** Old Maui High

Aloha Economic Development, Energy, Agriculture, and Recreation Committee,

Please defer this item, regarding Old Maui High & TEACH LLC. as there has NOT been any community outreach regarding this huge project that will affect all parties of Hāmakuapoko & Hāna Highway.

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## EAR Committee

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**From:** Jacob Darr <jakedarr@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 15, 2016 9:42 AM  
**To:** EAR Committee  
**Subject:** Development of old maui high

I am writing this letter to give testimony too our beloved county policy makers.

I am a maui county resident and have been since I was born in maui memorial hospital 34 years ago. I am currently an ocean safety officer on the north shore and an avid supporter of undeveloped open spaces on Maui and especially on the north shore. I understand the old Maui high school site has been sitting nearly vacant for years and I myself would like too see it used for something positive; however this proposal and development that I've been reading is going to take place up there sounds like it's going to put more stress on our local community and our "already over crowded" beloved beach park right down the road.

I am writing in opposition of this endeavor for the sake of keeping our north shore "country" and undeveloped. Thank you for listening

## EAR Committee

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**From:** Miken Souza <mikenksouza@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 15, 2016 9:50 AM  
**To:** EAR Committee; Donald S. Guzman  
**Subject:** Protect Hookipa / Hamakuapoko

I am writing to you in testimony of the Old Maui High / Ho'okipa / Hamakuapoko This particular area has been special to me since a little girl. I grew up in Paia and the beach was my backyard. Maui needs to be kept sacred and special for our kids and our grandkids of future generations. Maui does not need any more resorts/ constructions/ developments / retreats or spas. It is special to us just the way it is. This land and property should be used to give back towards the community and our keiki and be beneficial for them. It will be a community uproar to have any more developments cemented and stained over our beautiful land of Maui.

With much aloha,  
The Souza's, Staubitser's, and Chong-Kees

Sent from my iPhone

## EAR Committee

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**From:** Taylor Daly <taylordaly.cpc@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 15, 2016 9:57 AM  
**To:** EAR Committee  
**Subject:** Old Maui High Project

Aloha Economic Development, energy Agriculture, and Recreation Committee. Please defer this item, regarding Old Maui High & TEACH LLC. as there has not been any community outreach regarding this huge project that will affect all parties of Hamakuapoko & Hana Highway.

My name is Taylor Daly, a 26 year old resident who grew up here on Maui. Ever since I was born I would go down to Ho'okipa Beach with my family and friends. It is a very big and important part of my life and I would like it to remain the same for as long as possible so one day I can bring my own children down there. Ho'okipa is not only a beach park, it is a second home to thousands of the upcountry community. It would break my heart to see my second home become a developed area with traffic and street lights. To me, the north shore of Maui is an escape, a place where you can get away from development, traffic, and overcrowding. It is the COUNTRY! It is meant to be exactly the way it is. On a business note, being that our economy here in Hawaii almost completely runs off the tourism industry, I can recall countless visitors telling me that one of their favorite parts of the ENTIRE island is the north shore of Maui because it takes them back in time. Starting from the small plantation town Paia all the way out to Hana, the one lane road with no traffic lights and big fancy buildings makes them imagine what Hawaii used to be like before it became a tourist destination. If Maui becomes more developed it will most definitely lose its reputation and rating as "the best island in the world". If you want development go to Waikiki. If you want beauty everywhere you look you come to Maui. KEEP THE COUNTRY, COUNTRY!

Mahalo for your time and have a great rest of your day.

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## EAR Committee

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**From:** Marcy Martin <martinpeaks@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 15, 2016 10:04 AM  
**To:** EAR Committee; County Clerk  
**Subject:** Teach lease should not be granted

Under no circumstances should county property be leased at under market rates. The north shore community has been neglected by council and administration. The parks are overcrowded and in desperate need of additional parking due to tourist. If they want to use our land they should pay for it via real property taxes and rent. They should pay a premium as it is a taking of government land and open space. This money could be used for parking at hookipa.

Given that we have new council members and this is an important long term decision it should be deferred until January. The land should be used for park by the community, not profit and development it is public land and is not the administration's and council's to give away.

Martin family Paia



## EAR Committee

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**From:** nicole schroeter <ns.ms@live.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 15, 2016 10:04 AM  
**To:** EAR Committee; Donald S. Guzman  
**Subject:** Request to defer the topic regarding Old Maui High and TEACH LLC.

Aloha Economic Development, Energy, Agriculture, and Recreation Committee,

Please defer this item, regarding Old Maui High & TEACH LLC. as there has NOT been any community outreach regarding this huge project that will affect all parties of Hāmakuapoko & Hāna Highway.

Please let the community and its leaders like you, gather more information before making any decisions regarding this topic.

Mahalo for your time and service to our community.

Nicole Schroeter  
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**From:** Matt Meola <meola.matt@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 15, 2016 10:06 AM  
**To:** EAR Committee  
**Cc:** Donald S. Guzman  
**Subject:** Hookipa development

The stretch from Hookipa to H poko is a very special place to me and so many family's of Maui. It is where so many of us go to escape, to relax, to wind down after a hard days work, and enjoy the beauty of Maui's north shore. It is where I learned to surf and still surf every day. It is where I learned to fish, and dive. So many of my family's meals rely on the health of the reefs in this area. Every day i am out in the water looking back at the beautiful coast line I am so thankful for what I get to see. It is like a church for me and so many others!! If this land was to be developed it would have a huge effect on so many things. I am worried about run off ruining and killing our reefs and fish. I am worried about traffic and the beautiful view that I enjoy every day. There is already a huge lack of parking. I am worried about my kids not being able to see and experience what I have. Hookipa means hospitality. Hookipa welcomes and treats so many familys with open arms. Let's not disrespect her with a big development!!! Please !!! Let's keep all the land in this area farm land!!!! So we can continue to enjoy this place in all it's glory !!! Keep the county country !!!!

Matt

Sent from my iPhone

## EAR Committee

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**From:** Alana D'Andrea <adandrea@hawaii.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 15, 2016 10:15 AM  
**To:** EAR Committee; Donald S. Guzman; Mike White  
**Cc:** Alana D'Andrea  
**Subject:** Teach LLC

Aloha EAR Committee and Council Members,

My name is Alana Mealoha Dandrea and I am born and raised in Haiku and I am a also Maui County tax payer. I ask that you do NOT make any decisions on the TEACH LLC land lease until the community is given more time to learn more about it and comment on the issues and future impacts. Living on the north shore my whole life I have seen first hand the changes that have happened because of over development, over population and the many unconscious tourist and developers coming here thinking they know what is best for this island and its people. There is already way too much traffic driving to and from Haiku to Paia and to add in a huge development right up the road from one of the most popular beaches on Maui is not a good idea at all. Especially a development company that only has to pay \$1 year lease and then is going to build something that no local or resident can even afford? I don't think so. If you allow this Teach LLC company permission to develop here it will be a big big mistake. We need to see the bigger picture here and really think about the future and the community of Maui. And by community of Maui I mean the people who have lived here for more than 20plus years. These are the people who's voices really matter, not the tourist, not the developers or realtors; the real kamaaina of Maui. Please I ask of you from the bottom of my heart to really consider holding off on this lease until we as the community and you as the council can understand more information about what is really planned.

Mahalo Nui Loa for your time,  
Alana Mealoha Dandrea

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## EAR Committee

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**From:** Tiare Ventura <tiarev@hawaii.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 15, 2016 10:18 AM  
**To:** EAR Committee; Donald S. Guzman

Dear Chair Don Guzman,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed resolution to authorize Maui County to lease the Old Maui High School Site (Hāmaukuapoko) to Teach Development LLC. Maui has seen plenty of developers proposing and promising to protect and preserve the local culture and environment. Please defer this item, as Teach Development LLC has NOT done enough community outreach for Maui County Council to grant the lease at only \$1/ year.

Mahalo,

Tiare Ventura

## EAR Committee

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**From:** Luke Walsh <lukewalsh99@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 15, 2016 10:22 AM  
**To:** EAR Committee; Donald S. Guzman  
**Subject:** HO'OKIPA & HAMAKUAPOKO - NO MORE DEVELOPMENT

Aloha Maui County & Don Guzman,

My name is Luke Walsh and I grew up in Kuau just outside of Paia town and the closest neighborhood to Ho'okipa. Me and my 3 brothers grew up surfing Ho'okipa every single day we could. We love this community and we love that our small close knit community on this side of the island is disconnected from the mass tourism population and commercialization of the brought forward on the south and west sides of the island. We understand that development and tourism can sometimes be positive for the state and counties growth. But some area's must remain for the residents and local families to enjoy. Continuing to grow the town of Paia is one thing, but when you want to bring plans of mass development to the Old Maui High road and add more tourism references to this small community it will do more harm than good!

There is already TOO MUCH tour busses and shuttles taking people down to Ho'okipa to see the turtles. 5 years ago none of these tours or shuttles existed and we as a family could still easily find parking. Now we can't find parking and we as local regulars are getting parking tickets while LARGE Roberst Hawaii Busses are taking up the entire one way road! This has got to STOP!!!!

No more development on this side of the island. Keep Lahina and Wailea the epicenter of tourism, not our peaceful residential lands of Maui's North and East shores. Maui residents still need areas of the island by the sea where we can escape the commercialization of the ever growing tourist market.

Please hear our word and respect our voice!!!

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## **EAR Committee**

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**From:** Ben Shoval <benshov@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 15, 2016 10:36 AM  
**To:** EAR Committee; Donald S. Guzman  
**Subject:** Stop the old Maui high project

Aloha Economic Development, Energy, Agriculture, and Recreation Committee,

Please defer this item, regarding Old Maui High & TEACH LLC. as there has NOT been any community outreach regarding this huge project that will affect all parties of Hāmakuapoko & Hāna Highway.

(If anything should be at Old Maui High it should be a full-time Charter School & Resource Center for our keiki, & kūpuna) -my mana'o

## EAR Committee

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**From:** Erika Lechuga Disalvo <erika.lechugadisalvo@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 15, 2016 10:38 AM  
**To:** EAR Committee  
**Subject:** EAR-63

Aloha Council Chair Don Guzman,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed resolution to authorize Maui County to lease the Old Maui High School Site (Hamakuapoko) to Teach Development LLC.

Unfortunately, I am just hearing of this and am very concerned at the lack of community notification, outreach and input. This development will have drastic impacts on the North Shore. Paia and North Shore infrastructure are not ready to handle this type of development. Paia is already so congested and until a bypass is built and other related impact studies are done, any such development or lease should not even be considered.

I have come to learn that the County administration turned down an RFP from a charter school because they couldn't prove a funding source to pay for infrastructure. We have one charter school on island and there is a very real demand for more place based education. I would rather see my tax dollars go to supporting the costs for water and sewer infrastructure rather than be allocated to a for-profit commercial real estate developer. We honestly do not need more retreat centers that our local community will not patronize. A combination of non profits would have fewer infrastructure and North Shore Communities impacts and in my opinion this is a very worthy discussion. Many schools and non profits have reached out over the years and our tax dollars should and could support our infrastructure and help address community needs such as charter schools and different non-profits that have social benefits for our community.

As a taxpayer, I would like to see the administration collaborating with local non profits who are already established and who understand the community's social, economic, and cultural problems. This is a beautiful property that has rich historical and cultural significance. It would be more appropriate to have this location utilized by Maui residents, not just wealthy visitors. Mark Chasen stated at the TEACH's presentation last Thursday evening that he does not know Hawaii and it is obvious with his lack of community involvement, that he really doesn't care to know Hawai'i until after he's secured the lease. How is it that we are even considering such a venture with such lack of care for our special island.

How is it that we are willing to lease such lands for \$1 a year? This is absolutely mind boggling; and to a for profit entity as well. This is a give away. We need responsible and island minded projects that truly take into effect infrastructure, community betterment and ecosystem preservation. We don't often see this coming from mainland entities who want to exploit the aina for their own financial benefit at the expense of our local communities.

Mahalo for reconsidering this Lease and doing what is pono, not only for the North Shore but for our entire island community. Much aloha,

***Erika Lechuga DiSalvo***

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**From:** Kristin Boese <kristin@brandtuitives.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 15, 2016 10:43 AM  
**To:** EAR Committee  
**Cc:** Donald S. Guzman  
**Subject:** Testimony EAR-63  
**Attachments:** EAR\_63\_OldMauiHigh\_testimony\_KSolbach.docx

Dear Committee Chair Guzman and Committee members,

please find my testimony for EAR-63 attached.

Best regards,

Kristin Solbach



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# Kristin Solbach

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Date: 11/15/16

To: Committee Chair Guzman and Committee Members

E-mail: [ear.committee@mauicounty.us](mailto:ear.committee@mauicounty.us)

Re: EAR-63

Aloha Committee Chair Guzman,

Today I am writing you as a concerned resident. A resident that is troubled by the proposed resolution to the lease of Old Maui high School Site to Teach Development LLC by Maui County, and by the long term effects this proposed lease could have on Maui's residents.

The first thing that concerns me is the fact that a non-local private entity is being considered for this lease of such an historic property and not a local non-profit organization first. I very much believe the administration should foster collaborations with local non-profits who are already established and understand the community's social, economic and cultural problems. Shouldn't a local entity be able to utilize this valuable and special property?

During TEACH's presentation last Thursday, Mark Chasen stated that he doesn't know Hawaii and it became obvious that he doesn't even care about getting to know Hawai'i until maybe after he has secured the lease (if at all) which is truly troubling to me.

To my understanding many schools and non-profits have reached out over the years about the use of the Old Maui High School Site. Our tax dollars should support our local infrastructure and help address community needs, such as charter schools or other non-profits that have social benefits for our community. Our local tax dollars should not be used to support spas, health and retreat centers, restaurants and gift shops in the Paia/Haiku area that are not needed and benefit a foreign private entity.

If I look at this entire investment, it also troubles me hugely to compare the 200,000 sq ft area of development space with the only 140,000 sq ft size of the existing town of Paia. This means we are looking at a potential new development 1.5x the size of our beloved Paia. And all this for the cost of only \$1 a year for the next 60 years (that is only \$60 over the span of 60 years!), when Paia's real estate itself is some of the most expensive and sought after on the island?

Please, council chair Guzman and committee members, I urge you to defer any further action on EAR-63, to do more research, hold more community meetings and ask the Administration to reconsider this private commercial land development proposal of our treasured Hamakuapoko.

I truly hope that we, as a community, can work closely with the Council to explore the full range of our Island's non-profit entities in need of, and deserving of, a safe, special and historic public space.

Here is to the protection and preservation of the local culture and environment.

Sincerely,

Kristin Solbach

## EAR Committee

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**From:** jennifer valenzuela <jenniferlvalenzuela@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 15, 2016 11:00 AM  
**To:** EAR Committee  
**Subject:** Maui high development

"Aloha Economic Development, Energy, Agriculture and Recreation Committee,

Please defer this agenda item regarding Old Maui High & TEACH LLC until more public meetings have been held and input has been received as there has not been any community outreach regarding this huge project at all. This will affect all parties of Maui County, especially Hamakuapoko and Hana highway. This is a weighty and lengthy project and the people of Maui need more information and discussion before a final decision is made.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,  
Jennifer valenzuela  
Sent from my iPhone

## **EAR Committee**

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**From:** Anna Fry <fryanna@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 15, 2016 11:12 AM  
**To:** EAR Committee  
**Subject:** No light at Ho'okipa!!!

Aloha Economic Development, Energy, Agriculture, and Reccreation Committee,

Please defer this item, regarding Old Maui High & TEACH LLC. as there has NOT been any community outreach regarding this huge project that will affect all parties of Hāmakuapoko & Hāna Highway.

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**From:** Emily Werne <emilywerne@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 15, 2016 11:15 AM  
**To:** Donald S. Guzman; EAR Committee  
**Subject:** Save Ho'okipa

## **Aloha Economic Development, Energy, Agriculture and Recreation Committee,**

**Please defer this agenda item regarding Old Maui  
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have been held and input has been received, as there  
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County, specifically Hamakuapoko and Hana  
highway. This is a weighty and lengthy project and  
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discussion before a final decision is made.**

**Mahalo for your time and consideration**

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## EAR Committee

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**From:** Nicole Carbonell <ncarb14@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 15, 2016 11:42 AM  
**To:** EAR Committee; Donald S. Guzman  
**Subject:** Old Maui High

Aloha Economic Development, Energy, Agriculture and Recreation Committee,

Please defer this item, regarding Old Maui High & TEACH, LLC., as there has NOT been any community outreach regarding this huge project that will affect all parties of Hamakuapoko & Hana Highway.

Mahalo.

My personal sentiments:

Good Morning,

In light of recent plans made to lease this land for \$!/year for 60 years, I am compelled to e-mail the county with my heavy hearted concerns.

I am a mother of 3 young children that have lived, loved, shared, experienced and grown all along the North Shore Including, but not limited to the areas in question. I am sure you are all aware of the desperate need for affordable childcare and also the need for schools that are exclusively Olelo Hawai'i. I urge you to consider all things before signing such a lengthy agreement. Ask yourselves, what would this do to benefit the actual people of Maui County (more specifically North Shore families)? This historical site could be used to provide Cultural enrichment for so many youth. It is a heartbreaking sentiment that our Government is more concerned with progress & profit than they are with NURTURING the blessings we are in abundance of. Our Keiki, Land, Air, Water and Plant life. Our little Maui Eco System. We could be nurturing the connection we all share. Our Community.

Ask yourselves, how does this action serve THE COMMUNITY?

Mahalo,  
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## EAR Committee

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**From:** gocmaui@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 15, 2016 11:46 AM  
**To:** EAR Committee  
**Subject:** Old Maui High school

Aloha economic development, Energy Agriculture, & recreation committee,

Please differ this item regarding Old Maui High and Tech LLC! As there has not been enuf community out reach regarding this huge project that will affect all parties of Hamakuapoko & Hana hwy.

Mahalo,

Gloria Madden

Sent from my iPhone