

## PEA Committee

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Aloha Council Member Sugimura,

Attached is my bio for the July 23rd meeting.

Also, there was no formal resignation as Planning Director. The mayor wanted to fill the Housing Director's position and I accepted.

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**Professional Experience**

**Planning Director, January 2011 to June 2018**

As Planning Director, I was the chief planning officer for Maui County and the technical advisor to the mayor, council, and planning commissions on all planning-related matters.

In my capacity as the Planning Director, I oversaw the Planning Department, an office comprised of four divisions: Long Range, Current, Plan Implementation, and Zoning and Enforcement. I was responsible to provide staff and advise the Maui, Molokai, and Lanai planning commissions, the Cultural Resources Commission, Urban Design Review Board, Maui Redevelopment Agency, the Hana Advisory Committee, as well as the County Council's Planning and Land Use committees.

As director I used the authority of that office to initiate an audit of our zoning code which will lead to an overhaul of our regulatory scheme. The Maui Island Plan and revisions to the Lana'i Community Plan were adopted during my tenure; and revisions to the Moloka'i Community Plan have been proposed and are being processed according to county ordinances.

I oversaw the entitlements and permitting for housing projects through changes in zoning, community plan amendments, and SMA permits, and assisted the County Council in their review of 201H projects. I also handled the day-to-day permitting questions regarding other processes such as subdivisions, building permits, and vacation rentals.

On a state level, I was qualified as an expert witness before the State Land Use Commission for the purposes of district boundary amendments and other proceedings. I also met with members of the state legislature before and during the legislative session and testified at hearings.

**The William Spence Company, 2002 to December 2010.**

As an independent consultant, I primarily worked with private landowners to obtain discretionary approvals or legislative actions. The applications that I wrote and processed varied widely in complexity, including compound approvals for several multi-million dollar housing projects and other facilities. I got several major SMA permits for housing projects approved, including a 65 lot subdivision and a 32 unit condominium project. I worked closely with other professionals such as attorneys, engineers, architects, and multiple government agencies.

**Maui Planning Department, Senior Staff Planner, 1992 to 2002.**

As a staff planner, I processed virtually every type of discretionary permit and legislative action involving the Maui Planning Department, including SMA permits, changes in zoning, Land Use Commission and county special permits, and conditional Permits. Two applications involved extensive contested case hearings.

I was also responsible for a number of multi-year, regional projects, most of which involved legislative actions. All of the projects required independent research and analysis using socio-economic, real property or other data, mapping, and other sources of information. All of them included multiple presentations and hearings before public-interest groups, citizen committees, planning commissions, and often the Maui County Council:

- **Community Plan Revisions.** I staffed the Makawao-Pukalani-Kula, Paia-Haiku, and Molokai plans, from the initial citizen advisory committee, to planning commission and through the County Council.
- **Interim Rezoning.** There were three projects to rezone approximately 1,800 properties from the Interim zoning district to an appropriate district in accordance with the community plan designations.
- **Upcountry Greenways Masterplan.** This project was to identify and map a system of public recreational paths through the Upcountry area.

**Myra Frank and Associates, Associate Planner, 1990 to 1992, Los Angeles, CA.**

As an associate planner, I performed technical environmental analysis for various public works or public facilities as well as regional planning projects. Most of my work involved cumulative and project-specific air quality analysis using regulatory computer models.

**Formal Education** – Bachelor of Science in Urban and Regional Planning, School of Environmental Design, California State Polytechnic at Pomona, graduated 1990.

**Affiliations** - American Planning Association (APA) since 1987, former board member of Art Maui, and the Hui Noeau Visual Art Center.