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Meeting Time: 05-13-25 13:30

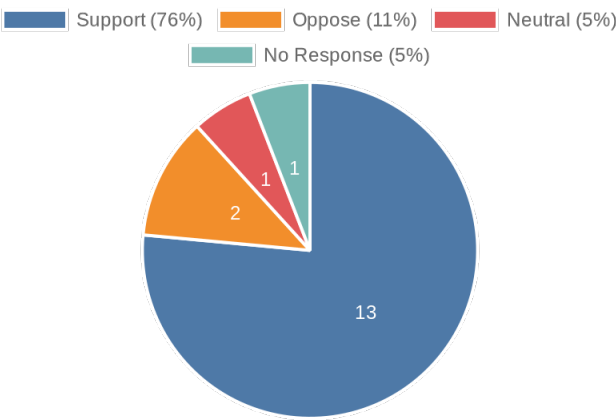
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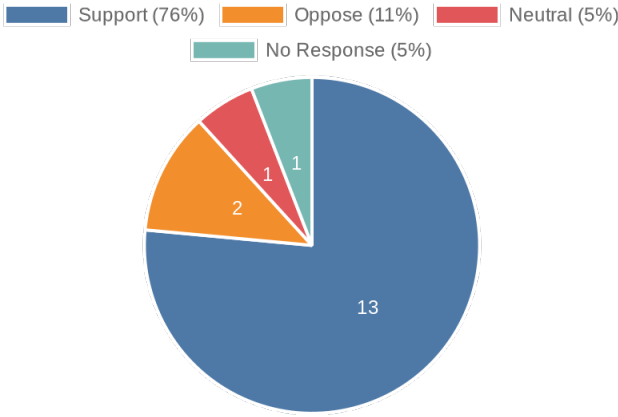


Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
GREAT-2(2) Reso 25-108 RESOLUTION 25-108, APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE MAUI PLANNING COMMISSION (GREAT-2(2))	10	7	2	1
GREAT-11(7) Reso 25-95 RESOLUTION 25-95, SETTLEMENT AUTHORIZATION: MARK D. ROSS; CLAIM 2024-0191 (PROPERTY DAMAGE) (GREAT-11(7))	2	2	0	0
GREAT-11(8) Reso 25-96 RESOLUTION 25-96, SETTLEMENT AUTHORIZATION: THOMAS J. LIU; CLAIM 2024-0180 (PROPERTY DAMAGE) (GREAT-11(8))	1	1	0	0
GREAT-11(9) Reso 25-97 RESOLUTION 25-97, SETTLEMENT AUTHORIZATION: HARRIETTE L. HOLT, REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST; CLAIM 2024-0169 (PROPERTY DAMAGE) (GREAT-11(9))	1	1	0	0
GREAT-11(10) Reso 25-98 RESOLUTION 25-98, SETTLEMENT AUTHORIZATION: DONNA WATERS; CLAIM 2024-0168 (PROPERTY DAMAGE) (GREAT-11(10))	3	2	0	0

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Location:

Submitted At: 1:52pm 05-13-25

Aloha Chair and Committee Members,

My name is Lauryn Rego, and I'm writing to support CJ Elizares for a seat on the Maui Planning Commission. CJ is not only a respected cultural practitioner but also someone deeply rooted in the values and responsibilities of aloha __ina. His understanding of place-based knowledge and his long-standing commitment to protecting Maui's cultural and environmental resources make him exceptionally qualified to serve at this critical time.

The Planning Commission plays a vital role in shaping the future of our island, especially as we face interconnected crises of housing, climate, and community displacement. Yet, with multiple empty seats currently preventing the commission from meeting quorum and conducting essential business, the consequences of inaction are being felt in real time by members of the public, applicants, and our communities.

We need commissioners who bring integrity, cultural grounding, and a vision for balance and pono decision-making. CJ embodies all of these qualities.

Please move swiftly to confirm his appointment so the Planning Commission can resume its work with the benefit of CJ's knowledge and perspective.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Lauryn Rego

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 11:56am 05-13-25

May 12, 2025

Maui County Council

Honorable chairperson Nohelani U'u-Hodgins and members of the Council

Mahalo for the opportunity to offer testimony to support Christopher Jon Elizares for a position on the Maui Planning Commission as the Native Cultural Practitioner for Upcountry Maui. I live on Kaua_i and offer this perspective.

I have known “CJ” for many years, meeting and sharing time on Kaho_olawe as part of the Protect Kaho_olawe _Ohana. Continuing with visiting many projects he has been involved with and leading on Maui thereafter. The depth of his knowledge and skillset in Native cultural practices combined with the deepest of love for the land he was born and raised in, has allowed his excellence to shine in service. His tireless efforts in serving community is coupled with deep insight that has been passed to him by a strong lineage of kupuna, teachers and mentors.

As he became a father to his 2 son_s he vision lifted horizontally to the world we leave for our children and their children. This vision feeds his commitment to finding balance for the land and her people.

His integrity and accountability is deeply rooted in cultural practice and vast knowledge of native plants and all ocean life. He is a natural leader whose courage has its foundation on recognizing what is Pono in a contemporary world that remembers indigenous practices.

I am honored and humbled to have watch his growth into positions of leadership as a true visionary for life now and in time to come on Maui. I strongly support his nomination and appointment as a Planning Commissioner for Maui Nui. I humbly ask the council to look directly into his heart and confirm his appointment.

Mahalo
Kelvin Ho

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 11:15am 05-13-25

Testimony to the Maui County Council

RE: Opposition to the Appointment of CJ Elizares to the Maui Planning Commission

Date: May 13, 2025

Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

My name is Kahele Dukelow, and I am submitting testimony in strong opposition to the appointment of CJ Elizares to the Maui Planning Commission.

While I recognize the importance of Native Hawaiian representation on decision-making bodies such as the Planning Commission, Mr. Elizares' current professional entanglements present clear and substantial conflicts of interest that cannot be ignored. Mr. Elizares is employed by Makena ATC. This is particularly troubling as there are pending development approvals involving Makena ATC—projects that will come before the very commission he is being nominated to serve on.

Further compounding this concern is his consulting work for Cal Chipchase, who represents not only Makena ATC but also Peter Martin, a developer with ongoing and controversial projects in both Makena and Lahaina. These affiliations directly undermine the impartiality required for fair and community-centered decision-making on the commission.

If appointed, Mr. Elizares would be required to recuse himself from any discussions or votes on developments involving these interests. In doing so, Native Hawaiians and other concerned community members would effectively lose a crucial voice at the table—at a time when our participation in land-use decision-making is more important than ever.

We cannot allow representation to be symbolic only. True representation means being able to speak and vote on the critical issues that affect our __ina, our water, and our people. If Mr. Elizares is unable to do that due to professional obligations to developers, then he cannot fulfill the duties of a commissioner in service to the public trust.

I urge you to consider the long-term consequences of appointing individuals with conflicts of interest to our

planning bodies. We need a Native Hawaiian representatives who will be able to be a part of these decision making processes. Please oppose this appointment.

Mahalo for your time and commitment to our shared future.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:03am 05-13-25

Aloha Chair and Members of the GREAT Committee,

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding the pending appointments to the Maui Planning Commission.

I submit this testimony to respectfully underscore the immense importance of these appointments and to emphasize the critical responsibility entrusted to the Maui Planning Commission particularly as the designated authority for Coastal Zone Management in the County of Maui.

This is not a symbolic role. The Commission holds binding decision-making power over shoreline development, Special Management Area (SMA) permits, and land use decisions that directly shape our communities, ecosystems, and resilience to climate change.

As outlined in County law, the Maui Planning Commission:

Advises the Mayor, County Council, and Planning Director on planning programs;

Reviews and provides recommendations on the general plan and land use ordinances;

Acts as the final authority on matters relating to the Coastal Zone Management Law;

And adopts rules that have long-lasting impacts on how we manage growth and protect our natural and cultural resources.

With this authority comes great responsibility especially at a time when Maui faces intensifying threats from sea level rise, chronic coastal erosion, and climate-related displacement. The decisions made by this body will either preserve or jeopardize our beaches, public access, cultural landscapes, and the safety of future generations.

It is therefore essential that appointments to the Planning Commission reflect a deep understanding of:

Coastal hazards and climate adaptation, including managed retreat, landward migration of beaches, and the harms caused by seawalls;

The public trust doctrine and the obligation to preserve beaches for future generations;

And a commitment to community-based, culturally respectful planning that aligns with the West Maui and broader Maui Island Community Plans.

I respectfully ask that the Council carefully vet each applicant using the following questions, which reflect the depth of knowledge and judgment required for this critical position:

Recommended Questions for Maui Planning Commission Applicants

1. Understanding of Coastal Hazards & Sea Level Rise

What is your understanding of how sea level rise and chronic coastal erosion are expected to impact Maui's shorelines over the coming decades?

How familiar are you with the State of Hawai'i's Sea Level Rise Vulnerability and Adaptation Report (2017) and its relevance to planning decisions?

2. Policy Perspectives on Shoreline Development

Do you believe that new development and redevelopment should be allowed in areas identified as vulnerable to sea level rise and erosion? Why or why not?

How would you weigh private property rights against the public trust obligation to protect beaches and coastal access?

3. Managed Retreat(Strategic Relocation) and Adaptation Strategies

What is your perspective on "managed retreat or strategic relocation" as a long-term adaptation strategy for coastal communities? Do you support policies that require shoreline structures to eventually relocate inland?

What kinds of incentives or regulatory tools do you think the County should explore to facilitate managed retreat?

4. Seawalls and Shoreline Hardening

Are you aware of the ecological impacts of seawalls and revetments on beach ecosystems and natural sand movement?

Would you support or oppose the permitting of fixing or constructing seawall/revetments/sandbags in areas where beaches are already eroding? Under what circumstances, if any, would you consider shoreline hardening to be appropriate?

5. Public Trust and Landward Migration

How do you interpret the State's public trust doctrine as it applies to protecting beaches for landward migration in response to rising seas?

In your view, what are the Planning Commission's responsibilities when balancing community resilience with development pressures along the shoreline?

6. Community and Cultural Impacts

How would you incorporate Native Hawaiian cultural practices and traditional ecological knowledge into decisions affecting coastal areas?

What role should local communities play in shaping adaptation policies for their shorelines? How does public testimony and consultation affect your decision making?

7. Decision-Making Under Uncertainty

Coastal zone management often involves complex trade-offs and uncertain projections. How would you approach decision-making when scientific information points to long-term risk, but immediate economic or political pressures suggest development?

Mahalo for your leadership, your commitment to rigorous vetting, and your efforts to ensure that those serving on the Maui Planning Commission are fully prepared to steward our coastal resources with integrity, wisdom, and long-term vision.

Mahalo,
Kai Nishiki

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 12:13am 05-13-25

Aloha Chair and Members of the Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency (GREAT) Committee,

I write this testimony to strongly oppose the approval of Christopher Jon (CJ) Elizares to the Maui Planning Commission on the basis of ethics and responsibility. His appointment raises significant concerns regarding potential conflicts of interest, the integrity of the commission, and public trust in our local government. CJ Elizares is in a romantic relationship with Ashley Lindsey, who currently serves on the Maui Planning Commission. Appointing both individuals to serve simultaneously on the same body—especially one tasked with making high-stakes decisions about land use—creates an unacceptable dynamic that undermines public confidence in fair and impartial governance.

Additionally, Ashley Lindsey's family owns considerable land on Maui and has been actively involved in local development for years. Any decisions made by the Planning Commission could directly or indirectly affect her and her family's financial interests. Furthermore, CJ Elizares has known connections to the M_kena Golf & Beach Club (via M_kena __iwi Resources & Stewardship), a luxury real estate development owned by Discovery Land Company. Discovery is a global firm known for creating exclusive, master-planned resort communities that have already sparked concerns about overdevelopment, displacement, and lack of community benefit here in Hawai_i. The connection between a planning commissioner and a high-end luxury developer—especially in tandem with a partner who also sits on the commission—presents an undeniable ethical concern.

My intent is not to disparage, but to uphold the standards of ethical governance that Maui County residents deserve. This is about ensuring that those who are appointed to serve the people of Maui do so without bias, without divided loyalties, and with a clear commitment to transparency and ethical standards. The commission must be representative of community interests, not private agendas or personal relationships that create the appearance—or reality—of undue influence.

I respectfully urge the GREAT Committee reject CJ Elizares' appointment and to carefully review and strengthen ethical safeguards around commission appointments. This includes establishing clear conflict-of-interest policies that address romantic, familial, and financial connections between current and incoming members. Our community deserves a planning commission that the public can trust to operate with independence and integrity.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
A concerned born-and-raised Maui citizen

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:07pm 05-12-25

Aloha mai members of the Maui County Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee,

We are Olan Leimomi Fisher and Kevin Chang, Kua__ina Advocate and Executive Director, respectively, testifying on behalf of Kua'ina Ulu _Auamo (or KUA). "Kua__ina Ulu _Auamo" stands for "grassroots growing through shared responsibility," and our acronym "KUA" means "backbone." Our mission is to connect and empower communities to improve their quality of life through the collective care for their biocultural (natural and cultural) heritage, serving as a "backbone organization" that supports creative and community-driven solutions to problems stemming from environmental degradation. Hawai'i's biocultural resources continue to be negatively impacted by political, economic, and social changes, and the increasing dangers of climate change make fostering and empowering resilient communities acutely critical. We strongly support the nomination of Crichton Ka_uiki Lind to the Maui Planning Commission for the County of Maui through Resolution 25-108, and urge you to do the same.

Currently KUA supports three major networks of: (1) over 40 m_lama __ina (caring for our __ina or "that which feeds") community groups collectively referred to as E Alu P_ (moving forward together); (2) over 60 loko i_a (fishpond aquaculture systems unique to Hawai'i) and wai ' _pae (anchialine pool systems) sites in varying stages of restoration and development, with numerous caretakers, stakeholders, and volunteers known as the Hui M_lama Loko I_a ("caretakers of fishponds"); and (3) the Limu Hui made up of over 50 loea (traditional experts) and practitioners in all things "limu" or locally-grown "seaweed." Our shared vision is to once again experience what our k_puna (ancestors) referred to as __INA MOMONA – abundant and healthy ecological systems that sustain our community resilience and well-being.

We have worked with Ka_uiki for several years now, as he is an active member of our Lawai_a Pono Hui, an offshoot working group of our larger E Alu P_ network with a focus on policy issues for nearshore resources and communities. KUA has a long history with Ka_uiki's larger community in K_pahulu, Maui, with our organization itself founded in part by k_puna of K_pahulu 'Ohana, Inc., including some of Ka_uiki's own _ohana. We strongly supported the recent establishment of the K_pahulu Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Area (CBSFA), as we have similar efforts to establish CBSFAs in places like H__ena, Mo_omomi, and Miloli_i through our networking and capacity building activities.

Ka_uiki and the rest of K_pahulu _Ohana were integral to the establishment of the K_pahulu CBSFA. He currently serves as the CBSFA Makai Watch Coordinator and is also a member of the K_pahulu and Kaup_ Community Associations. It is undisputed that Ka_uiki holds extensive traditional knowledge of his home through his own kilo (observational science) and inherited knowledge through his deep ancestral ties to Maui as both a lawai_a (fisher) and mahi_ai (farmer) for kalo and other vegetables. We have also seen Ka_uiki consistently display strong passion, dedication, and aloha for his beloved home on Maui and other communities across the pae__ina (Hawaiian Islands). We strongly believe in his ability to advocate for __ina momona (abundance) in his community for future generations to love and enjoy. For all these reasons and more, Ka_uiki clearly possesses more than the required experience and background to effectively serve on the Maui Planning Commission.

The communities we work with are committed to ensuring the long-term health of our biocultural resources that they have cared for and depended on for generations since time immemorial. We believe our environment, the foundation of our very existence and "that which feeds" us all, requires long-term investment through a shared vision of achieving __ina momona (abundance) once again. Getting there requires increased m_lama __ina (caring for our environment) leadership, awareness, and advocacy. This includes nominations for leaders like Ka_uiki Lind to the Maui Planning Commission. Our decisions today will continue to shape the future that our keiki's keiki's keiki will one day inherit – we hope for a future of shared and harmonious abundance, and hope you do, too.

Mahalo nui loa for considering our testimony. Please support Ka_uiki's nomination and pass Resolution 25-108.

E aloha ' _ina momona k_kou.

Let us all work to increase abundance in our precious and sacred __ina.

Me ke aloha,

Kevin Chang (Executive Director) and Olan Leimomi Fisher (Kua__ina Advocate)
Kua__ina Ulu _Auamo (KUA)

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 12:54pm 05-12-25

Aloha Chair U_u Hodgins and Committee Members,

I am writing in strong support of Crichton Ka_uiki Lind for the Maui Planning Commission. I have known Ka_uiki through his work on the K_pahulu CBSFA and through our recent work to prepare to share about his CBSFA at the upcoming International Congress for Conservation Biology in Australia this year. I am submitting testimony in my personal capacity but speak from my experience as a postdoctoral researcher focused on marine governance, originally from Hawai_i Island and currently living on O_ahu.

Ka_uiki has deep knowledge of East Maui community concerns and the lands and waters of this region. He has demonstrated a commitment to speak up on behalf of his community, which will be key to his role on this Commission. He asks good questions to understand fisheries policy and the implications of different government activities and policies for his community. He is also easy to work with and I always appreciate his insights. I hope he has the opportunity to share his insights and care for East Maui as a representative on the Commission.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Amber Datta, PhD
Hawai_i resident

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 12:51pm 05-12-25

Aloha Mai k_kou,

This letter is in full support for Criton Ka'uiki Lind of Kipahulu for the Maui County planning commission. He is the perfect candidate as he's rooted in community grassroots initiatives that ensure pono stewardship practices. He is highly knowledgeable of wahi kupuna, wahi kapu and I have no doubt he will make decisions that are righteous.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Na'u
K_haunani Springer

Scott Crawford

Location:

Submitted At: 9:42am 05-11-25

Aloha Madam Chair U'u-Hodgins and Member of the Committee,

I am writing to express my support for the nomination of Crichton Ka'uiki Lind for the Maui Planning Commission.

I am writing only in my personal capacity, but citing some of my affiliations for reference of my own community involvement, and how I know and have worked with Ka'uiki for over 20 years, primary in my role as the Executive Director for the Kipahulu Ohana, Inc. (KOI) where I served from 2003 to 2023. In that capacity, I supported the management of Kapahu Living Farm, as well as the development of the K_pahulu Community Based Subsistence Fishing Area (CBSFA), which was formally designated by the State in 2024. I have continued to work with Ka'uiki in my current role since 2023 as the Director for the Maui Marine Program of The Nature Conservancy Hawai'i and Palmyra. I also serve as the Chair for the H_na Advisory Committee to the Maui Planning Commission, as well as a board director with several other nonprofit organizations in H_na.

Among other roles, Ka'uiki has helped host many school and community groups at Kapahu Living Farm, and has served as the guide of the cultural interpretive hike tours that KOI has hosted for visitors. He has an apparent love for history and culture, and a knack for storytelling and sharing that is engaging and educational.

Working with him on the K_pahulu CBSFA, I always found Ka'uiki to be incisive with his comments and questions, seeking to understand and be able to explain both the substance and the process of the rules package and management plan, and navigating the Chapter 91 administrative rulemaking process of the State. He often raises points or asks questions that bring in a perspective that no one else was thinking about, which can lead to new understandings and innovation solutions.

Since the designation of the CBSFA, Ka'uiki has become the Makai Watch Coordinator for KOI, where his role is to interact with fishers and resource users, sharing information to encourage understanding and compliance. In this role, he works closely with DAR and DOCARE in a co-management relationship, and has demonstrated his ability to engage with these agencies in a respectful and constructive partnership.

I have observed that Ka'uiki enjoys researching and reading history, policies and laws, an attribute that is essential for this role, and his recently acquired degree in Hawaiian-Pacific Studies will help prepare him well for serving on the Maui Planning Commission.

I encourage your support for Ka'uiki's nomination, and hope that he has the opportunity to bring his unique perspective and knowledge to represent East Maui on the Commission.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Scott Crawford
Hana resident

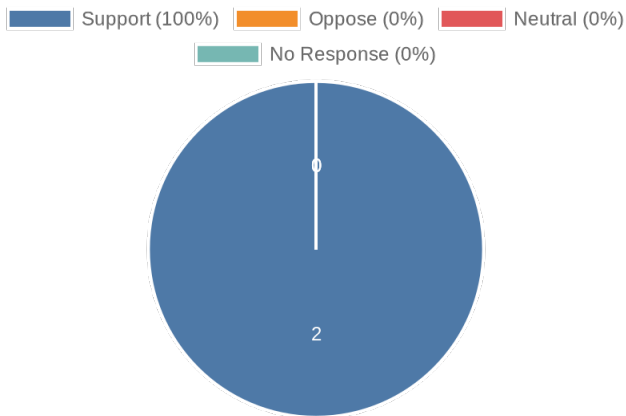
April Greenberg

Location:

Submitted At: 8:55am 05-11-25

I have attached testimony in strong support of the appointment of Christopher Jon Elizares to the Maui County Planning Commission. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter.

Overall Sentiment



Kari McCarthy

Location:

Submitted At: 1:06pm 05-13-25

My name is Kari McCarthy and I lost my home in the Kula fires.

I support all four claims for damage from the Kula fires debris clean-up: Resolutions 25-95, 96, 97, and 98 for Ross, Liu, Holt, and Waters.

We didn't lose lives or our community like Lahaina did - and our hearts go out to all Lahaina residents and businesses affected by the fires. But we lost our homes, too, and we also face major permitting, financial, and construction challenges.

We did not cause the damage to our roads, though we have been patching them together for over 18 months while we await a resolution. The time and physical effort Kula residents have spent on this subject is considerable.

Please help Kula property owners! We have a lot to deal with - a little help to fix damage to our driveways and roads will go a long way.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

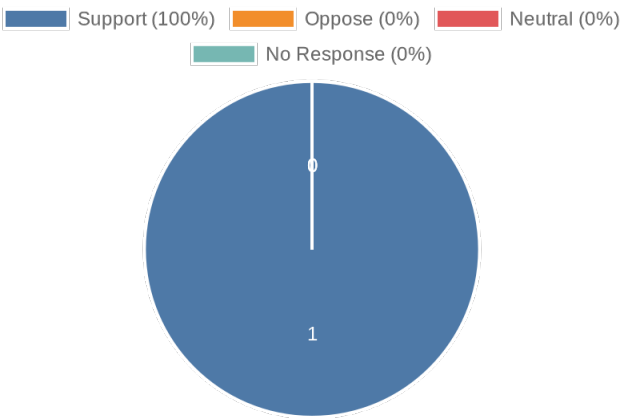
Linden Joesting

Location:

Submitted At: 10:23am 05-13-25

Aloha Chair and Committee Members, Mark is our neighbor and lives across the gulch from us. The road leading to his house, and other neighbors, was heavily damaged in response to the fire. We support Mark's claim to repair the road for access to his house and to other neighbors affected by the fire.

Overall Sentiment



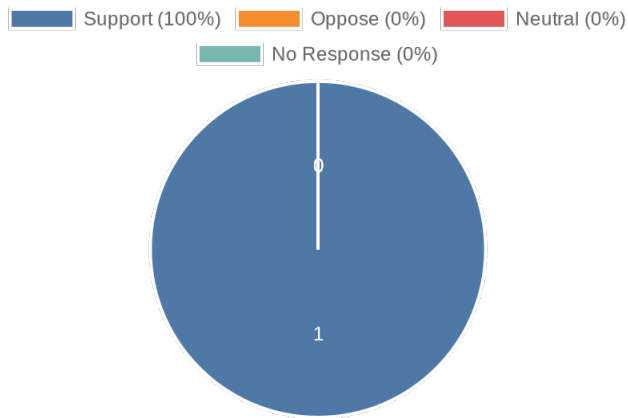
Linden Joesting

Location:
Submitted At: 10:26am 05-13-25

Aloha Chair and Committee Members, Tom is a neighbor in the Kula fires area. His house burned. His optimism and enthusiasm to rebuild has been encouraging to us in the neighborhood. I support his claim because it will support our neighborhood. Respectfully, Linden H. Joesting

Agenda Item: eComments for GREAT-11(9) Reso 25-97 RESOLUTION 25-97, SETTLEMENT AUTHORIZATION: HARRIETTE L. HOLT, REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST; CLAIM 2024-0169 (PROPERTY DAMAGE) (GREAT-11(9))

Overall Sentiment



Linden Joesting

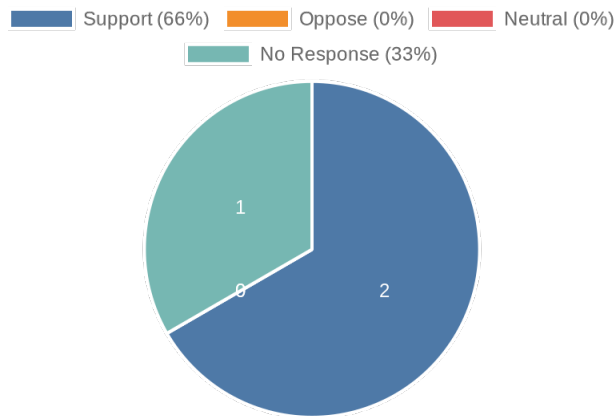
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Submitted At: 3:22pm 05-12-25

Please see attached.

Agenda Item: eComments for GREAT-11(10) Reso 25-98 RESOLUTION 25-98, SETTLEMENT AUTHORIZATION: DONNA WATERS; CLAIM 2024-0168 (PROPERTY DAMAGE) (GREAT-11(10))

Overall Sentiment



Linden Joesting

Location:

Submitted At: 10:21am 05-13-25

Our family supports this claim also. These are our neighbors and we want to them to close this chapter also.

Ruth Mori

Location:

Submitted At: 7:15am 05-12-25

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Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:55am 05-09-25

May 09, 2025

Maui County Council E:GREAT.committee@mauicounty.us

GREAT Committee

200 S. High Street

Wailuku, HI. 96793

RE: Resolution 25-98, Settlement Authorization: Donna Waters; Claim 2024-0168 (Property Damage) (Great - 11 (10))

Testimony of Donna Waters, 200 Alanuilili Place, Kula

Alanuilili Place is in the fire zone of the August 2023 wildfire. 3 of the 15 houses on our road burned to the ground.

During the ensuing months our 1 lane road was severely damaged in the debris removal process by U.S. Army Core of Engineers & FEMA . In addition to their heavy equipment; cranes, bulldozers, and dumpsters there were dozens of government vehicles up and down this road daily. Our 1 lane dead end road is not designed to handle the weight of all this. As a result of extraordinary weight load our road is cracked, there are numerous potholes . We have tried to patch the holes at our own expense. On behalf of the residents of our road I am asking that the road be repaired and restored to a usable condition.

I have pursued numerous departments to find the responsible party only to be met with dead ends. I have contacted Fema, Army Core of Engineers, Mayors office, Governors Office, County Council Representatives, Dept of Public Works, Corporation counsel, Office of the County Clerk and the county's insurance carrier John Mullen. Please assist us so that we can close this chapter. Aoha, Donna Waters

May 10, 2025

Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee
Kalana O Maui Building
200 S. High Street
Wailuku, HI 96793

Dear Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee Members,

Aloha, my name is April Greenberg and I am writing in strong support of Resolution 25-108 regarding the appointment of Christopher Jon (CJ) Elizares to the Maui County Planning Commission. I first met CJ two years ago while conducting archaeological projects for ASM Affiliates in the Mākena area. Over the time I have known CJ, I have been consistently impressed by his dedication to the community and his proactive approach in engaging and educating the next generation of stewards on Maui.

CJ's aloha 'āina is evident in the work he does as 'Ōiwi Resources and Stewardship Manager at Mākena. CJ is a leader in the South Maui community and applies community-based approaches to environmental stewardship. His passion for the responsible management of natural resources is manifest in the work he spearheads at Nāulu Farm. CJ's commitment to sustainable land use and the preservation of cultural resources is demonstrated through his active role with the Kīpaipai archaeology training program and volunteer events. As a Native Hawaiian Cultural Practitioner and stewardship mentor, I believe that CJ has a profound understanding of the challenges facing Maui and will bring a community-focused perspective to make informed decisions in the planning process.

Therefore, I strongly encourage you to approve CJ Elizares's nomination to the Maui County Planning Commission. I am certain that his dedication and experience will be an asset to the Planning Commission and the Maui community.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Resolution 25-108.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'April Greenberg', with a stylized, flowing script.

April Greenberg
(808) 743-9504

Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee
Testimony for the May 13, 2025, 1:30pm meeting

Dear Chair U`u-Hodgins and committee members,

My mother Harriette Holt has submitted a claim to the County to repair the damage to her driveway as a result of the Kula Fire. I was there when the fire trucks came up and went down the driveway. They brought help in a dire situation which was super helpful. I have no complaint about the work they did that day, through the night, and the next day.

Rural Kula has many old-timers like my Mom. Kula has a population of 3219 people on 42.7 square miles of land. The population density is about 76 people per acre. By comparison, Central Kahului's density is 11,036. Some of our old-timey families still live Upcountry.¹ Why does this matter?

It matters because it helps explain why our driveway is so long. Rural areas are less populated & houses used to be further apart. Mom's house is set back from Haleakala Highway which allows for crops or pasture. She used to grow protea and other crops.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. We request this Committee approve the \$200,000 settlement to fix the driveway.

Respectfully yours, Linden Joesting for Harriette Holt.



¹ <https://dbedt.hawaii.gov/economic/databook/> for the 2023 Hawaii Data Book and <https://hisbdc.org/business-research-library/maui-county-data-book/> for the 2021-22 Maui County Data Book.