

September 9, 2018

To: Members of IEM
From: Thomas and Ann Emmsley; Lot 75 WCE; 2855 Kamaile St.
RE: **IEM-66** Road Dedication

Dear Committee Members:

As homeowners in Wailuku Country Estates, we would like to ask the committee to support the dedication of the roads in the subdivision to the County of Maui.

The developer intended for this subdivision's roads to be accepted by the County. The County accepted the subdivision improvements and returned the bond to the developer. Afterwards the County came back and told the Association that roads could not be accepted. The homeowners got left holding the bag since the developer's LLC had gone bankrupt and there was no Bond to support correcting the newly determined deficiencies.

Since 2008 the Association has been working in good faith to meet the requirements for improvements requested by the County. This has included acquiring and creating an additional retention basin, putting in additional roadway signs, and improving roadway markings. The legal fees to get all the appropriate easements requested by the County have been very costly.

We purchased in Wailuku Country Estates because this neighborhood is open and not a gated subdivision. We have a small part-time business selling large ti-leaves to hula dancers and a floral designer. These customers come to our farm to pick up their orders at their convenience. Our family from Hana uses our place as a base when they need to run errands on this side. So public roads in our neighborhood are important to us.

Our neighborhood is open and part of the wider community. Many folks come up and enjoy our beautiful subdivision. Many people use the roads to take long walks and serious bike riders come through regularly. One of my children's teachers from Waiehu terrace runs through our neighborhood training for Maui Marathon. Several of our friends have used our neighborhood as their first training area for their newly permitted teenagers to learn to drive. A very elderly gentleman drives (very slowly) from town up to our area and parks on the side of the road to enjoy the view.

We look forward to finally having our neighborhood roads dedicated to the County and thank the committee for taking the time to review IEM-66.