

LU Committee

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Subject: Lona Ridge (Wailuku LU-23) - Clarification Letter from Nishiki Ohana
Attachments: Lona Ridge - Nishiki Wedding Clarification Letter (LUC).pdf

Aloha Chair Carroll and the Members of the Land Use Committee,

Kanoa & Lisa Nishiki have asked me to submit the attached letter to the Committee as testimony in support of Lona Ridge's conditional use permit application. It is their hope that this letter provides the Committee with clarification regarding the nature of their reimbursement of Leona Rocha Wilson for cleaning fees associated with their wedding.

If you have any questions for Mr. & Mrs. Nishiki, please contact them through email at lisashitamoto@yahoo.com. If there are any further questions for me, I can be reached by phone at 808-250-7705.

Thank you,

Grant Nakama

July 20, 2017

Maui County Council, Land Use Committee
Kalana O Maui Building
200 South High Street
Wailuku, HI 96793

Re: **CONDITIONAL PERMIT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 588 KULAIWI DRIVE (WAILUKU) (LU-23) – Lona Ridge, LLC**

Aloha Land Use Committee,

We are writing to provide clarification regarding statements made at the Committee's recent meeting on July 19, 2017.

Leona is a friend, and as a favor, she generously allowed us to get married at her home free-of-charge. The weather on our wedding day was exceptionally rainy, and as a result, wedding guests tracked mud and grass into Leona's house. We felt terrible about this, and we insisted that Leona allow us to reimburse her for any cleaning fees associated with our wedding. After some persistence on our part, Leona eventually accepted our offer, and we wrote her a check for \$3,500 to cover the cost of cleaning her home. At no point did Leona ask for or accept any other payment associated with our wedding.

It is our understanding that a Member of the Committee attempted to frame our reimbursement of Leona as a violation of zoning restrictions. Nothing could be further from the truth. At its core, this situation can be summed up in one simple statement:

We got married at a friend's house, it got messy, so we paid someone to clean it up.

It is extremely disappointing to us that our wedding and our good-natured gesture to reimburse Leona is being misconstrued as something more than that.

Also, if any Committee Member is in possession of any documents or media files associated with our wedding, please return them to us as they were obtained without our permission.

If you have any further questions, please contact us through email at lisashitamoto@yahoo.com.

Mahalo,



Kanoa Nishiki

&



Lisa Nishiki