

PC Committee

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Aloha,

Please find my testimony attached.

Mahalo!
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Maui County Council Planning Committee
Wednesday, June 14, 2018
9:00 a.m.

SUBJECT: STRONG SUPPORT of Council Amendments that Strengthen PC-2, the Molokai Island Community Plan

Aloha e Committee Chair King and honorable Council Members,

Mahalo for consistently listening to the diverse voices of our community in shaping our community plan, and allowing the Molokai Community Plan to belong to the community. This testimony is mainly to support the efforts made this past year and a half to strengthen our community plan. I reviewed the recommendations sent by the Planning Department and I STRONGLY OPPOSE their recommendations which seek to silence our community, and dismiss the work of this Planning Committee.

Appendix 6.1 and 6.2

I oppose the Department's recommendation to adopt Appendix 9.2 from the Lāna'i Community Plan. Furthermore, I recommend including the following text in the current Appendix 6.2, after the first paragraph, on page 283:

The Molokai Community wants, intends and expects the land uses identified in the accompanying land use map(s) to truly reflect the description of uses set forth below. In furtherance of this, community plan land use designations shall have the force and effect of law and be deemed regulatory.

Uses expressly allowed within each community plan land use designation area are itemized below; they are considered "Primary Uses."

For zoning, uses other than Primary Uses ("Secondary Uses") are permissible only to the extent they are complimentary and incidental to, customary (such as local schools and neighborhood parks in residential districts), and supportive of Primary Uses. Primary Uses are intended to prevail, characterize and be the majority use within each community plan land use designation area.

Permitted uses and "entitled" properties existing prior to adoption of this community plan, but which are in conflict with the above, shall be "grandfathered" in, including the right to modify, repair, and replace existing structure(s) so long as: a) alterations, repairs and replacements do not substantially change existing use; b) the square footage of such structure(s) does not exceed 10% of the previously existing approved space; and c) all new construction is compliant with current building codes and requirements.

The following list of designations provides general descriptions of types of uses "Primary Uses".

Chapter 12 – Implementation and Monitoring

I oppose the Department's recommendation is to revert to using the 1s and 2s form of prioritization. Last February 2017, testimony from Molokai community members asked the Council to explore a method that would better inform the County of which projects/programs, referred to as Action Items in the Community Plan, so that each Action Item would be addressed/funded in the order that the community saw as most appropriate. Chair King spearheaded that effort to determine a methodology to achieve this goal. CPAC Members participated in this process, agreeing that this effort made sense and was supported.

I support the results that came out of the prioritization process and support keeping the Action Items that CPAC prioritized as Priority 2.

Ch 10 and Ch 11 – East End Policy Statement and West End Policy Statement

I oppose the Department's recommendation to remove the two policy statements. This was made clear from the very beginning of our community plan process. The East End Policy Statement has been included since the first community plan in 1981, and should remain in our community plan.

The West End also has unique challenges and opportunities. Members from the West End community did not feel that their voices were reflected in the draft, and that is why the community drafted their policy statement, to ensure their voices were heard and their unique situations are recognized. Molokai is an island, with multiple communities, like Maui. I believe it is appropriate, and therefore support, the amended title to our plan to acknowledge this: Molokai Island Community Plan.

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I oppose the Department's recommendation to remove the reference to the Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Area proposal. While it is currently in the Chapter 91 Rulemaking Process, the Proposal itself contains important studies and other data that provides evidence of the importance of subsistence on Molokai, which is the purpose of referencing the Proposal in this section.

It states that, “G. Subsistence Economy: Subsistence is Moloka`i’s second economy. According to the Governor’s Moloka`i Subsistence Task Force Final Report (June 1994), one quarter of the food acquired by Moloka`i residents comes from subsistence. The State of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Aquatic Resources, produced Mo`omomi North Coast of Moloka`i Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Area Proposal and Management Plan dated March 2017, to establish a Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Area.”

Regardless of whether the Mo`omomi CBSFA designation, the Propsal’s data remains true, that our island heavily relies upon subsistence.

Mahalo again,
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