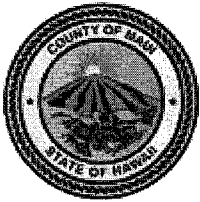


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Aloha,
Attached please find MVA updated testimony for tomorrow's meeting.
Mahalo for deferring decision making to allow more time to consider the issues.
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"The future depends on what we do in the present." Mahatma Gandhi

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"Ua Mau Ke Ea O Ka 'Aina I Ka Pono"
"The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness."
Hawai'i State motto



October 15, 2019

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**RE: MVI LLC Proposal to Change Community Plan Land Use Designation -
Maalaea Mauka**

Aloha Chair and Members,

In previous testimony on the proposed changes MVI LLC seeks to the Community Plan Land Use Designation, Ma`alaea Village Association (MVA) supported the proposal to reclassify part of the Spencer-owned "Project District" parcel to "AG".

We appreciated the committee's deferral of decision making to allow for a more thorough review of the issues. The day of the meeting, a wild fire burned over 4,600 acres of state conservation land above the parcel and closed the Pali highway for hours, cutting off West Maui. This proves what MVA and other organizations have said for years - it's a windy, fire prone area and not the place to build houses!

In testimony provided at the Oct. 2 hearing, the property representative mentioned support received from the Ma`alaea Community Assn. (MCA) in 2015. The MCA no longer exists; the Ma`alaea community formed **Ma`alaea Village Assn.** a 501(C)3 nonprofit corporation in 2017. Volunteer-led, MVA currently has over 160 members.

The best case for the Maui community AND the property owner is for the County to purchase all or portion of the total parcel. If outright purchase is not possible, we support a change in zoning for a portion of "Project District 12" to AG zoning.

Parcels zoned "Conservation" and "Open Road Reserve" closest to the ocean should remain in their existing designations.

News coverage of the Kihei-Makena Community Plan reported the proposal (1992) from C. Brewer was for a 169-acre Project District. How did it become 257 acres?

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Recommendations: Project District 12

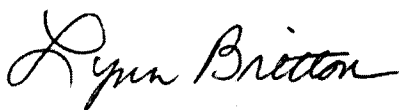
- Retain the front portion of the Project District along Honoapiilani Highway in Open Space/Public Use for the following:
 - 1) Transit corridor to allow for future planning needs
 - 2) Fire breaks
 - 3) Lahaina Trail Parking/access
 - 4) Wayside park/with compostable toilets, bike path, vehicle turn around and parking for emergencies and road closures at one or both of these locations:
 - a. Across N. Kihei Road intersection – combine with Lahaina Trail access
 - b. Across from Kapoli St. intersection – last chance to turn around
- Take this once in a lifetime opportunity to address storm water run-off into Ma`alaea Bay. Maui Nui Marine Resource Council (MNMRC) now has over \$730,000 in grant funding to address wildfires and runoff from mauka lands into Ma`alaea Bay. The parcel in question is a major contributor to the problem. Include recommendations from the MNMRC Pohakea Watershed Drainage Study in the Council's deliberations on the site.
- Explore opportunities for "Conservation subdivision design" (CSD) as a compromise between developer and county/community interests.

Don't be fooled. This is not much-needed housing for Maui's people. Luxury homes and estates, possibly gated communities do not solve Maui's housing problem. Mike Atherton will build a completely new town including 1,400 homes a few miles down the road at Waikapu; DHHL plans another housing development in the area. Will there be enough water to sustain all development planned?

The Kihei-Makena Community Plan comes up for review next year. The fact that the site is still in open space provides the Council and future planners an opportunity to make decisions that will impact Maui for generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration.

MA`ALAEA VILLAGE ASSOCIATION



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