

IEM Committee

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Aloha Committee Members,

Our names are Bob and Jeannette Allen. We are owners/residents at the Sands of Kahana condominium complex along the Kahana Bay shoreline. I'm witting to offer testimony in support of adding a Maui County budget item(s) to initially complete an Environmental Assessment study of erosion mitigation in Kahana Bay on the west side of Maui. Additional financial resources must be included each year to establish a protocol for the continuing assessment and remediation of the erosion effects leading to the loss of beaches/access and the endangerment of real property.

The purpose of this testimony is to draw attention to the acute and chronic beach erosion that is happening in the Kahana Bay area as well as up and down the shorelines of Maui. The Kahana Bay community has been meeting and organizing as a group since July 2016. Their goal is to come to a combined solution, in partnership with the County and State, to stabilize and preserve the shoreline's environmental investments for generations to come.

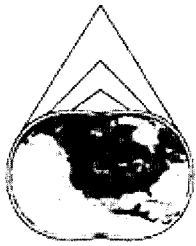
Specifically we support the following proposed Budget items:

1. The establishment of a County fund for cost matching private beach nourishment projects
2. Sponsor a study on locating offshore sand resources with the potential for beach replenishment
3. Allocation of a portion of the annual budget to a dedicated beach management fund. This fund would be used for land banking, shoreline access and beach/dune restoration projects as well as continued coastal zone research and monitoring.

I look forward to your combined efforts in conjunction with the community to evaluate, establish protocols and implement proactive solutions that will lead to a long lasting solution to the challenges we face in Maui today.

Sincerely,

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