

EACP Committee

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Written Testimony in SUPPORT of PROHIBITING COMMERCIAL OCEAN RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY at Hanakao'ō Beach Park (EACP-28)

Written Testimony in SUPPORT of Cultural Designation for Hanakao'ō Beach Park (EACP-28)

To Council of the County of Maui

On behalf of my family I, Maile Aiwohi, stand in support for the cultural designation of Hanakao'ō Beach Park. This beach has and still is a part of my family. This was the first place I paddled a wa'a, canoe. It was here that I learned the importance of being a part of a team, a team that worked together. It is here that we have continued our culture of hoe wa'a. It is here that stories of our history are told and it is through these cultural relationships with others from Maui, this pae 'āina, or from the Pacific that we create these connections and share them with each other.

Preventing this cultural designation will deter families from accessing this beach, and diminish the same team work learning experiences similar to mine as a child. But most importantly it will hinder our cultural rights to practice and the continuation of the stories that are communicated amongst our people.

It is in the best interest for the safety of all ocean users to PROHIBIT COMMERCIAL OCEAN RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY AT HANAKAO'Ō BEACH PARK (EACP-27).

Please do not silence us! Designate Hanakao'ō Beach Park a cultural site and prohibit commercial ocean recreational activity so our keiki can continue to share our stories to those around the Pacific.

Mahalo nui,
Maile Aiwohi