

Great Committee

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To: Great Committee
Subject: FW: Letter to County Council
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From: Faith I. Mori <morif001@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 11:02 AM
To: County Clerk <County.Clerk@mauicounty.us>
Subject: Letter to County Council

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My name is Faith Mori and I am asking that the attached letter be submitted as written testimony in support of:

Resolution 25-98, Settlement Authorization: Donna Waters: Claim 2024-0168 (Property Damage) (Great-11(10))

Me Ka Mahalo Nui,
(With Warmest Regards)

Faith Mori

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Testimony of Faith Mori
165 Alanuilili Place, Kula HI 96790

While the burned properties on Alanuilili Place were being cleared, we spoke of our concern that the road was being damaged by the large trucks, trailers and heavy equipment. The supervisor from FEMA said that they'll take care of it.

After the debris was removed, the captain from the Army Corps of Engineers let us know that they looked at the before and after photos and determined that they were not going to fix the road. We asked if we could speak to someone or if we could appeal. He said we could appeal to the Federal Court.

We were promised but never had a chance to voice our concerns. The decision was made without our input, discussion or appeal. We were treated with no respect.

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From: County Clerk
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 4:04 PM
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Subject: FW: Letter to the County Council
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From: Ruth Mori <alanuilili@icloud.com>
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Subject: Letter to the County Council

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My name is Ruth Mori and am asking that the attached letter be submitted as written testimony in support of:

Resolution 25-98, Settlement Authorization: Donna Waters; Claim 2024-0168
(Property Damage). (Great-11(10))

Thank you very much.

Sent from my iPad

Council of the County of Maui
Government Relations, Ethic, and Transparency Committee
200 South High Street
Wailuku, HI. 96732

RE: Resolution 25-98 Settlement Authorization: Donna Water, Claim 2024-0168 (Property Damage) (Great-11(10))

Honorable Council Members:

My name is Ruth Mori, and I reside on 205 Alanuilili Place in Kula. I am the neighbor of Donna Waters. My family as lived along Alanuilili Place for over 70 years. My father was a retired fireman for the county of Maui and then farmed chrysanthemums.

I am writing to address the damages that was caused to our road in the aftermath of the fire on August 8, 2023. Three (3) homes on Alanuilili Place, burnt to the ground on that day. My home along with others on the road was spared, but we experienced extensive property damage. After the fire, many trucks and vehicles from the County and federal agencies descended upon our road and properties to begin clearing the debris from the fire impacted areas. Alanuilili Place is a dead end road, which means egress and regress is doubled by vehicle use.

The road experienced extensive damage due to the amount of vehicular traffic going up and down. Hundreds of vehicles carrying people and or debris went up and down the road causing damage, which is NOT NORMAL WEAR AND TEAR.

We have filed complaints and claims to the federal government and the county and have received a "its not my problem" response. Each pointing the finger to each other as to and who caused this damage. We have done what we can to patch the road. We purchased bags and bags of 50 pounds bags of asphalt and spreading it ourselves. Each bag cost \$25.00. At this point the road is a patchwork of pothole repair on another.

As the rains come, flooding our road and continues to erode it. One family of the fire has fixed their cottage but chosen to not rebuild their home. Another home is scheduled to rebuild. We, as citizens of Maui County are asking the County to please assist us in fixing our road. We have often thought that we have been forgotten, over shadowed by the enormous loss and damage in Lahaina. But we are citizens too, who have lived in our homes and community and contribute to this island. We are asking the County to be fair to the residents of Kula and help make us whole again. Alanuilili Place is about 200 yards long. About 15 residences live along this road. We were in the fire zone and continue to not only rebuild, but replant our trees and landscape foliage. I am surrounded by the devastation of the fire. Land is barren from the fire. The once fruit trees and plants that surrounded my home is gone. Winds whisk thru my home as there is no break from the wind. Invasive weeds and plants are a constant threat to my land. Everyday is filled with weeding, clearing and dealing with erosion, and deer and pig threats. They run my land, eating the newly planted plants and tear up irrigation lines. I am retired from the county and I thought I didn't have to deal with all this but now I am forced to go out every day and fight and work to try and get my property back to normal. All of this cost money. Insurance assisted, but no where near to the long term effects that continue to be addressed here. Many of us are in our golden years and live on a fixed income. We do what we can but it's not enough,

Please assist us in rebuilding our lives again from the impact from the fires. We respect all that you have done for our island and the victims from the fires of 2023. Please assist us in correcting the damage that was done to us.

Aloha,
Ruth Mori

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From: Donna Waters <hanadonna@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 9, 2025 9:42 AM
To: Great Committee
Subject: testimony claim 2024-0168

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May 09, 2025

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GREAT Committee
200 S. High Street
Wailuku, HI. 96793

RE: Resolution 25-98, Settlement Authorization: Donna Waters; Claim
2024-0168 (Property Damage) (Great - 11 (10))

Testimony of Donna Waters, 200 Alanuilili Place, Kula

Alanuilili Place is in the fire zone of the August 2023 wildfire. 3 of the 15 houses
on our road burned to the ground.

During the ensuing months our 1 lane road was severely damaged in the debris removal
process by U.S. Army Core of Engineers & FEMA . In addition to their
heavy equipment; cranes, bulldozers, and dumpsters there were dozens of government
vehicles up and down this road daily. Our 1 lane dead end road is not designed to
handle the weight of all this. As a result of extraordinary weight load our road is
cracked, there are numerous potholes . We have tried to patch the holes at our own expense.
On behalf of the residents of our road I am asking that the road be repaired and
restored to a usable condition.

I have pursued numerous departments to find the responsible party only to be met with
dead ends. I have contacted Fema, Army Core of Engineers, Mayors office,
Governors Office, County Council Representatives, Dept of Public Works, Corporation
counsel, Office of the County Clerk and the county's insurance carrier John Mullen.
Please assist us so that we can close this chapter. Aoha, Donna Waters