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CRAIG SWIFT, WAIEHU RESIDENT/SENIOR GOLFER

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Aloha Chair Guzman and Members of the Committee

I'm Craig Swift, Maui County resident and an avid golfer of Waiehu Municipal Golf Course, as are hundreds of other Maui County senior citizens.

I am giving written testimony today on behalf of all the residents and visitors to Waiehu Municipal Golf course and everyone who cares about Maui's precious recreational golf facility. I am greatly concerned about the possible closing of nine holes of the golf course while improvements are being done. This would not only reduce revenue to the County it would greatly restrict play for seniors and youth golfers, whose limited incomes reduces the possibility of play on the other Maui golf courses.

The recent increase in green fees and the acceptance of credit cards has boosted revenues for the County and the closing of nine holes for a long period of time would only be a step backwards, and a hardship on resident golfers.

Please consider other ways to make improvements to course while keeping the eighteen holes of the golf course open.

However, I am in favor of "A BILL FOR AN ORNINANCE AMENDING SECTION 13.16.040. MAUI COUNTY CODE RELATING TO THE WAIEHU MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE SPECIAL FUND" and "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 13.16.040. MAUI COUNTY CODE RELATING TO THE GOLF COURSE SPECIAL FUND". Since the purpose of these proposed bills would delete language about the fund being self-supporting and repeal the golf course special fund and transfer all encumbrances and any balance remaining as of June 30, 2018 to the general fund.

Thank you for your consideration of these items on today's agenda, and please support keeping eighteen holes of golf open during a long period of improvements.

Mahalo!

Craig Swift, Resident