

Testimony: LU-23 Lona Ridge

Aloha and good morning Chair Carroll and LUC committee members. I'm John Ornellas and representing myself.

Thank you for taking my testimony this morning. Please support the permit application, LU-23 to allow Lona Ridge to operate. Ms. Wilson has bent over backwards to conform to the unnecessary and unjustified conditions that has been placed on Lona Ridge. Will this committee take into consideration all the other home businesses in Maui County who operate without proper licenses or permits? Lona Ridge is primarily an education facility that provides Hawaiian cultural and conservation instruction to school children and seniors. The special events that Lona Ridge will hold is mainly to pay for children & senior tours. Lona Ridge also provides employment for locals to keep the grounds immaculate. I would hope that you would see that Lona Ridge is a shining example for all Maui County businesses to emulate and that the LUC would use Lona Ridge as an example for other permit seekers to follow.

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