

Water Authority, Social Services, and Parks Committee (2023-2025) on 2023-06-19 9:00 AM

Meeting Time: 06-19-23 09:00

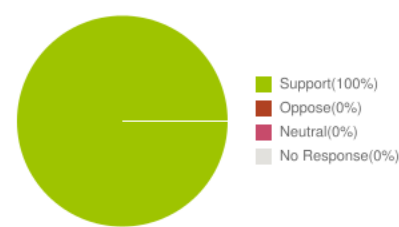
eComments Report

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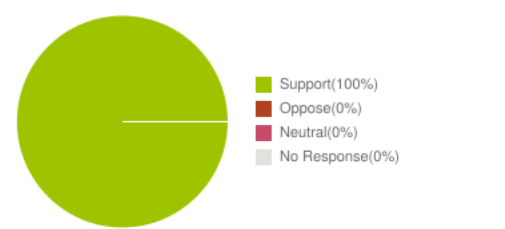


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A G E N D A	3	3	0	0
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Sentiments for All Agenda Items

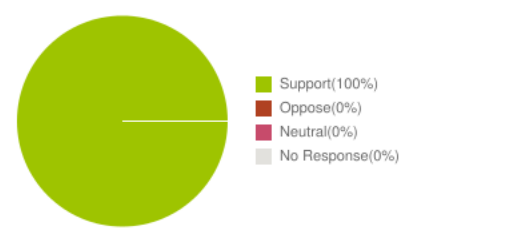
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Agenda Item: eComments for A G E N D A

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Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 9:39am 06-19-23

I am in support of the following applicants for the East Maui Water Board Authority:

- Lucienne DeNaie
- Lynn Scot
- Norman _Bush_ Martin
- William Greenleaf
- Brendan Balthazar
- Jerome Kekiwi

For the DHHL Representative I highly support Dr Jonathan Schurer and ask that if this Committee and Council has the Power and wherewithall to advocate for Dr Schurer with DHHL Director Kali Watson on the behest and

request of all the constituents in the East Maui area! The wealth and knowledge Dr Schurer has would be a great loss to this board should he not be allowed to share it.

Mahalo!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 7:01am 06-19-23

HOLLEY LYNN LEHUANANI (FERNANDEZ) TURPEN
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Parker, Colorado 80138
Telephone no. 808-281-3812

June 18, 2023

The Honorable Chair M. Sinenci, Chair
Water Authority, Social Services, and Parks Committee
200 S. High Street
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii, 96793

Dear Chair Sinenci and Committee Members:

I am writing in support of the appointment of the application of Norman "Bush" Martin, Jr. to the East Maui Regional Community Board, RESOLUTION 22-260, APPOINTMENTS TO THE EAST MAUI REGIONAL COMMUNITY BOARD (WASSP-2), and request confirmation.

I am the niece of Bush Martin and a lineal descendant of Keanae/Wailuanui. I have three sons, ages 11, 8, and 2.

Growing up I have admired the work ethic and knowledge my Uncle Bush has gained for the Wailuanui/Keanae, the land, and the community. It has helped me to understand where I came from and the hard work it took for what we have today. He sacrificed his summer breaks to spend time in Keanae to help his grandparents in the taro patches and to work in the yard, not for his gain, but for the heart of his family.

The hard work and fight that my uncle has is not for himself, but for the generations to come. I have three sons that benefit from his knowledge and continued passion. When I talk about my uncle to people, I always refer to him as one of few that continue to live as they did in the olden days.

I continue to look forward to when I return home for vacations and holidays and go into Keanae just to sit at the kitchen table or on my uncle's porch and listen to him share his knowledge about the land, water, and current events. For a man of few words, when given the opportunity, he has a brilliant mind. My sons also look forward to visiting Keanae. My oldest son loves listening to Uncle Bush teach him about fishing and the water. My middle son can just talk with him for hours as if they see each other daily.

He would be an asset to the board/ committee. He can relate with people of all ages and walks of life. He knows how to talk to children, which is the next generation, those of his age, and the kupuna who respect him as they have seen him mature from a young age.

He will work hard for the community and Maui County. He is not one that is all talk and no action. When given the opportunity, the community will be on the right path with his appointment and confirmation to the East Maui Regional Community Board.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Holley Lynn Lehuanani (Fernandez) Turpen

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 6:41am 06-19-23

June 17, 2023

Dear Chair Sinenci and Committee Members:

I am writing in support of Norman “Bush” Martin, Jr. to the East Maui Regional Community Board, RESOLUTION 22-260, APPOINTMENTS TO THE EAST MAUI REGIONAL COMMUNITY BOARD (WASSP-2).

I have known Bush and his family for over 40 plus years, having the privilege to spend time with his grandparents and great grandparents in Wailuanui, Keanae. I have tried to work the lo'i fields with Bush and his grandfather, Sam Akina, and will tell you it is hard work.

Over the years, I have listened to Bush share his knowledge of the culture, traditions, farming, the lifestyle, the community, the people, the water resources, the mountains, the ocean, and his life in Keanae.

He is “real”, and I believe he has the knowledge and qualifications to serve on the East Maui Regional Community Board. He has the passion to serve on the board for the right reasons.

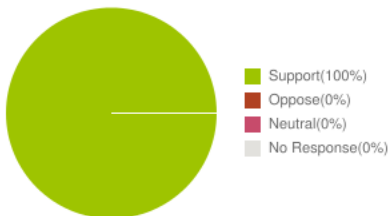
I humbly ask for your consideration of the appointment Norman “Bush” Martin, Jr. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Alvin A. Fernandez, Jr.
1111 Hoalu Place
Wailuku, HI 96793
Telephone no. 808-281-0712

Agenda Item: eComments for WASSP-2 Reso 22-260 RESOLUTION 22-260, APPOINTMENTS TO THE EAST MAUI REGIONAL COMMUNITY BOARD (WASSP-2)

Overall Sentiment



Barbara Barry

Location:

Submitted At: 8:39am 06-19-23

Aloha,

I am commenting on Reso 22-260. I appreciate the opportunity to support the appointment of either Lucianne de Naie or Lynn Scott for the Hulelo seat. It's imperative that the representative for that area actually live and farm there. Both of these candidates reside in Huelo and from personal experience, Lucianne de Naie would be my

1st choice due to her extensive knowledge of the water issues that face Huelo and the E Maui watershed. I know her dedication and involvement is unsurpassed by anyone else I know. I also support Brendan Balthazar for the upcountry farmer/rancher seat. He has extensive knowledge and practical experience in water management, ranching and farming.

Mahalo,
Barbara Barry
Ha'ik_

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 8:31am 06-19-23

June 19, 2023

The Honorable Shane M. Sinenci, Chair
Water Authority, Social Services, and Parks Committee
200 S. High Street
Wailuku, Maui, Hawai'i 96793

Dear Chair Sinenci and Committee Members:

Please accept my testimony in support of Norman "Bush" Martin to the East Maui Regional Community Board, Resolution 22-260, Appointments to the East Maui Regional Community Board (WASSP-2).

Norman "Bush" Martin would be the best representative because every weekend the kupuna would educate him for years about the water issues. This comes from his great grandparents and grandparents that fought for years for water flow to kalo farmers. If it wasn't for the love of farming kalo and the farmers and people in Ke'anae and Wailua we would never have had water restored back to the rivers. They fought and won the supreme courts. If it wasn't for the nonprofit organization that fought so hard for years, taro would be a lost crop. He knows the mountain and rivers in Ke'anae. They also have lots of community help monthly clean rivers from debris to maintain water flow.

Bush puts his own priorities aside to make sure East Maui is being well taken care of first.

Please consider Norman "Bush" Martin for your representative on the board. I support my husband 100% and I see every weekend how he can help the community.

Mahalo,

Lola Martin

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 6:34am 06-19-23

June 18, 2023

The Honorable Shane M. Sinenci, Chair
Water Authority, Social Services, and Parks Committee
200 S. High Street
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii 96793

Re: Appointment and Confirmation of Norman "Bush" Martin, Jr. to the
East Maui Regional Community Board, RESOLUTION 22-260, APPOINTMENTS
TO THE EAST MAUI REGIONAL COMMUNITY BOARD (WASSP-2)

Dear Chair Sinenci and Committee Members:

Please accept my testimony and support of the appointment and confirmation of my brother, Norman "Bush" Martin, Jr., to the East Maui Regional Community Board.

First, I would like to say I am very proud of my brother for taking the responsibility and interest in choosing to serve on this board. I have seen the growth of this shy young boy grow into a very smart, knowledgeable, respectable man in his community and in our county.

Our family are lineal descendants of Wailuanui/Keanae. Our grandparents and great grandparents lived in Wailuanui. Bush spent his summer vacations in Keanae with our grandparents, Sam and Libby Akina, helping them in the lo'i patches, learning to pound poi, the Hawaiian culture, the lifestyle of Keanae, and the importance of taking care of your kupuna. He made Wailuanui his home and took care of our grandparents and continued to learn from them.

Bush would be an asset to the board as he is very knowledgeable about the needs of the people in the East Maui region, demand for water, the mountains, streams, the maintenance of the ditches for the flow of water, and the Hawaiian culture and history. He has learned a lot from our kupuna and spent a lot of time with them.

I have brought friends to Keanae to visit, and he has taken them around showing them the kalo fields, the ocean, banana fields, waterfalls, etc. He willingly shares our island, the land, the culture, and the surroundings. He welcomes them and educates them about our Hawaiian culture.

I believe Bush will be a committed board member. He is responsible and this board is important to him. He has worked hard as a Na Moku board member and resident of Wailuanui/Keanae to improve the life for community, taro farmers, and foresee the betterment for the next generation.

I humbly ask for your support in considering the confirmation of appointment of Norman "Bush" Martin, Jr. to the East Maui Regional Community Board. Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 808-281-3813, or delfey@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
Delfey Fernandez

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:34pm 06-18-23

June 18, 2023

Chair Shane M. Sinenci
and Members of the Water Authority, Social Services, and Parks Committee
Maui County Council
200 S. High Street
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii 96793

RE: RESOLUTION 22-260, APPOINTMENTS TO THE EAST MAUI RESOLUTION REGIONAL COMMUNITY BOARD (WASSP-2)

Honorable Chair Sinenci and Members:

I am submitting testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of Norman "Bush" Martin for one of the seven Council-appointed positions to the East Maui Regional Community Board.

When voters approved the charter amendment that created this new board they must have envisioned someone like Norman "Bush" Martin as a member. Simply put, I cannot think of a better person to serve on this board.

"Bush" Martin is a lineal descendant of Keanae/Wailuanui. He is a kalo farmer. He not only understands planting, maintaining, and harvesting kalo, but has first hand knowledge of the mountains and streams, maintenance and repair of water systems, cleaning ditches, and the regulation of water flow.

"Bush" was born and raised here and learned from his kupuna about the ahapua'a, and the native plant life and species living in and around the streams. For many years he has, and continues to, educate and pass this knowledge on to future generations - the youth of Maui County.

I have known "Bush" Martin for nearly 30 years. He is honest, open-minded, and genuinely cares for the land, streams, ocean, culture, and the people of Maui County.

I respectfully ask that you approve Norman "Bush" Martin to a 5-year term on this board.

Sincerely,
Jock M. Yamaguchi

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 12:07pm 06-18-23

The Honorable Shane M. Sinenci, Chair
Water Authority, Social Services, and Parks Committee
200 S. High Street
Wailuku, Maui, Hawai'i 96793

Aloha e Chair Sinenci and Members:

My name is Kayla Frias. I am writing in support of my Uncle Norman "Bush" Martin's nomination to the East Maui Regional Community Board (proposed Resolution 22-260, CD1). My Uncle Bush has been a kalo farmer in Ke'anae and Wailuanui for as long as I can remember. I recall some of the best times in my childhood when Uncle Bush would take me to his kalo patch to learn about my Hawaiian culture and how kalo farming is an important part of my culture, and especially how water is a vital asset for not only kalo farming but in our everyday life. Uncle Bush is very knowledgeable and passionate about water in the East Maui District, and I recall at a young age attending water rights meetings with him at Ke'anae School. I feel Uncle Bush is the most qualified person to be nominated and serve on this important board. The time is now to take control of our water in East Maui. Please vote to support my Uncle Norman "Bush" Martin to the East Maui Regional Community Board. He will help to make the best recommendations and decisions for the East Maui residents, including the next generation like myself. Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony. Mahalo!

Malama pono,
Kayla Frias
kaylananeki@gmail.com

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 11:19am 06-17-23

June 17, 2023

The Honorable Shane M. Sinenci, Chair
Water Authority, Social Services, and Parks Committee
200 S. High Street
Wailuku, Maui, Hawai'i 96793

Dear Chair Sinenci and Committee Members:

Please accept my testimony in support of the appointment and confirmation of Norman "Bush" Martin (Bush) to the East Maui Regional Community Board, RESOLUTION 22-260, APPOINTMENTS TO THE EAST MAUI

REGIONAL COMMUNITY BOARD (WASSP-2).

I've had the privilege of knowing Bush in excess of 20 years. Over the years, I worked for various Councilmembers and Bush has been a tremendous resource, especially as it relates to farming and water resources in the East Maui district.

In fact, I could always rely on Bush's willingness to assist Councilmembers and staff with information on any number of issues as it relates to the East Maui district.

As a kalo farmer in the Wailuanui area for over 30 years, Bush has the knowledge and experience for the demands of water in the East Maui region. Bush is well respected by his peers and has a command of the history and culture of the region as well as Maui Nui.

His experience as a kalo farmer also makes Bush inherently familiar with the mountains, streams and maintenance required to clean and repair ditches to regulate and guarantee a flow of water to the Wailuanui Ke`anae Ahupua`a.

On a personal note, Bush allowed myself along with friends and colleagues, to work in the lo`i fields in Wailuanui. Bush shared his knowledge of farming, history and culture of the region as well as the traditions associated with harvesting and tending to the kalo. This experience will last with me a lifetime and has increased my awareness of Hawaiian history and culture.

It is for these reasons that I believe Bush will be an asset to the East Maui Regional Community Board. I know of no one with the knowledge and qualifications of farming, water resources, history and culture in the region than Bush.

Therefore, I respectfully request your consideration for confirmation of appointment of Norman "Bush" Martin to the East Maui Regional Community Board. Thank you for your consideration of my request. Should you have any questions please contact me at (808) 283-0197 or imuakali@hotmail.com.

Sincerely,

Gary Saldana

cc: WASSP.committee@mauicounty.us
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Harry Hueu, Jr.

Location:

Submitted At: 10:24am 06-17-23

Attention: James Krueger - When giving my opening statement before the WASSP committee, Council Member Tamara Paltin asked if I had sought an opinion from the Board of Ethics as to a possible conflict of interest concerning my building lease with A&B/Mahi Pono. Attached is an email inquiry I sent to the Board of Ethics on June 4th to document that I have atleast made an effort to contact them. I have yet to receive a response.

Mahalo, Harry Hueu Jr.



Harry Smith-Hueu-Jr <auks09@gmail.com>

Conflict of Interest Inquiry

Harry Smith-Hueu-Jr <auks09@gmail.com>

Sun, Jun 4, 2023 at 10:21 AM

To: Maui County Board of Ethics <boardofethics@mauicounty.gov>

Aloha,

My name is Harry Aukai Hueu, Jr. I submitted an application for a seat on the newly created East Maui Regional Community Board.

On May 30th, the Council's Water Authority, Social Services, and Parks committee (WASSP) held a meeting for applicants to submit opening statements and answer any questions by council committee members. In my statement, I disclosed that I am renting an old baseyard building owned by A&B and Mahi Pono. Attached is a copy of my opening statement.

After my presentation, Council Member Tamara Paltin asked if it would be appropriate to contact the Board of Ethics for an opinion of conflict of interest. Hence, my email to you.

Is this something I should do now? The council has not voted yet on who will be on the board. I'm concerned as without an opinion, some council members may look unfavorably on my behalf. However, I don't want to terminate my lease without first knowing I've been selected. I would appreciate some advice on how I should handle this situation.

Should you have any questions, you can contact me via email or my cell, (808) 446-2949.

Mahalo,

Harry Hueu, Jr.



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ALOHA COUNCIL CHAIR LEE AND FELLOW COUNCIL MEMBERS

MY NAME IS HARRY "AUKAI" HUEU, JR. AND I RESIDE AT 180 WAILUA ROAD, WAILUA/KEANAE.

I'M EMPLOYED FULL-TIME BY THE STATE HIGHWAYS DIVISION KEANAE BASEYARD AS AN EQUIPMENT OPERATOR. I ALSO HAVE A SMALL SCALE FARMING OPERATION CONSISTING OF 20 LO'I KALO. ATTACHED ARE A FEW PHOTOS OF MY TARO PATCHES.

AS A TARO FARMER, HIGHWAYS WORKER, AND EAST MAUI RESIDENT OF 40+ YEARS, I BELIEVE I HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE TO KNOW HOW TO BETTER MANAGE OUR EAST MAUI WATER RESOURCES. I THINK WATER SHOULD BE ALLOCATED ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY USES:


1. MINIMUM STREAM FLOWS FOR HIHIWAI, OPAAE, OOPU AND OTHER STREAM LIFE TO NOT JUST SURVIVE BUT THRIVE.
2. LO'I KALO FARMERS.
3. COUNTY OF MAUI SUFFICIENT TO MEET CURRENT RESIDENT NEEDS, ADDITIONAL WATER TO ADDRESS ALL APPLICANTS STILL ON THE UPCOUNTRY WATER METER WAIT LIST AND PROJECTED FUTURE AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.
4. EXISTING SMALL FARMS AND RANCHERS.
5. LARGE SCALE AGRICULTURE SUCH AS MAHI PONO, SUBJECT TO DECREASES IN ALLOCATION SHOULD ADDITIONAL WATER BE REQUIRED BY HIGHER PRIORITY USERS. WE NEED LARGE SCALE AGRICULTURE TO ACHIEVE FOOD SECURITY FOR MAUI.

WITH REGARD TO PROJECTS SPECIFIC TO THE KEANAE/WAILUA DISTRICT, COUNTY FUNDING FOR REPAIR/RESTORATION OF LO'I KALO PIPING AND AUWAI DITCH FROM WAIKANE STREAM.

FOR PURPOSES OF TRANSPARENCY, I WOULD LIKE TO DISCLOSE THAT I CURRENTLY LEASE THE OLD EMI KEANAE BASEYARD BUILDING FROM A&B/MAHI PONO. THAT'S WHERE I MAKE MY POI. THE LEASE IS MONTH TO MONTH. I EXPECT MY VIEWS OF PRIORITY USE WILL GET BACK TO MY LANDLORDS. HOPEFULLY, IT WILL NOT RESULT IN POSSIBLE TERMINATION OF MY LEASE. MAHALO FOR GIVING ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

WASSP Committee

From: Kanani Fredrick <kananif92@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2023 9:22 PM
To: WASSP Committee; Shane M. Sinenci
Subject: Testimony in Support of Norman "Bush" Martin**
Attachments: Aloha e.pdf

 Some people who received this message don't often get email from kananif92@gmail.com. [Learn why this is important](#)
Aloha e

Mahalo nui for taking time out of your day to read my Testimony in support of my Uncle Norman "Bush" Martin. Written testimony is attached to this email.

Mahalo nui,
Kanani

Aloha e,

I'm Kanani Fredrick and a board member of the non-profit organization Na Moku Aupuni o Ko'olau Hui. I' am a lineal descendant of Ke'anae/Wailuanui. Today, I'm writing to you all to testify in the Support of my uncle Norman "Bush" Martin and his application for the East Maui Community Water Authority Board. I believe that my Uncle is the perfect candidate to represent Ke'anae/ Wailuanui.

When I think of my Uncle, I think of Aloha 'Āina. He is Aloha 'Āina. My uncle is kama'āina to the mauna, lo'i, and wai that surround these areas. He was raised in Ke'anae and carries the 'ike (Knowledge) and mo'olelo (stories) of our kupuna. Not only is he kama'āina to Ke'anae, but he has been a Kalo farmer for many decades and understands the importance of regulating water flow, and maintenance of water systems and repairs.

Being a part of a board like this will require someone with the 'ike of WAI and the 'ike of why Wai is important and the role it plays within a community- and because of all the Kupuna experiences and learning that my uncle required - From mauka to makai, ahupua'a systems, native streams species, and the importance of water flow makes him a very valuable resource.

Mahalo for taking the time to read my testimony, I will hope you take my uncle Norman "Bush" Martin into consideration for a seat on the board.

Mahalo piha me ke aloha,
Kanani Fredrick

WASSP Committee

From: John Blumer Buell <johnblumerbuell@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2023 3:54 PM
To: WASSP Committee
Cc: Maui_County Council_mailbox; Mayors Office; John Blumer Buell
Subject: URGENT PUBLIC TESTIMONY Re: East Maui Regional Community Board - June 19, 2023, Meeting. PLEASE CONFIRM RECEIPT. MAHALO!
Attachments: WASSP COMMITTEE TESTIMONY, JUNE 19, 2023.pdf

John Blumer-Buell, Applicant for East Maui Regional Community Board
Entitled User and Manager with Vested Interests in the Historic State
of Hawai'i Registered Mu'olea Spring and Distribution System.
Founding Board Member of Na Mamo O Mu'olea
jblumberbuell@gmail.com 808-248-8972
P.O.Box 787, Hana, Hawai'i 96713

June 15 2023

Public Testimony for WASSP Committee Meeting of June 19, 2023

Sent Via: WASSP.Committee@mauicounty.us

Cc: Mayor Bissen and Maui County Council with Requests for Timely
Confirmation of Receipt. Mahalo!

Aloha Chair Sinenci and WASSP Committee Members,

As a qualified applicant, I have recently concluded it would be best to submit supplementary testimony to you and offer some documented "spoken" insights into my knowledge, qualifications, and behavior if I were to serve the community in this capacity.

I recently located a 2008 interview of me, 15 years ago.

The interview covers important issues relevant to this appointment process including: Water-Waiwai, 27 Streams, Malulanu Hospital, Hana Medical Center, State Finances, Kuhiwa Well Contested Case, Water Reservoirs-Financing Water Issues, Hawai'i State Constitution, Citizen "Initiatives", COMET, Organic Gardening, State Water Code, Upcountry Water, Sustainability, Ahupua'a Land Management, Hua Moa Banana, Democracy and more..... Please watch and listen.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_dGWay0-yk

Mahalo for your careful consideration.

During the last WASSP meeting it was obvious that intentional and destructive "politics" were entering into the discussions. For this reason, I am compelled to defend certain actions and recent slanderous attacks on my reputation by a very few self serving community members who think they are "above the law".

Recently, I have been unfairly and illegally attacked by several members of Na Mamo O Mu'olea (NMOM) Board of Directors for strictly following the laws, the NMOM County of Maui Lease Agreement and being a reasonable and responsible founding board member.

These matters involve important water issues including: Protecting the State Registered Historic Mu'olea Spring and distribution system that likely served King David Kalākaua, and Queen Lili'uokalani on Mu'olea Point.

NMOM and the County of Maui have failed to meet the written legal agreements with the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) involving the spring and the binding "Public Trust Deed" obligations to Mu'olea Point and the taxpayer public.

Certain NMOM Board Members have broken the county lease agreement, broken Maui County Code 14.10.010 - Water service rates, have violated the spirit and intent of the Na Mamo O Mu'olea Strategic Plan and failed to follow the State of Hawai'i registered NMOM By-Laws. **In addition, they have actively enabled the violation of Kanaka Maoli legal rights of entitles access by other private parties. AUWE!**

I offer the current Maui County Council and Mayor all the documentation that is already in the public record for your assessment. That includes letters to NOAA, the U.S. Department of Justice, the State Attorney General, the State Commission on Water Resource Management (CWRM) and NMOM.

PLEASE do not eliminate me from consideration for this important board because of rumors started by dishonest liars and lawbreakers !


Malama Pono!

John (Blumer-Buell)

WASSP Committee

From: Dawn Lono
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 9:06 AM
To: WASSP Committee
Subject: FW: Letter of recommendation for Norman "Bush" Martin

From: Alex Buttaro <alexbuttaro@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 18, 2023 10:59 PM
To: Shane M. Sinenci <Shane.Sinenci@mauicounty.us>
Cc: Amanda Martin <amandamkmartin@gmail.com>
Subject: Letter of recommendation for Norman "Bush" Martin

 You don't often get email from alexbuttaro@gmail.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

Aloha Council member Sinenci:

I write this letter of recommendation with 14 years of water experience at the County of Maui under my belt. I am respectfully writing this "personnel" communication in support of Norman "Bush" Martin. I have known Bush for about 30 years, and I strongly support his candidacy for the the East Maui Community Water Authority Board because: 1) he has demonstrated a lifetime commitment to cultural and environmental efforts to conserve East Maui water resources for his community in perpetuity; 2) his holistic knowledge of historical cultural resources and data-based watershed management brings the best of all worlds to the decision-making table; and 3) his ties to the `aina and kalo are undeniable, so his relationship to East Maui water resources cuts to his soul. It will be hard to find others on an equal level with as well-rounded experience managing East Maui water resources as Bush, and for this reason, I encourage you to support Bush's candidacy for East Maui Community Water Authority Board. Mahalo for your time and consideration, and I hope you will consider Bush's appointment to this important position.

Sincerely,

B. Alex Buttaro