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Aloha,  
Please accept my letter of support.  
Mahalo,  
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Maui County Council  
Planning Commission Committee

Re: PC-06 Revised – Reserving one seat on Planning Commissions for a Cultural Practitioner

Aloha Members of the Maui County Council,

I am writing this letter in support of this bill that establishes a reserved seat for a cultural practitioner on respective island planning commissions. This position will provide the native expertise necessary to each planning commission's decision making process.

As far as qualifications, I would like to suggest the following:

- 1) Be clear about what is meant – “a college degree.” When I read this I automatically thought that a Bachelor's degree is the minimum requirement. If that is what is meant then make it so. If it is an Associate's degree then make it so.
- 2) Additionally, I suggest that if a candidate does not meet the minimum educational requirements, that successful year-for-year work/community experience can be credited in lieu of the college degree.

if possible, the individual should have hooponopono training and/or mediation training. In fact, it is my mana'o that our council members should have hooponopono training and/or mediation training. I see this as a plus in terms of skills since the council is tasked to review and resolve disputes. It is my hope that everyone serving at the County level receives hooponopono training and/or mediation training, it can only enhance everyone's capacity to lead.

Mahalo a nui loa for this opportunity to contribute and share my mana'o.

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Molokai resident and voter