

PIA Committee

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Aloha PIA Committee,

I am writing in support of Elle Cochran's above mentioned item.

I have testified at a couple meetings, more recently at one of the Water Commission meetings in Hana. When I mention they need to adhere to the Public Trust Doctrine & make sure the Kalo Farmers get the water they need first, not last, the woman in charge said they don't follow that. It's a "kuleana thing" she said & blew it off like it doesn't matter.

I wholeheartedly agree with Elle that the Planning Dept. should have 2 seats for a Hawaiian Cultural Expert/Environmentalist. This is Hawaii & the host culture should be involved with major decisions affecting our island & county. I believe it would bring a good balance to this commission, it's not like they will be a majority..

As far as requiring them to study the Public Trust Doctrine, as my example above shows you, there are Governmental Representatives who know nothing about it and they're in positions to change laws/rules that affect us, so yes they should study it & not only them, but it's a start.

Thank you for your time,

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