

PC Committee

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Aloha Planning Committee members,

I have lived my life on Maui. My Ohana on my mother's side are the Keahi's of West Maui and Lana'i (also Kwon) on my father's side Kauali'i of Hana. I have 5 children and I love to free dive in my spare time. I never sell my catch, I help friends and family get food for parties and I feed my family. I am very concerned about the changes occurring in Maui specifically sea walls. As a Hawaiian, I know these are not good history has proved it and studies have confirmed it. Whether you believe it or not our climate is changing and the sea level is rising and the shoreline is eroding. Sea walls do not stop that they make the problem worse. Recently the planning commission voted 5-2 to allow a temporary 400' sea wall at Hololani this shows how bad things have gotten that despite the facts our own planning commission made up of our own citizens (none of whom live in West Maui) have voted against facts, science and traditional knowledge to decimate our natural shoreline for private profit. I am distressed at the Maui these decision makers are leaving for our Keiki while we are at work trying to earn a living to support them. Something must be done sea walls make the problem worse. Maui is still Hawaii and we must keep Hawaii Hawaii stop making the problems worse

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