

## EACP Committee

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Aloha!  
Please find testimony attached.  
Mahalo,  
Lynn

"The future depends on what we do in the present." Mahatma Gandhi

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"Ua Mau Ke Ea O Ka 'Aina I Ka Pono"  
"The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness."



**June 15, 2020**

**To: eacp.committee@mauicounty.us**

**RE: MALAMA MAUI COUNTY PLEDGE**

**Aloha EACP Chair Sinenci and Members,**

The Ma'alaea Village Association (MVA), with over 150 individual and business members, appreciates this Council's continued efforts to support the environment, culture and citizens of Maui County.

Members of the MVA Board of Directors have read the **MALAMA MAUI COUNTY PLEDGE** drafted by Vice Chair Keani Rawlins-Ferdandez and have voted unanimously to extend MVA's support and encouragement to this Committee and the Council to adopt it. In the words of one board member, "it gives culture, language but most of all clear guidance dealing with this virus."

Members of the MVA have, like many Maui residents, suffered economic and financial loss during this pandemic and look forward day by day to 'opening up' our island. Many of us rely on a healthy, sustainable visitor industry for our businesses and livelihoods. At the same time, we, like many Maui Nui residents, are concerned about what the future holds. We are cautiously optimistic that Maui residents and visitors will follow the county and state guidelines as they unfold so that we can find a 'new normal' that works for everyone.

The **MALAMA MAUI COUNTY PLEDGE** highlights what we value – open space, beautiful scenic vistas, a clean, healthy environment, sustainable economy and respect for our people and our multi-cultural communities.

We encourage this committee to forward the resolution to establish the **MALAMA MAUI COUNTY PLEDGE** to the full Council to be adopted at the next meeting.

Mahalo for your consideration,

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