

October 28, 2019

*Yuki Lei Sugimura*

MEMO TO: WAI Committee Staff

F R O M: Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura

SUBJECT: **TRANSMITTAL OF CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO PENDING COMMITTEE ITEM** (WAI-57)

The attached correspondence received by my office relates to Item 57 on the Committee's master agenda.

Attachment

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Mrs. Yuki Lei Sugimura Maui  
County Council Member Maui  
County Building 200 S. High  
Street Wailuku, HI 96793

REFERENCE: BILL NO. 115, CHAPTER 3.70  
SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT  
DISTRICTS KOLOHALA DRIVE,  
KULA TMK: (2) 2-2-018

Aloha Council Member Sugimura:

On behalf of the 46 property owners on Kolohala Drive in Kula we are writing to request your assistance to initiate a process to designate Kolohala Drive a Special Improvement District.

The original roadway into our subdivision was developed in the mid-1960s and over the years has deteriorated terribly. In 2011 we had solicited repaving proposals from a number of contractors however the owners where unable to contribute the amount requested to repave our roadway. We even discussed this road with Gladys Baisa when she was our council person. We took her out to breakfast and asked her if it was a possibility to have something similar done as with this Special Improvement District. We wanted the county to repave our road and the county would recover the construction cost through our property taxes. We felt that this was the fairest system for all involved and also wanted to try to prorate the cost over a number of years so not to be a hardship on the property owners. At that time, Ms. Baisa said the corporate council would not approve such a plan.

So, we have managed repairing the road by soliciting for contributions from property owners who are willing to pay and work together to keep the roadway passable. However, potholes continually pop up, especially during rainy seasons, and the roadway continues to deteriorate further. Our road maintenance is fair but sufficient to continue to have the trash truck, emergency and delivery vehicles safely using the road as we have been threatened, more than once, with losing county services such as our garbage pickups.

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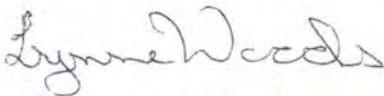
Neighborhood discussions clearly indicate that we are a neighborhood of retired and hard-working folks who do not have the resources to fund the needed repairs leaving us in this difficult situation

The recent County Ordinance Amendment to Title 3 implementing Special Improvement Districts could be the answer to our issue therefore we offered testimony supporting the adoption of the amendment in the hope it would be passed.

Our property owners have formed a working group which is available to you for any questions you might have regarding this request as well as being available to work with the various departments this project would involve. You can reach me whenever necessary by phone at 276-0107, or mail at 373 Kolohala Drive, Kula, 96790

Mahalo Council Member Yuki Lei for your assistance in this matter and we look forward to working with you and your staff, as well as the County departments involved.

Yours truly,



Lynne Woods  
Neil Nishida  
Ken Hayo  
Kevyn Correa  
Dave Gleason  
Rob Finberg