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Visual record of Lāhainā community's input on the comprehensive recovery and resilience plan.

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# PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

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## GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, ETHICS, AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE (2023-2025)

**Wednesday, September 27, 2023**

**9:00 a.m.**

MEETING SITE:

Online via BlueJeans:

<https://bluejeans.com/513107325>

Phone testimony: 1-408-915-6290, code 513 107 325

In-person testimony and viewing: Honoapi'ilani Ballroom, The  
Westin Maui Resort and Spa, 2365 Kā'anapali Pkwy, Lāhainā,  
Hawai'i

## **A G E N D A**

### **RESOLUTION 23-194, RELATING TO DEVELOPING A COMPREHENSIVE RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY PLAN IN RESPONSE TO THE ISLAND OF MAUI'S TRAGIC WILDFIRES OF AUGUST 2023 (GREAT-14)**

**Description:** The Committee is in receipt of Resolution 23-194, entitled "DEVELOPING A COMPREHENSIVE RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY PLAN IN RESPONSE TO THE ISLAND OF MAUI'S TRAGIC WILDFIRES OF AUGUST 2023." Resolution 23-194's purpose is to develop and facilitate, through a series of complementary ordinances and resolutions, and as authorized by each of the eight Council standing committees within their subject-matter jurisdictions, a comprehensive recovery and resiliency plan in response to the island of Maui's tragic wildfires of August 2023.

**Status:** The Committee may receive testimony and discuss matters relating to developing a comprehensive recovery and resiliency plan in response to the island of Maui's tragic wildfires of August 2023. No legislative action will be taken.

Resolution 23-194

**MORE →**

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Video testimony via BlueJeans link: <https://bluejeans.com/513107325>

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① MAKE LAWS

② SET BUDGET

MAAM  
COUNTY  
COUNCIL 101

Reso  
23-124

LISTEN

③ INTEGRATE

④ PLAN

UNDERSTAND

▷ KEIKI FIRST

▷ THEN KUPUNA

▷ THEN MAKUA

GOV'T RELATIONS

ETHICS &

TRANSPARENCY

LĀ  
HAINĀ

Comprehension  
Resilience  
Plan

WHO WANTS

RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR KOLOHE TOURISTS?

NO

SHORT TERM RENTAL

GREAT (2023  
2025)

SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

♡ AUAHA!  
ARAHU

Do onto other  
DISTRICTS AS YOU

ATUPUA'a  
GOLDEN  
RULE

MOKU-MINH  
PLATINUM  
RULE

Comprehensive

RESTORATIVE

Resilient

'ULU  
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wehe

HAWAIIAN  
LEADERSHIP

Iqoo  
Loi

MĀLAMA  
'AINA & WAI ~

MAKA'AI NANA ALAKA'i

From the GROUND DOWN

KULANA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Bury the  
POWER LINES

KAIPUNI EDUCATION

2 WAYS IN AND OUT



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KALU  
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our 'ĀINA: LAHAINĀ

\* KIHAWAHINE



DEEP PAST

BRIGHT future

ENUA  
KOLOHE  
TOURISTS



QUALITY HAWAIIAN  
Education

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7 MINUTES

LĀ HUI  
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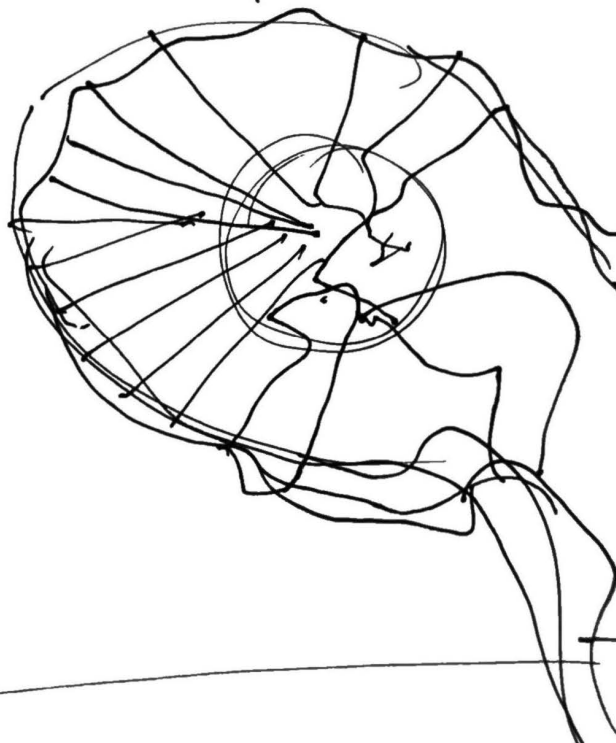
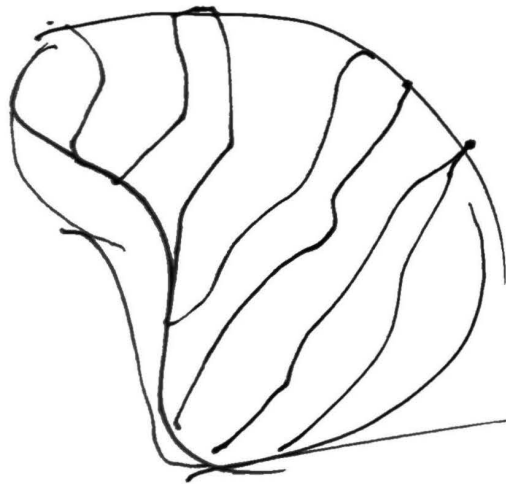
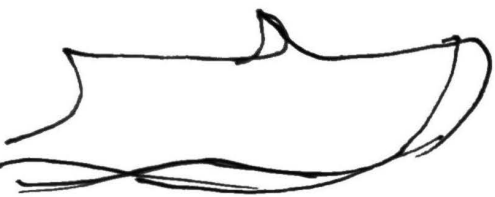
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THE MOUNTAINS

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ON FRONT STREET

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MOUNTAINS

SETBACK  
LAW

MENTAL HEALTH  
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8/8

Revoke AIRBNB  
9/8

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PROCESS

11/8

12/8

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Housing on  
PUBLIC  
LAND

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CHANGES

ADD STAFF TO PLANNING DEPT

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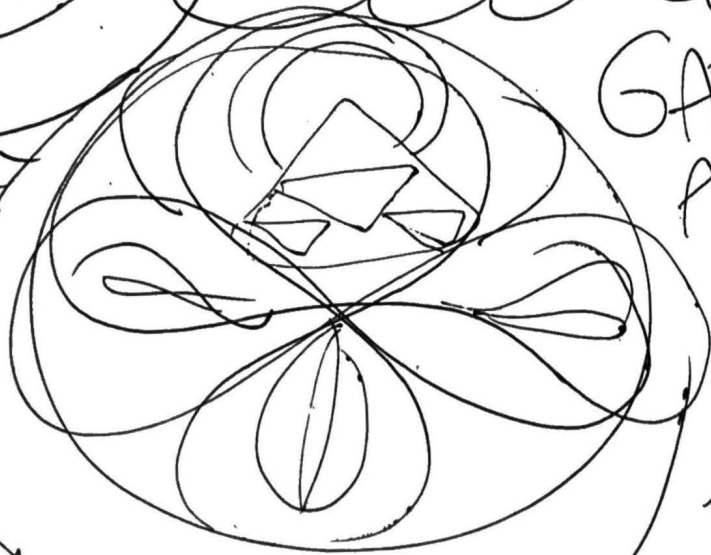
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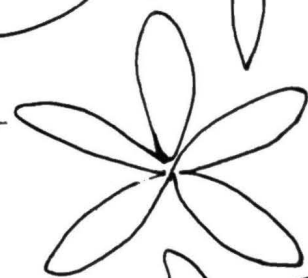
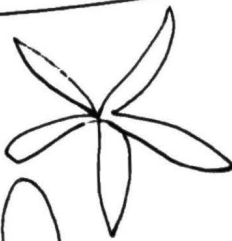


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HUMAN CHANGE



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ALL PEOPLE  
PUBLIC teacher + VACATION RENTING  
2000 / mo - 5 KIDS

LOVE  
PEACE  
UNITY

LĀHAINĀ TOWN  
WAS DESTROYED  
BY THE FIRE,

BUT ITS  
DESCENDANTS

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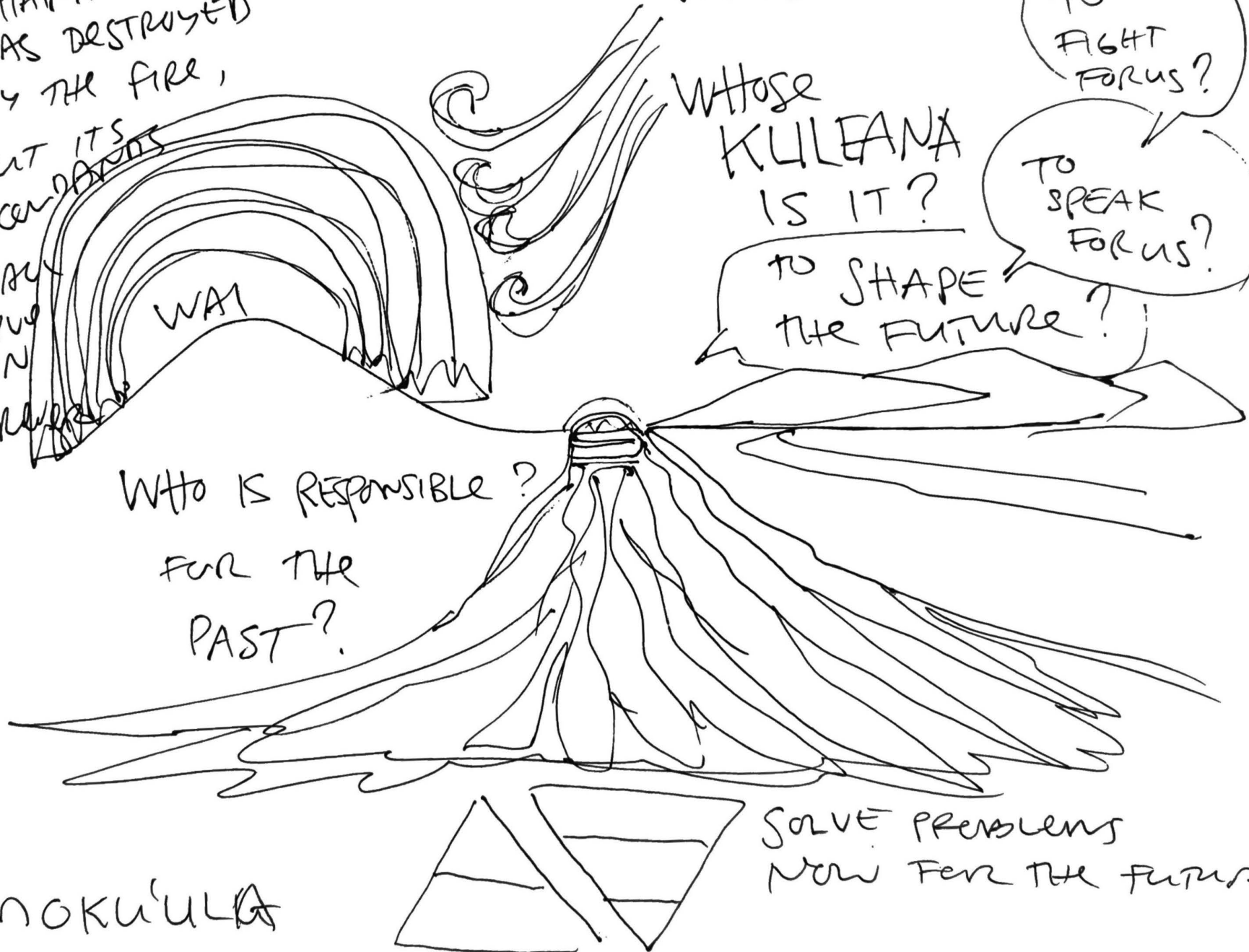
TO  
SPEAK  
FOR US?

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

FOR THE  
PAST?

MOKU'ULA

SOLVE PROBLEMS  
NOW FOR THE FUTURE



Hotels

15%  
of profits  
stay  
in  
Maui

District By District

All  
meeting  
should  
be  
held



LĀHAINĀ  
LUNA IS  
LĀHAINĀ  
IS LĀHAINĀ  
LUNA

Plenty

WAI & HALE

How  
its  
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THE  
ENERGY

Community  
CO-OP

Exceeding HOLDING  
CAPACITY

LAUNIAPOKO  
Dry / wet?

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DISTRIBUTED?

HOUSING

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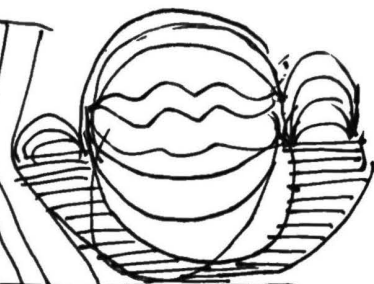
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① Time for

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& MENTAL  
HEALTH

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MOKU'U LA  
KIHAWAHINE



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ENSURE THERE  
IS WATER.

CULTURE  
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PLEASE  EMAIL us

THE SNOWBALL EFFECT!

SUCCESSIVE  
BUILDING  
PLAN

SEWER . WATER

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LEGAL  
COMPETITION

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we need  
HELP MANAGING IT.

Expedited process

INSPECTORS INTEGRATED  
IN THE PROCESS

PLANNING + ZONING  
UPGRADE DEPT



6 RENTALS  
ADUS

INTEGRATED

AGRICULTURAL  
LANDS

NEIGH  
BOURS

PURVOD  
HOKIGEL

FOR IN STATE - STAFFORD ACT  
FEMA  
EPA

WORK WITH DIGNITY TO REBUILD THE TOWN & RESTORE THIS NATION

CNHA | OSHA |  
VOLUNTEER FIRE FIRE

CONTRACTS | RFPs

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BASIC NEEDS

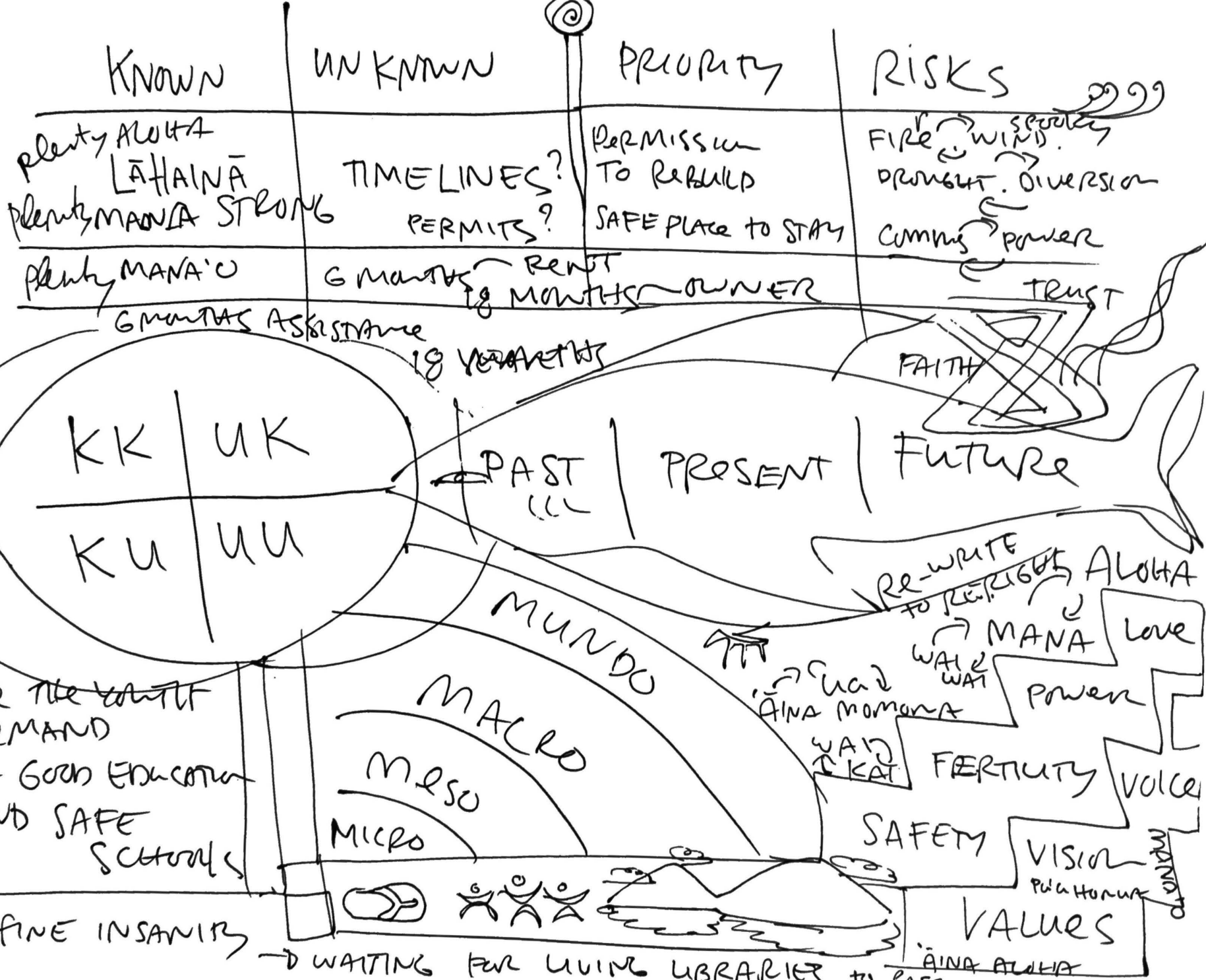
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REBUILD LAHAINA

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ON THE  
GROUND  
STRAIGHT  
FULL  
ON



# TESTIMONY FORM

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO STAFF AT SIGN-UP TABLE.** Please print clearly. Thank you!

NAME: ARAM ARMSTRONG TESTIFYING ON AGENDA ITEM: GREAT-14

☒ I am testifying for MYSELF, as an individual

☐ I am testifying on behalf of the following ORGANIZATION:

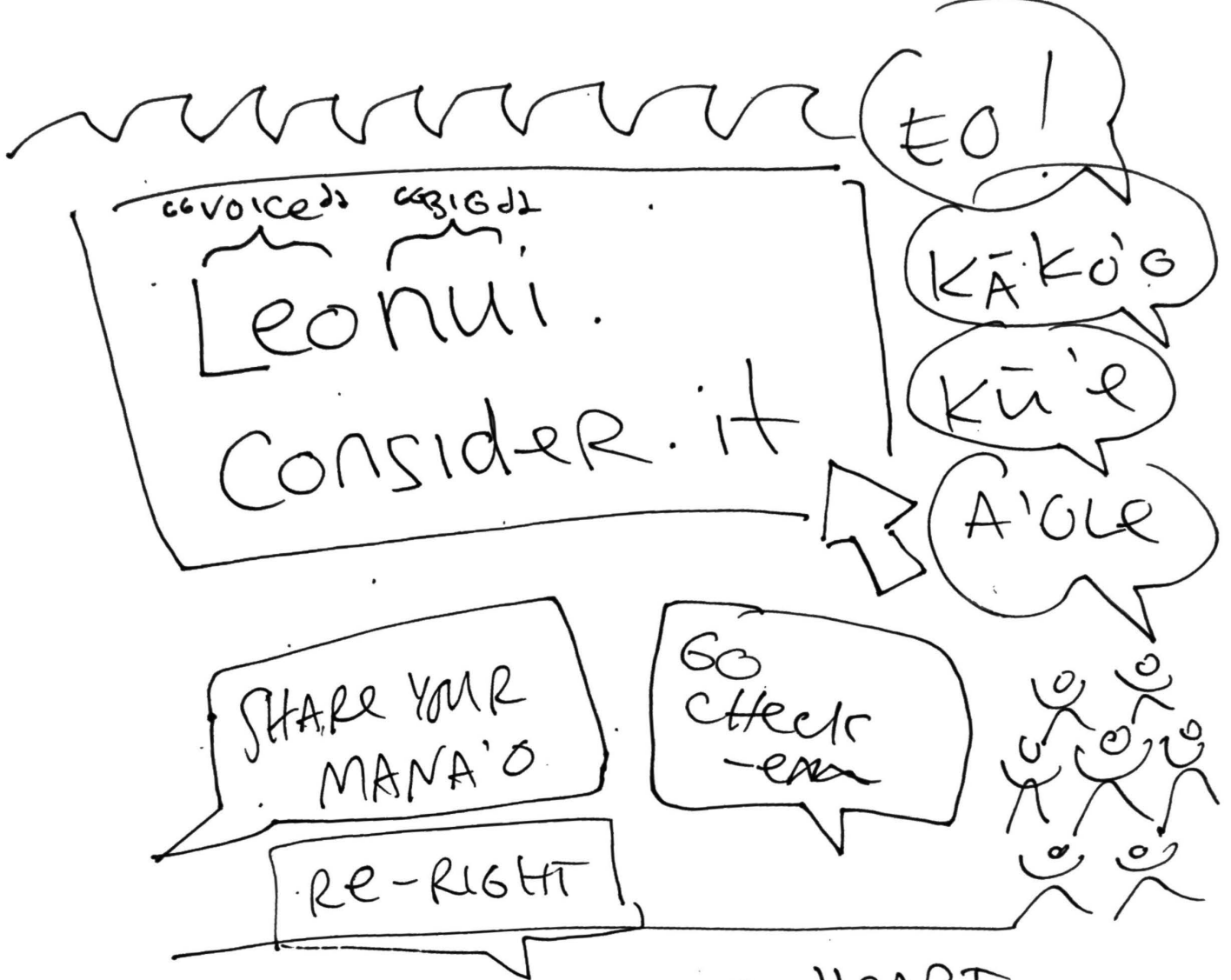
☐ I am submitting WRITTEN TESTIMONY

MY TITLE IS: \_\_\_\_\_

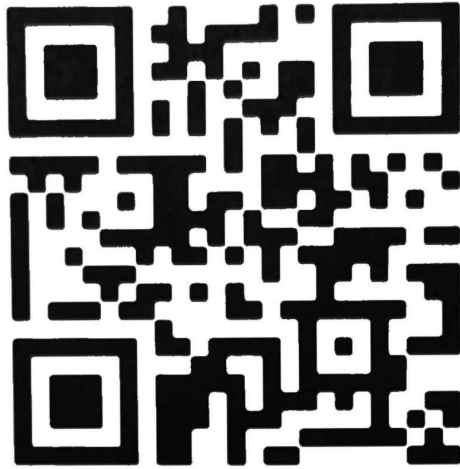
☐ I am a Registered LOBBYIST for the organization.

**Optional:**

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- 1) WHAT IS ON your HEART THAT NEEDS to Be EXPRESSED?
- 2) WHAT IS THE RIGHT THING to DO NOW?
- 3) WHAT would BRING Joy to the community?
- 4) WHO would you like to MANAGE?



**WEST MAUI COMMUNITY PLAN**



**CLIMATE ACTION RESILIENCY PLAN**

## **IMMEDIATE (first 12 months)**

- 1.19 Develop a long-term post-disaster recovery and reconstruction plan for West Maui.
- 1.22 Identify additional emergency evacuation routes to access West Maui and isolated neighborhoods.
- 1.23 Develop and implement a more robust and extensive communications system with alternative backup systems for use during emergencies.
- 1.24 Develop or partner to create resiliency hubs throughout the West Maui community.
- 5.04 Plan, develop, and maintain the 50 acres of land identified as Park/Open Space on the Community Plan Map north of Pulelehua, referenced in Areas of Change as Kahana Mauka.
- 5.11 Develop a strategic plan to address and prevent houselessness.
- 5.17 Encourage the development of a wide array of housing and service options for seniors, including affordable options that provide for a continuum of care.

## **SHORT TERM (1-3 years)**

- 1.12 Propose amendments to the building, fire, and zoning codes that promote resilient structures and communities.
- 1.14 Propose amendments to the Maui County Code to require developments to incorporate defensible space around structures and communities and require on-going maintenance of defensible spaces. Maui Fire Department recommendations for creating and maintaining defensible space must be easily accessible online.
- 1.15 Propose amendments to the Maui County Code to require landowners of large vacant land in high fire hazard areas to prepare and carry out a fuel management plan and ensure it will not impact historic properties.
- 1.17 Develop a plan to provide fire protection for homes on kuleana lands.
- 1.28 Preserve and maintain existing reservoir and water storage infrastructure within West Maui for fire protection capabilities and agricultural uses.
- 3.08 Develop a cultural overlay map identifying the location of important historical events, known burial sites and archaeological resources, and known above-ground resources. Create a cultural overlay district to protect cultural assets and establish an efficient review process for property owners.
- 4.01 Develop and implement a West Maui Agriculture Strategic Plan.
- 5.05 Conduct a baseline study of West Maui's urban tree canopy and establish a goal for canopy cover increase and a strategy to achieve the goal.
- 5.07 Initiate changes in zoning based on community plan designations for growth areas identified as high priority for 100 percent affordable housing.
- 5.08 Propose legislation to amortize the short-term occupancy list and phase out short-term rental use to make more housing units available for long-term occupancy.

## **MEDIUM TERM (3-7 years) and LONG TERM (7+ years)**

- 1.05 Prepare and implement an acquisition strategy for parks in West Maui, considering potential sea level rise and climate change.
- 1.08 Develop an inventory of natural and cultural resources and practices impacted by sea level rise, along with preservation plans.
- 1.18 Develop a community-based disaster preparedness plan for West Maui.
- 1.29 Develop basal groundwater sources in West Maui to timely serve planned population growth and offset decreased surface water diversions.
- 1.36 Propose amendments to the Maui County Code to allow for increased use of gray water for approved purposes in West Maui.
- 1.39 Support the implementation of flood control projects and siltation basins mauka of Honoapiʻilani Highway, including the remaining phases of the Lāhainā Watershed Project, to address problem areas.
- 1.45 Create open space in areas sensitive to flooding and around native forests as a protective buffer both for the forest and development.
- 2.12 Complete the West Maui Greenway multi-use path to provide a safe, off-road path for walking and bicycling between parks, neighborhoods, and businesses.
- 3.21 Obtain funding and install ahupuaʻa signs throughout West Maui.
- 3.25 Obtain funding, design, and build additional County facilities that augment the Lāhainā Civic Center.

### **West Maui Projects**

Kaiaulu o Kupuohi - 89 units (burned down)  
Kaiaulu o Kukuia - 200 units (off Keawe St, under construction)  
Pulelehua - 800-1400+ units (3 phases and area for temporary housing)

Kaanapali 2020 - Puʻukolii Village Mauka 940 units 50/50 project  
DHHL Villages of Leialii - 250 units  
DHHL Honokowai 580 - 1000 units

County owned areas for possible temp emergency housing:  
50 acres Kahana and 30 acres Napili

Wailuku:  
Waikapu Country Town - 1500(stalled)  
Kiikahi - 200 units(stalled)  
Kaulana Mahina - 324(under construction)