

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to give my support for the approval of Hoomana as a Cultural education center and Hawaiian Spa for the preservation of our healing arts. I have been a friend of the family to Jeana Naluai, Justin Tafuri for since they purchased the property 12 years ago. In that time, I have watched the property transform as they have planted many native plants with Aloha studying their traditional and medicinal uses. Jeana and I were haumana of Aunty Mahilani Poepoe who was a Kahuna La'au Lapa'au and Cultural practitioner. We learned many of the plants from her and Jeana is still perpetuating her legacy to this day in her pursuit of sharing this knowledge of the plants and Aloha with everyone who she meets. There are very few places on this island where you can find authentic practices. Many people Kanaka and visitors alike who are wanting to connect to the type of Aloha Spirit and culture that I know is present at Hoomana. I feel that the upcountry community would benefit from having more tourist learning to respect and malama our island supporting local families like this one to continue to prosper and raise their families on the land that they are living on. Lomi Lomi should not be practiced in an industrial center or taught in hotel conference room. This type of business helps us all and the kind of education that they visitors will get about how to caretake our 'aina will benefit many places that we are all trying to protect here on Maui. I encourage you to approve this family for a a special use and conditional us permit for their Piihola property.

Sincerely,

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