

**Association of Apartment Owners of Sugar Cove
aka Sugar Cove AOA
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Infrastructure and Environmental Management Committee
Council of the County of Maui

RE: TESTIMONY regarding ITEM IEM #33 Agenda June 5, 2017

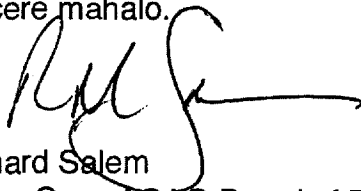
Aloha Council Members.

I write as the President of the Association of Apartment Owners of Sugar Cove, aka Sugar Cove AOA. For more than the past fifteen years, Sugar Cove AOA has undertaken beach nourishment of the public beach fronting its property using high quality screened "inland sand". All funds—totaling multiple hundreds of thousands of dollars--for this successful beach nourishment and preservation effort have been provided by private individuals. The result of this effort has been to restore and preserve a vital public beach enjoyed by countless local families and beachgoers, fishermen, snorkelers and divers, limu gatherers, sports people, etc. (The beach is reached by way of a public beach access way that runs along the side of our property.) Our beach nourishment effort is and has been undertaken with appropriate permits from the County and State DLNR. Beach nourishment is stated as an important objective in the County and State shoreline policies.

Having had access to quality sand on Maui has been critical in making this beach nourishment effort possible. Our annual use has been approximately 1200 tons. Using alternative sources of sand would be completely cost-prohibitive, cause the beach nourishment to cease, and result in a public beach resource failing and becoming unsuitable for public enjoyment and safety.

We ask you reconsider the overly broad language and implications for the proposed moratorium and remain supportive of appropriate use and management of Maui's resources.

Sincere mahalo.



Richard Salem
Sugar Cove AOA Board of Directors