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RE: **A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW CHAPTER 20.40, MAUI COUNTY CODE, DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON SAND MINING** (IEM-33)

My name is Leiane Paci and I am testifying on behalf of Maui Lani Partners.

Today a moratorium is being considered to control Maui's sand resources. We all recognize that there is a limited quantity of sand, and it needs to be managed properly. As part of the moratorium, the Council is considering an update of the Maui Inland Sand Resource Quantification Study: a study that quantified the Grade A sand contracts held by Ameron and Hawaiian Cement in 2006. "Grade A" is an industry term for concrete quality sand. This is not a geological study of how much sand is on Maui.

What will the Council learn from spending \$25,000 on an update to the study? Nothing. Planning Department policy and a potential moratorium have already artificially constrained the resource. Maui's resource will be lost forever, if this law is enacted. The law would stop the most community-minded application of the sand, which are constructing homes and infrastructure, mitigating beach erosion, and

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restoring shorelines. The 2006 study concluded, *“Much of the great Maui inland sand resources that were available 30 years ago are no longer available, due to development on, or preservation of the larger dunes.”* It did not conclude that sand resources were lost to excavation.

What are the consequences of a moratorium? The job market will shrink and less affordable housing will be built. And what about traffic? If a moratorium is enacted, the Maui Lani Parkway which would have provided a much needed commuter route between Baldwin High School and Kuihelani Highway will not be built. Are we happy with the traffic delays on Waiale Avenue, Papa Avenue, and Kaahumanu Avenue? Does the County have a traffic study that contemplates rerouting future traffic onto these existing roadways?

Please focus on what our community needs – solutions to homelessness, creation of jobs and housing options, and mitigation of traffic. Vote “no” on the moratorium.

Companies have offered to keep Maui’s sand in Maui County. This is the answer to managing Maui’s sand resource for the people of Maui County.