

EDB Committee

From: Haley Davis <haleydavis1993@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2019 5:59 AM
To: EDB Committee
Subject: PYCC support

Dear Maui County Council,

I write to you today in support of the PYCC. I grew up on Maui and spent years learning about the radio with Laura. The PYCC hosts amazing programming that empowers youth to be a major part of the community. As a kid I would work on the radio, earn PYCC bucks and use them for food and boards and fins for the beach. My friends and I stayed out of trouble and were fostered to grow in positive ways at the PYCC. Thank you for your time and mahalo to the PYCC for all that they do for youth.

Best,
Haley Davis
Art Educator from Makawao

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Donna Ginoza <dginoza1@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2019 6:18 PM
To: EDB Committee
Subject: EDB-1: in support of Maui Nui Botanical Gardens

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Budget and Finance Committee, Maui County Council

Budget Chairwoman, Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez

200 South High St., 8th Floor

Wailuku, HI 96793

Honorable Members of the Council:

I am writing to urge you to support Mayor Victorino's FY2020 budget request for Maui Nui Botanical Gardens.

MNBG is the best place on Maui for visitors and residents to learn the cultural history of Maui County's unique plants. I have attended several events and workshops including Arbor Day at the Garden and most recently a Cordage Workshop. I am impressed by the quality of the program offerings and knowledge of the staff and teachers.

MNBG provides a place for students of botany and Hawaiian culture to learn plant identification and experiment with traditional uses. They host more than 1,500 Maui students each year in educational activities that teach native Hawaiian plants and their uses. Our business, Voices in Nature LLC, has held events at the garden. We believe that by encouraging a personal connection to nature through direct interaction and playful discovery, children will develop an enduring appreciation for and sense of responsibility toward the natural world. We appreciate being able to use the garden as our classroom to allow children to learn about native plants and experience art and cultural activities based on their exploration. Learning about the features and cultural use of various native species allows them to imagine the unique qualities they perceive in not only the plants, but within themselves. The orderly, peaceful surroundings of the garden create a perfect, relaxed atmosphere for our workshops. I am especially appreciative of Tamara Sherill. Most of the information we cover is based on presentations given by Tamara on site of the garden. In addition, the staff ensures that the area is set up, and is always supportive of our requests.

Maui Nui Botanical Garden is one of Maui's treasures. It is an open, beautiful setting where the public can learn and appreciate Hawaii's native plants and unique culture. Please support Mayor Victorino's FY2020 budget request for Maui Nui Botanical Gardens.

Sincerely,

Donna Ginoza

Voices in Nature LLC