

HFC Committee

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Aloha Chair Hokama and Committee Members,

I am writing today in case I cannot make this hearing in person tomorrow.

I am very opposed to the Lahaina Restoration Foundation being allowed to sign a 10 year lease on Hawaiian ceded land at the Banyan Tree in Lahaina.

Not only is this inappropriate, but has this Foundation had any audits required? How much funding does the organization receive annually? Why is the organization given parking lots to manage and commercial space to lease? Who in the County is overseeing this group? Where does the money go? Why would the Parks Dept. consider this without a public hearing?

The taxpayers deserve an audit of the Lahaina Restoration Foundation without delay.

I strongly urge a full audit of this organization to make sure the taxpayer's money is being managed in a responsible manor. There need to be transparency and accountability here.

As for a 10 year lease, there has never been a 10 year lease for this area so I strongly oppose this measure.

It isn't meant for anyone but our local Hawaiian's to have control over the Banyan Tree land in Lahaina. This is sacred land. The Parks Dept. should be discussing this with them 1st.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Ms. Barbara Barry

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