

PSLU Committee

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Chairman Tamara Paltin and Members,
Maui County Council Planning and Sustainable Land Use Committee
200 S. High Street
Wailuku, HI 96793

RE: MVI LLC Proposal to Change Community Plan Land Use Designation - Maalaea Mauka

Aloha Chair and Members,

I have owned property in Ma'alaea for 19 years and have keenly watched as various developments have been proposed for the property that lies Mauka of Maalaea. The current proposal, as I understand it, asks for three parcels to be re-zoned to allow for a limited number of homes with large lots and agricultural designation. While this may be the least-impact development yet proposed, it may not be in the best interest of Ma'alaea and all west Maui residents.

The best case for the Maui community AND the property owner is for the County to purchase all or portion of the total parcel. If outright purchase is not possible, then I support a change in zoning for a portion of "Project District 12" to AG zoning.

Parcels that are presently zoned "Conservation" and "Open Road Reserve" (those closest to the ocean) should remain in their existing designations. Please retain the front portion of the Project District along Honoapiilani Highway in Open Space/Public Use for the following:

- 1) Transit corridor to allow for future planning needs
- 2) Fire breaks
- 3) Lahaina Pali Trail Parking/access
- 4) Wayside park for vehicle turn around and parking for emergencies and road closures

The Kihei-Makena Community Plan will be reviewed in 2020. That will be the appropriate opportunity for making long-range decisions for these parcels.

Thank you for your consideration.

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