

PC Committee

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To: PC Committee
Subject: Testimony from KCA in support PC06 for 3/9/17 meeting

Aloha Chair King and committee members

Presumably, we will not be able to be present physically at this meeting on 3/9/17, so we want to continue to express our strong support for item PC (06). For years we have watched an unbalanced group of volunteer commissioners make decisions at the Maui Planning Commission. We have heard from very qualified residents who also volunteered, but were never selected, but were never able to determine why. It was obvious to any reasonable observer that specific interests were consistently represented to the point where one departed another was nominated in that vacant position. What you propose to do today follows this past practice with an exception- you are declaring your intent openly. We are disappointed that you are dropping the other category, the vitally needed environmentalist to give some protection to the natural resources, but maybe next time. But please pass this one THIS time. Yes we are a community composed of many cultures, but there is only one host culture, and they need to have a voice when decisions are made.

Mahalo,

Mike Moran for Kihei Community Association