

July 25, 2017

Dear Maui County Council,

After thinking about what transpired at the Lona Ridge Land Use Committee meeting a few days ago I had a few questions that I think needs to be addressed. I will be in Japan and will be unable to make the July 27 meeting. Please consider asking these questions before making a decision.

\*Mrs. Rocha-Wilson made claims and showed a map of supporters in favor of LR when in reality she highlighted in green homes of people who were against it or did not respond either way. Does she have documentation of her claims of support like Susan Grubbs? If not, this is fraud and the permit should not be granted just based on falsification of documents she submitted.

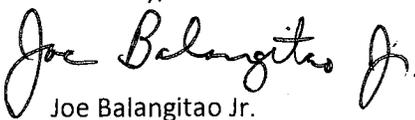
\*I also heard about the wedding where the couple were charged \$3500. A friend of mine's daughter attended that wedding knew the bride and told her mom it cost the couple \$3500. Coincidence that councilwomen Elle Cochran came up with the same figure with video and receipts? Isn't that a county code violation where reprimand and fines are imposed? Another friend of mine who lives in Wailuku Heights had a niece that was told she would not be charged by Mrs. Rocha-Wilson with the stipulation to say something favorable about what good she does for the community.

\*A friend of my wife who is from a prominent family on Maui got a call from a person asking her if they would be interested in buying LR for 12 million. Is it possible Mrs. Rocha-Wilson is trying to get this Conditional Permit to gain leverage and make it more attractive to buyers so she could ask for more money or perhaps have an easier time selling LR? I think someone should ask Mrs. Rocha-Wilson if she's planning to sell the property if she gets the permit.

\*My wife walks in WH every day. She and a neighbor ran into two ladies who were walking their dogs and the neighbor told my wife those two ladies rent a room from Mrs. Rocha-Wilson. If you go online there are pictures of a property but does not say specifically where it is and how much the rent is. This doesn't sound like someone who says that this is their "home" and rents rooms out to random people.

\*Lastly, Mrs. Rocha-Wilson says she is doing it for the Kupuna, Veterans, Halau's, etc. She asks her family and friends many of whom do not live in WH to testify on her behalf and has something to gain if she gets this permit. The Wedding Planner, the Farm Tour Director and others who will benefit. Don't be fooled by this "local" girl who left Maui for 60 years to come back and polarize a residential community made up of white and blue collar workers with her East Coast mentality to get her Conditional Permit regardless of how the majority of the people feel in the community. Mrs. Rocha-Wilsons journey is not unique, a majority of the homeowners has roots to the plantation and don't expect special treatment because they did a good deed. I don't know of any Philanthropists who gives like she claims and expects something back in return.

Sincerely,

  
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