

KCA Testimony on PTL-43 10/16/18 130 PM.

Aloha Chair Guzman, Vice Chair King and Committee members.
Mike Moran testifying for the Kihei Community Association (KCA)
in support of PRL-43

We are very pleased to see more trees declared exceptional, recognizing these wonders of nature and extending them this added legal protection. As our *kuleana* is to represent our district of South Maui, we are extremely grateful to see the inclusion of this stately grove of Monkey Pods makai South Kihei Road, finally completing the entire set as they join the **MPQ**, our original Monkey Pod Quartet just south of this group.

Our community fought long and hard to preserve them against numerous attacks as both the trees and the community were blamed for numerous challenges. Wild outrageous claims made that because the trees remained in place, Kihei was plagued by flooding, fewer street trees and insufficient infrastructure and numerous other ills.

But we persevered and now this day has arrived. Please pass this on first reading. Mahalo,

Mike Moran for KCA