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Re: Draft West Maui Community Plan

Dear Councilmember Paltin,

On behalf of the Protect and Preserve Kahoma Ahupua'a Association, I write you today requesting that the Draft West Maui Community Plan be revised to insert the below underscored language after the existing language in the Subarea 3 as an Area Specific Policies policy on page 69:

Policy 3.2.x

For the area between Front Street and Honoapiilani Highway from Kahoma Stream to Kenue Street, the following policies and objectives shall continue to apply from the 1996 West Maui Community Plan:

- Concentrate multifamily dwelling units around the central commercial district [p17]
- A new community-oriented park along the south bank of Kahoma Street and between Front Street and Honoapiilani Highway. [p18]
- The new park along the south edge of Kahoma Stream should be recognized as major entry features to Lahaina town with appropriate landscape planting treatment. [p33]
- The south-side of the Kahoma Stream channel should incorporate a 20-foot-wide landscape linear park or greenway, including pedestrian and bikeways, to provide visual and open space continuity between Front Street and the Honoapiilani Highway. [p33]
- Establish major recreation ways for pedestrians and bicycles along the southern side of Kahoma Stream. [p37]
- It shall be a project district intended to provide a mixture of commercial/business and multi-family and senior citizen residential uses. There shall also be 6 acres of park land within the project district, including a linear park or greenway adjacent to the south bank of Kahoma Stream, from Honoapiilani Highway to Front Street, at least 60 feet wide and approximately 1.5 acres in size. The extension of Wainee Street from its present terminus at Kenue Street to Front Street, as well as the realignment of Kenue Street shall also be considered. Said roadway improvements should be developed and funded in conjunction with appropriate government agencies. The remaining acres in the project district shall be evenly divided between the commercial/business uses, and the multi-family and senior citizen residential uses, to the greatest extent practicable. [p50]

The Kahoma Villages project was approved by the Maui Planning Commission and developed in violation of our constitutional rights. This was recognized by both the Intermediate Court of Appeals and the Hawai'i Supreme Court. We are presently awaiting the Maui Planning Commission to schedule the procedural steps to conduct a contested case hearing over the matter.

The proposed Draft West Maui Community Plan proposes to substantially altered the current community plan designation for the area with virtually no public discussion or attention. I have included the page references to the current community plan in brackets above. The developer should be required to go through a separate community plan amendment process with appropriate community input and review including, but not limited to, discussing what the developer should be required to do in lieu of building a park within the area.

If the Maui County Council intends to erase Protect and Preserve Kahoma Ahupua'a Association's vindication of its and the community's constitutional rights before the Hawai'i Supreme Court and allow the administration and the developer to not be held accountable for failing to follow the law, the Council should do so clearly, honestly and expressly and not simply allow it to occur through silence. Otherwise, the Council should keep the current Community Plan language intact and require the administration and developer to go through a community plan amendment where the change can be appropriately scrutinized.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Michele Lincoln

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