

EACP Committee

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Subject: Agenda Item: Support the IPM. Stop using toxic synthetic pesticides in parks and on parkways. Maui must protect children, families, workers tourists, healthy soils, water, air and land.

Aloha and Hello.

As someone who has been poisoned by pesticides, I am writing to ask that you please support the IPM to stop toxic pesticides from being used in parks and parkways in Maui. Pesticides are linked to neurological and developmental problems, birth defects, cancer, tumors, damage to the lungs, liver, kidneys and other organs and many other serious consequences.

Maui must protect children, families, workers, tourists, healthy soils and ecosystems, clean water and air from toxic pesticides.

Toxic pesticides remain in the soil and can get into our water, food and bodies. Also, some pesticides drift through the air and can be inhaled. Please ban toxic synthetic pesticides and use only organic, non-toxic methods, like many cities in the US and other countries are doing.

Passing the IPM is necessary for protecting human health, the environment and Maui's reputation and good standing on the world stage as a dream destination.

As more and more awareness grows about the dangers of pesticides, and more lawsuits are filed, people are waking up.

This is a battle of the soul. A battle for our children's health and their future. Unfortunately, greed by the already wealthy pesticide corporations are putting profits over children's health. Their powerful network of lobbyists and close relationship with EPA results in dangerous deadly pesticides being for sale here in the United States.

The former CEO of Dow Chemical was hired in the Trump Administration after Dow Chemical gave 1 million to Trump's inauguration. After the donation, the Trump administration brought back chlorpyrifos, a neurotoxic pesticide that hurts the brains of children. This neurotoxic pesticide is still allowed in 47 states. After much work and time spent, the states of Hawaii, California and New York banned chlorpyrifos, but there is a great number of other toxic pesticides that must be banned. Many pesticides are banned in other countries because of health consequences. Information can be found on PAN, Pesticide Action Network, Beyond Pesticides, Nontoxic Communities and many others.

Unfortunately, the EPA in the US relies on industry-funded studies by the pesticide companies. So, it is the pesticide corporations that are trying to convince us that their products are safe. They pay for the studies and research and give money to universities and agricultural programs. They pay scientists, doctors and others who will sell their products and say that they are safe.

As you make this very important decision, there's a good chance that pesticide companies have sent their salespeople who will try to convince you that their products are safe, just as they try to convince their workers that dangerous products are safe. Since pesticide exposure can look like a virus or flu with respiratory or lung symptoms, dizziness, rash, headache this is often dismissed. Also workers and farmers using pesticides are often afraid to report poisoning.

Now more than ever with COVID-19, public open spaces are increasingly important.
Maui must pass the IPM.

Thank you, Mahalo nui,

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