

## Great Committee

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**From:** Alice L. Lee  
**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2023 8:02 PM  
**To:** Great Committee  
**Subject:** FW: Lahaina+resident+says+we+need+solutions+NOW,+not+in+24+months.+ "We+are+Exhausted,+we're+Overwhelmed"+-+YouTube

Great Committee:

I think the extension of the Lahaina by-pass should be prioritized in the Recovery Plan.  
Please add this to the list of community concerns and priorities.

Thank you,

Chair Lee

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**From:** Bob Pure <bobdi@hawaii.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2023 11:41 AM  
**To:** Alice L. Lee <Alice.Lee@mauicounty.us>  
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Alice,

Thank you for your comments.....Wayne is one of the smartest and most perceptive people I know and we have become good friends.....

you probably already knows this.....my wife and I moved here in 2002, 21 years ago.....the Lahaina Bypass had been discussed for 46 years.....Angus told me he started hearing about the Bypass when he was 7 years old.....

we formed a group called LBN.....my job was to get the Bypass built.....I worked with the DOT Director in Honolulu and I became their Maui connection.....we built up a lot of trust.....I worked with their design team, the general contractor and organized the public meetings and the testimony.....

even though the Bypass was not a County road, Alan Arakawa met with our LBN group every quarter and we kept him informed of where we were and he lent his continuing support for the project.....

the Lahaina Bypass is a State road but 80% funded by the Feds/20% by the State.....cost about 140 Million.....

LBN also worked with the DOT to widen and landscape HP highway going in and out of Lahaina eliminating a daily bottleneck.....and also we had the DOT create a left turn lane coming off the

Bypass at Keawe St. allowing people to go left into Lahaina.....

at LBN we didn't analyze everything forever, we actually "got stuff done" .....

I'm still in touch with Ed Sniffen the current Director and Robin Shisheido State Highways Director.....

right now we are in the permit stage of extending the Bypass from where it ends now at Olowalu to within a mile and a half the tunnel.....about 90 million and we have the funding.....because of the 16 permits it's going to take a long time.....estimated completion 2028.....

Alice, right now the Bypass is the only way in and out of Lahaina and was the only way out on the day of the fire.....I'm sure the Bypass saved a lot of lives.....

On 10/29/2023 6:09 PM, Alice L. Lee wrote:

Aloha Wayne,

Thank you for you recommendations.

We are working on all of these issues.

We will try to expedite as many processes as we can legislatively but the Mayor and his administration must implement them.

As you may know, residents are still returning to their properties to go through their belongings, work with their insurance companies and work with Federal, State, County and other entities to apply for various types of assistance. The debris removal which is under the Mayor, EPA and the Army Corp of Engineers will take over six months to complete. The Oluwalu landfill must be constructed to receive this special kind of debris. Subsequently, more testing and assessments need to be done on the properties to see if they are ready to be built on after the debris is removed. In most cases, new infrastructure (water and sewer ) needs to be replaced/ built to service the properties. Roads may need to be extensively repaired. It make take years before people are cleared to rebuild their homes and buildings. This is why I believe it is essential to expedite all housing projects already approved and in the queue. Victims of the fire need a range of housing options, short term and long term which the county must provide.

If you have a chance, visit [Mauirecovers.org](http://Mauirecovers.org). It will list the necessary steps involved.

Your testimony at our committee meetings are most welcome. I wish more folks would be involved as you and Bob Pure.

Mahalo, Wayne for your continued feedback and participation.

Alice

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**From:** Wayne Hedani <[wnhedani@gmail.com](mailto:wnhedani@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Sunday, October 29, 2023 9:36 AM

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FYI.

Wayne

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From: **Wayne Hedani** <[wnhedani@gmail.com](mailto:wnhedani@gmail.com)>

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To: Bob Pure <[bobdi@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:bobdi@hawaii.rr.com)>

The council should:

- 1.Repeal the short term rental ordinance to bring units online by mandate rather than begging. 800 units minimum gain.
2. Ban TVRs in residential areas permanently to bring down the cost of housing in residential areas.
3. Implement the community plan for West Maui by zoning lands for community plan uses without landowners having to beg for it. Speeds housing development.
4. Work on prioritizing rental housing for residents who lost homes.
5. Open Lahaina to insurance adjusters immediately so they can do their work in adjusting for peoples insurance losses.
6. Put up temporary long term housing through emergency action waiving all laws which impede this progress.
7. Stop having 9 committees holding meetings asking the same questions. This only makes everyone crazy and lets committee chairs posture in public with no benefit.
8. Work on financing to aid people back into homes. 8% mortgages means no one will qualify to buy anything anywhere soon. Especially without work.
9. Respond to people who expect the world to provide them a living.

On Sat, Oct 28, 2023 at 11:20 AM Bob Pure <[bobdi@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:bobdi@hawaii.rr.com)> wrote:

I was out yesterday afternoon.....I talked to a customer for a while at Ross, she lost her house and her relatives lost their house, then I went to Longs and talked to another customer and she lost her house and again all of her relatives and today I went to Safeway and talked to an employee who I knew and she lost her house, her two kids devastated.....

and two days ago I talked to a woman employee at Rip Curl in WV and she lost her home and her husband also lost 6 motorcycles and and 3 trucks.....

Wayne, I can't even imagine what all of these people are going through.....along with their possessions, every family memory is gone.....

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**Date:**Sat, 28 Oct 2023 11:08:20 -1000

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