

June 3, 2021

Testimony from Ha'iku Community Association

Re: CC 21-257 and CC 21-258 Amendment to FY 2022 Budget (Bill 46) for Hamakualoa Open Space preserve Master Planning Funds

Aloha Council Chair Lee and Council Members

The board of the Ha'iku Community Association strongly supports the amendment of the FY 2022 Maui County Budget to provide funding for the master management and operational plan for the Hamakualoa Open Space Lands.

We are happy to assist the Malama Hamakua Maui and the County consultants who will be doing the plan in conducting public outreach to identify the best practices for the management of the land that are supported by the community.

We understand that the Council is considering two possible funding source options to underwrite the anticipated costs of the master management and operational plan. Not having expertise in the requirements of the County's special use funds, we support the Council determining the fund that will provide the best fit for the proposed master management plan project.

Mahalo nui to every council member for your long and diligent work on the FY 2021-22 County budget. Our community appreciates your consideration of our high priority projects.

Looking forward to working together

Ha'iku Community Association

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Aloha, my name is James Stone, MFD captain, retired. I am a resident of Waialua in east Molokai and am testifying on agenda items cc21-261 and cc21-267. On or about the year 1998, forgive my memory, I was promoted to FF-3 in Maui FD to occupy the newly opened fire substation at the Irwin health center's residence building at Pukoo, Molokai built in 1938 by the Irwin Foundation, thanks to Paul&Helen Fagan, owners of Puu o Hoku ranch at the time. The county was granted a month to month lease from the state of Hawaii at the time which is still the agreement. Fast foreword to the present and we are faced with rising sea levels and new flooding inundation zones including the land on which the station occupies. I've noted that our firemen located at Pukoo station have coated the roof there with a water resistant coating so as to prevent leakage from the elements and damage to their county equipment, base radios, computers ect. I don't recall the roof there as ever been repaired except for their stop gap efforts. The station there was missioned twofold; to respond as medical first responders and to protect life and property of area residents in case of fire, personal&water rescue and anything else that we were called out for. For emergency response from Kaunakakai to reach east Molokai at speed takes a minimum 25 minutes. Without a station in our area,, our homeowners or business insurance coverage will increase dramatically. I believe the newly discovered property by the Ualapue water tank road would be a great step forward in relocating our east Molokai station to a safer location with good access and easily accessed water supply. Repurposing a suitable building is, of course, usually cheaper than starting anew. I am in favor of our council person K.Rawlin's efforts to facilitate the relocation of Pukoo fire station to the Ualapue location. Thank you, J. Stone

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