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Aloha, Chair Hokama, Vice Chair Sugimura, and Council members.

Thank you for allowing my testimony.

I would like to thank the workers of the youth center who have, and continue to do a great job guiding and teaching the youth who visit and participate at the center. Their guidance and leadership are so important in molding these young minds.

I have been a Paia resident since the early 80's and use Baldwin and or Paia Bay almost daily.

I participated on a committee to help with the direction of the Baldwin Beach Park planning, which included the Paia Youth center. During the meetings a new location for the center was brought up which seemed to make sense to the committee members.

But from one meeting to the next without any explanation the asking size of the youth center land area on the planning print had increased by 2-3 times. After noticing it on the print and questioning it, it was explained that a meeting took place between David Yamashita and the director of the youth center, resulting in the increased land area, and changed on the planning print. No explanation of how this area was going to be used was ever given.

Can we get some answers before you make a decision on this lease.

### YOUTH CENTER

-How are you planning on using the land? -short term, long term, permanent, temporary, building structures...

### COUNTY

-Are permanent structures allowed to be built in this area?

-If yes, are there size limitations?

-Will there be public access or a right of way through the property?

-Should we go back to the original land asking size from the first planning meeting and increase it in the future if demand calls for it?

Please consider my testimony to deny the lease until these questions can be answered.

Mahalo,

Jeff Chong  
Paia Resident