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July 18, 2022

Ms. Tova Callender

Via E-mail: tovacallender@gmail.com

Dear Ms. Callender:

SUBJECT: SOUTH MAUI COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE (PSLU-53)

At its meeting of July 14, 2022, the Council's Planning and Sustainable Land Use ("PSLU") Committee selected you as one of the 18 applicants for further consideration to the South Maui Community Plan Advisory Committee ("CPAC").

The PSLU Committee anticipates finalizing the selection of CPAC members in late August or early September 2022, with dates and times to be determined. Once all 13 members are chosen (nine selected by the Council, four selected by the Mayor), members will be expected to serve for a period of at least six months, which can be extended by the Council. The CPAC will remain in existence until enactment of an ordinance adopting the revisions to the South Maui Community Plan.

We anticipate CPAC meetings to be held in person; however, if COVID-19 restrictions are imposed, the Department of Planning may switch to meeting virtually.

In accordance with Section 2.80B.080(D), Maui County Code, any committee member who has three unexcused absences from scheduled meetings may be removed by recommendation of the committee.

May I please request your written response to the following:

1. Will you be able to attend all CPAC meetings in person?
1. Do you have the capability to meet virtually, if needed?

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2. In the event you are not selected, would you be interested in being an unofficial alternate member by following the meetings and joining the CPAC in the event of unforeseen circumstances that results in a vacancy on the CPAC?
3. Can you please provide insight on what influences your decision-making processes?
4. Please cite an example of how you managed to work with others on controversial items with opposing viewpoints. Please explain how you pushed through those difficult situations for the overall good.

May I please request you transmit your response to pslu.committee@mauicounty.us, no later than **July 25, 2022**, and include the relevant Committee item number in the subject line of your response.

May I further request that you attend the PSLU Committee meeting on Wednesday, August 3, 2022, at 1:30 p.m., via the online BlueJeans platform <https://bluejeans.com/149341846> or in person at the Council Chamber.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Wilton Leauanae at 808-270-7761, or Clarita Balala at 808-270-7668).

Sincerely,



TAMARA PALTIN, Chair
Planning and Sustainable Land Use
Committee

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July 19, 2022

Re: South Maui Community Plan Update (PSLU-53), supplemental responses

Aloha Chair Paltin,

In response to the email received July 19, 2022, please see the responses by question topic below:

1. In-person CPAC meeting attendance anticipated without problem: at this time, I do not foresee any reason that would prevent me from attending CPAC meetings in person. I do not have any dependents, am in good health and have no current plans to travel off island.
2. Virtual meeting capability: I can meet virtually should that be required. I work from a home office, and have been joining meeting remotely throughout the pandemic, as well as prior to 2020 with geographically remote partners.
3. Openness to unofficial alternate member status: while my preference would be as a full committee member, I am submitting my name for consideration out of a desire to be helpful to our community. If the decision of the County Council and Mayor is that I would best serve as an unofficial alternate member, I am open to doing so.
4. Influences on my decision-making process: my decision-making processes are influenced by the sum of my life experiences, which include living overseas in my younger years, extensive travel exposing me to diverse approaches to co-existence and practical problem solving, and an upbringing where integrity, hard work, and strong family ties were highly valued. My decision-making is further influenced by a tendency to seek win-win solutions, and the need to form decisions based on as much information as it available, whether it be scientific or traditional knowledge or a voiced human need. I tend towards decisions that are logical, factually based, pragmatic, cost-effective, incorporate long-term implications and cause no (or as little as possible) known harm.
5. Example of navigating opposing viewpoints: when I was chair of the steering committee at one of the community gardens I started with my team at the time, we needed to develop a rule that would reduce the conflict arising between gardeners tending low vegetable patches and those planting tree crops in line with their cultural norms. After considerable discussion, the steering committee concluded growing food trees in the garden plots could not be allowed because it blocked the sunlight most gardeners needed for vegetables and herbs to thrive in their plots. We came to the annual meeting, which I was facilitating, and presented this as a strong recommendation for adoption. Tree crops were central to providing traditional foods to the Micronesian growers, who represented a minority of garden members so would not have the votes to be block our new rule. When their spokesperson came forward to oppose our recommendation, I took a deep breath and was reminded of my facilitation mentor who was fond of saying "the group has its own answer". Believing consensus is preferable to a majority

rules approach, I trusted the process, created space for him to come forward and make his case to the steering committee and the rest of the gardeners. In fully hearing him out, it opened the room for dialogue prompting out of the box thinking which resulted in changing the master layout for the garden so that the practices of the Micronesians could be incorporated into a designated section of the garden without compromising the needs of the annual row crop growers. Through this process, everyone present, including myself, was able to see a solution that would not have been visible without creating a safe space for additional dialogue, and time to hear first-hand, the needs of others.

Thank you for the opportunity to join the PSLU Committee meeting on August 3 at 1:30pm. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, I plan to attend in person.

Kindly let me know if you need any additional information.

Mahalo for your consideration, Tova

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PSLU Committee

From: Tova Callender <tovacallender@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2022 8:40 PM
To: PSLU Committee
Subject: South Maui Community Plan Update (PSLU-53)
Attachments: South-Maui-CPAC-Supp Questions T Callender.pdf

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Aloha PSLU Committee Staff,
Please see the attached responses to questions received earlier today.
Kindly let me know if you have any questions or further information is required.
Mahalo, Tova

On Tue, Jul 19, 2022 at 8:15 AM PSLU Committee <PSLU.Committee@mauicounty.us> wrote:

Please see attached letter relating to the South Maui Community Plan Advisory Committee.

Mahalo, PSLU Committee Staff

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