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July 18, 2022

Ms. Lehuanani Huddleston-Hafoka

Via E-mail: huddlestonhafoka@yahoo.com

Dear Ms. Huddleston-Hafoka:

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?
2. Do you have the capability to meet virtually, if needed?

3. 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?
4. Can you please provide insight on what influences your decision-making processes?
5. 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

South Maui Community Plan Advisory Committee Applicant response:

Lehuanani Huddleston-Hafoka

1. Will you be able to attend all CPAC meetings in person?

Yes, I will be able to attend CPAC meetings in person, except for the August 3, 2022, meeting as I already have a commitment, but I will be able to participate via the online BlueJeans platform if I can stay at the location.

2. Do you have the capability to meet virtually, if needed?

Yes, I do have the capability to meet virtually.

3. 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?

Yes, I would be interested in being an unofficial alternate member by following the meetings and joining the CPAC in the event of the unforeseen circumstances that may result in a vacancy on the CPAC.

4. Can you please provide insight on what influences your decision-making processes?

1. Being able to identify the decision(s) that needs to be made
 - a. What is the goal – what is the big picture?
2. Gathering relevant information
 - a. Ask questions to better understand the situation
3. Contemplating the pros and cons
4. Knowing that my decision will ultimately have an impact on my community

South Maui Community Plan Advisory Committee Applicant response:

Lehuanani Huddleston-Hafoka

5. 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.

The group I was with came with their own values, opinions, backgrounds, personal and professional experiences, thus us having to come to a group decision seemed a bit daunting at the beginning. I quickly realized that I knew that coming in with an open mind and a willingness to sincerely listen to others would be of great value.

I felt I was able to genuinely contemplate what was being said by the other group members and why what they had said was important to them. Doing so gave me the ability to empathize with them and gave me more of an insight when making my decision that would later become a final group decision.

I felt comfortable asking questions. I asked to “tell me more” so me (and the group as some people were too shy to ask and asked me to ask for them) could better understand. I thanked them for being willing to expound. If I had shared something, I sometimes asked “what do you think?” to get their feedback. I valued their feedback and learned a lot from getting to understand each person’s perspective.

The decision that had to be made would dig deep into our core as individual people from a wide cross section of our community whose ultimate decision, as a group, would impact several people’s lives forever.

Through continued dialogue that at one time or another seemed to go off on a tangent and later was brought back to focus, we were eventually able to come up with an amicable decision, though not everyone felt it was the utopic outcome, but it was an outcome that was agreeable by both sides. This allowed us to move forward feeling that we did what was expected of us to the best of our ability.

One thing that stood out was as diverse as our group was, everyone in the group was encouraged to speak and everyone was able to respectfully disagree if needed and all thoughts were respected throughout the process thus making everyone feel valued and respected. This was a wonderful life experience, and I am glad I had an opportunity to do so.

PSLU Committee

From: LEHUANANI HUDDLESTON-HAFOKA <huddlestonhafoka@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2022 9:21 PM
To: PSLU Committee
Subject: Re: South Maui Community Plan Update (PSLU-53)
Attachments: Huddleston-Hafoka, Lehuanani South Maui CPAC applicant 07252022 pdf.pdf

Aloha Chair Paltin,
Attached is my reply to your questions you had for me regarding my South Maui CPAC application.

I did note for question #1 that I would be able to attend all meetings, except for the upcoming PSLU Committee meeting on Wednesday, August 3, 2022. This is the first day of our afterschool services at the Kihei Youth Center where I am the Executive Director. I am already committed to the first day and currently do not have additional staff to fill in for me as we now have two programing sites.

As of today, I am confirming that I will be able to participate via BlueJeans. However, should this change, I will be in person at the Council Chamber to attend the PSLU Committee meeting,

Mahalo, Lehua

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On Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 08:15:09 AM HST, PSLU Committee <pslu.committee@mauicounty.us> wrote:

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

Mahalo, PSLU Committee Staff