

Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee on 2022-06-28 9:00 AM

Meeting Time: 06-28-22 09:00

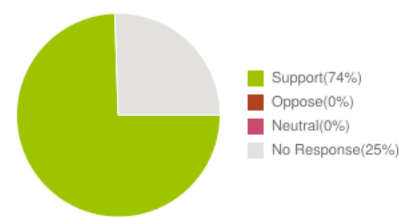
eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
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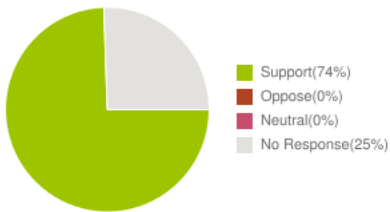


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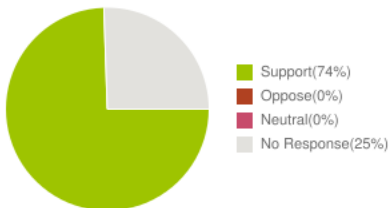
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Overall Sentiment



Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:23pm 06-28-22

From: Jeremy Levien <zimleviens@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 12:30 PM

To: County Clerk <County.Clerk@mauicounty.us>

Subject: Support for Reso 22-158

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Additionally she has stated publicly that the signature on the original permit was forged by one of her employees. I understand that the pushback from several groups of entrenched exploiters will be fierce. The Council must prepare itself for a very bumpy ride! But with your support, we can move Maui County into a new era as a modern municipality that serves the best interests of its residents, not the Fat Cats.

Purchase through eminent domain is one path. I believe that the permit can be revoked because it is clearly tainted. If everything was as legal, clear and ethical as Greg Brown says it was, then he should have no problem with that...

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:21pm 06-28-22

From: Slainden Kauhaahaa <slaindenhekili808@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 11:43 AM

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Carla Wertman <carla@wertman.ca>

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:20pm 06-28-22

Dear Maui County Clerk:

As a resident of Napili I am extremely displeased with the inaction of our elected officials in light of Mr Brown's ongoing , flagrant disregard for local building permit procedures, ordinances, codes, and the special " village' character of the Napili community.

I support Resolution 22-158 to acquire the property for public purposes. One possible use of the land is a small public park . A park would truly be an asset to our community.

Mr. Brown's "monster house" threatens to severely damage the special "village" nature of our small community. It creates a precedent for others who would like to irresponsibly develop coastal areas of our island, especially in the Napili area.

Mahalo for your attention and consideration.

Please consider the voices of the citizens of Napili.

It is really shameful that the building has gotten to this stage...someone has not done their job...take action now to rectify this illegal building. Do what's right, it's not too late.

Rosemary Jansma-Fox

120 Hui Rd F APT. F12
Lahaina, HI
napiliohana1@gmail.com

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Best,

Martina

martina.osicka@gmail.com

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:18pm 06-28-22

I don't know how this building was approved Before a building is built A letter usually is circulated to the neighbors asking for their approval If the answer is no then they can't build it So u need to go to the source The beginning of building this monstrous hotel Maui people have been sleeping too long So now they r speaking up N watching those illegal homes being built I say to break this building down It is not a residential home like the neighbors
From: Lettitia Maika <lettimaika@icloud.com>

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Submitted At: 1:17pm 06-28-22

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From: michael gilbert <gilbert1@me.com>

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:16pm 06-28-22

I have watched the Brown property be built over the last months, and continue to be offended and horrified that such a monstrosity is now in Napili. It should never have been allowed. I spend a lot of time in and on the water of Napili Bay, and that building towers over any building in the neighborhood. Considering the irregularities in the permitting process, and Brown's blatant lack of concern for the law and the community, it should be torn down.

I strongly support Kelly King's resolution 22-159 and Tamara Paltin's resolution 22-159.

Regards,
Don Whitebread

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:15pm 06-28-22

Aloha and Good Morning Council Chair and Council Members,
Thank you for your time, efforts and this platform.

I support the Eminent Domain process with certain conditions:

We simply ask that you please do the right thing and show the community that by working together all things are possible. We must give the _aina a break. Too many investors, developers have used our home for profit. We can clearly see by default that this type of action is documented even by Hollywood films of our history of folks looking at Hawai_i as their own pot of gold. Whereas the residents just want to live our lives best as possible. treating one another with respect as we would like to live and be treated is something I believe most or many of the locals want to live by. We understand "Lucky we live Hawai_i" but please have our best interest at heart. It is not getting any easier or cheaper to live in our own birthplace.

Mahalo Nui Loa,
Jamie
Jamie Lum Lung-Kaeo <jllumlungkaeo@icloud.com>

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:13pm 06-28-22

I agree with the cut and paste statement below!!

The local community needs and deserves something like this to be done.

Please do not allow the capitalists to win and strip away all that once was local. Without the local vibes these land will fall to darkne\$\$.

Malama the land sea and people of this great place "WE LOCALS" call home_____

Mahalo nui Loa for your time
Danie Bardos

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Aloha - I was born and raised in the Napili/Kahana area and write in support of Resolution 22-158. I support shutting Greg Brown down and launching an investigation into Public Works, Planning, and Corporation Counsel's abuse of their authority. Greg Brown's illegal hotel is inappropriate and illegitimate on its face. I support the efforts of our Napili community to demand accountability. Mahalo.

- Jackie Levien

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:12pm 06-28-22

I support resolution 22-158 to apply Eminent Domain to Greg Brown's hotel in Napili. Greg Brown has consistently skirted the law in West Maui in order to get his way and this is just his latest caper. In order to avoid a conflict of interest, the County Counsel should exclude legal advice from corporate counsel. They are obviously in Brown's pocket.

Renee S. Bayes

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Dr. Bonnie Marsh

Haiku Town

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From: Glenn Thielk <naluhiwa@aol.com>

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PLEASE THINK OF THE RESIDENTS AND THOSE BORN HERE! THANK YOU. HERE WITH MY SON FOR MANY,MANY YEARS, Tara S. King

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R Carolyn W Lawson
Napili Shores Resort

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:04pm 06-28-22

The council should remove this property from Greg Brown who has abused the County rules in building this non-code building that is completely out of fitting with the Napili community.

Hamish Craig,
West Maui Resident

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:03pm 06-28-22

Dear Maui Coucil

I strongly support the Eminent Domain process to take over the Napili property of Greg Brown which was not

properly vetted or scoped. Ideally, a community resource should be located there such as cultural center or local crafts/farmers market.

However, I support it with certain conditions:

Corporation Counsel must be excluded to eliminate conflicts and hand-waving to muddle the facts. They have not served the County or citizen of Maui to this point and there is no reason to believe that will change.

This must not turn into a "Payday" for Greg Brown. He has lied too long and too deeply for him to act surprised that he was caught. No reparations should be paid for the structure he has built illegally. The market value should be the same as he paid for the property to keep it a reasonable cost to Maui County take over the property.

And the county and other representatives must stop saying that Greg Brown couldn't rent out his hotel because without getting a short-term rental permit. This entire Napili area is zoned for short-term rental and he doesn't need a permit from the county or anyone else to open as a hotel, if the structure is completed.

The Council must honor their kuleana to protect the 'Aina and the people of Napili from this blatant mis-application of rules and the bald-faced deception he is pursuing.

I support resolution 22-158 and you should too. Show the people of Maui that you care about the island, the residents, and the Napili community.

Please stop this massive, illegal development!!

Best regards
Paula Opal
Kapalua
Popalrwc@gmail.com

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 1:02pm 06-28-22

As a thirty year resident of Napili, I am appalled that the monster house under construction on the lower road in Napili was ever approved. It is an eyesore that is totally out of place in our quiet residential area where the height limit for buildings has been in place for generations. Greg Brown's home is so obviously in violation of both size and height restrictions that it is ludicrous. I walk on the lower road almost daily, and it is becoming more of an ugly neighbor with each passing day.

Please revoke Greg Brown's building permit and require him to tear down that monstrosity. This is not Beverly Hills. Napili has always had a quiet charm about it that separates it from the high rises of Ka'anapali and other parts of the West Maui shoreline. Let's keep it that way and not give in to big money that is only out for personal gain at the expense of the neighbors.
Aloha, Koana (Joan B.) Smith

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 12:59pm 06-28-22

From: Andrew Isoda <druw.hagi10@gmail.com>

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Aloha, Teresa Nae'ole

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Submitted At: 12:56pm 06-28-22

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I support Resolution 22-158 to acquire the property for public purposes. One possible use of the land is a small public park . A park would truly be an asset to our community.
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Greg Friedman

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 12:54pm 06-28-22

From: flo wiger <ashes3@me.com>

Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 5:57 PM

To: County Clerk <County.Clerk@mauicounty.us>

Subject: Support for Reso 22-158

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Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 12:52pm 06-28-22

Aloha Council

Please have this ugly monster of a home torn down and fine's placed on Greg Brown and an investigation do on all departments or affiliated people.

Mahalo

Ui'lani Kapu

Pamela Tumpap

Location:

Submitted At: 9:18am 06-28-22

Please see testimony attached.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:15am 06-28-22

Dear Maui County Clerk:

As an owner of one of the studios at Napili Kai Beach Resort I am extremely frustrated with the inaction of our elected officials in light of Mr Brown's ongoing, flagrant disregard for local building permit procedures, ordinances, codes, and the special "village" character of the Napili community.

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JoAnne Saysette

jsaysette@gmail.com

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Submitted At: 8:13am 06-28-22

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Mahalo

Louis Pappas

Napili Ridge

120 Hui Road F

Apt F-12

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Location:

Submitted At: 8:13am 06-28-22

As a frequent visitor to Napili bay since 1976 I'm appalled that the so-called Greg Brown "house" has made it this far. It's clearly an ugly blot on the beautiful two-story treasure of Napili. If this cancer on the community is allowed to stand it will only metastasize. Greedy developers will learn how they too can manipulate county government to the detriment of the local community. Do the right thing!!!

Gary Cooper

Napili Kai shareholder

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:12am 06-28-22

My name is Darlene Hosseinian and I live in Kihei. I am writing to state that I am in support of the resolution to require Greg Brown to tear down his illegal structure. This situation could have been avoided if county code and ordinances had been enforced. I think the county should offer restitution for this debacle and clean up all participating departments so that this does not happen again. This structure should not be allowed to proceed. Thank you, Darlene Hosseinian

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:11am 06-28-22

Aloha Maui County Councilmembers,

I support resolution 22-158 and support using the eminent domain process for Maui County to acquire the Greg Brown property in Napili under the condition that the Council is legally advised by a source outside the Corporation Council. The Corporation Council has repeatedly misrepresented the facts to the County Council and clearly not operating with the best interests of our community.

The SMA exemptions and permits were obtained fraudulently through misinformation and exploitation at every turn. Greg Brown should not be able to financially benefit from fraud and deception. He was never entitled to the exemptions and permits so there should be limits on fair market value. This was never going to be a single family home, Greg Brown is trying to value at the market value for a hotel. Maui Residents should not bear the cost of this fraud.

Please do what is right for our community before it's too late. We are in the eleventh hour and you have the power to end this deception.

Mahalo,

Amy Stephens

Napili

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:10am 06-28-22

From: Monica Davis <monicawdavis@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 11:33 PM

To: County Clerk <County.Clerk@mauicounty.us>

Subject: Support for Reso 22-158

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Location:

Submitted At: 8:07am 06-28-22

From: JIM VERBICK <jvneurotoxica@comcast.net>

Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 2:07 AM

To: County Clerk <County.Clerk@mauicounty.us>

Subject: Support for Reso 22-158

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Sent from my iPhone

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:06am 06-28-22

From: Sue Cox <sueknitwit@aol.com>

Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 3:34 AM

To: County Clerk <County.Clerk@mauicounty.us>

Subject: Support for Reso 22-158

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Please make him take it down. I can see it looming on the beautiful view of the west Maui mountains from the Napili Kai beach resort! I don't know how Greg Brown got this far! I support the Eminent Domain process with certain conditions:

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Sent from my iPad

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:04am 06-28-22

Our country is now seeing too much favoritism! Follow the law and do not let this project continue. Tear it down!

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Patricia C Inouye
2306 Shire Lane
Davis, CA 95616

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:02am 06-28-22

Madam Clerk, and all concerned parties:

As a resident, and property owner in Napili, I strongly support Resolution 22-158.

Mr. Brown has somehow been allowed to construct a building, referred to locally as, "The Monster House," which violates our local building code.

The house not only infringes on the privacy of neighbors, it is also an eyesore to our lovely beach area, and a signal to other builders that our building code is "flexible." I do not understand how this

building plan was approved, and support employing eminent domain to preserve the beauty and charm of the area.

We think the parcel would best be used as a small park, or cultural center, or even a parking lot.

Please stop "the Monster House" and preserve the beauty of the Napili area, as well as our integrity as a community.

Sincerely,

Fred & Kathy Fox
120 Hui Road F (Apt. F-13),
Lahaina, HI 96761
(owl20@sbcglobal.net)

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 7:58am 06-28-22

Aloha e Kathy!

My name is Carol Lee Kamekona and I am not a paid lobbyist.

With regard to Reso 22-158, I commend the advocacy and perseverance of resident Junya Nakoa who has diligently been keeping the Community abreast of this major eyesore and monstrosity.

Although I agree it should not be allowed to remain as intended, I am ONLY in support of the County exercising eminent domain on this property at the price of NO MORE THAN \$1.00!!! You read right! NO MORE THAN ONE DOLLAR!!!

Should an appraisal be done and its value be assessed higher than \$1.00 and the County approves its acquisition. I AM NOT IN SUPPORT of the County moving forward this with decision and purchasing the property.

Why should taxpayers hard earned money be used to award a greedy profiteer when this project should never have been allowed in the first place. Any individual with the County who had authority over allowing permits, decisions and modifications to this project over its lifespan needs to be held accountable!

Mahalo for allowing me to testify on this item. Have a beautifully blessed Maui day!

Ke aloha nui,
Carol Lee Kamekona _

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 5:20am 06-28-22

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Sincerely, David Casper,
5315 Lower Honoapiilani Rd. A206
Lahaina, HI.

Napili Shores owner and full time Maui resident

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Submitted At: 5:18am 06-28-22

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Respectfully,

Sam Small
www.MauiCauses.org

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Mahalo,
Colleen DeLima

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 5:17am 06-28-22

Aloha,

This "castle" never should have been approved or built. And it should NEVER be allowed to be completed . Nor should the developer be allowed to profit from this monstrosity.

There should be an investigation of the planning / permitting departments as how this was approved and "heads should roll !"

Tear it down or make it into something that truly supports we the people of Hawaii Nei !

John Naylor Makawao

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 5:01am 06-28-22

Greg Brown lied to get this monstrosity if an eyesore built.

Where is he going to get the water to fill 2 pools!

Why would a SINGLE FAMILY home need 2 pools??? Greedy SOB when there is a water restriction in West Maui?

Whom did he pay off?????

You don't need a college education to know that this scum paid off someone to get his permit!!!!

Tear it down!!!!

7 generations of my Ohana have been in Kahana and this is corruption at its absolute finest!!!!

We are outraged!!!!!!

Jackie Peppers

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 4:59am 06-28-22

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mahalo ..

adele rugg

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 4:58am 06-28-22

To Whom it may concern

I support Reso 22-158

To acquire Greg Brown property for public use

Thank you

Michael Daddario

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 4:56am 06-28-22

Mahalo County Council for your attempt to undo this hewa project.

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We teach our keiki and mo_opuna to always do the right thing – even when others may disagree. So many layers to this whole fiasco. Let_s begin to fix it! Please.

Mahalo nui,
Mary Drayer
557 Imi Dr
Wailuku, Hi 96793
(808) 244-5646

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 4:54am 06-28-22

On the this day of 6/28/22, I would like to testify against eminent domain/purchase of the Greg Brown hotel. Decision makers on this project should be held accountable, also Greg Brown should not be paid a cent for collusion and cheating the system he used to build his hotel. Wailuku is going to have a multi million dollar cultural center, there is no reason for another in Napili.

Times are changing, it's a good time to set an example not cover up this massive wrong doing.

Mahalo

Ash Hooks



MAUI
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
VOICE OF BUSINESS

Resolution 22-158/GREAT-58
Authorizing Proceedings in Eminent Domain for the Acquisition
Of Real Property Located at 5384 Lower Honoapiilani Road
Tuesday, June 28, 2022

Dear Committee Chair Molina, Committee Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez,
And Members of the Government Relations, Ethics, and Transparency Committee,

This is a challenging situation. While the Maui Chamber of Commerce generally doesn't support eminent domain because we feel there are other solutions, this is a unique situation as mistakes were made on both sides and the owner of this particular property has been before the Council on other occasions with land use issues. Therefore, we believe this case warrants a different review.

While eminent domain is an option, we are concerned about the overall costs as the process and resulting court case could take years and be a significant expense to our community. As a result, we think additional data and evidence should be shared and more public education should be done on what is entailed in the process of eminent domain and what the court will and won't consider when making a determination on the fair market value of the property. This is important for the community as we vet this option since the we will be paying the price for the mistakes made on all sides.

As this authorizes the start of the process of potentially obtaining the property by eminent domain and surveys and evaluations have not yet been completed, we and others noted it is premature to specify a proposed structure use. We understand that if this property is taken for eminent domain, it would need to be for a public purpose, but we have many top priorities and think the proposed use should have broader community input before a decision is made. In the past, there has been precedence set where a building was dismantled and if that occurs with this structure, then broader property use options could be considered.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap
President

To advance and promote a healthy economic environment for business, advocating for a responsive government and quality education, while preserving Maui's unique community characteristics.