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Aloha Chair Victorino and PIA Committee Members,

Daniel Kanahele here.

I am submitting written testimony as an individual in support of (PIA-10(11)):

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS (DESIGNATING PLANNING COMMISSION SEATS FOR LEADERS OF HAWAIIAN CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GROUPS)

Protecting the Natural Environment and Preserving are Local Cultures and Traditions are key policies and strategies of our Community Plans, the Maui Island Plan and the Countywide Policy Plan. It makes perfect sense to have people on the Planning Commission who are sensitive and very knowledgeable about the environment and our local cultural practices and traditions. Our environment and local cultural are vital to Maui's unique sense of place and are the most important things that attract people from all over the world to visit our island. Including seats for leaders of Hawaiian Cultural and Environmental Protection groups would add balance and diversity to the Maui Planning Commission and provide a stronger foundation for good decision-making.

I ask the PIA committee members to give your support to this Charter Amendment.

Mahalo,

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