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Mr. Don Couch, Chair - Planning Committee  
Maui County Council  
County of Maui  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Aloha Chair Couch,

Maui Tomorrow Foundation, Inc. has been made aware of a letter from Isaac Hall dated August 11, 2011 to Council Chair Danny Mateo regarding Makena Resort's plan to expand Maluaka Beach Park. We agree with Mr. Hall that Condition 32 of the Change in Zoning (CIZ) requires Makena Resort to expand the existing beach park at the south end of Maluaka Beach by 1.5 acres.

We understand that the resort is proposing the required expansion of the beach park take place at the northern end of the existing beach park while it continues to use the southern end of the park for commercial activities, such as private weddings.

Maui Tomorrow believes the proposed expansion to the north is not a good choice for a public park due to the steepness of the terrain in that area. Naupaka and other landscaping to the north also create a feeling that the area is part of the resort rather than a public beach. We believe the area to the south of the existing park is a better choice as it is more topographically similar to the already existing beach park. Expansion to the southern end also ensures that lateral shoreline access to areas significant in historic and cultural sites and resources continues.

Maui Tomorrow Foundation respectfully requests that the County Council require a public hearing or public forum to discuss the location of the park expansion required by the CIZ process rather than allow Makena Resort to decide the location of the expanded beach park without public participation.

Sincerely,

Irene Bowie, Executive Director

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