

## GET Committee

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My name is Joel Katz. I have lived at 1320 Hiahia place, Oceanview Estates, Wailuku for 30 years.

I want to recommend that you do NOT approve retaining Patrick Wong as corporate counsel. As stated by assistant corporate counsel Moana Lutey recently in the Maui news, she praises Mr. Wong for "saving the county money" and describes herself as being abusive toward him. I can see this trait in her personality in her dealing with my case.

My complaint arises from my September 13, 2016 damage claim against the county for not maintaining storm drains on Hiahia place and allowing my house to be flooded when the street overflowed. This was a legitimate claim and I followed all rules and submitted all documents months in advance.

Under Mr. Wong's supervision, the corporate counsel used the tactic of stalling their response and playing a game of low ball offer until my statute of limitations ran out.

Saving the county of Maui money is commendable but the corporate counsel has a responsibility to pay for legitimate damage. I was treated badly and Moana Lutey's smug and arrogant demeanor, and dishonest tactics of stalling should not be allowed under Mr. Wong's supervision. Thank you, Joel Katz

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