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For Transmittal to:

Honorable Robert Carroll, Chair
and Members of the Land Use Committee
Maui County Council
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

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Acting Mayor 7/25/18
Date

Dear Chair Carroll and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: SHORT-TERM RENTAL HOMES ON MOLOKAI (LU-30)

Thank you for your letter dated July 18, 2018, asking about how the Department of Planning (Department) will process Short-Term Rental Home (STRH) permits on Molokai given recent discussions and information provided to your Committee.

The existing Molokai Community Plan (2001) includes the following language:

"Limit the visitor accommodation center to West Molokai and require that any expansion approvals reflect the employment needs of the island's resident work force" (page 11, Land Use, Objective and Policy no. 9);

"Allow expansion of the visitor industry within the existing tourist destination area at the West End to the extent that it does not infringe upon the traditional, social, economic and environmental qualities of the island" (page 21, Economic Activity, Objective and Policy no. 19); and

"A permanent moratorium against the development of tourist related accommodations or businesses which will subsequently change the social infrastructure of the area" (page 9, Exhibit D, Cultural Resources and Traditional Land Uses, recommendation no. 10).

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Because the plan has specific language relating to visitor accommodations in the West and East areas of Molokai, such language should be considered when the Department processes STRH permit applications.

Therefore, as of earlier this month, the Department will continue to process and finalize applications for new STRH permits in the West area of Molokai. This reflects no change to prior practice, except that the Community Plan language noted above will be cited in staff reports to the Molokai Planning Commission for those STRH applications that require Commission action.

The Department will also continue to process any new STRH permit applications in the Central area of Molokai, but will withhold issuing administrative approvals and forwarding applications to the Commission for action until the Council takes action on establishing a cap.

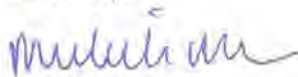
Lastly, the Department will deny any new STRH permit applications in the East area of Molokai.

Renewal applications for existing permitted STRHs in all areas will continue to be processed and approved (or denied) administratively or forwarded to the Commission for action.

This practice will be revisited and revised appropriately upon the adoption of the Molokai Community Plan update and any establishment of a Molokai STRH cap by the Council.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Planning Director

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