

PSLU Committee

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Subject: Aloha Madam Chair, Vice Chair and Council Members, My name is Francine Aarona, you know me as Aunt Mopsy/Protect Pa'ia. Please forgive me for sending a written testimony instead of speaking to you directly. Unfortunately I have to be at a very importa...

Aloha Madam Chair, Vice Chair and Council Members,

My name is Francine Aarona, you know me as Aunt Mopsy/Protect Pa'ia.

Please forgive me for sending a written testimony instead of speaking to you directly. Unfortunately I have to be at a very important meeting protecting my 'āina.

My testimony is regarding the Pa'ia Courtyard Project. I have been involved with this project from the very beginning. Although I was against this project, my focus has always been to inform the community of what was being proposed by the developers. A senior project sounded good but when unanswered questions surfaced it didn't sound good, especially for the Kupuna who lived in our community.

After a second denial by the council and three community meetings, the developers realized that the community did not agree with the project even if the title, Senior Complex sounded good.

Henry Spencer had a fourth meeting with the community. Council member Molina and Planning Director Michele McLean were also present. The proposal that was presented, is the same proposal presented today, keeping the Community Plan in place and giving (3) acres to the county to provide a parking lot and a bus turnaround.

I realize that in order to align the community plan changes need to be made to make the property's land use designations consistent. In reading all the information provided in the status section and reflecting on meetings with both the developers and the community. I am in support of:

Item (2) Correspondence dated May 12, 2020 of transmitting a proposed resolution to the Maui Planning Commission to establish change in zoning and district boundary.

(A) The revised proposed bill for an ordinance to change zoning from Interim district to B-CT Country Town business District (1.10 acres) and to Public/Quasi-Public(Conditional Zoning)(2.93 acres).

(B) The revised proposed bill for an ordinance to amend state land use district classification from Ag to Urban (4.025 acres).

Item (3) Correspondence dated May 12, 2020 from Committee Chair, transmitting.....
 (a), and (b).

Choices are never easy to make but as long as we use those choices to benefit the residents and community of Pa'ia, we'll be fine. There are challenges ahead with a new way of life. I believe our residents will come together with new ideas for our town. As the quote goes "This is not our first Rodeo". We have many generations living in Pa'ia that survived many obstacles in the past and they will teach us how to survive this pandemic.

I mahalo all of you who have accepted to serve the people of Maui with your dedication and your will to do what is best. There will always be someone in disagreement. I always believe that when Ke Akua closes a window, he opens another.

Mahalo for allowing me to share....Aunty Mopsy/Protect Pa'ia.