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COUNTY OF MAUI

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

200 SOUTH HIGH STREET WAILUKU, MAUI, HAWAII 96793

April 1, 2021

The Honorable Alice Lee and Members of the Council 200 South High Street Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Lee and Members:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VACANCY

In accordance with Maui County Code, Section 2.41.040, I would like to inform you of the following vacancy:

Urban Design Review Board, due to the resignation of Mikal Torgerson, effective March 31, 2021.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact Community Liaison, Ipo Mossman, at 270-8211 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL P. VICTORINO

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Attachment: Letter of Resignation - Mikal Torgerson

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January 5, 2021

Clayton Yoshita Planning Department One Main Plaza Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

RE: RE: Resignation from the Urban Design Review Board

Dear Mr. Yoshita:

It is with deep regret that I am writing to inform you of my resignation from the County of Maui Urban Design Review board.

It has been an honor to offer my professional expertise to the County in the hopes of improving the architecture and planning of Maui County for the benefit of everyone. I have also appreciated the professional manner in which you and your staff conduct the staff presentations, offer project updates, etc. Unfortunately, I feel that when projects suffer from fundamental planning, architectural flaws and deficiencies, the board is ineffective in achieving any real improvements. It is not possible to resolve fundamental, ingrained issues in a series of comments without ever seeing these projects again. In fact, the board's comments, often very minor exceptions developed by consensus and noted by staff, are then viewed as a tacit endorsement of these projects by decision makers down the road. This process enables the underlying flaws in projects to move forward unchecked. Unfortunately, I cannot continue to be complicit in what is colloquially known as the application of "lipstick on a pig".

I will continue to serve through the March UDRB meeting in an effort to assist your process of finding my replacement on the board. Thank you for the opportunity, and best wishes to you and the other members going forward.

Sincerely yours,

Mahalo.

Mikal Torgerson, Architect/ Planner