

Aloha South Maui CPAC members,

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This letter is in response to the threatening and misleading letter sent by Planning Director Kathleen Aoki to the South Maui CPAC members. I believe that she is way out of line in trying to tell the Citizen Advisory members what they can advise on.

The Planning Department prepared its draft for an updated plan and it is now the CPAC's role to accept it or to adopt changes. Aoki's letter is an attempt to have it both ways: To write the original South Maui draft; and then to tell the CPAC what they cannot propose and recommend.

Just because the West Maui CPAC decided that the land-use designations were appropriate for their own area, it does not mean that all the other communities should follow their lead. Each district is very different. What might be appropriate in West Maui with its many hotels, sugar and pineapple plantation history, and large shopping areas would certainly not be appropriate in East Maui, Paia-Haiku, or Upcountry, -- plans remaining to be updated.

The South Maui CPAC should totally reject planning director Aoki's tactic and recommend what is best and appropriate for your own district.

When our County Council adopted the West Maui Community Plan there was NO "official" recognition or adoption made that the "Land Use Designations" would apply to all the community plan districts. They just adopted the West Maui Community Plan, even though some of the County planners thought the designations would make their life easier if there was only one set of land-use designations.

When, after many years of waiting the Planning Department finally submits an update to the Title19 zoning ordinance, it would then be appropriate to show how the various zones help to implement the direction given in each CPAC community plan district. Community plans guide the zoning, not the other way around!

Thanking you for your beneficial service to your community, Dick Mayer

PS It is incorrect for the planning director and the department to insist that all of the community plans will have the same land-use designations. I have also attached the [Molokai Community Plan designations](#) which were adopted just before the West Maui community plan was prepared.

You will see that they are quite different from the West Maui land-use designations and those being proposed for your South Maui. Plan.