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Testimony to the South Maui Community Plan Advisory Committee
Observations from the April 5 CPAC meeting (Facebook recording)
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Aloha CPAC members,

I realize you are not taking new testimony at this week's meeting, but I reviewed the previous meeting and feel compelled to write with my concerns about the testimony given by a local developer. Neither Rory Frampton nor David Goode live in South Maui, but they were testifying in favor of our community plan needing to accommodate their intended developments.

Doug Ballard was correct in stating that the South Maui Community Plan needs to direct the amount of growth *we want* in South Maui. Mr. Frampton's statement that developers could just come in for a community plan amendment or propose a 201H are insulting. If we have a strong community plan, the Council would have guidance against approving what every developer wants to do. Growth is not a given; otherwise, why even have these meetings?

Mahalo to Vice Chair Daniel Kanahale for reading the mission of the CPAC's work. This is our plan, and even Mr. Frampton agreed that the Community Plan should direct "spacial allocations" within the Urban Growth Boundaries in the Maui Island Plan. Frampton's statement that developers will violate whatever restrictions they don't fit their needs sounded threatening and coercive. Please fulfill your mission of creating a plan that serves the needs of current residents and not phantom future desired growth prompted by outsiders to our community. Contrary to past practice, I believe our county policymakers are now more aligned with the community plans as regulatory rather than just suggested guidelines. Too many years of ignoring or violating the community plans have resulted in overdevelopment in the wrong areas, lack of infrastructure, and horrific traffic and flooding issues in South Maui.

The additional concern that priorities may change is indicative of an earlier suggestion I made that the CPAC should be an ongoing activity. This group can meet quarterly or semi-annually to review proposed priority changes and possible community plan amendments, in lieu of Council consideration of cp amendments as they come up. If our plan is strong and reflects the community's desires, we should be able to live with the final outcome without constant changes. From my time as the district councilmember, I can say with confidence that our community does not like being at odds with developers, but we also will stand strong against inappropriate and damaging development that does not add to the health and well-being of residents. It is not our kuleana to anticipate or accommodate everyone who wants to move to South Maui, and we don't see that happening in Haiku, Kula, East Maui or most other communities in Maui County.

Please listen to the community. Please instigate virtual participation in your meetings so residents can participate. And please make sure you have corporation counsel represented in your meetings, or postpone them until the administration can accommodate you with legal advice.

Mahalo nui loa for your service to South Maui,

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