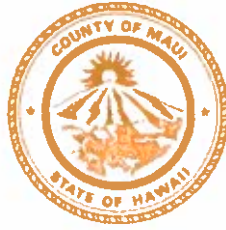


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Aloha South Maui Community Plan Advisory Committee Members,

The Department of Planning appreciates the passion and dedication you have put into updating the South Maui Community Plan.

It has come to my attention that there appears to be confusion regarding the updated Community Plan Land Use Designations. These designations were developed with the entire island in mind to complement the upcoming Title 19 Zoning Code Rewrite which will be a hybrid form-based code. These designations were officially adopted by the Maui County Council when the updated West Maui Community Plan (2022) was adopted, and it was acknowledged that these designations would be carried through with future updates of other community plans. While the recommendations to change the formatting of the designations to make it easier to understand is reasonable, changing names and definitions of the Community Plan Designations is outside the purview of the Community Plan Advisory Committee. In the spirit of openness and transparency, the Planning Department will not support this change as the plan makes its way through the process.

We ask that you please remain focused, do not expend any more valuable time in this regard, and use the existing definitions to designate areas. This will allow the Long Range Division to have an accurate understanding of the type of growth South Maui Community envisions, and will be consistent with past and future updates of other community plans.

Mahalo for your time and dedication to your community,

Sincerely,


for **KATHLEEN ROSS AOKI**
Planning Director

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