

State of Hawai'i Land Use Commission
Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism
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Subject: Testimony on the Central Maui Regional Sports Complex

Aloha Land Use Commission Members:

I'd like to thank you for allowing me to present this testimony in favor of moving this project forward. I realize that this is a difficult task and commend you on your diligence in analyzing all of the information you've received and will continue to receive on this matter.

Maui has been growing at an alarming rate over the past twenty years. We've seen many changes to the landscape, some positive while others not quite as popular. We've seen our island population grow with the influx of new families seeking to make Maui their permanent home. Along with new families comes the increase in participation in recreational activities. From daily walks with family members to competitive sports, Maui has the climate to accommodate all aspects of outdoor fun.

Unfortunately, along with the increase in recreation comes the need for facilities to support these uses. Here on Maui we are faced with the fact that our population has outpaced our resources and the need for more park space has never been more evident. Youth athletic programs are being held hostage due to the lack of adequate field space and facilities. This park would provide some much needed relief from the over-burdened fields that are currently the only place for many teams to get practical experience. These fields were needed ten years ago, and the need is growing as every year passes.

Please consider this testimony and THANK YOU for giving of your time on the State of Hawai'i Land Use Commission.

Mahalo,

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