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Subject: Testimony FAVORING FEIS for Olowalu Town Master Plan (DKT. NO. A10-786)

Aloha Honorable State Land Use Commissioners,

I ask for your acceptance of proposed use of Olowalu land, which was once productive Pioneer Mill sugar cane fields and unique piles of rocks.

I was Maui Planning Commissioner and Maui General Plan Advisory Board member who earlier thoroughly reviewed, did on-site inspection, provided inputs, and approved Master Plan, EIS and FEIS for Olowalu Town Master Plan DKT No. A10-786.

Maui developer has vision, has will to properly implement project developing and technical skills doing and sustaining "Pono" for "Aina," people and neighboring communities. I fully support Maui-born developer's Olowalu Town Master Plan.

Developer and families grew up with respectful aloha with me and my family members. They would never shame me or my family by messing-up now or ever! No threat, *"I would be first Uncle in their faces, if they mess-up!"*

I support preserving and improving our *Aina* and coastal life. Proposed drainage mitigations reflect sound and acceptable Best Management Practices and Low Impact Development standards. Sediment catchment basin near Honoapiilani Highway would contain, filter and percolate before waters drain through State Highways provided conduits. County must do due diligence clearing sand build-up along shoreline for draining storm waters into ocean.

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Mauka relocating Honoapiʻilani Highway provides for most efficient moving traffic between Lahaina and Maalaea. Proposed traffic mitigation is safer and helps new community maintain their unique sense of place.

Project is a start toward affordable, flexible housing alternatives on Maui. Collectively, this and other developments can reduce Maui County's severe housing short-falls. Application of flexible zoning responsibly addresses needs for apartments, multi-family units, live-work units, senior housing, and single family housing co-existing along the same street. Days of permitting "Gentlemen's Estates" are pau, due to finite and limited useable land areas.

The Olowalu Town Master Plan incorporates best available technologies transforming natural resources into sustaining energies, supporting opportunities of quality sustaining-living, while enhancing economic systems and improving natural and human living environments. Project reduces earlier Ag related soil erosion polluting immediate shoreline eco-systems.

I say, *"Olowalu Town Master Plan deserves a chance to be implemented and succeed!"*

Mahalo for your services, time and consideration.

Respectfully,



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Re: Testimony IN FAVOR of Final Environmental Impact Statement
Olowalu Town Master Plan (DKT. NO. A10-786)

Dear Land Use Commissioners,

I am writing to provide my support for the approval of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Olowalu Town Master Plan; DKT. NO. A10-786.

The implementation of the Olowalu Town Master Plan will improve ocean access for fishermen, beachgoers, divers, and surfers. The Final EIS addresses existing and future traffic concerns with the relocation of Honoapi'ilani Highway within the project to a more mauka location. The relocation of the highway will remove the high volume, high speed highway away from the ocean activities which will improve the ocean activities experience. The plan calls for large parks at key recreational areas including the Olowalu surf site on the north side of the project.

I think this is imperative. There have been so many accidents or near accidents along the roadway where there are surf spots. Relocating the road and building a park would make it more enjoyable and safer for everyone.

Please approve the Olowalu Town Final Environmental Impact Statement.

Sincerely,



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I feel Maui needs a community based town where young, old, residents and businesses can coexist like decades ago. This small town feel is what brings communities together, not the strip malls that are going up I Kihei, Lahaina, and Kahului.

The Olowalu Town plan is designed to be a complete community based on a zoning model that is different than the standard zoning code used with most recent developments. This flexible zoning code allows construction of towns similar to Maui's historical towns. This flexibility allows for apartments, multi-family units, live-work units, senior housing, and single family housing to co-exist along the same street. This wide variety of housing types will meet the needs of Maui's family throughout their lives as incomes and family needs change with life.

The majority of the housing units within Olowalu are planned to be apartments, multi-family units, and small single family units. These housing types have a smaller footprint which allows the cost of the infrastructure to be much less than standard single family homes in many of the new subdivisions. The result is lower cost housing options for Maui's families. Similar to the way, most of the multi-family units in Wailuku are affordable to Maui's residents even without government restrictions; most of the housing in Olowalu will be affordable to Maui's residents due to the type of housing to be constructed.

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