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Dear commissioners. It was brought to my attention that my comments herein have not been listed on your website for this upcoming hearing. I would appreciate it if my letter and comments on the hearing process on Maui could be included. Please let me know that you have received this email. I am sending my message and attachment again below. Thank you, Joel Katz

Aloha commissioners. It has come to my attention that material from several people and neighbor groups opposing this special use application was not forwarded to you from the Maui commission and planning department. I am including below and attaching in MS word format my June 27, 2019 letter to the Maui Planning commission. My comments are in regard to events at the planning commission hearings, rather than the application itself. Thank you, Joel Katz

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Aloha planning commission members, My name is Joel Katz. I was present at both of the recent hearings on Lew Abrams' application for special use. I was there out of concern for the affected neighbors. I have some comments on the hearing itself.

I think it is important for you to know what took place outside during your executive session breaks, because it shows the arrogance and disrespect Lew Abrams and some members of his tribe of supporters have for his neighbors.

Lew Abrams stood in front of us, pointing his phone at us with his phone speaker on full, amplifying his son trying to persuade the neighbors to support his application.

The older woman with bright red hair repeatedly followed us admonishing "how do you people sleep at night" and "You people are what's wrong with America".

Another woman stood right in front of us in some sort of prayer, spell or meditation. She certainly has a right to this but could have done it on her own or with Lew Abrams prayer circle. I thought it was creepy and I felt harassed.

We retreated to further out in the parking lot to get away from them.

Also, at the end of the hearing I was right next to Lew Abrams' attorney Leslie Iczkovitz when he turned to Michelle Drewyer and said, "I am going to enjoy cross examining you". His hostile tone was an obvious attempt to intimidate her.

I was baffled by the role of the planning commission at the meeting. The application of Janine Holstein for her Maui Majesty short term rental was denied. Testimony from neighbors was divided.

All of the neighbors of Lew Abrams were opposed to his church activities, yet the commission took the role of renegotiating and modifying details of his application for him, even to Lew Abrams' objections, particularly the number attendees at his events.

I read through the materials and I am curious why Michelle Mclean would recommend approval of church activities in an ag building that is not certified for occupancy.

Thank you, Joel Katz
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