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Aloha,

Attached please find PRP's testimony supporting the Mahi Solar Project for tomorrow's LUC meeting.

Thank you,

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Testimony of
Pacific Resource Partnership

State of Hawaii Land Use Commission
Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism

Action – SP21-412 Mahi Solar (Oahu)
September 8-9, 2021
9:00 A.M.

Dear Land Use Commissioners:

Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) is a non-profit market recovery trust fund which represents approximately 7,000 men and women union carpenters and 240 large and small contractors. With our expertise in research, compliance, marketing, and project advocacy, we are committed to building a stronger, more sustainable Hawaii in a way that promotes a vibrant economy, creates jobs, and enhances the quality of life for all residents of Hawaii.

PRP writes in strong support of Mahi Solar Project, and we respectfully request the Commission's favorable decision on the Project's Special Permit Application.

The Mahi Solar Project provides a valuable opportunity to stimulate our economy, both by creating new jobs and by creating infrastructure which can help lower energy costs to consumers and businesses. Construction of this Project will support approximately 340 jobs during the peak of construction.

Additionally, this Project will generate and store electricity derived from solar resources providing clean, renewable energy for Oahu. This project is estimated to avert the consumption of 11,111,800 barrels of oil and save consumers \$175 million over a 25-year lifespan—nearly half a billion gallons of oil use avoided over 25 years. When completed, this newly proposed solar project will be capable of generating enough energy to power approximately 37,000 homes on Oahu, which will advance the State closer towards achieving its goal to generate 100% clean energy by 2045.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit written testimony.

