



# ORIGINAL MASONS UNION

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Hawaii Land Use Commission  
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## TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT NO. SP73-147

Dear Land Use Commission Members,

My name is Allan Los Banos. On behalf of the members of the Hawaii Masons Unions, I urge you to approve the extension of the Makakilo Quarry. I have been in the construction industry for nearly 30 years in both management and labor. I am also an instructor in construction productivity and cost control. To lose ready access to a local source of aggregate will cause serious harm to not only my industry but our local economy, as well.

Aggregates is a basic material for construction. We are facing a shortage of aggregate, a basic material used for everything from basecourse to cement to asphalt paving. The other two existing quarries on the island have not and cannot produce the type of aggregate needed in sufficient quantities to meet our needs. Historically, about a third of our island's overall supply of aggregate came from the Makakilo Quarry. About 70 percent of the aggregate needed for the asphalt paving on our roads and highways came from Makakilo. Today that supply is almost exhausted and soon will be unless the quarry extension is approved. Extending the Makakilo Quarry will ensure that important aggregate can continue to be quarried for twenty years.

If the extension is not approved and Makakilo is quarried out, Oahu infrastructure projects will be endangered. Importing the rock is not economical, that cost would be three to four times that of Makakilo aggregate. Costs will skyrocket and many new projects and maintenance of our existing roadways, ports and harbors may be jeopardized. This will not be limited to the public sector but also private projects. Commercial and residential projects will also suffer.

That will mean a cutback in construction industry jobs. But it will not end there. This scenario would affect, directly or indirectly, the economy island-wide.

Grace Pacific has played a major role in Hawaii's construction for many years. Aside from this they show great concern and citizenship in the community.

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I request you approve the application to extend Makakilo Quarry. We all have a very real dollars-and-cents interest (our industry, our jobs and our economy) in seeing this done.

Sincerely,



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Program Specialist