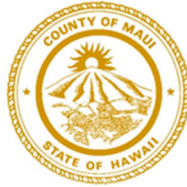


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RE: Docket No. SP97-390: Petition for Declaratory Order to Designate
Important Agricultural Lands and Petition for Declaratory Order to
Remove Important Agricultural Lands Designation

Dear Staff of the State of Hawai'i Land Use Commission, Deputy Attorney
General Kato, Chairperson Hurd, Director Blystone, and First Deputy
Corporation Counsel DesJardins,

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Earlier today I submitted a Petition for Declaratory Order to Designate Important Agricultural Lands and a Petition for Declaratory Order to Remove Important Agricultural Lands Designation ("Petitions") to the Land Use Commission and you, as parties to Docket No. SP-97-390, with the exception of the Department of Agriculture, State of Hawai'i, which I have added to this letter. Following that submittal, I conferred with staff of the Land Use Commission staff. I am writing to you to request that the Petitions be considered preliminary drafts and ask that the Land Use Commission, the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, State of Hawai'i, Department of Agriculture, State of Hawai'i, and the Department of Planning, County of Maui review and provide comments to the draft Petitions.

The Department of Environmental Management, County of Maui plans to review and incorporate the comments it receives into finalized petitions, which it will submit to the Land Use Commission and parties to Docket No. SP-97-390 on or after July 15, 2024.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call or email me at 808-270-7522 or andrew.v.nelson@co.maui.hi.us.

Sincerely,



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