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**Agenda Item: C. Goal 2.3 Responsible, Stewardship of Resources, Culture and Character
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Per the request of the CPAC chair, I submitted a written copy of my testimony on line as well as in this email. thank you! Michele:)

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Goal 2.3 Responsible, Stewardship of resources, culture and character.

Under Actions (Lead County Agency) item#4 to expand the historic district, please include all of Front Street. Considering sea-level rise will affect this entire region, it is important to address the impact and restoration efforts along this historical coastal area.

Another reason to include all of Front Street is to maintain the historical integrity. Currently the Cannery Mal and other commercial operations like the Old Lahaina Luau are appropriate cultural uses however that could change over time unless there are protective measures taken.

Item#11 regarding the Army Corps of Engineers please include language in the community plan to encourage the restoration of the historical 'Alamihi inland fishpond in Kahoma Stream by Mala Wharf.

This would be in lines with Congressman Ed Case's suggestion in an email sent to me. "Mahalo for contacting me to learn how to secure federal funds for the Kahoma Flood Channel. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers studies from the 1980's concluded that using the channel's outlet could increase flooding risks in neighboring areas, but it is possible that a new study could come up with a different conclusion. The first step in the process would be for either the State of Hawaii or the County of Maui to submit a study request to the USACE. Thus, I encourage you to share your concerns with your state legislators and your county council members."

The community plan could be a contributing factor in restoring this important cultural site.

Recently under the guise of developing "affordable" housing, the West Maui Community Plan was ignored. Open space and park designations along with laws meant to protect historical property were disregarded.

Please make provisions in the revised community plan for a large park in the Kahoma ahupua'a to make up for the loss of the park and open space designated in the 1996 community plan.

All things considered, it would be over forty acres of a public park and open space with public access mauka to makai along the Kahoma Stream for walking and biking.

There are existing county access roads along the channelized portion of Kahoma. Pathways could be extended along the stream under the By-pass for safe public accessibility.

According to the 1996 community plan minutes, the desire was for some of the land to be left natural and other portions would have park amenities.

Please take these factors into consideration with higher levels of protection in the community plan. Perhaps if the previous community plans had included all of Front Street in the historic district it may have saved an important historical place on Front Street that is currently being developed. Currently, there is no consequence for developers omitting important historical information in the approval process. A developer failed to mention Kahoma Village is located on David Malo's homestead gifted to him by Kamehameha III and the site of a famous pre-contact battle ground between the high chief of Maui and Kamehameha the Great. The Maui Planning Commission refused to allow for legal intervention to expose some of these issues.

In light of this atrocity, it would be appropriate to designate a historical park in the Kahoma ahupua'a. Kahoma is connected to the mountain top where David Malo is buried.

At the same time, please make provisions in the community plan to restore a heiau. It is adjacent to some of the Habitat for Humanity and Na Hale O Maui homes located in Kahoma Residential development located above the highway.

This small thin parcel (.92 acres) is already controlled by the County of Maui. Located on Kopili Street, it could have several public access points. The Tax Map Key number is 450100060000.

Please make provisions for the very historical Kahoma ahupua'a and restore what can be done before it is too late.