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Agenda Item: D Goal 2.4 Economic Opportunity through Innovation and Collaboration

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Solutions:

Intuitively obvious that with the a reduction of a root resource, water from rainfall, which is required to sustain our population; the following amendment should made to “Policies”:

2.) Prohibit conversion of agricultural lands outside of the Maui Island Plan’s growth boundaries, and carefully scrutinize conversion of agricultural lands within the growth boundaries to urban and rural designations in West Maui whereas is must be demonstrated that the future water resources of West Maui will be more than adequate to sustain the population increase created by such conversion.

I feel strongly that established Tourism Boards, continually focused on unsustainable year-over-year growth rates and not based within the region of West Maui, are a misrepresentation of both the needs of West Maui residents, and most importantly, the rights of the indigenous cultures – who’s rights have been shown to clearly have been violated during the illegal overthrow their country and nation, of which we all now reside. Therefore I feel it is critical to the future of West Maui that the following amendment should be made to “Actions (Lead County Agency)”:

2.) Support the recommendations of the Mayor’s Tourism Group, the Maui Tourism Advisory Committee, and [Insert current or formed West Maui specific group of Kanaka o West Maui] for tourism management in West Maui as appropriate to protect the area’s environment, culture, and character. (OED/Mayor’s Office)

Thirdly, I feel strongly that an irresponsible community should not be allowed to grow until it can learn to grow responsibly and legally within the laws of the greater community, and as enforced through the Planning Department. Therefore I would request on behalf of the benefit of the current residents of West Maui, that the following be added under “Actions (Lead County Agency)”:

7.) Deny or recommend denial of discretionary permits for all development in West Maui if there are open or pending ‘Requests for Service’ within the West Maui area; specifically if an investigative report has not been filed. (Planning)

I appreciate your time and everything each of you are putting into this.

Best Regards,

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