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## **Testimony For CPAC November 16, 2022 Agenda –Section 2 Policy Framework & Goal 2.2**

### **Safe. Healthy, livable communities for all**

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### **Section 2 Policy Framework 2.2**

**2.2.10**-recoommendation to define the term “shade”-refer to the Maui County Planting Plan (MCPPI)-size of tree canopy and proper pruning standards.

**2.2.12**-recommendation to strongly include proper pruning –refer to the MCPPI and the International Society of Arboriculture pruning standards-ANSI A300. Correct pruning is the answer for trees to obtain full canopy & create optimum shade.

### **Goal 2.2**

**2.01**-additional -is the replanting & planting of Maui Veteran’s Highway –trees along bike path to create shade & beautification and the planting of the center median with shrubs to beautify and lesson night glare of on-coming traffic.

**2.02**-additional -to define the guidelines of care & long-time commitment of trees & landscape plants in the adoption program.

**2.04**-additional- to define the guidelines of care & long-time commitment of trees & landscape plant for stewardship hui or community organizations.

**2.10**-strongly support the preservation of the wili wili forest and cultural resources which is important for the community now & the future.

**2.12** –to add as an important community resource –trees combating climate change. Possibly using 2 designations- Exceptional Trees and Community trees.

**2.13**-The use of <https://www.itreetools.org/> and future proposal of a permit process for trees that are a certain caliber before they are pruned or removed because of their importance & benefits to the community tree canopy plan.

**2.14**-to propose instead of the Maui County Arborist Committee because the committee has a full list of duties and limited meeting times. This proposal should go under the Maui County Arborist (s) and the future division of community forestry that may be under the Public Works Department where current Maui County arborist position are is. Existing organizations that train arborists are the Western Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture and Aloha Arborist Association in the state of Hawaii. Additional training can always be used but education plus enforcement (Including stronger ordinances) is important of maintaining full canopy trees.

*Thank you all for your time on the South Maui Community Plan Advisory committee. It’s exciting to see all the positive plans especially in the importance of our natural resources especially our trees.*