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Aloha CPAC members,

I am shocked and saddened to see so many changes happening to our South Maui Community plan during this time of so much grief and tragedy. Last time I was involved in this planning process the CPAC meetings were at a complete halt and now the plan has shifted gears full speed in the opposite direction. CPAC previously made designations that me and our community agreed with that are now proposed to change drastically and I would like to know why? What influences or agendas have changed?

We have been fighting to protect the areas of Kulanihakoi and Waipuilani wetland (gulches) for many years. We have been educated and educated others about the importance of our wetlands ecosystems. We have also fought against "Mega Mall " development for decades in our wetlands of Kulanihakoi.

With Bill 91 in place, regardless of this bill's status, these fragile wetland ecosystems need to be protected. Protected from development that does not consider the long term impacts of their hardscaping of the land. Please return the former Mega Mall site to residential as long as you take into consideration the impacts of our wetlands in the area. Building anything in our last remaining wetlands will surely only result in more catastrophic flooding and reef killing events.

For many of the same reasons listed above you must return the Kihei Mauka area to Open Space and Agriculture. Please consider using the 150 acres of land by the police station as the area for any growth. Remember there are not supposed to be any new developments (according to the 1998 south Maui plan) before infrastructure is in place.

Our infrastructure in South Kihei must be improved and properly protected from flooding or else we may lose entire parts of our south Kihei road or worse! Due to Lahaina's experience with the fires and debris blocking their entrance and exit of escape, it is literally a matter of life or death to have our infrastructure improved before any new construction is allowed in the area from Kulanihakoi and Waipuilani street mauka to makai. We cant handle any more traffic, flooding or major development until we have proper infrastructure and we need our open spaces because we have so few.

Finally, It is my understanding that Akaku agreed to provide online testimony for free but they were told they don't need it by someone in authority. Whatever the case, it looks very odd that you would cut off public testimony remotely at this time? All people should be allowed to voice their opinion whether near or far. Please allow for bluejean remote testimony at all remaining meetings for CPAC. After all this is supposed to be "our" community plan and we deserve to let our voices be heard.

Sincerely, Brandi Corpuz
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