

May 21, 2016

TO: BLNR Chair Suzanne D. Case & Board Members

Department of Land & Natural Resources

FR: Maelani Lee
[address redacted]

RE: Request to be admitted as a party in the contested case hearing for CDUP HA-3568 for the Thirty Meter Telescope in the Mauna Kea Lands, Ka'ohē, Hamakua District, Island of Hawai'i, TMK (3) 4-4-015:009

I'm requesting to be admitted as a party to the above contested case hearing pursuant to Hawaii Administrative Rules §13-1-31. This request should be granted because: (1) Requestor has a property interest in the lands of Mauna Kea through the exercise of Native Hawaiian traditional and customary practices; (2) Requestor will be affected by the proposed Thirty Meter Telescope project and has an interest in the proceedings that are clearly distinguishable from the general public; (3) Requestor has a substantial interest in the proceedings; (4) Requestor's participation will substantially assist the board in its decision making; (5) Requestor's position is not substantially the same as any existing parties to the proceedings; and (6) Requestor's participation will add substantially new relevant information and will not make the proceedings inefficient and unmanageable.

I am a Native Hawaiian, descended of the native inhabitants of Hawai'i prior to 1778 (King Kamehameha the Great and Queen Ka'ahumanu) and have lived in Hawai'i for 37 years. I support and conduct traditional and customary practices consisting in chants and spiritual connection. The site is sacred and shall remain undeveloped because any TMT will interfere with our cultural practices and the mountain will not be status quo.

Maelani Lee