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Dear BLNR Board Members,

My name is Leinani Malina. I am one of Adrien Malina's daughters. Adrien is assigned to this lease no. SP0181. I am submitting a written testimony regarding agenda item E1. I object to amending the cabin lease to add Roxanne Belmonte and Preston Ornellas as assignees. Since 2014, Ruth Belmonte agreed verbally and in writing to add my sisters, Summer Malina, Toni Malina, Oniki Malina, and myself to be added to the lease. We dedicated our time and resources to maintaining and paying for the cabin with the understanding that we would be leaseholders.

In December 2014, my father passed away because of work that he was doing at the cabin. For six years, from 2014-2020, my three sisters, myself, and our families have taken responsibility for the cabin, including yard maintenance, financial responsibilities, and any/all maintenance issues. We paid Ms. Belmonte \$8,000 each year, not including out-of-pocket maintenance expenses, with the agreement we would be on the lease. Each year, we were told by Ms. Belmonte that our names would be added to the lease because that is what our father would've wanted.

Unfortunately, On December 6, 2020, my sisters and I received an email from Ms. Belmonte stating that she was taking back active responsibility for the cabin as of January 1, 2021. She wrote in her email, *"I have decided that it is time for me to get back to the mountain and would also like to take back the financial costs of taking care of the cabin."* She moved to Las Vegas months after this email. We received another email on December 10, 2020, indicating, *"As far as the legal lease, I never did actually go see a lawyer and have your names put on the lease, time just got away from me."* We were shocked and devastated that this was happening because we trusted Ms. Belmonte. She had been my father's long-time friend and his bookkeeper for his business. Due to our heightened sadness and grief, we did not communicate further about the lease agreement and haven't returned to the cabin.

One of my father's goals since he was a little boy was to be able to lease a cabin in Kokee. This place brought back memories of his upbringing with his grandfather, who would take him hunting and picking maile, mokihana, and Kokee plums. It was a place for my dad to get peace, quiet, rest, and relaxation to recharge himself from his daily grind as a rancher. It was also a place where we as a family would go and enjoy being in the present, being completely unplugged, even if for a couple of days. This place means a lot to all of us because it is a place where we can connect with our father's memories, keep family traditions alive, and pass them down to the next generations. Being cut off from the cabin after years of taking responsibility has been heart-wrenching for all of us.

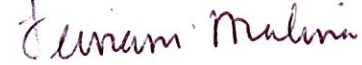
Three years after receiving that devastating email, she is now attempting to add her daughter and her daughter's boyfriend to the lease, but not us. I believe that Ms. Belmonte should have kept her word (agreement) and put the same amount of effort into putting my sisters and me on the lease as she is trying to

do for her daughter and her daughter's boyfriend. If she takes the time to add her daughter, why is she not taking the time to add "next of kin" for Adrien Malina? There is no reason why Ruth Belmonte's Ohana couldn't share the cabin and its responsibilities with Adrien Malina's Ohana.

In conclusion, we would like to be added to the lease, share responsibilities for the property, and be able to utilize the cabin. Although our father is not physically here, I know he would like us to mend this relationship and be able to continue the family traditions at the cabin that he intended for his family to use. Again, I'm submitting this testimony to disagree with Ms. Belmonte's request to add Assignees to lease No.SP0181 until a resolution is reached with all parties involved.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I included previous email communication with Ms. Belmonte, and I'm hopeful this can be resolved peacefully.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Leinani Malina". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Leinani Malina
Daughter of Adrien Malina

Leinani A. Malina

From: Ruth Belmonte <ruthbelmonte1@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 6, 2020 9:55 AM
To: Summer Malina; Leinani A. Malina; onalani@hotmail.com; Oniki Malina; Lei Malina
Subject: Kokee Cabin

Good Morning All,

Hope this e-mail finds you well and SANE.....been a hell of a year. It's that time again **BUT** this time my e-mail is a little different. First I would like to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for being there these past 6 years. I know you all have families and the cost of the cabin is really an added cost to your lives. I have decided that it is time for me to get back to the mountain and would also like to take back the financial costs of taking care of the cabin. You all will be welcome at any time, the welcome mat will always be there.

Starting January 1st I will take over the scheduling from an amazing lady, Miss Summer, as well as the upkeep so now all you have to do is come and enjoy.

Summer, could you please e-mail or text me the combo to all of the doors (3) and the gate.

Love you all very very much. Hoping you had a good thanksgiving and a better Christmas

Love

Ruth

Leinani A. Malina

From: Ruth Belmonte <ruthbelmonte1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 3:40 PM
To: Summer Malina; Leinani A. Malina
Subject: the cabin

Ladies

It was never my intent to not include you in the cabin. You will ALWAYS be welcome there whenever you want to come.

It's time for me to take active responsibility for the cabin including the yard maintenance, reservations, and financial responsibilities. I hope you understand and will always feel welcome because you are.

You are more than welcome to keep your personal item there if you wish. As far as the legal lease I never did actually go see a lawyer and have your names put on the lease, time just got away from me.

Please send me the combos to the 3 locks and the key box. Also for some reason the calendar you send me with the reservations never updates so please send me a current one.

Love

Ruth