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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Renewal of Revocable Permit for Na 'Aikāne o Maui
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Aloha mai e BLNR board members and Chairman Dawn Chang,

(Kala mai for late submission - i just found out about the meeting.)

I am submitting my support for the Renewal of Revocable Permit for Nā Aikāne o Maui Cultural and Research Center (NAOMI). Meeting agenda, item D-4, June 28, 2024

Nā 'Aikāne has been an important member of the Lahaina Community for many years. My 'ohana has benefited directly from their teachings and leadership, specifically my mo'opuna have learned much about things that enable them to be more informed about their 'āina and heritage, and thus better citizens of our entire pae'āina. Ke'eaumoku, U'ilani Kapu and 'ohana embrace their kuleana to mentor our keiki.

In addition to a learning and cultural preservation kuleana, after August 8th, 2023, they quickly set up a Hub, and directly assisted survivors and the community as a whole. They provided food, shelter and other tangible support. In addition, we as a Maui community were given an opportunity, thru Nā 'Aikāne organizational skills, to volunteer, donate goods and financial support. They did all of that, while enduring their own great loss of years of accumulation of priceless historical documents and artifacts.

I, as a kupuna, sincerely appreciate the opportunity to submit my mana'o in strong support of the renewal of the revocable permit.

Mahalo piha,
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DAWN N.S. CHANG
Chair, BLNR

Aloha Chair CHANG,

O wau Kaili Kamai, noho au i ka awawa o Waianae. I rise in FULL SUPPORT of Agenda item D.4. [After-the-Fact Issuance of Revocable Permit to Na Aikane o Maui, Inc. \(NAOMI\) for Community Resource Center Purposes for the Period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010, with After-the-Fact Annual Renewals for the Period January 1, 2011 Through August 9, 2023, Lahaina, Maui, Tax Map Key: \(2\) 4-6-007:008.](#)

Fortunately, Na Aikane o Maui actively assists Lahaina and wildfire survivors in addition to continuing its mission in sharing the traditions, culture and history of Lahaina, Maui and na mea Hawaii. Your APPROVAL of item D.4. is greatly appreciated.

Mahalo nunui,

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: June 28th Agenda for Na Aikane o Maui, Inc. (NAOMI)
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My name is Mapuana Kekai Lukela and I live in Waianae.

I am testifying in strong support of agenda item D 4-Permit to Na Aikane o Maui Inc. (NAOMI)

NAOMI was a vital historical cultural center for the residents of Lahaina for many, many years, where countless people through the years both young and old would meet, share and learn. The deep intimate knowledge of old Lahaina shared by both Keeaumoku and UI Kapu are a rich and important resource that we can NEVER lose.

I urge you to renew the permit to Na Aikane o Maui, Inc. (NAOMI)