

Hui Maka'āinana O Makana



The Hui Maka'āinana o Makana is a non-profit organization dedicated to perpetuating and teaching the skills, knowledge, and practices of our kūpuna (ancestors) through the interpretation, restoration, care, and protection of natural and cultural resources in within the Hā'ena State Park.

June 21, 2024

Testimony of Pua Chin, Executive Director, Hui Maka'āinana o Makana Agenda Item E-1 – Continue Revocable Permit SP0002

Aloha Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources:

I am testifying today in strong support of Agenda item E-1. As the Executive Director of the Hui Maka'āinana o Makana I have been overseeing the operations of the Hui since January 2021. We have worked closely with our partner organization The Hanalei Initiative to implement the conditions of our Revocable Permit SP0002.

Over the past two years we have been working with State Parks to develop a lease agreement and the RP has given us all a chance to see how comfortable we are with this concept. To be candid, it has worked better than any of us expected. We hope that this current extension request will provide the necessary time needed for DSP to work with the AG to define the terms of a lease of HSP to the Hui and that we will be back before you in the not-too-distant future to talk about this next step in our relationship with State Parks.

I plan to attend the BLNR meeting on June 28th either on zoom or in person and look forward to answering any questions you might have at that time.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathleen Chin'.

Pua Chin, Executive Director
Hui Maka'āinana o Makana