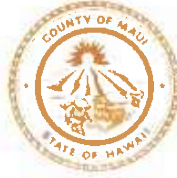


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November 12, 2025

Ms. Dawn N. S. Chang
Chairperson, Board of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawai'i
Kalanimoku Building
1151 Punchbowl St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Ms. Chang,

SUBJECT: CANCELLATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 222, KNG KAMEHAMEHA III ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SITE, AND EXECUTIVE ORDER 1614 & 1675, LAHAINA LIBRARY SITE; ISSUANCE OF IMMEDIATE MANAGEMENT RIGHT-OF-ENTRY PERMIT TO COUNTY OF MAUI AND SET ASIDE OF SIX (6) PARCELS OF GOVERNMENT LANDS, VIA GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER, TO COUNTY OF MAUI FOR CULTURAL AND ECOLOGICAL RESORATION, EDUCATION AND ANCILLARY PURPOSES, LAHAINA HISTORIC DISTRICT, LAHAINA, MAUI; TAX MAP KEYS: (2) 4-5-001: 052 (REMNANT PARCEL); (2) 4-6-001: 007 (LAHAINA LIBRARY SITE); (2) 4-6-001: 012, PA PELEKANE STREET); (2) 4-6-002: 014 (KING KAMEHAMEHA III ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SITE); (2) 4-6-007: 008 (FORMER COMMUNITY GATHERING SITE); (2) 4-6-007: 044 (REMNANT PARCEL).

The [Lahaina Royal Complex](#) is a priority project identified in the Lahaina Long-Term Recovery Plan (December 2024). The Lahaina Royal Complex Master Plan will create a comprehensive community vision for the spaces and 'āina that comprise the Royal Complex. It will weave together cultural and historic sites, surrounding parts of the town, educational and recreational activities, parking, access, and movement around the area.

The Office of Recovery is in support of the Board's action to set aside the above referenced parcels via executive order to the County of Maui. Approval of this request will allow the County to collaborate with community stakeholders to restore, honor and protect the numerous culturally significant sites in a coordinated and holistic manner. Additionally, set aside of TMK (2) 4-5-001:052 (remnant pedestrian walkway) supports the Office of Recovery's project to extend

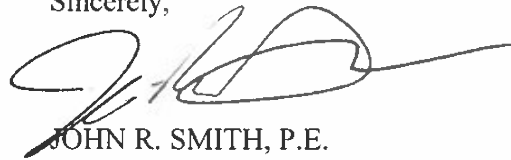
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Luakini Street north to enhance mobility, emergency access and evacuation, and economic recovery.

I appreciate the State of Hawaii's continued support of Lahaina recovery following the 2023 fire and humbly ask for the Board's approval of the above referenced request.

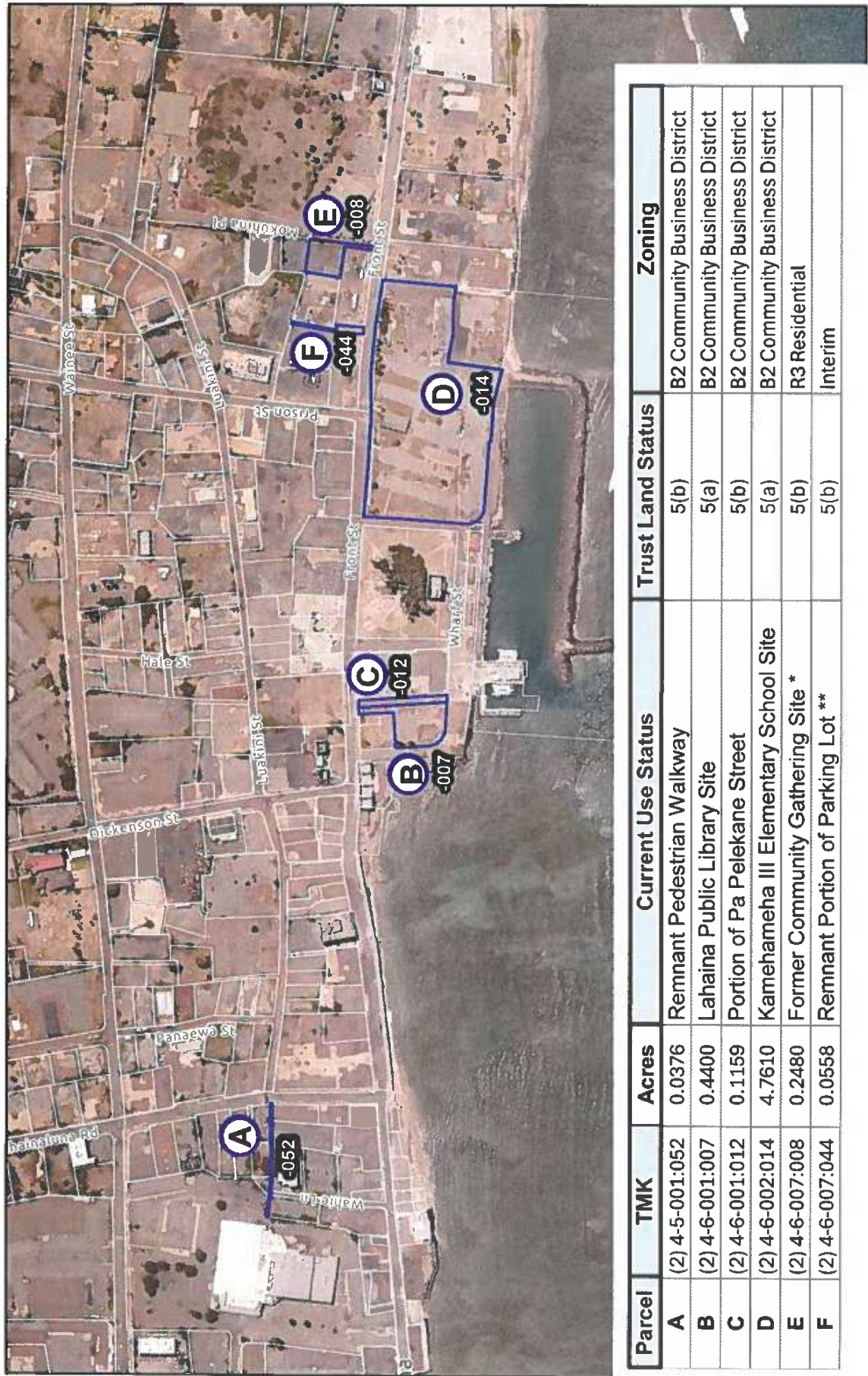
Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kaponō'ai Molitau, Director of the Department of 'Ōiwi Resources, at John.K.Molitau@co.maui.hi.us or by phone at (808) 270-1719.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. R. Smith", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

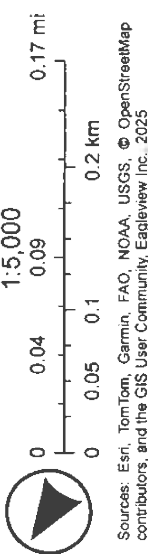
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BLNR Set Aside Map



* Nā 'Aikāne o Maui Cultural Center site

** Sliver parcel bordered by County of Maui controlled parcels



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Dear Ms. Chang,

SUBJECT: SUPPORT OF: CANCELLATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 222, KNG KAMEHAMEHA III ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SITE, AND EXECUTIVE ORDER 1614 & 1675, LAHAINA LIBRARY SITE; ISSUANCE OF IMMEDIATE MANAGEMENT RIGHT-OF-ENTRY PERMIT TO COUNTY OF MAUI AND SET ASIDE OF SIX (6) PARCELS OF GOVERNMENT LANDS, VIA GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER, TO COUNTY OF MAUI FOR CULTURAL AND ECOLOGICAL RESORATION, EDUCATION AND ANCILLARY PURPOSES, LAHAINA HISTORIC DISTRICT, LAHAINA, MAUI; TAX MAP KEYS: (2) 4-5-001: 052 (REMNANT PARCEL); (2) 4-6-001: 007 (LAHAINA LIBRARY SITE); (2) 4-6-001: 012, PA PELEKANE STREET); (2) 4-6-002: 014 (KING KAMEHAMEHA III ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SITE); (2) 4-6-007: 008 (FORMER COMMUNITY GATHERING SITE); (2) 4-6-007: 044 (REMNANT PARCEL).

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this important agenda item

We **SUPPORT** this measure for the following reasons:

1. The 2023 Lahaina wildfires has presented a unique and once in a lifetime opportunity to "E Ho'i Ka Nani I Moku'ula" The Beauty Returns to Moku'ula in a way that could have never been imagined pre fires. The transfer and inclusion of these State lands to the County of Maui as part of our restoration efforts of the Lāhaina Royal Complex, Moku'ula, and Mokuhinia is a critical and significant step in our comprehensive planning process. The Lāhaina Royal Complex is a rare opportunity to bridge historic preservation and contemporary 'Öiwi perpetuation.
2. The Lāhaina Royal Complex has incredible significance historically to Lāhaina and all of Hawai'i. It was the former home to our ali'i, such as Kamehameha III, Kamehameha IV, and Kamehameha V. It is also the site where he was inspired to promulgate our Kingdom of Hawai'i's Constitution and Bill of

Rights. There are also many prominent sites, from birthing stones to burials, that make up the Lāhaina Royal Complex. Many of which are found on or near the parcels to be executive ordered.

3. Approval of this agenda item will therefore allow the County of Maui to better plan, implement, and manage the restoration of the Lāhaina Royal Complex and all associated cultural, ecological, and educational resources. This is a priority Lāhaina community recovery project and will ultimately aid in the healing of our kaiaulu.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Mahalo nui loa,



KAPONO'AI MOLITAU
Director, Department of 'Ōiwi Resources
County of Maui

FAST FACTS

THE PROJECT

The Lahaina Royal Complex Master Plan will create a comprehensive community vision for the spaces and 'āina that comprise the Royal Complex. It will weave together cultural and historic sites, surrounding parts of the town, educational and recreational activities, parking, access, and movement around the area.

THE AREA

The Lahaina Royal Complex, also known as Lua'tehu, encompasses the area of Moku'ula, Loko O Mokuhinia, Pākalā, Loko O Nālehu, and many other significant sites surrounding the area formerly known as Malu 'Ulu o Lele Park. The area was once the political capital of the Hawaiian Kingdom, the home of many of Maui's and Hawai'i's greatest rulers and sacred spaces.

THE PROCESS

The Master Plan will combine the deep knowledge and lived experiences of the community with technical expertise, in-depth research, and thoughtful analysis to inform a comprehensive vision for the Royal Complex.

THE TIMELINE

The entire planning process—including technical studies, community engagement, and plan development—began in July 2025 and is currently anticipated to take two years.

THE TEAM

G70, the project lead, brings architectural and engineering services to the project and oversees a team of diverse capabilities that reflects the complex and multifaceted needs of the Master Plan process:

- 'Āina Archaeology
- AECOS
- Dudek
- Fehr & Peers
- Geolabs Inc.
- Hawai'i Wildfire Management Org.
- Kahālawai Consulting
- SR Partners
- Uremoto
- Cassandro Design

THE VALUE

The 2023 fires stimulated a renewed push for the revitalization of Lahaina's sacred areas. As a result, social, cultural, economic, and political forces have converged and committed to the Plan's development and execution.

The planning process will create safe spaces for 'ōhana and community to come together and find healing in arriving at a collective vision.

The shared vision expressed by the Master Plan will position the County to attract partners and funding to bring the restoration of the Lahaina Royal Complex to fruition.

SCHEDULE/TIMELINE



For more information, please email LRC@g70.design.

We welcome your mana'o!



LAHAINA ROYAL COMPLEX MASTER PLAN

MAUI COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF 'ŌIWI RESOURCES

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What is the Lahaina Royal Complex Master Plan project?

A: The Master Plan project will create a comprehensive community vision for the spaces and 'āina that comprise the Lahaina Royal Complex. It will weave together cultural and historic sites, surrounding parts of town, educational and recreational activities, parking, access, and movement around the area.

Q: What is the Lahaina Royal Complex?

A: The Lahaina Royal Complex, also known as Lua'ehu, encompasses the area of Moku'ula, Loko o Mokuhinia, Pakalā, Loko o Nālehu, and many other significant sites surrounding the area formerly known as Malu 'Ūlu o Lele Park. The area was once the political capital of the Hawaiian Kingdom, the home of many of Maui's and Hawai'i's greatest rulers and sacred spaces.

Q: What is the value of this Master Plan?

A: The Master Plan process combines the deep knowledge and lived experiences of the community with technical expertise, in-depth research, and thoughtful analysis to inform one of the most complex planning processes in Maui County's history. This shared vision positions the County to attract partners and funding to bring the Lahaina Royal Complex to fruition.

Q: What is the process for developing the Lahaina Royal Complex Master Plan?

A: The process for developing the Master Plan includes gathering community input throughout the process, exploring case studies that examine stewardship and management models of other heritage sites, conducting research to better understand historical and current conditions, examining stewardship and management models of other heritage sites, and building on concurrent planning efforts conducted by the County and community-based organizations.

Q: What is the timeline for completing the Master Plan?

A: The master planning process launched in July 2025 and is currently expected to take two years to complete.

Q: Why is the Lahaina Royal Complex Master Plan being done now?

A: The 2023 fires stimulated a renewed push for the revitalization of these sacred areas for the healing and recovery of the Lahaina community and entire lāhui. As a result, social, cultural, economic, and political forces have converged and are committed to the Plan's development and execution.

PARCELS OF POTENTIAL INTEREST IN LAHAINA

