



To: Maui County Council Housing and Land Use Committee

Date: July 22, 2025

Re: Review of Mayor Bissen's revised version of Bill 9 (2025), Continued

Aloha Chair Kama and HLU Members,

Thank you for listening to the extensive past testimony provided on Bill 9. We appreciate the opportunity to submit additional facts for your review.

The goal of MVA's testimony is to provide the HLU committee with additional facts and information that help to demonstrate that our Ma'alaea Community is unique.

Ma'alaea's History:

Prior to 1888	'Maalaea Village' history of Hawaiian and Japanese fishing village
1888	Maui's first hotel and café at Ma'alaea Harbor
1930's	Ma'alaea General Store served our community as it still does today.
1950's	Ma'alaea Small Boat Harbor
1950's – 70's	Original owners of the 20 parcels of land completed development and business ventures for Ma'alaea. Today, many lots developed retained the original ownership of the land, such as Milowai. In 1975 William and Wendell Crockett constructed Milowai.
1990's	Ma'alaea harbor Shops began its development with the goal to provide "the feeling of a historic fishing village", with low-rise buildings, mix of small Maui businesses featuring merchandise, restaurants and services catering to residents and visitors including Maui Ocean Center and Pacific Whale Foundation headquarters.
Today	Ma'alaea remains a quiet village, close-knit community amongst our residents who value its long history and quiet peaceful atmosphere and sense of place.

Ma'alaea Community is active and determined to maintain its sense of place:

Ma'alaea Village Association (MVA)'s purpose remains strong to our 200+ members with the purpose to preserve the uniqueness and sense of place of Ma'alaea Village and its rural ocean-oriented lifestyle.

- MVA assists in the protection of our land and marine resources;
- MVA is an official 'adopt a harbor' sponsor at Ma'alaea Small Boat Harbor;
- MVA promotes Ma'alaea businesses to enhance our community sustainability;
- MVA collects and disseminates information of common concern to our community and county, state and federal government.

MVA is currently working with local and federal government entities to stop the use of (24) injection sewage treatment plants. MVA's 'Ma'alaea Waste Group' is not only tackling wastewater contamination, but mitigating wildfire risk by establishing a green belt fire break. The R1 water will be used as irrigation in place of the water used by Ma'alaea's ten condominium properties with mix of residents and visitors to support ecological restoration upland.

MVA is committed to supporting and assisting in implementing the DLNR/DOFAW 5,000 acre 'forest reserve' at the Ma'alaea Village junction of West, South and Central Maui made possible through preservation of Ma'alaea Mauka/Pohakea. Ma'alaea history book proceeds are dedicated to 'restoration of Ma'alaea Bay'. We support the implementation and monitoring of our historic roads and paths, such as Lahaina Pali Trail. MVA supports the restoration of Puu Hele, and efforts to implement and develop sand dunes preservation of Haycraft Park / Ma'alaea Bay.

In closing, Ma'alaea Village, like Maui itself, is a special place. We take pride in our history and share our history and environmental work for the benefit of our residents and visitors.

Mahalo,

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