

**TO: Chair Kelly King, Maui County Council**

**TO: Chair Tamara Paltin and Members of the Planning and Sustainable Land Use Committee**

**FROM: Chair Kai Nishiki and Members of the West Maui Community Plan Advisory Committee**

**RE: Request for a 60-day extension**

**November 12, 2019**

Your West Maui Community Plan Advisory Committee has been working diligently to understand and analyze the major issues in West Maui and the directions that our community should go.

The Planning Department staff provided us with a draft document outlining the tasks that we needed to perform. They have left it up to us to develop the Plan's goals, policies, actions and land use maps. Because the Planning Department has also introduced an entirely new terminology and descriptions of the "land use categories" to be used in not only our community plan, but all of the future Maui County community plans, we will need to spend time to learn and then implement that schema.

Our task is complex and requires us to take sizable amounts of community and department input and convert that into an effective plan that we all will be proud of. Unfortunately, the six months that we have been given is inadequate, especially because it contains several holiday breaks Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year, and Martin Luther King's day. All of those breaks mean that not only is the support staff unavailable, but members of our committee are traveling; it will be difficult to achieve productive discussions and probably even quorum.

Therefore we are requesting, well in advance, that we be given an additional sixty(60) day extension to complete what we hope will be a document that you will be able to efficiently evaluate and approve when it comes to you.

We thank you for your consideration of our request and I wish all of you a very happy holiday season,

**Chair Kai Nishiki and Members of the West Maui Community Plan Advisory Committee**

cc. Michele McLean, Director, Maui Planning Department

**Pam Eaton, Administrator, Long-Range Division, Maui Planning Department**