

I would very much like to see Moku'ula restored as much as possible to it's original state or as much to what our West Maui kupuna decide upon and then it be protected in perpetuity. I think this is extremely important in our understanding and appreciation for our local history. I am not sure where the site stands now with regard to protection but I would expect that it continue to be protected from development of anything other than an agreed to level of restoration.

There are many experts here to speak about the importance of responsible stewardship and preservation of culture. I hope you take their testimony into action.

I would like to speak to the preservation of another very important, in fact vital, part of our culture; kānaka maoli.

If kānaka maoli cannot afford to live here, thrive here, raise families here, grow old and retire here then protecting every architectural and cultural and spiritually sacred site is for nothing. If we don't act on immediate and significant solutions to create lasting affordable housing for local people then you're just going to have a bunch of migrant mainlanders standing around looking at historical sites. No one practicing the culture, no one perpetuating the culture, no one teaching the culture and no one leading us to protect the culture.

Therefore I propose the following:

In the spirit of kuleana lands I would like to see increased access to and ability to live and farm upon agricultural zoned lands. Hawaiians should be exempt from zone restrictions that prohibit dwellings upon agricultural lands.

Approval of and completion of all proposed Hawaiian Homes developments including priority in the approval of water meters. There should not be a waitlist for Hawaiian Homes. Those developments should be given priority, subsidies, tax credits, or whatever it takes to get them built asap. No new developments should be approved until Hawaiian homes water needs have been met.

To limit speculation, realtors should not be able to purchase properties priced below \$1M as an investment, and should be subject to the same rules that keep them from being able to purchase a distressed property when they must wait 365 days after the listing ends.

To limit speculation, and investment-only properties which drive up prices for everyone, all new developments with lot sizes over 5k sq.ft. and/or built on agricultural zoned land shall only offer 30 year leases.

Make it easier to obtain Hula Mae loans to encourage residents to buy i.e. increase min. gross income to allow people to be able to purchase market priced homes below \$1M.

I'd like to suggest Kanaka Mac loans - I would like to see these loans insured or guaranteed by the state with defining requirements like Hula Mae and VA loans and (state worker union loans). The requirements for these new Kanaka Mac loans are as follows: must be born in the state of HI, owner occupied, with zero down, allowing for both low and higher income and high LTV ratios, with below market interest rates, and even better interest rates if you can prove your parents were born in HI. Or housing subsidies through a HI State income tax credit equal to 10% of annual mortgage payments for people born in HI.

1 - 2 acres minimum of ocean front land in West Maui set aside for/given to/designated for the private use by Kula Kaiapuni 'O Lahaina - the Hawaiian immersion school. This would be used for cultural practices that cannot be taught or demonstrated on school grounds. Kula Kaiapuni should not have to host their annual Makahiki event in a public park. I know we designed the West Maui Community plan to include new schools in West Maui. I would also like to see the existing Kula Kaiapuni schools have their own ocean front vacant land they can use for private cultural practices in West Maui.

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With regard to environment...

Unfortunately our ownership has eliminated our stewardship. As we all know, before the Great Mahele, Hawaiians didn't really have the concept of land ownership. Instead, they all knew their kuleana was to be great stewards of the land, which, if done properly, the land would take care of them in return. However, now that Hawaii has been stuck in a mainland, backward cycle of land ownership, we have lost our stewardship. Sure, we're all great stewards of our own back yards now. Sure we keep invasive species out of our lawn i.e. weeds. But now that our heads are down, using our hoses to water our little plots; the majority of us haven't bothered to pick our heads up, look at the mauna and wonder where the water is even coming from. Let alone if the sources are being cared for. Hawaiians knew to malama their water sources. They knew that if a problem arose that it was everyone's kuleana to kokua and fix it. They were stewards, not owners.

Now here we are in all the glory of our ownership with an extremely small group of people managing the stewardship of our water sources. Yet, we all complain about where the water will come from. We put the management power of our water sources in the hands of government officials who have been allowed to determine who receives the water while allowing those recipients to develop without compensation to our community in return. They have been allowed to take water in, yet not be liable for what happens to the water when it goes out in the form of waste. We need greater control of our water sources and to demand that owners become stewards. And while we can't require developers to climb the mauna and physically clear waterways and remove or replace old infrastructure. We can require them to pay for that work and for the infrastructure to handle the water after it has been effectively used.

I would like to see all new developments be required to pay into a fund for expanded, or new waste water infrastructure as a set percentage cost in direct relation to the size of the lot.

I would like to see higher conveyance and real property taxes for out of state residents and then money allocated from those taxes to be paid into a fund for reforestation of the upper and mid portion of the West Maui Mountains. Our native and endemic plant, shrub and tree species do an excellent job of attracting rain producing cloud cover. If we are having trouble with our water reserves not being replenished then we need to reforest with plants and trees that will help in that cause. We know we have lost a lot of our upper forests and now it is time to replenish.

Condo and hotel properties must have 50% native plants on property and 100% native plants in and around their set back.

Additionally, since there is a coordinating plant for every type of coral in our reef, I would also like to request...

Reef safe sunblock information should be included on the declaration form on the airplane. Visitors must declare if they have sunblock and then check a box saying they agree to only use reef safe sunblock while visiting here in Hawai'i.

The required use of only reef safe sunblock should be included in the agriculture video on the airplane or after the safety video. Information about the use of only reef safe sunblock should be required in all e-mailed hotel/condo reservation confirmations as well as a required in-room notification for guests to see.

Mahalo nui,

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