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Please take into consideration all the developments in West Maui over the past twenty years. Many of them were contrary to the West Maui Community Plan. Stronger language needs to be inserted into this community plan for designated open spaces, parks, and agriculture.

In Lahaina, Kahoma Stream has the highest concentration of development. West Maui's Ridge to Reef stops short of protecting and preserving this important watershed. Please restrict further development in this ahupua'a. Important historical and cultural uses must be taken into consideration and preserved.

Looking back on the United States' treatment of Native Americans proves to be a blot on the nation. The illegal overthrow of Hawaii is also a shame on the nation that prides itself on property rights. One day, people will look back on our time as another example of greedy exploitation for the sake of money. Most of the underdeveloped regions on the West Side are a result of the plantation era. When land transferred, many of the parcels require the use of quiet-title and quit-claims. Rightly factoring Hawaiian's lack of financial and legal resources, the plunder continues to this day. When landholders demand to develop based on constitutional property rights, please consider how they acquired the land in the first place.

Water is another huge factor that needs to be addressed in the community plan. As a CPAC member, Hans Michel can help identify important decommissioned reservoirs and the sites of wells that would be beneficial to reinstate. Stream flow standards have already been established. Only excess water should be diverted to reinstated reservoirs. This would help protect the shoreline during extreme storm events as well. Updating existing wells left unused since the demise of the sugar and pineapple industry can pump water to the neglected Honokohau Ditch System for extensive distribution. Using R-1 treated waste water for irrigation, diluting it with this fresh water will help remove existing impurities. Besides firefighting resources, reservoirs should be considered for irrigation, natural wildlife habitat and for public recreational uses.

Planting diversified forests will help recharge the ground water by capturing clouds and reduce the existing fire hazards. As evidence, notice the grove of cocoa trees spared during the last great fire from Hurricane Lane. Exotic trees for future wood sources, fruit trees for food, and flowering trees for leis are all viable solutions. Also, please consider mandating the planting of Tamarind trees by burials to protect the iwi. Once introduced to the islands in the 1700's, Tamarind trees were known to be planted near burials and a favorite of Queen Lili'uokalani. The trees would serve as an indicator for future developments as restricted areas.

The important historical Kahoma ahupua'a should be protected from further development. Restoring loi terraces, protecting the heiau and burials sites, please consider developing a historical and cultural park in this densely populated region.

Thank you, Michele Lincoln