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CHARTER COMMISSION
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(Monday, July 11, 2011, 6:32 p.m.)

CHAIR STONE: Hello, everybody. My name's
Josh Stone. I'm the Chairman of the Charter Commission.
I just want to invite everybody from the public, if you
would like to give oral testimony this evening, please
come forward and sign up. We would love to hear from
all of you. We'll wait a couple of minutes and see if
there's more people who would like to sign up for
testifying. Thank you.

And, also, don't be shy. You guys can move
over here, too.

MEMBER OF PUBLIC: We not shy.

CHAIR STONE: You guys come over here and not
be shy.

MEMBER OF PUBLIC: Right here.
(Laughter.)

CHAIR STONE: Stare me down right there.

MEMBER OF PUBLIC: Right here.

CHAIR STONE: I see you.

I would like to say hello to everyone for
attending this public meeting of the Charter Commission.
And, again, my name is Josh Stone. And I'm Chairman of
the Commission.

If you need, there are copies of the Maui

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ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joshua A. Stone, Chair
Wayne N. Hedani, Vice-Chair
Artemio C. Baxa, Member
Stephanie S. Crivello, Member
David P. DeLeon, Member
Clifford P. Hashimoto, Member
Wayne N. Hedani, Member
Susan A. Moikeha, Member
Linda Kay Okamoto, Member
Yuki Lei Sugimura, Member
Flo V. Wiger, Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Edward S. Kushi, Jr., First Deputy Corporation Counsel
Lisa Kahuhu, Supervising Law Technician

OTHERS PRESENT:

Barbara Haliniak
DeGray Vanderbilt
Greg Jenkins
Lori Buchanan
Billy Akutagawa
Ella Alcon
Wayde Lee
Zhanell Dudoit
Larry Helm
Julia Keli'ikuli
David Hafermann
Walter Ritte
Beverly Pauole-Moore
Zachary Helm

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County Charter available over here with Lisa Kahuhu --
Lisa, raise your hand for everybody -- as well as copies
of this evening's agenda.

And as per our rules, all discussions tonight
shall be pertaining to the Maui County Charter. Before
beginning public testimony, we have a few items of
business to address.

First, I would like to call this meeting to
order as of 6:35, and introduce our Commissioners that
are present, which I believe are all of our
Commissioners. Very good. Oh, except for one. So
let's quickly go down the table, and, each Commissioner,
please state your name and where you live for the
public. And speak up because there's one mic.

MEMBER BAXA: Okay. Artemio Baxa from
Makawao.

MEMBER SUGIMURA: Yuki Lei Sugimura from Kula.

MEMBER DELEON: Dave DeLeon, Haiku.

MEMBER MOIKEHA: Susan Moikeha from Kula.

VICE-CHAIR HEDANI: Wayne Hedani from Wailuku.

CHAIR STONE: Josh Stone from Paia.

MEMBER OKAMOTO: Kay Okamoto from Lana'i.

MEMBER HASHIMOTO: Clifford Hashimoto from
Hana.

MEMBER WIGER: Flo Wiger, Lahaina.

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 5</p> <p>1 MEMBER CRIVELLO: Stacy Crivello, Moloka'i.</p> <p>2 MEMBER SUGIMURA: Yay.</p> <p>3 CHAIR STONE: Very good. And I believe</p> <p>4 excused is Commissioner Frank DeRego. Also, I would</p> <p>5 like to present our staff this evening. Our Deputy</p> <p>6 Corporation Counsel, Edward Kushi, Jr. Ed. There we</p> <p>7 go. Good.</p> <p>8 MEMBER OF PUBLIC: Hi, Ed.</p> <p>9 CHAIR STONE: Hi, Ed. Thank you.</p> <p>10 Lisa Kahuhu, our super Supervising Law</p> <p>11 Technician. And Tonya McDade, our court reporter down</p> <p>12 here on the end.</p> <p>13 Thank you very much for being here.</p> <p>14 It's important to understand that the Maui</p> <p>15 County Charter is the blueprint for how government</p> <p>16 functions here in Maui. It has been referred to as the</p> <p>17 Maui County Constitution. It is the document that</p> <p>18 governs our government and, among others things,</p> <p>19 determines its structure, powers, efficiency and</p> <p>20 accountability. It is, therefore, very important that</p> <p>21 the citizens of Maui County have the opportunity to</p> <p>22 address concerns and rectify problems with the Charter</p> <p>23 as perceived today. This Charter Commission is a unique</p> <p>24 opportunity to achieve those changes. And the public's</p> <p>25 input is a vital part of the amendment proposal process.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 7</p> <p>1 MS. KAHUHU: Barbara Haliniak.</p> <p>2 CHAIR STONE: Barbara, thank you very much for</p> <p>3 coming this evening. And if you could take the podium.</p> <p>4 ...BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY...</p> <p>5 MS. HALINIAK: Aloha.</p> <p>6 CHAIR STONE: Aloha.</p> <p>7 MS. HALINIAK: Don't count my three minutes.</p> <p>8 I'm just testing this mic.</p> <p>9 CHAIR STONE: Ready, set, go.</p> <p>10 MS. HALINIAK: Okay. Aloha, Commissioners.</p> <p>11 My name is Barbara Haliniak. I'm testifying as a</p> <p>12 community member, and not representing any organization.</p> <p>13 I'm asking the Charter Commission not to fix</p> <p>14 what is not broken. Moloka'i needs to hear -- to</p> <p>15 continue to have our voices heard from a councilmember</p> <p>16 who lives and have a heartbeat of this island.</p> <p>17 Here's why:</p> <p>18 From July 1st, 2001, to my retirement in</p> <p>19 October 2009, as President of the Moloka'i Chamber of</p> <p>20 Commerce, I have had to call upon our state senator to</p> <p>21 assist us in a number of transportation issues, only to</p> <p>22 hit a dead-end road. In other words, no response from</p> <p>23 him.</p> <p>24 During my eight and-a-half years as the</p> <p>25 President, I can't ever recall receiving emails to</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 6</p> <p>1 As a matter of understanding, the Charter</p> <p>2 Commission may propose amendments to the Charter, but</p> <p>3 these amendments must be approved by a majority of Maui</p> <p>4 County voters during an election.</p> <p>5 Again, before we begin, copies of the present</p> <p>6 Maui County Charter and amendments are available with</p> <p>7 Lisa here tonight for the public. And feel free to come</p> <p>8 up at any time to sign up for public testimony.</p> <p>9 I would like to begin with oral testimony.</p> <p>10 And before I begin, I would like to go over our oral</p> <p>11 testimony rules. We will call up each public testifier</p> <p>12 in the order that they registered to testify. Each</p> <p>13 person will have three minutes to testify on items</p> <p>14 concerning our Maui County Charter. If the testifier</p> <p>15 requires more time, I will grant them an additional</p> <p>16 minute to complete their testimony. At the end of this</p> <p>17 additional minute, the testifier will be asked to stop</p> <p>18 their testimony. And if more time is required on an</p> <p>19 item, the testifier will be allowed an additional three</p> <p>20 minutes to complete their testimony following the</p> <p>21 testimony of all registered testifiers. Following a</p> <p>22 testifier's testimony, I'll ask the Commissioners if</p> <p>23 they need clarification of the presented testimony.</p> <p>24 With that, Lisa, let's start our testimony.</p> <p>25 First testifier, please.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 8</p> <p>1 solicit input or to provide testimonies for senate bills</p> <p>2 affecting businesses, nor can I recall the same from our</p> <p>3 house representative.</p> <p>4 Why? One can only assume that the voter count</p> <p>5 on this island is not as significant as Maui.</p> <p>6 Therefore, Moloka'i and Lana'i votes would unlikely</p> <p>7 affect their bid for reelection. It's a numbers game.</p> <p>8 In 2007, our state senator and house</p> <p>9 representative visited my office briefly. At this</p> <p>10 meeting, I inquired about the status of the pending</p> <p>11 workers' compensation bill. Our senator asked if the</p> <p>12 bill was a senate or a house bill. I was stunned that</p> <p>13 he didn't know it was a senate bill, and that it would</p> <p>14 adversely affect the cost of doing business.</p> <p>15 If we can't count on our senator to be alert</p> <p>16 to bills passing through the legislature affecting small</p> <p>17 businesses, then who can we count on?</p> <p>18 In 2008, when TSA required that all persons</p> <p>19 needing access to Hawaii parks must possess a</p> <p>20 transportation worker's identification certification</p> <p>21 badge, Moloka'i and Lana'i were left out of this</p> <p>22 certification process. Although our state senator wrote</p> <p>23 a letter to the TSA office in Arlington, Virginia,</p> <p>24 asking TSA to set up a temporary office on Moloka'i and</p> <p>25 Lana'i, he did not do any follow-up, nor did he return</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 9</p> <p>1 my emails or calls to his senate office. 2 Because of this lack of response, as the 3 Chamber President, I had to research the vendor, and 4 through our negotiations, was able to get a commitment 5 from the Lockheed Martin's local office. 6 For Moloka'i businesses, the 180 badges, 7 process amounting to approximately \$45,000 in 8 transportation cost service, not to factor in the 9 savings of the employee wages. It's significant savings 10 for both Moloka'i businesses and consumers. 11 Because of this lack of enthusiasm from our 12 state legislative representatives, we lack a voice to 13 represent us at the state level. These legislators are 14 voted in by the district they represent, which consists 15 of Moloka'i, Lana'i, Kahoolawe and East Maui. Think 16 about it. Where are our votes to make the difference? 17 These are just some of the reasons why County 18 Council district voting would not work for Moloka'i and 19 Lana'i. Thank you. 20 CHAIR STONE: Barbara, thank you very much for 21 your time. 22 (Applause.) 23 CHAIR STONE: One second. I'm going to ask 24 the Commissioners if they need clarification on your 25 testimony. Commissioners, any clarification on</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 11</p> <p>1 They don't come over to Moloka'i. I don't know when was 2 the last time I saw them. In fact, I see Senator Akaka 3 -- I mean, Inouye more than I see our senators. 4 MEMBER BAXA: Okay. 5 MS. HALINIAK: I don't know. You know, I've 6 called them, I've emailed them, but I don't get a 7 response. 8 MEMBER BAXA: Okay. 9 MS. HALINIAK: So I'm saying if the person 10 doesn't live on this island and don't have the heartbeat 11 of this island, and know that they can get the votes 12 from Maui, they don't need Moloka'i and Lana'i votes -- 13 MEMBER BAXA: Okay. 14 MS. HALINIAK: -- then we're losers is what 15 I'm saying. 16 MEMBER BAXA: I think I understand your point. 17 But we should not mix up the Council seat and the 18 representative seat and -- 19 MS. HALINIAK: I know, but I'm just making a 20 related -- 21 MEMBER BAXA: Yeah, I think I understand your 22 point. 23 MS. HALINIAK: Okay. 24 MEMBER BAXA: You want somebody from Moloka'i 25 to be your councilman?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 10</p> <p>1 Barbara's testimony? 2 MS. HALINIAK: Yes. 3 MEMBER BAXA: You said that district voting 4 does not work for Lana'i and Moloka'i. Are you saying 5 that -- okay. You are saying that district voting would 6 not work for Moloka'i? 7 MS. HALINIAK: The district voting. 8 MEMBER BAXA: District voting. But would it 9 be okay to vote somebody from Moloka'i, who resides in 10 Moloka'i and who votes in Moloka'i as your councilor? 11 MS. HALINIAK: I'm not sure what your question 12 is. What if we what? Vote for someone from Moloka'i to 13 be on the Council? Which is what we're doing today. 14 MEMBER BAXA: So you are for that? 15 MEMBER DELEON: He means in a district. 16 MS. HALINIAK: In the district? 17 MEMBER BAXA: Yeah. The reason I asked that 18 question is that when we talk about district, there is 19 some suggestion that a district of Maui will consist of 20 Moloka'i, maybe a part of the -- part of the bigger part 21 of Maui, and Lana'i will become also a part of the other 22 part of Maui. So that's why I tried to qualify that. 23 MS. HALINIAK: No. I understand that. But 24 what I'm saying is that, right now, district voting for 25 the senate and the house does not work for Moloka'i.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 12</p> <p>1 MS. HALINIAK: Yeah, definitely. 2 MEMBER BAXA: Okay. Thank you. That's all I 3 wanted. 4 MS. HALINIAK: Okay. Thank you. 5 CHAIR STONE: Commissioners, any other 6 clarification, questions? Barbara, thank you very much. 7 Thank you. 8 Sorry. 9 MEMBER DELEON: Before you pass it on, 10 Barbara, I got a question for you. So the -- I call 11 Mele Carroll's district the frequent-flyer district 12 because you can't get to any part of it without flying, 13 I mean, from one part to the next. And that is a 14 travesty in apportionment. I mean, you got Moloka'i, 15 Hana and Lana'i in the same district. There's got to be 16 a problem, I mean, for -- for getting around and being 17 able to communicate. And you guys are isolated. Do you 18 think that's part of the problem why you're having this 19 problem with the state representatives? 20 MS. HALINIAK: Yes, definitely, because we're 21 separated by water. And, again, like how I said, I feel 22 that because the voters -- the number of voters are 23 significant on Maui versus Lana'i and Moloka'i, that all 24 they need is the Maui votes. They don't need Moloka'i 25 and Lana'i votes. They'll get in.</p>

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1 So, you know, maybe that's not the reason why
2 they don't come to Moloka'i, but, you know, it's a lot
3 of things that go through our mind, like why aren't they
4 here, why don't they answer my call, why don't they help
5 us when we ask for help. That's kind of what I'm
6 saying.

7 MEMBER DELEON: Can I ask you one more
8 question? What if you had your own island board that
9 you elected yourself with your own folks? Moloka'i
10 elects its own board, almost like a township. We don't
11 do townships in this state, but if you had that
12 potential, what do you think of that? And that would be
13 your voice to the outside world.

14 MS. HALINIAK: It could work and it couldn't
15 -- it may not work. And only because if you know
16 Moloka'i well enough, you get the same people coming out
17 to meetings like this, you don't have the general
18 community which includes all the ethnic groups. You
19 don't see the Filipino community coming up and the
20 Japanese community. And you're going to have the same
21 people. And I don't know, you know, it may work, it may
22 not work. Show me one model that works.

23 MEMBER DELEON: All over the United States,
24 small towns have their own townships and operate like --
25 and that's why they have them, because they're isolated

1 and separated from larger communities.

2 MEMBER CRIVELLO: Mr. Chair?

3 CHAIR STONE: Yes, Commissioner Crivello.
4 Sorry, Members of the Public. We have limited
5 technical abilities this evening two microphones.

6 MEMBER CRIVELLO: Hi, Barbara.

7 CHAIR STONE: Commissioner Crivello.

8 MEMBER CRIVELLO: I guess, in clarifying
9 Commissioner DeLeon, when -- what I understand you
10 asking, Commissioner DeLeon, if Moloka'i would be okay
11 with township or board representative, but we will still
12 have Council, and the Council will be the -- the first
13 tier of the governing power. So do you think that would
14 be equitable for Moloka'i as far as having township or
15 board members as opposed to being on the equal playing
16 field with the council people?

17 MS. HALINIAK: Okay. For me, it's a little
18 hard to answer because I'm the type of person I would
19 like to see results. I like to do comparisons. I like
20 to know for sure it's going to work or it's not going to
21 work. So it's hard for me to answer that question. And
22 that's the way I want -- that's the way I am. I like to
23 have the research and make an informed decision.

24 CHAIR STONE: Very good. Commissioners, any
25 further clarification?

1 (Silence.)

2 CHAIR STONE: No. Thank you very much for
3 coming tonight and thank you for your testimony.

4 Lisa, next testifier, please.

5 MS. KAHUHU: DeGray Vanderbilt.

6 CHAIR STONE: Mr. Vanderbilt, welcome. Thank
7 you for coming.

8 MR. VANDERBILT: Aloha, everybody. Wow, what
9 a turnout. Thanks for taking the time to come to
10 Moloka'i. My name is DeGray Vanderbilt. I've served on
11 a lot of boards and commissions, and on the Planning
12 Commission for five years, one year as chair.

13 And earlier today, 10:45, I sent over an email
14 to Lisa, which, hopefully -- I thought might get to you,
15 but it didn't. It included a lot of information which I
16 was hopeful you could give to the community. One was
17 Danny's Viewpoint, one was Dave DeLeon's Viewpoint on
18 district voting and how it would affect Moloka'i and
19 Lana'i, and then some other more detailed information on
20 the district voting that's in the Charter Commission
21 files, and the news article which gave a background of
22 each of the Commissioners and where you live and what
23 you do and all of that. And then I also mentioned that
24 it would be good for the Charter Commission to inform
25 everybody that you're taking up this issue of district

1 voting because the Maui County Council voted in the
2 majority to have you do that. They sent it down to you
3 because they had been looking at some district voting
4 situations, there was a lot of testimony. They felt it
5 needed more study, so they passed the ball on to you.

6 And I think what Mr. DeLeon has done, and some
7 of the others, is to try to come up with some solution
8 where people like Barbara, others, could compare and see
9 is it worth it or is it not worth it. Because when you
10 get right down to it, Mr. Chairman, you said that this
11 Commission can vote to put things on the -- on the
12 ballot such as district voting. The Council has the
13 means of doing it, too. But we also got to understand
14 that if Maui wants this, Maui has a way, the people of
15 Maui can go out and get 17,000 signatures, and you or
16 the Council or Moloka'i will have no say and it will go
17 on the ballot. So then where will Moloka'i be? So I
18 really appreciate you guys at least trying to tackle the
19 problem.

20 But I tell you, Moloka'i really does its
21 homework. And they're going to look at it closely
22 because we've had some great councilmen in Pat Kawano
23 and Danny Mateo. And I think it's odd that the chairs
24 of the County Council have always been Lana'i and
25 Moloka'i, it seems. I mean, maybe there's one or two

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 17</p> <p>1 thrown in there before, but -- so it's really nice to 2 have a councilman there. And really, theoretically, 3 with the at-large voting, it's something that every 4 councilman should have their door open to you because 5 your votes elect. But we do have that problem. 6 And there's a lot of problems on Maui where 7 people from Kihei run for office, they win, but they 8 lose in their own district. Same on maybe Lana'i and -- 9 and Haiku. And so people, they're saying if you have 10 smaller districts, I guess, you can get more people 11 involved, people can really know the issues. 12 I don't know the answers, but I'm glad that 13 you guys are looking at it because it keeps coming up 14 year after year after year. And Moloka'i can say, "No, 15 no, no," and you can take that back, but there's always 16 the people of Maui who -- each year, it seems that a few 17 more want this. I don't know, I haven't taken a poll on 18 Maui. 19 But I guess, the way I understand it, if there 20 was a district with Molokai-Lanai, Moloka'i would have 21 7,200 and Lana'i would have 3,100, and there would be 22 about 5,600 people from someplace in Maui, whether it be 23 East Maui or maybe some of the homestead areas. I don't 24 know. 25 But it's going to take up a lot of work. And</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 19</p> <p>1 of Moloka'i. 2 (Laughter.) 3 MR. VANDERBILT: I'm only one person. 4 MEMBER BAXA: Yes, but I will also take into 5 account what the others say. 6 MR. VANDERBILT: Well -- 7 MEMBER BAXA: What is yours? 8 MR. VANDERBILT: I think it's hard for 9 everybody. Like Barbara mentioned, we have nothing to 10 really sink our teeth into. There's no handouts. And 11 it's really hard for people to come to the Commission 12 and just -- right now, we've had good luck with the 13 single-member district, so nobody's going to roll over 14 and go somewhere else if -- unless there's something on 15 the table that makes it as good or better. 16 And, again, I think the worry Moloka'i still 17 has is that maybe they could get some group going on 18 Maui, although they've never been able to get 20 percent 19 of the registered voters to get anything on the Charter 20 amendment in past elections. But this district voting 21 keeps coming up and -- and it could go on the Charter no 22 matter what Moloka'i said. But I think a majority of 23 Moloka'i people like it the way it is now, just from 24 hearsay. 25 MEMBER BAXA: Okay. That's all my point.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 18</p> <p>1 I think it's important that if you're going to have a 2 town council, they're going to want to get paid as much 3 as the councilmen. And they're going to want their 4 decisions to be final because, right now, in our 5 Planning Commission, we have a real problem. We work 6 like heck to -- to do responsible looks at ordinances, 7 and then, when they go up there, they just change, new 8 things are added, and it never comes back to the 9 Planning Commission. 10 So, anyway, I think the Council has been very 11 cooperative of trying their best to put in what Moloka'i 12 or Lana'i may want in an ordinance. 13 CHAIR STONE: Mr. Vanderbilt, that's four 14 minutes. If you would like, you can come back after the 15 other testifiers and have another three minutes. 16 MR. VANDERBILT: Yeah, I'll be glad to. 17 CHAIR STONE: Okay. Great. Commissioners, 18 clarification on Mr. Vanderbilt's testimony to this 19 point? 20 MEMBER BAXA: Mr. Chair? 21 CHAIR STONE: Commissioner Baxa. 22 MEMBER BAXA: Mr. Vanderbilt, like what I said 23 in my first question, I just want to know what the 24 people of Moloka'i wants, you know. 25 MR. VANDERBILT: You'll have to ask the people</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 20</p> <p>1 Thank you. 2 MR. VANDERBILT: Thank you, Your Honor. 3 CHAIR STONE: Commissioners, further 4 questions? Commissioner DeLeon. 5 MEMBER DELEON: Just food for thought, DeGray. 6 There's another proposal from Nikhilananda, of all 7 people, suggesting a 13-member council. 8 MR. VANDERBILT: What? 9 MEMBER DELEON: A 13-member council. That 10 would mean a district of 11,000 population. You guys 11 have 7,000. You would control that district. So that's 12 another scenario you could -- you could consider. 13 Because, yeah, you're right, the Maui guys are kind of 14 tired of the system we got because of what we're getting 15 in terms of representation. So, yeah, we want to try to 16 fix the system. We do think it's broken. 17 MR. VANDERBILT: Yeah, but it's going to take 18 a lot of further study on this issue. And I don't know 19 -- I think -- I think Moloka'i certainly wants to be 20 kept up to speed of how this -- where this goes from 21 here. I'm hoping you guys come back somewhere down the 22 line a little further. 23 CHAIR STONE: Just to be -- just to be clear, 24 the process that's happening right now with this public 25 outreach is purely to get input from as many areas</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 21</p> <p>1 around Maui County as we possibly can. So your guys'</p> <p>2 emotional testimony, direct testimony, it's what affects</p> <p>3 how we look at the proposals coming to us. We will go</p> <p>4 back -- once we have proposals on the table, those</p> <p>5 proposals will be presented to the public again, in</p> <p>6 another public outreach meeting. So we will see you</p> <p>7 guys again before there's any final decisions. And</p> <p>8 there will be, let's say, meatier issues, meatier</p> <p>9 proposals on the table for review, at which time I'm</p> <p>10 sure people are going to say, hey, this works for me or</p> <p>11 this doesn't work for me. So we're in the process now</p> <p>12 of getting your guys' ideas. And that's the main reason</p> <p>13 we're here, to hear your ideas for proposals.</p> <p>14 MR. VANDERBILT: Could I just say one thing?</p> <p>15 CHAIR STONE: Please.</p> <p>16 MR. VANDERBILT: At the last meeting on Maui,</p> <p>17 I came and testified, and you were asking how do you get</p> <p>18 more people out. You've got -- I looked through the</p> <p>19 files. And you've got a lot of really good information.</p> <p>20 Why can't you just get it up on the website? "Here's</p> <p>21 what we got today," people will look at it and share it</p> <p>22 around. And then it won't just be emotional testimony,</p> <p>23 but you'll also get some very constructive testimony.</p> <p>24 Because it costs a lot to bring you guys over here. So</p> <p>25 if you can get the most out of a meeting. Information</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 23</p> <p>1 CHAIR STONE: Mr. Jenkins, thank you for</p> <p>2 coming.</p> <p>3 MR. JENKINS: Sorry. I'm taller.</p> <p>4 Aloha, Charter Chair Josh Stone, Auntie Stacy</p> <p>5 and Members of the Charter Commission. My name is Greg</p> <p>6 Jenkins and I live in Puko'o, Moloka'i. I'm testifying</p> <p>7 as a resident of Moloka'i.</p> <p>8 Tonight, I'll be testifying on two potential</p> <p>9 Charter amendment items, district voting and eliminating</p> <p>10 the current expanded powers of the Fire and Public</p> <p>11 Safety Commission achieved in 2001 and '2.</p> <p>12 I do not support district voting for the</p> <p>13 following reasons: The district representative has a</p> <p>14 low probability of ever being from Moloka'i again.</p> <p>15 Moloka'i matters will have to compete with those of</p> <p>16 other communities and/or islands grouped in the</p> <p>17 district. Moloka'i's vote based on population will not</p> <p>18 be able to compete in district election of</p> <p>19 representatives. Island boards have no true power in</p> <p>20 that they still must answer on matters other than that</p> <p>21 of land use to district -- the district representative.</p> <p>22 The most important reason I support the</p> <p>23 current system, while not perfect, is because of</p> <p>24 representative accountability county-wide. I believe</p> <p>25 from experience that a council representative must have</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 22</p> <p>1 is key.</p> <p>2 CHAIR STONE: Mr. Vanderbilt, I can't agree</p> <p>3 with you more. We have two issues that we're working</p> <p>4 with. Number one, the Sunshine Law. We have to be able</p> <p>5 to put everything out to the public before we go there.</p> <p>6 The other issue is we have so much information coming in</p> <p>7 from all the different public outreach and all the --</p> <p>8 all of the departments -- all over Maui County,</p> <p>9 information is flooding in and proposals are flooding</p> <p>10 in. So we have to put it back to the public in a way</p> <p>11 that is understandable. So we need our Analyst to put</p> <p>12 everything in a concise, understandable manner and</p> <p>13 format so that it can come back to you guys. And we are</p> <p>14 working diligently to make sure that happens very soon.</p> <p>15 MR. VANDERBILT: You don't have to work too</p> <p>16 hard on Moloka'i. They're pretty good at analyzing</p> <p>17 things.</p> <p>18 CHAIR STONE: I got to say I'm very -- I'm</p> <p>19 very happy to see such a wonderful turnout tonight.</p> <p>20 Thank you all for coming.</p> <p>21 Councilmembers [sic], is there any other --</p> <p>22 well, I guess Mr. Vanderbilt will be back for another</p> <p>23 round of testimony.</p> <p>24 Lisa, next testifier, please.</p> <p>25 MS. KAHUHU: Greg Jenkins.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 24</p> <p>1 a pono balance between the interest of the county as a</p> <p>2 whole and that of advocating for their district, which</p> <p>3 is home for us, Moloka'i. A resident representative</p> <p>4 under the current system is best to do such.</p> <p>5 Furthermore, the current system, as well as</p> <p>6 proposed district voting system, would require the</p> <p>7 Council as a whole to a majority vote on county-wide and</p> <p>8 district specific issues, anyways.</p> <p>9 For example, under the current system, if I</p> <p>10 don't like the way a representative from Kahului votes</p> <p>11 on a county-wide or Moloka'i issue, under the current</p> <p>12 system, I, as a Moloka'i resident, have the right to</p> <p>13 cast my vote against him or her. The same is true for</p> <p>14 residents of other districts in our county voting</p> <p>15 against our Moloka'i representative.</p> <p>16 Under district voting, we will lose this</p> <p>17 right.</p> <p>18 What is wrong with the Moloka'i candidate</p> <p>19 being one who is acceptable to Maui County as a whole?</p> <p>20 Population and tax revenues in dense areas of</p> <p>21 our county are just as valuable as those with land use</p> <p>22 of open space, ag, rural zoning in smaller populations</p> <p>23 such as Moloka'i, Lana'i and Hana. Visitors and</p> <p>24 residents alike value these less developed areas of our</p> <p>25 county for many reasons. Our rural communities are very</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 25</p> <p>1 important characteristics of our county and its 2 popularity locally and worldwide. Due to them being 3 foundations for our Hawaiian culture, and environmental 4 sustainability of our county, Moloka'i deserves its own 5 voice.</p> <p>6 The Fire Commission: 7 As the coauthor of the proposal for a Charter 8 amendment approved in 2002, to expand the powers of the 9 Fire and Public Safety Commission, our current system, I 10 am not in support of any proposed Charter amendment to 11 change -- or place the power to select or remove the 12 fire chief with the mayor or removing any powers that 13 currently rest with the Fire and Public Safety 14 Commission. However, I support the current system with 15 reservations, in that I strongly believe the current 16 focus, duties, rules and powers of the Fire and Public 17 Safety Commission are in need of significant repair and 18 do not reflect the original intent of the Charter 19 amendment proposal as submitted to the Charter 20 Commission or that which was approved by voters in 2002.</p> <p>21 Furthermore, the mayor and Council must relook 22 at their jurisdictional roles and responsibilities that 23 they currently possess in holding the fire chief and the 24 commission accountable for administering high-quality, 25 law-abiding, industry-best-practice-compliant,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 27</p> <p>1 MR. JENKINS: May I respond to your comments? 2 MEMBER DELEON: Absolutely. 3 MR. JENKINS: First of all, with all due 4 respect, I do appreciate the time and effort that I know 5 you put into that proposal. This isn't personal; it's 6 business. I think that Moloka'i owns the right, as well 7 as Hana, Lana'i, to determine who they want to encourage 8 to run for office. I think that's our responsibility of 9 our community.</p> <p>10 I've never seen, in the history of 11 councilmembers, going back to Mayor Lingle as our 12 councilmember and -- and the great late Pat Kawano, and 13 Danny, where there's ever been a problem with 14 accountable to the county as a whole. I think it's a 15 strength. I think it's a great strength because our 16 community and our county is so diverse, and we know 17 that, because of good planning, we have dense areas such 18 as West Maui, South Maui, Kahului. And that's -- that's 19 good for our environmental sustainability and our -- and 20 our social makeup as a whole, but it's our -- but where 21 do visitors go? Where do people go? They go upper west 22 side, Honolua, they go around to Kahakaloa, they go 23 Kahikinui, Upcountry, they go Hana, they go to Lana'i, 24 they go to Moloka'i. Why? Not because there's -- the 25 development takes place.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 26</p> <p>1 well-planned service. Such should be the true basis for 2 responsible development of strategic plans, budget 3 approvals, and evaluating the fire chief.</p> <p>4 This currently is not the case and must be 5 fixed. Thank you.</p> <p>6 (Applause.)</p> <p>7 CHAIR STONE: Thank you, Mr. Jenkins, for your 8 testimony. Commissioners, clarifications? Questions? 9 Commissioner DeLeon.</p> <p>10 MEMBER DELEON: In your statement, you said 11 that if the guys in Kahului don't like what the Moloka'i 12 councilmember does, they can vote him out of office. 13 That's a problem when there's nobody running against 14 them. And that's been the case for the last four 15 elections. So I just wanted to point out that that's 16 part of the problem, is that the Lana'i and Moloka'i 17 guys run without competition. And it creates a problem 18 on, especially, the incumbents. I mean -- and I won't 19 get argumentative. I don't want any arguments. I just 20 want to point that out.</p> <p>21 And I want to ask if you could possibly send 22 or give us written testimony on the Police Commission -- 23 or the whole thing, if you could put it in writing. 24 Because you were going pretty fast with that at the end. 25 And we weren't getting -- I wasn't getting it all.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 28</p> <p>1 And I -- and I do not want to disrespect 2 anybody from these districts, you know, because this is 3 their home, but it's that diversity that makes us 4 strong. And those areas are just as valuable as that 5 real property tax base. It's just as valuable as that 6 Transient Accommodation Tax. And if that changes, it 7 changes everything. And Moloka'i's fought a long time 8 to get that voice, and we should not lose it.</p> <p>9 Secondly, with regards to the Fire Commission, 10 I do have meeting minutes from the Charter Commission 11 from 2001 and '2. I have copies of excerpts from all 12 the matters that concern the Fire Department. And 13 you'll be very surprised with the testimony, some of 14 which you've heard contrary to in your recent hearings. 15 I think it will give you good perspective. I will get 16 this provided to you.</p> <p>17 MEMBER DELEON: Mahalo. 18 CHAIR STONE: Thank you. Commissioners, 19 questions?</p> <p>20 MEMBER OKAMOTO: Kay Okamoto from Lana'i 21 MR. JENKINS: Aloha. 22 MEMBER OKAMOTO: I do appreciate your 23 testimony. One of the things -- it seems like there's a 24 big confusion when we talk about district voting. Do 25 you feel that -- I know on Lana'i some people think</p>

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1 district voting, oh, that means we'll just vote for the
2 Lana'i person. Do you think, on Moloka'i, there is a
3 misunderstanding of what district voting -- if it came
4 out on a ballot, are you for or against district voting,
5 do you think that there is any confusion as to what it
6 really means?

7 MR. JENKINS: I think our Council Chair made a
8 very good point in his -- in his response where he said
9 that he does not intend on saying that the Moloka'i
10 people wouldn't understand the issue presented to them,
11 out of respect. I do think that sometimes the more
12 facts that are available, the more friendly ways it can
13 be understood, the more quality and effort of people
14 making an objective decision. So, yes, I think whatever
15 efforts you can make, if there's going to be a proposal,
16 to get that information out early and to be considered,
17 you know, the contrasting points of view. I have great
18 faith in our community to make the objective correct
19 decision.

20 MEMBER OKAMOTO: Thank you.

21 CHAIR STONE: Thank you. Commissioners, any
22 further questions?

23 MEMBER DELEON: Down here.

24 CHAIR STONE: Commissioner Sugimura.

25 MEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. Very good

1 testimony. I appreciate all the work that you've put
2 into this. I have a question regarding the Fire
3 Commission, because we've been hearing testimony over
4 the last maybe two or three meetings regarding that
5 issue. And so you're very clear that you're in support
6 of it and you don't want it to be changed, the current
7 system, but you also said that it needs repair. So can
8 you elaborate on that a little bit more? Because we've
9 been hearing change it, it's not working. You know, we
10 never -- this is -- thank you.

11 MR. JENKINS: When we originally consulted the
12 members of our organization, the initiative for a -- the
13 expanded powers of the Fire Commission in 2001 and '2
14 were as a result of our membership. It wasn't driven by
15 Administration. The intent was to turn the department
16 back over to the people with greater accountability.
17 That sums it up. And we had a lot of political pressure
18 that will be put on the fire chief that we witnessed
19 over the years that would cause stagnation. It got a
20 little hegemonic. It caused compromises in our labor
21 management discussions with regards to the quality of
22 the service we provided as well as health and safety
23 concerns for fire personnel.

24 And we found ourselves, when we reached an
25 impasse with -- whether it was fire administration or up

1 the chain of command to the mayor, because that's where
2 the power lied, that our next venue was the County
3 Council. And I was reminded painfully, when -- in a
4 period before our Council Chair Pat Kawano -- by, at
5 that time, one of our councilmembers from Lana'i -- I
6 can talk about Pat, but I don't want to talk about
7 anybody else -- that we needed to go back and talk to
8 our chief and we hadn't -- we really had no, you know,
9 business being in this venue. It was too controversial.
10 And we took heed to that. So the commission was the
11 idea.

12 The commission was supposed to be the balance
13 between the progressive direction of the department and
14 a place where labor and management could come to make
15 sure things were pono. The power of submitting the
16 budget was a very focal point to that because it would
17 represent an accountability to a combination of
18 strategic planning, which I believe is owned by the
19 mayor, with checks and balances by the Council, and with
20 oversight by the commission to hear both sides of the --
21 of the fence, to ensure that things were balanced. Gave
22 us that venue. And that we knew that when that budget
23 and that direction went forward, the Council as well as
24 the mayor would be assured that this was a common
25 understanding of where the department was going.

1 Strategic planning must last far beyond a
2 county council regime tenure or a mayoral
3 administration. And if you get a good fire chief --
4 like, for example, our current chief, Jeff Murray -- if
5 he is doing a good job and he's evaluated objectively,
6 properly, you want to keep that person on board. You
7 don't want that to change just because a mayoral regime
8 changes. That's not in the best interest of our
9 community.

10 I have enough faith in democracy and in people
11 being involved in it -- we have rules in the books. Our
12 State Constitution is great. Our County Charter is
13 great. We just got to start exercising these rights. I
14 don't believe that our current leadership is. They are
15 remiss in their responsibilities in understanding their
16 jurisdiction and the power, that the mayor has great
17 power over our department. There's nothing that
18 prevents the mayor, who also appoints the commission
19 members, and the Council that -- that finally approves
20 them, to say, hey, as long as it's compliant with
21 national standards, as long as it's compliant with the
22 law, I can tell you what to do. And if there's a
23 problem, the mayor's a de facto member of the
24 commission, doesn't have voting rights, but it can put a
25 lot of pressure on those commission members to do what

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 33</p> <p>1 is necessary in the public's best interest.</p> <p>2 And last time I checked, the people have --</p> <p>3 you know, if transparency exists, the people are going</p> <p>4 to say, hey, we agree with that or we disagree with</p> <p>5 that, and then they vote the mayor in or out.</p> <p>6 So I think if we understand the system's</p> <p>7 broken, we got to try and fix it. Everything --</p> <p>8 everything is good that's there; it just needs to get</p> <p>9 fixed. And I'm not going backwards or pointing fingers.</p> <p>10 I want to look forward in trying to fix it, because</p> <p>11 crying over spilled milk doesn't do any good.</p> <p>12 CHAIR STONE: Thank you. Commissioners, any</p> <p>13 further questions? Mr. Jenkins, thank you very much for</p> <p>14 your testimony. Thanks for coming this evening.</p> <p>15 Appreciate it.</p> <p>16 (Applause.)</p> <p>17 CHAIR STONE: Thank you. He does deserve a</p> <p>18 hand.</p> <p>19 Lisa, next testifier, please.</p> <p>20 MS. KAHUHU: Lori Buchanan.</p> <p>21 CHAIR STONE: Ms. Buchanan.</p> <p>22 MS. BUCHANAN: Thank you. Thank you,</p> <p>23 Commission. Thank you for coming over. So nice to see</p> <p>24 so many of you.</p> <p>25 I'll be honest, I haven't read this yet. I</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 35</p> <p>1 MS. BUCHANAN: Okay. Because as a -- as a</p> <p>2 community member, born and raised Moloka'i, it's</p> <p>3 offensive. There's many statements in here that I found</p> <p>4 offensive, misleading, erroneous, downright not true and</p> <p>5 not supported by fact. Okay.</p> <p>6 I also thought as a Commission Member, at this</p> <p>7 stage of the game, was really premature to come out with</p> <p>8 such a statement from a Commission Member. To me,</p> <p>9 that's bias already.</p> <p>10 And because of that bias, I want this</p> <p>11 Commission to remove Mr. DeLeon from this Commission</p> <p>12 That's what I'm requesting. Okay.</p> <p>13 I gonna tell you why. Because you guys get</p> <p>14 this in black and white. You get everything what he</p> <p>15 said in black and white. And everything he talks about,</p> <p>16 the system is broken and it needs to be fixed, well, we</p> <p>17 disagree. Okay.</p> <p>18 He talks about history showing about the</p> <p>19 process and that it's not equal, that nobody wants to</p> <p>20 challenge the person that we -- we choose to represent</p> <p>21 us. That's not true. That's an assumption.</p> <p>22 Mr. DeLeon, I gonna tell you right now, that's</p> <p>23 not true.</p> <p>24 The reason why nobody would run against</p> <p>25 Council Chair Mateo is because we like what he do for</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 34</p> <p>1 just downloaded it today. I never like spend the money,</p> <p>2 actually, to print them out. I was trying to get a</p> <p>3 freebie. Okay. But you can bet I will read it. So</p> <p>4 I'll be ready when you guys come again. However, what</p> <p>5 was the paraphernalia that did come out I want to speak</p> <p>6 to. And what I could get offline, like DeGray said, was</p> <p>7 a proposed amendment submitted by Commissioner DeLeon,</p> <p>8 dated June 13, 2011, where he, I guess, put in a</p> <p>9 proposed amendment already. And so I read that as well</p> <p>10 as what else was available, which was something that</p> <p>11 came out in The Maui News on August 3rd. And, also, --</p> <p>12 let me find my papers -- another thing that was written</p> <p>13 up by Mr. DeLeon.</p> <p>14 So let me state for the record that I do not</p> <p>15 support the single-member district. I think most people</p> <p>16 on Moloka'i do not support. You asked what the people</p> <p>17 of Moloka'i think. Being born and raised here, I can</p> <p>18 kind of drawn one conclusion, that we no support that,</p> <p>19 okay, because we love our councilman.</p> <p>20 I actually took offense and I was really upset</p> <p>21 after I read the proposed amendment submitted by</p> <p>22 Mr. DeLeon.</p> <p>23 And -- and if you guys have a copy over there,</p> <p>24 everybody should read this.</p> <p>25 MEMBER OF PUBLIC: No. I like see.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 36</p> <p>1 us. That's the reason. No draw any other conclusion</p> <p>2 other than that. Okay. Same for Pat Kawano. We</p> <p>3 supported them 100 percent and they did they best and</p> <p>4 they worked their hardest in the environment in Maui, to</p> <p>5 bring us monies even though we never contribute to the</p> <p>6 tax base.</p> <p>7 So no say stuff like that. Okay?</p> <p>8 Talk about -- you like hang this fictitious</p> <p>9 carrot in front of us, talking about -- you mentioned it</p> <p>10 earlier, about island boards. Oh, you can have one</p> <p>11 island board, you can do this, you can run all your own</p> <p>12 show, federal, state, county, what you say gonna go. No</p> <p>13 need the Planning Commission, no need nobody, you gonna</p> <p>14 do your own island boards, just like how they do in</p> <p>15 Florida and wherever. You and I both know how hard</p> <p>16 that's going to be to achieve.</p> <p>17 It's a carrot you waving in front of us.</p> <p>18 Don't use that. Okay. Don't do that. That's</p> <p>19 misleading.</p> <p>20 You and I both know it's not legal at this</p> <p>21 point in time. And it's going to take years to ever</p> <p>22 achieve something like that. Rules have to be changed,</p> <p>23 revised statutes have to be changed. It's not -- I know</p> <p>24 it's not. Okay. This community doesn't know that.</p> <p>25 If you gonna tell me I can run the show, the</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 37</p> <p>1 answer gonna be, yeah, I like run the show. Okay. You 2 talked about that. 3 You know, right now, anybody on this island 4 can apply to the Moloka'i Planning Commission. Anybody. 5 Nothing is wrong with that. We have people that serve. 6 Anybody can step up to the plate. So we no need to 7 change that by having an island board. 8 As Chair, I gonna ask you to waive your three 9 minutes because you have that right as the Chair to 10 waive that, and let me take a couple of more minutes 11 here. 12 CHAIR STONE: Ms. Buchanan, actually, I would 13 love you to come back and take three minutes after the 14 other testifiers, just to make sure we get through all 15 of the testifiers -- 16 MS. BUCHANAN: Okay. 17 CHAIR STONE: -- that want to testify. So 18 you're welcome to come back. 19 MS. BUCHANAN: I thought at the beginning you 20 said it was four minutes. 21 CHAIR STONE: It was four. But we would love 22 you to come back. I'm sorry to stop you. 23 MS. BUCHANAN: Okay. 24 CHAIR STONE: No, no. Please don't sit down. 25 I would like to -- questions, clarifications from the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 39</p> <p>1 You know, that's offensive. When you going 2 say, here, how to fix a problem, and he gives a layout, 3 then he says Americans understand the single-member 4 district, hence the confusion. Is that to imply that 5 me, as a Hawaiian, I don't understand? I understand. 6 Watch what you say, Mr. DeLeon. Okay? You 7 don't belong on here when you come -- because I serve on 8 several commissions as well. And I -- 9 CHAIR STONE: Ms. Buchanan -- 10 MS. BUCHANAN: -- don't come up with -- 11 CHAIR STONE: I have a question. 12 MS. BUCHANAN: Thank you. 13 CHAIR STONE: No, no. I'm sorry. I have a 14 question for you. Commissioner. 15 MEMBER OKAMOTO: Did you read the letter to 16 the editor from John Ornellas -- 17 MS. BUCHANAN: Yes, I did. 18 MEMBER OKAMOTO: -- from Lana'i? Where he 19 basically did talk about, you know, Senator Inouye has 20 been -- has run unopposed for how long and those, 21 basically, come from single-member districts, when you 22 -- when you think about it. So were you able to have 23 any comments to that letter? 24 MS. BUCHANAN: No. But I know what you was -- 25 I did not read that letter, but I gonna tell you what,</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 38</p> <p>1 Commissioners, please? 2 MS. BUCHANAN: Okay. 3 CHAIR STONE: Commissioner Baxa. 4 MEMBER BAXA: Ma'am, this is not for 5 clarification. I just wanted to know your full name. 6 MS. BUCHANAN: Oh, sorry. Lori Buchanan. 7 MEMBER BAXA: Yeah. I think I understood 8 everything you said. Thank you. 9 MS. BUCHANAN: Thank you. 10 CHAIR STONE: Commissioners, further 11 clarification, questions? And, of course, we can -- so 12 I have you down to come back for another three minutes. 13 MS. BUCHANAN: I gonna tell you right now, I 14 get things to do. So I not going to come back because 15 you already said in the beginning that you guys gonna 16 come back. You gonna take testimony, you go chew and 17 spit it out, come up with all kind amendments, come back 18 to this community. 19 CHAIR STONE: Absolutely. 20 MS. BUCHANAN: So when do you that, I going to 21 be ready. But until then, yeah, remarks from Mr. DeLeon 22 about this community that is derogatory, yeah, I not 23 going to sit for that. I'm gonna report him to the 24 Ethics committee. And I want him removed from this 25 Commission for saying this kine stuff on the record.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 40</p> <p>1 we also support Senator Inouye. He has done a lot for 2 this -- for Hawaii. We love him. 3 MEMBER OKAMOTO: And he wasn't saying 4 anything -- 5 MS. BUCHANAN: Yeah. 6 MEMBER OKAMOTO: He is saying it doesn't 7 matter whether you have at-large or whether you have 8 districts, you're going to have people -- 9 MS. BUCHANAN: No. Single district, we all 10 know we gonna lose our vote over here. It doesn't 11 matter. We gonna join Waihee, or whoever. You brought 12 up the subject earlier about the 11,000, let's get a 13 13-member board. Okay. So in that, on Moloka'i, we 14 going to have the say. What happens to the 4,000 15 people? What, they don't have a say anymore? Where the 16 4,000 people coming from? Hana? Lana'i? Where they 17 coming from? The first district in Waihee, where they 18 coming from? They no have no say. 19 Thank you. 20 CHAIR STONE: Thank you, Mrs. Buchanan. 21 (Applause.) 22 CHAIR STONE: And just to point out, 23 Mrs. Buchanan, Commissioner DeLeon's proposal is one of 24 hundreds of proposals that have come in. And proposals 25 that are completely the opposite of that have come to</p>

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1 us. So --

2 MS. BUCHANAN: Proposals from this Commission

3 Members, written statement?

4 CHAIR STONE: We have had proposals come in

5 from other Commission Members.

6 MS. BUCHANAN: Written statements from these

7 Commissioners?

8 CHAIR STONE: Yes, we have. Yes.

9 MS. BUCHANAN: I haven't seen any of 'em.

10 CHAIR STONE: Well, that -- that is what we

11 must work on diligently, to make sure that you guys get

12 to see all of the proposals that have come out. So --

13 MS. BUCHANAN: Isn't that premature, before

14 you guys get a chance to take all your testimony from

15 all the islands? You cannot come out with premature

16 suggestions when you guys not even take input from the

17 community.

18 CHAIR STONE: That is our focus right now,

19 input. Our focus is input. Thank you very much.

20 Next testifier, please.

21 MS. KAHUHU: Billy Akutagawa.

22 CHAIR STONE: Thank you very much for coming.

23 MR. AKUTAGAWA: Good evening, Commission

24 Members. My name is Billy Akutagawa. I'm a resident of

25 Moloka'i. And the principle purpose for me to be here

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1 is to question some of -- some of the statements that

2 were made regarding Moloka'i's representative.

3 You know, when you get one representative --

4 actually two, Danny Mateo and Pat Kawano -- I think you

5 folks are a little bit too young for (inaudible), who

6 was a councilmember years ago -- why are they incumbent?

7 They are incumbent because they do their work and they

8 do it diligently. Sure, we've had people that

9 challenged them, but the longer you stay in the Council,

10 the more you become adept at how the Council works. And

11 that's why those two individuals, Kawano and Mateo, were

12 very good at it, you know.

13 And I wish to really comment on them being the

14 head of the Council. To choose somebody from Moloka'i

15 to do something like that means that the people that

16 elected them also had good faith in them to continue the

17 work.

18 After looking at the proposal, elective board,

19 you know when you -- when you look at elective board, it

20 takes money. Who is going to run the election? What's

21 the cost of it? And you can get good or bad people in

22 election. You can't have that on Moloka'i. So I'm not

23 -- I'm not for that elective board at all.

24 To fold in, also, the Planning Commission into

25 elective board means that you -- you dissolve some of

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1 the responsibilities. When -- when Planning

2 Commissioners go before the general public, they do

3 their homework. And they do it in a way that tells you

4 that there's some consistency there. But to have them

5 now in an elective board means you -- you diversified

6 their responsibilities. So I'm not for that.

7 You know, I'm here to continue to say that we

8 don't need district voting. Our representative is the

9 representative we choose.

10 I know the representative from Lana'i had some

11 problems, with their particular person, but that's

12 Lana'i's problem. Our problem is we do have good

13 people. And I stand in back of them and I say that the

14 system should not be tampered with at this point.

15 And that's my testimony for tonight.

16 CHAIR STONE: Thank you. Thank you very much

17 for your testimony. Commissioners, any questions or

18 clarifications?

19 (Applause.)

20 CHAIR STONE: Yes, Commissioner Crivello.

21 MEMBER CRIVELLO: Billy -- Billy.

22 MR. AKUTAGAWA: Getting old. Cannot hear.

23 Yeah, Stacy.

24 MEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay. I just would like for

25 you to clarify your -- I guess your comparison with the

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1 Planning Commission in accordance to Mr. DeLeon's --

2 included in his proposal as far as they become like the

3 board or the township. Do I understand you to say that

4 the Planning Commission, being not elective and

5 appointed, they take their responsibility very seriously

6 and represent the wider range of the community?

7 MR. AKUTAGAWA: You mean, you're asking me why

8 do we need the --

9 MEMBER CRIVELLO: No. What you were saying

10 about the Planning Commission.

11 MR. AKUTAGAWA: Oh, what I'm saying of the

12 Planning Commission, they have their hands full already.

13 To bring them into elective process, to now become

14 elective Moloka'i board, and to decide on who is going

15 to represent the person of Moloka'i, they're gonna have

16 so much responsibility that they -- you're not going to

17 -- you're not going to have them concentrate on what

18 they're there for. A Planning Commissioner is there to

19 understand the dynamics of the community and the

20 development strategies and how things are done and if

21 it's approved or not. We don't want that in one -- one

22 swoop, have an elective board on Moloka'i that handles

23 who the representatives gonna be, what happens on the

24 Planning Commission and all of the other -- you know, I

25 haven't heard of yet, other responsibilities. I'm

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 45</p> <p>1 worried about that.</p> <p>2 And I mention one thing about the elective</p> <p>3 board, yeah. When you run one elective board process on</p> <p>4 Moloka'i, you got to be sure who's got the money to run</p> <p>5 for that particular position. On Moloka'i, we're not --</p> <p>6 we're not founded on money; we're founded on ethics and</p> <p>7 principle. And that's where I think, you know, we --</p> <p>8 (Applause.)</p> <p>9 MR. AKUTAGAWA: -- may be going down the wrong</p> <p>10 road. So, you know, I still maintain that keep the</p> <p>11 duties separate and not the same, if this thing goes</p> <p>12 through, which I hope it doesn't.</p> <p>13 MEMBER CRIVELLO: You.</p> <p>14 MR. AKUTAGAWA: Thank you</p> <p>15 CHAIR STONE: Thank you very much.</p> <p>16 Commissioners, any further questions or clarification?</p> <p>17 (Silence.)</p> <p>18 CHAIR STONE: No. Thank you for your</p> <p>19 testimony.</p> <p>20 Lisa, next testifier, please.</p> <p>21 MS. KAHUHU: Ella Alcon.</p> <p>22 CHAIR STONE: Good evening, Ella. Thank you</p> <p>23 for coming.</p> <p>24 MS. ALCON: Thank you for coming. I'm Ella</p> <p>25 Alcon. I'm the liaison for the Maui County Council.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 47</p> <p>1 one-person, one-vote requirement), the population of</p> <p>2 each district must be substantially equal. Because the</p> <p>3 populations of Moloka'i and Lana'i are significantly</p> <p>4 less than the island of Maui, neither could be</p> <p>5 established as a separate district; they would have to</p> <p>6 be joined with other areas of the island of Maui.</p> <p>7 Moloka'i and Lana'i simply do not have big enough</p> <p>8 populations to establish as separate districts. To do</p> <p>9 so would violate federal law. Therefore, under a</p> <p>10 single-member district voting system, it is likely that</p> <p>11 a resident of Maui would become the Council</p> <p>12 representative for the residents of Moloka'i or Lana'i.</p> <p>13 I do not see how a person who lives on Maui could have a</p> <p>14 realistic understanding of the day-to-day concerns and</p> <p>15 issues that face the residents of Moloka'i or Lana'i.</p> <p>16 We have already seen how canoe districts are</p> <p>17 not practical and do not work, as evidenced by our state</p> <p>18 house and senatorial districts. A common comment by the</p> <p>19 residents on Moloka'i is, "We rarely see our state</p> <p>20 legislators." Certainly, they keep no regular hours or</p> <p>21 an office on our island that allows for one-on-one</p> <p>22 meetings. As a practical matter, due to Council and</p> <p>23 committee meetings scheduling as well as flight</p> <p>24 schedules, I spend my week on Maui scheduling regular</p> <p>25 meetings on Moloka'i with concerned citizens on the</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 46</p> <p>1 And Council Chair Mateo is not here tonight and I'd like</p> <p>2 to read his testimony into record. And for those who</p> <p>3 not familiar with what he wrote in The Maui News. Okay.</p> <p>4 "Thank you for this opportunity to express my</p> <p>5 opposition to the proposed Charter amendment advocating</p> <p>6 district voting for Maui County.</p> <p>7 A district voting system to elect County</p> <p>8 councilmembers will not benefit the people of Moloka'i</p> <p>9 and Lana'i. To know this requires a clear understanding</p> <p>10 of how the various proposals for a district voting</p> <p>11 system will affect the people of these unique islands.</p> <p>12 The proposal that seems the most popular is to</p> <p>13 establish nine single-member districts, in which a</p> <p>14 single member is elected by the majority of voters in a</p> <p>15 geographic district to represent the district on the</p> <p>16 Council. Single-member district voting has been</p> <p>17 established in the City and County of Honolulu and the</p> <p>18 County of Hawaii. These counties each consist of one</p> <p>19 island, whereas the County of Maui encompasses four</p> <p>20 separate islands.</p> <p>21 Under a single-member district voting system,</p> <p>22 Maui County would be divided into nine geographical</p> <p>23 districts, established by a reapportionment commission.</p> <p>24 Because federal law requires that each person's vote</p> <p>25 have approximately equal weight in all elections (the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 48</p> <p>1 weekend. Would a councilmember based on Maui Island be</p> <p>2 able to offer the same level of representation and</p> <p>3 service to the residents of Lana'i and Moloka'i? I</p> <p>4 think not.</p> <p>5 There is no doubt that district voting would</p> <p>6 provide benefits to candidates. Supporters argue that</p> <p>7 candidates would run in small regions, reducing campaign</p> <p>8 costs and perhaps encouraging more qualified individuals</p> <p>9 to run for office. However, such benefits would not</p> <p>10 apply to candidates who live on Moloka'i or Lana'i.</p> <p>11 These candidates would still have to campaign on Maui as</p> <p>12 well as Moloka'i and Lana'i, requiring additional cost</p> <p>13 for travel and accommodations.</p> <p>14 There are other proposals for district voting;</p> <p>15 however, under any district voting proposal, Moloka'i</p> <p>16 and Lana'i could not be its own district, separate from</p> <p>17 other areas of Maui County. For this reason, I do not</p> <p>18 support district voting in any form.</p> <p>19 Respectfully, Danny Mateo."</p> <p>20 I would like my four minutes. No, I like say</p> <p>21 something real fast about --</p> <p>22 CHAIR STONE: Go ahead.</p> <p>23 MS. ALCON: -- something else, since this is</p> <p>24 not my testimony.</p> <p>25 Anyway, I'm a commissioner on the Fire and</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 49</p> <p>1 Public Safety Commission. And I cannot see it going 2 back to being under the mayor. And my reasoning for 3 this is my commission, we had an opportunity to go 4 through the process of, you know, hiring our fire chief, 5 you know, right now. And with nine different people 6 with all different backgrounds, I think, was very 7 effective that we could listen to every one of 'em, we 8 could ask questions, we could go -- I mean, we went back 9 and forth for like days until we all agreed on who our 10 chief was going to be. I cannot see the mayor doing 11 that, one person. And I don't think it's healthy for 12 one person, the mayor, to go and appoint a chief. 13 And I know there's, you know, a councilmember 14 that, you know, is in favor of putting it back into the 15 mayor's -- you know, his voting, but we as commissioners 16 are chosen -- okay, the mayor puts, you know, the names, 17 and then the Council is the one who approves or 18 disapproves us. They pick us. You know, we don't just 19 say, okay, we like be commissioners and that -- 20 CHAIR STONE: Ma'am, sorry to interrupt you. 21 Would you like to come back for another three minutes 22 after the other testifiers to continue testimony on 23 this? 24 MS. ALCON: No. This was Danny's three 25 minutes.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 51</p> <p>1 happen on Maui, we need that seat on the Council, yeah, 2 and we need somebody from Moloka'i. 3 All of you, if I gave you the words Dole, Del 4 Monte, Libby, what they had in common? Go ahead, our 5 representative over here. Pineapple, they was on 6 Moloka'i. You see the difference? 7 So the first thing we say about taxes and you 8 guys not pulling your weight, I like address that. When 9 you was living off -- when the County was living the 10 fats off -- when we had all this county pineapple going 11 on, on Moloka'i, yeah, nobody had anything to say, but 12 now they not here, we not pulling our weight. So I want 13 you guys remember the history. That's why we need 14 somebody from Moloka'i, to remind the Maui County people 15 that, at one time, we never ask nothing from them. They 16 went pull for us on Moloka'i. 17 Okay. And even though we struggling now, we 18 going come back. You know why? Because when the 19 freights are gone and no more Young Brothers for 20 shipping, you gonna be wanting to come over here, eat 21 our deer. 22 Next of all -- 23 (Applause.) 24 MR. LEE: -- I want to say it's bad enough 25 that we got to travel to testify on any ordinances that</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 50</p> <p>1 (Laughter.) 2 MS. ALCON: This is my three minutes. 3 CHAIR STONE: Well, take your three minutes, 4 then. I'm not going to argue with you. 5 MS. ALCON: Thank you. And this is one 6 different issue, anyway. I don't know if -- how many 7 people gonna come up and talk about the Fire and Public 8 Safety, but I think it's very important that a 9 commission hires and fires our chief, and not our mayor. 10 We saw past practices and I don't think that's healthy. 11 Okay. Thank you. 12 CHAIR STONE: Thank you. Hang on one second. 13 Commissioners, clarification or questions for our 14 testifier? Very eloquent testimony. Thank you very 15 much. Thanks for your testimony. Thanks for coming. 16 (Applause.) 17 CHAIR STONE: Very good. 18 Lisa, next testifier, please. 19 MS. KAHUHU: Wayde Lee. 20 CHAIR STONE: Mr. Lee, thank you for coming. 21 MR. LEE: Mahalo for you guys coming and 22 giving us an opportunity for respond on the actions you 23 about to taking. I oppose district voting. Keep 24 Moloka'i Moloka'i, okay, because of the voice on the 25 table. One board is like a subcommittee. Whatever</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 52</p> <p>1 going on in Maui. Costs \$200 for the plane. If we go 2 on boat, you don't wanna ride the boat back. You ever 3 try? We gotta stay overnight. So you guys should be 4 working on something really good. If Akaku can show our 5 councilmen speaking, they can show us speaking to them. 6 You should work on something like that and fix the 7 problem, you know what I mean. That will give us more. 8 Second of all, it's broken because Moloka'i 9 always represent the Chair. That's voting. They have a 10 right to sustain their vote. They don't have to vote 11 for a Moloka'i person so we become the top in the Maui 12 County. You know what that says, when we become Council 13 chair? We get more representative of Moloka'i. Maui 14 County loves us, our representatives. Maybe we need 15 four seats over there. 16 Second of all, 13-member council. Now, you 17 say Moloka'i gonna have one -- one step on somebody 18 else. Brother, where the aloha in that? Where you 19 live? Florida? That's how -- there's no more aloha. 20 They not pono. Because we -- we not here to say we like 21 make the decision and step on other people; we here to 22 have everybody have a fair share and their manao being 23 heard. Because every human being is a child of God and 24 we all get something for say. 25 We the only county in the state divided by</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 53</p> <p>1 islands. We cannot be like Florida. We cannot be like</p> <p>2 the mainland. We have to be different. We the only</p> <p>3 ones with aloha. I like you remember that.</p> <p>4 And if you don't know what aloha is, eh, do</p> <p>5 your homework. Okay.</p> <p>6 Last of all, mahalo for coming. I no wanna go</p> <p>7 over my three minutes, just mahalo for allowing me to</p> <p>8 share my (inaudible). Okay. The way the things is, if</p> <p>9 it's broken, fix it, don't go change the whole darn</p> <p>10 thing. That means you molowa. You don't know what that</p> <p>11 means? Do your homework.</p> <p>12 Mahalo.</p> <p>13 (Applause.)</p> <p>14 CHAIR STONE: Thank you very much for your</p> <p>15 testimony. Mr. Lee. Mr. Lee, sorry, we might have some</p> <p>16 questions for you. Commissioners, clarifications or</p> <p>17 questions on Mr. Lee's testimony?</p> <p>18 MR. LEE: Well, they did their homework.</p> <p>19 Maikai.</p> <p>20 CHAIR STONE: Very good. Very good testimony</p> <p>21 (Applause.)</p> <p>22 CHAIR STONE: Thank you, Mr. Lee. Thank you</p> <p>23 for coming.</p> <p>24 Lisa, next testifier, please.</p> <p>25 MS. KAHUHU: Zhantell Dudoit.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 55</p> <p>1 desire of our community members to represent our</p> <p>2 community. And we already have a board. We don't need</p> <p>3 to create that. That makes no sense at all.</p> <p>4 In addition to that, when we talk about</p> <p>5 district voting, like I said, I agree with what</p> <p>6 everybody else said.</p> <p>7 And here's another thing: Hawaii is Hawaii</p> <p>8 because our Hawaiian people and our Hawaiian culture are</p> <p>9 the host culture of this place. We are a place-based</p> <p>10 culture. When you look at the one person, one vote</p> <p>11 scenario, you are looking at a western mentality of</p> <p>12 running a society that is built on a place-based</p> <p>13 culture. So that doesn't work for us because you can go</p> <p>14 and -- you can say you represent every individual, but</p> <p>15 does that individual represent the 'aina that you live</p> <p>16 on? Do they do the best job for the place that we're</p> <p>17 from? Because it doesn't really matter how well you</p> <p>18 take care of yourself, if you don't take care of the</p> <p>19 land that you live on, you not gonna have anywhere to</p> <p>20 call home, period.</p> <p>21 So when we look at -- and another statistic</p> <p>22 that I think our Moloka'i people should look at is out</p> <p>23 of the 7,257 people on Moloka'i, 64 percent are Native</p> <p>24 Hawaiian or of Hawaiian ancestry. 30 percent of our</p> <p>25 community is of Filipino ancestry. Now, those</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 54</p> <p>1 CHAIR STONE: Thank you for coming.</p> <p>2 MS. DUDOIT: Aloha and thank you for coming.</p> <p>3 My name is Zhantell Dudoit. I wanted to speak as an</p> <p>4 individual, but, since February of this year, up until</p> <p>5 the present date, I'm also a member of different</p> <p>6 organizations. And we've been having small little</p> <p>7 group, informal community meetings on these two issues.</p> <p>8 So, tonight, I would like to testify on both the issue</p> <p>9 of district voting and the Fire and Safety Commission.</p> <p>10 I agree with everybody else who oppose</p> <p>11 district voting. So I thought -- sat there and listened</p> <p>12 to the questions that you had and thought about what I</p> <p>13 could say that was different. And so here's what I</p> <p>14 know. I also did my homework. Small township models</p> <p>15 throughout the United States, of the 115 models that are</p> <p>16 represented in the most recent survey, 64 percent of</p> <p>17 those are paid individuals for which I think our county</p> <p>18 cannot afford to have a small township group.</p> <p>19 As opposed to that, the Moloka'i Planning</p> <p>20 Commission are made up of people who desire to serve our</p> <p>21 community with the best intent.</p> <p>22 In addition to that, the checks and balances</p> <p>23 of our community -- I'm sorry -- on Maui County Council</p> <p>24 and our mayor are all -- everybody's combined ideas and</p> <p>25 values, and all of that are thrown into a pot and the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 56</p> <p>1 indigenous cultures thrive, they thrive agriculturally,</p> <p>2 spiritually and in every other way based on a combined</p> <p>3 collaboration of ideas and ideals and values. You take</p> <p>4 that away and you make it an individualistic society and</p> <p>5 you disrupt the whole foundational block of what makes</p> <p>6 Moloka'i and Hawaii so special.</p> <p>7 So, you know, Moloka'i and Lana'i, we've been</p> <p>8 exempt from other things. If you want to have district</p> <p>9 voting on Maui, by all means, help yourself, but, for</p> <p>10 Moloka'i and Lana'i, I will say -- and just let me tell</p> <p>11 you the groups that I represent tonight: Moloka'i</p> <p>12 Habitat for Humanity is made of 21 different families;</p> <p>13 the Moloka'i Junior Roping Club, we represent 150</p> <p>14 members; the Maunaloa Ohana I Lokahi Association, a</p> <p>15 representation of 700 people in the Kaluakoi Ahupua'a;</p> <p>16 and Moana's Hula Halau that has been servicing this</p> <p>17 community for the last 40 years represents 112 members.</p> <p>18 So those people couldn't be here, but they do</p> <p>19 understand. And the reason we don't have anybody</p> <p>20 opposing Councilman Mateo or Uncle Pat, or anybody else,</p> <p>21 for that reason, is because we're smart and we know when</p> <p>22 we got a good thing going.</p> <p>23 As for the Fire and Safety Commission, I just</p> <p>24 wanted to say we also had informal meetings. And a lot</p> <p>25 of guys in the department and their families, they're</p>

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1 not public speakers. So we talk story. And I gonna
 2 represent a whole bunch of them that we talked about.
 3 When Mr. Jenkins over here diligently
 4 lobbied --
 5 CHAIR STONE: Excuse me. I'm sorry. Do you
 6 mind coming back to take another three minutes?
 7 MS. DUDOIT: Oh, no. Can I just have 30
 8 seconds to just say I support have the Public and
 9 Safety --
 10 CHAIR STONE: Go ahead. 30 seconds, go.
 11 MS. DUDOIT: -- Public Safety Commission,
 12 because that's what our firefighters wanted, that's what
 13 our families wanted, that's what this community wanted.
 14 And it's -- it's not broken. So don't change it. I
 15 mean, with the -- with the comments that Greg made.
 16 CHAIR STONE: Thank you very much for your
 17 testimony. Commissioners, clarification on the
 18 testimony? Questions?
 19 MS. DUDOIT: Oh, come on. I'm really good at
 20 impromptu. I was waiting for questions. Ah.
 21 CHAIR STONE: The problem is everybody is such
 22 eloquent speakers here, it's too clear.
 23 (Applause.)
 24 CHAIR STONE: Thank you. Next testifier,
 25 please.

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1 MS. KAHUHU: Larry Helm.
 2 CHAIR STONE: Mr. Helm, thank you for coming.
 3 MR. LARRY HELM: Aloha and welcome. I'm not
 4 here to speak for or against this Commission. I think
 5 dialoguing and trying to make things better, trying to
 6 find a recipe that can fit and cost less, that be more
 7 effective, more efficient, and save money. You should
 8 dialogue and try to find the best solution.
 9 There's a bigger picture going on over here.
 10 Hawaiians comment on tourism, for the kinikini, feed the
 11 General Fund. The whole world right now, it's like
 12 Humpty Dumpty sitting on a wall. If Humpty Dumpty fall,
 13 all the king's horses and all the king's men cannot put
 14 it back together again.
 15 All the different programs that are here on
 16 Moloka'i, if -- if things don't change around or find
 17 another way, is gonna be cut. They already talking
 18 cutting teachers, cutting social programs, et cetera, et
 19 cetera.
 20 So I think this is a good thing, because if I
 21 was a quarterback and I'm running a play, and I get five
 22 yards, five yards, and then, all of a sudden, I start
 23 losing two yards and three yards, I gotta change the
 24 play. So I think, in today's environment, what's
 25 happening up in Congress, where they're, you know, the

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1 debt ceiling, arguing about that. And if there's a
 2 stalemate, and if they don't come together August 2nd,
 3 gonna be a lot of sour grapes. And that's serious.
 4 People pay attention to the financial people.
 5 So the politics of it all, we -- like for
 6 Moloka'i, we're a small community. And let's be honest.
 7 We have one Moloka'i Planning, they decide if a project
 8 is good enough, and the people of Moloka'i want it,
 9 that's not the end of the story. Goes over there with
 10 somebody in air-conditioned room and he says, "Nah, I
 11 don't want it," and it goes on and on and on.
 12 Example: A building for the veteran --
 13 veterans five years ago would have cost \$200,000,
 14 \$300,000. What the County has spent in meetings and
 15 paperwork and going back and forth, and now lawyers are
 16 involved, going to end up costing a million dollars on
 17 the end. Wouldn't it be better to resolve that right
 18 here, right now, among the people of Moloka'i, and say,
 19 eh, you know what, it fits, we understand what's going
 20 on, we live here. You know, the property over there had
 21 buildings over there since 1907. We can make a
 22 decision, Moloka'i people. You get 1,500 people want
 23 the project, and then couple people can say, boom, and
 24 then that's it. And it can go for pro -- for or
 25 against.

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1 And, you know, of course, let's be honest,
 2 there's -- everybody has a different agenda. And that's
 3 okay. That's what make us for real, you know, can have
 4 a different agenda and one want this or want that. But
 5 that's why we should dialogue, sit down. The old
 6 Hawaiians would ho'oponopono, ho'oponopono until -- you
 7 know, if I wanna hurt you, I bring my family, I going
 8 bring some -- some taro and we'll sit down and we'll
 9 talk story until we make it right. And I think
 10 something like this, starting off, it's -- you know, you
 11 got to do something because, you know, you get firemen,
 12 they checks get less, if Social Security checks get
 13 less, your food stamps get less, on and on, you know,
 14 it's a different -- Moloka'i, we gonna survive. Maybe
 15 Maui going to get hard time. We gonna survive. But if
 16 you want to keep the lifestyle, you want to keep your
 17 computer on and all of that, we gotta start paying
 18 attention a little bit more.
 19 Mahalo.
 20 CHAIR STONE: Mahalo, Mr. Helm. Thank you so
 21 much.
 22 (Applause.)
 23 CHAIR STONE: You can clap. It's okay.
 24 (Applause.)
 25 CHAIR STONE: Commissioners, questions for the

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 61</p> <p>1 testifier, clarification on the testimony?</p> <p>2 (Silence.)</p> <p>3 CHAIR STONE: Once again, thank you very much,</p> <p>4 Mr. Helm, for your testimony.</p> <p>5 Lisa, next testifier, please.</p> <p>6 MS. KAHUHU: Julia Keli'ikuli-Peters.</p> <p>7 CHAIR STONE: Julia, thank you for coming.</p> <p>8 MS. KELI'IKULI-PETERS: Aloha, Charter</p> <p>9 Commission board and all the representatives here.</p> <p>10 Thank you for coming to Moloka'i.</p> <p>11 And I do not support the Charter Commission</p> <p>12 board.</p> <p>13 I'm a resident of the Island of Moloka'i.</p> <p>14 I've served on several boards. And I'm also a former</p> <p>15 business owner.</p> <p>16 I believe that the correct representation</p> <p>17 should be of our choice and not the choice based on the</p> <p>18 Charter Commission board. I also believe our voice is</p> <p>19 heard when we have a councilperson representing Moloka'i</p> <p>20 as an elected official.</p> <p>21 The Planning Commission is a separate entity.</p> <p>22 Our present Planning Commission serves the County of</p> <p>23 Maui and it saves the County of Maui thousands of</p> <p>24 dollars.</p> <p>25 And I'm sure you're asking, okay, how do we,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 63</p> <p>1 just remove Lana'i, Moloka'i out of the equation, you</p> <p>2 guys have your little Maui thing, and then we'll just be</p> <p>3 separate and have our councilman, or councilwoman,</p> <p>4 representing us. And the thing that fears me the most</p> <p>5 is that if this is going to happen at a council level,</p> <p>6 what's going to happen at the legislature, at the</p> <p>7 capitol. Am I going to lose Mele Carroll's seat,</p> <p>8 Senator Kalani English's seat? Is this the direction</p> <p>9 we're going? I hope not because I'm definitely not for</p> <p>10 it.</p> <p>11 And it's about equality. We are an entity.</p> <p>12 We should be working on solutions and saving money, not</p> <p>13 spending it foolishly. Thank you very much.</p> <p>14 CHAIR STONE: Thank you.</p> <p>15 (Applause.)</p> <p>16 CHAIR STONE: Thank you for your testimony.</p> <p>17 Commissioners, questions, clarifications?</p> <p>18 MEMBER SUGIMURA: Can you say your name again?</p> <p>19 MS. KELI'IKULI-PETERS: My name is Julia</p> <p>20 Keli'ikuli-Peters.</p> <p>21 CHAIR STONE: Clarification for the Chair. So</p> <p>22 you only love one of us?</p> <p>23 (Laughter.)</p> <p>24 MS. KELI'IKULI-PETERS: No. I respect all of</p> <p>25 you, but I know one more than all of you.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 62</p> <p>1 Moloka'i, our Planning Commission save the County of</p> <p>2 Maui all of this money. Real simple: They live here.</p> <p>3 They don't have to pay for airfare. They don't have to</p> <p>4 pay for food. Isn't it like 200 per person? There's 12</p> <p>5 of you here, one that lives here. Times that by two,</p> <p>6 \$2,400. \$30, \$40 per diem, \$600. I think we come out</p> <p>7 with \$3,000.</p> <p>8 I have one person who represents the Council.</p> <p>9 It costs my Council Chairman \$200, \$50 per diem, but he</p> <p>10 doesn't pay per diem because he has a house here. So</p> <p>11 it's probably going to cost the County of Maui, the</p> <p>12 people of Moloka'i, \$200.</p> <p>13 Are we truly making smart choices? Especially</p> <p>14 during the time we don't have the money to be making</p> <p>15 these -- sorry -- not really smart choices. Not really</p> <p>16 smart choices.</p> <p>17 I think you're all great. And please don't</p> <p>18 take this personally. And I love Auntie Stacy. I think</p> <p>19 she's an absolutely exceptional woman and very</p> <p>20 intelligent. I think all of you are intelligent. But</p> <p>21 that's not what we're talking about here in Moloka'i.</p> <p>22 We're talking about the voice of the people. And it's</p> <p>23 important that you hear us when we say we want correct</p> <p>24 representation. We want a councilman, a councilwoman,</p> <p>25 as representation. And I think if this works for Maui,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 64</p> <p>1 CHAIR STONE: Thank you very much for your</p> <p>2 testimony.</p> <p>3 MS. KELI'IKULI-PETERS: You're welcome.</p> <p>4 (Applause.)</p> <p>5 CHAIR STONE: Thank you.</p> <p>6 Lisa, next testifier, please.</p> <p>7 MS. KAHUHU: David Hafermann.</p> <p>8 CHAIR STONE: David, thank you for coming.</p> <p>9 MR. HAFERMANN: Thank you for the opportunity</p> <p>10 to speak to the Commission.</p> <p>11 I kind of stand out here a little bit as a</p> <p>12 little different. I've been here nine years. That's a</p> <p>13 pretty short period of time. And I've tried to kind of</p> <p>14 fly below the radar screen.</p> <p>15 My wife and I retired here because I'm from a</p> <p>16 small town and I like small towns, I like small</p> <p>17 communities. I think it's a great place to live. And I</p> <p>18 love living here.</p> <p>19 Obviously, I am not flying below the radar</p> <p>20 screen right now. But, as you can see, I'm a member of</p> <p>21 the Moloka'i Veterans. I have -- I'm not speaking for</p> <p>22 them as a group; I'm speaking based on my observations</p> <p>23 of what has gone on and the interactions between the</p> <p>24 Moloka'i Veterans and the County based on how the County</p> <p>25 is governed. And I look at this and it amazes me that</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 65</p> <p>1 it's taken so many years to get to the point where we 2 are now, where we just barely have a building permit. 3 Years and years. And why is this? 4 And so I've looked at it. And I wrote a bit 5 for the Moloka'i Dispatch that was published on the 9th 6 of March. And I have that, and you'll get a copy of 7 that, but I'm going to read it to you so everybody can 8 hear it. Because it didn't get real good feedback. So 9 I don't know how many people read this kind of stuff. 10 But it was a modest proposal for Moloka'i's 11 self-governance, is how it was put forth. And it starts 12 off with a paragraph, it goes into how I kind of view 13 what has happened and with regard to the veteran's 14 project, but other projects. And it goes this way: 15 Having observed the governance of Moloka'i 16 from Maui -- meaning that's where the governance comes 17 from it doesn't come from here -- over the past several 18 years, one wonders how the highly detailed rules, codes, 19 forms and other red tape for a community of over 150,000 20 people can be rationally and even fairly applied to a 21 geographically, economically and culturally separate 22 rural community of 7,000 people. How can you make that 23 match up? Have you ever read the County zoning and -- 24 we have the same zoning, the zoning applies to us. Read 25 all the detail in it. You think half these things are</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 67</p> <p>1 many detailed rules, they can find a reason to interpret 2 anything any way. Just witness the SMA process for the 3 Moloka'i Veteran's. The same officials call the 4 proposed palatial west end estate a Moloka'i "farm 5 dwelling" -- and this is in the minute -- "a farm 6 dwelling." When you look at the farm dwellings on 7 Moloka'i, they don't look like that. And a medical 8 clinic, a "philanthropic institution." And I understand 9 that. I support that medical clinic. They called it 10 that so it would fit the rule. But the words "veteran's 11 center" did not appear in their rules, so they didn't 12 approve it. So we're getting arbitrary interpretations, 13 unfortunately. 14 And what were the rules that delayed Paddlers 15 Inn from starting back up the way it had been operating 16 before? They was going to start business, but, you 17 know, you gotta do this, you gotta do that. How does 18 that help the economics of this community? 19 CHAIR STONE: David, I need to stop you there. 20 You're welcome to come back and give another three 21 minutes of testimony, if you would like. 22 MR. HAFERMANN: Okay. Because I'm getting my 23 last paragraph which is my modest proposal for our 24 self-governance. So I'll be glad to come back. 25 CHAIR STONE: Okay. Thank you so much.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 66</p> <p>1 ever going to be on Moloka'i that are in the detail in 2 the County zoning? No way. 3 Now, at the risk of -- I wrote this: At the 4 risk of being labeled the malcontentious -- I think I 5 invented a word there -- a malcontentious outsider, I 6 can state that my previous hometown of 2,000 people 7 would never accept all the rules, codes, forms and red 8 tape of the city of 200,000 people that is 20 miles 9 away. That would not happen. And when Zhantell talked 10 about how things kind of are in townships and so forth, 11 small towns on the mainland, basically govern 12 themselves. Small communities govern themselves. The 13 county supplies certain help. In the case of my small 14 town, they buy the police service from the county. They 15 do run their own water. The county's too big to try to 16 hook everybody up. But it's a -- it's a variety of 17 things. 18 Making all the rules of Maui County fit 19 Moloka'i is the proverbial square peg in a round hole. 20 The permitting decisions for Special Management Areas, 21 buildings, businesses are essentially made on Maui, Maui 22 rules, and, where applicable, presented to the Moloka'i 23 Planning Commission where the rules can get in the way 24 of common sense and delay worthy local projects. Maui 25 County officials interpret their rules and, having so</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 68</p> <p>1 Commissioners, questions, clarifications? Commissioner 2 DeLeon. 3 MEMBER DELEON: David, I hate seeing thoughts 4 cut off at the knees. Could you finish your last 5 paragraph, please? 6 MR. HAFERMANN: If you allow that, I will. 7 CHAIR STONE: Too late now. Go ahead. 8 MR. HAFERMANN: Okay. Thank you very much. 9 So here's my modest proposal. 10 First: Develop an expeditious process that is 11 unique to Moloka'i for all permits; SMA, building, 12 business, et cetera. A process. You don't have to 13 change the rules, just develop a process that's ours. 14 Second: Develop a simple and expeditious 15 process to address variances and appeals to Maui County 16 rules that's done here on Moloka'i. You don't have to 17 change any Maui County rules; you just allow the local 18 people to decide what they want to vary. 19 You know, at the time I wrote this, there was 20 not one Moloka'i representative on the Maui County Board 21 of Variances and Appeals? One could expand the 22 responsibility of the Moloka'i Planning Commission for 23 this purpose. That was my idea. However it's 24 organized, whatever, whether a board elected, appointed, 25 whatever.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 69</p> <p>1 MEMBER DELEON: Mahalo. I think it's a little 2 bit longer than I thought it was going to be. 3 MR. HAUFERMANN: Finally -- 4 MEMBER DELEON: All right. 5 MR. HAUFERMANN: There's some point I would 6 like to make, if possible. To give oversight in case 7 things get too far astray from the Maui County rules, 8 create oversight by the Maui County Council for any 9 variance granted on Moloka'i and require two-thirds of 10 the County Council to overturn any variance granted on 11 Moloka'i. Give some oversight. But at the same time it 12 should be done within 30 days and it's the law 13 Last point is, how many of you rode the ferry 14 over here? Everybody rode an airplane? You know, to 15 interact with our county, it's almost impossible for a 16 citizen to interact with our county. 17 MEMBER DELEON: Okay. I think I'm sorry. I 18 thought you had one paragraph. Can I ask you a 19 question? 20 MR. HAUFERMANN: Yes. 21 MEMBER DELEON: You come from a small town. 22 How did that small town pay for its services? 23 MR. HAUFERMANN: I'm sorry? 24 MEMBER DELEON: How did the small town pay for 25 its services, the one you came from?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 71</p> <p>1 with the township and, yet, having elected council 2 people, do you see equality or equal representation for 3 the Island of Moloka'i? 4 MR. HAUFERMANN: I'm not sure -- 5 MEMBER CRIVELLO: The Council would be the 6 governing board for all of Maui County. 7 MR. HAUFERMANN: The County Council would be 8 the governing board for all Maui County? 9 MEMBER CRIVELLO: Yes. The County Council 10 will still exist, if I understand that, Mr. DeLeon. So 11 with that being said, and, yet, Moloka'i and Lana'i, and 12 possibly Hana, would have townships. 13 MR. HAUFERMANN: I don't know if I would use 14 that word. 15 MEMBER CRIVELLO: Or boards or however else -- 16 MR. HAUFERMANN: Just call it the Moloka'i -- 17 MEMBER CRIVELLO: -- Mr. DeLeon's proposal is 18 trying to set forth. 19 MR. HAUFERMANN: Just call it the Moloka'i 20 community board and call it the Lana'i community board 21 and it represents -- and have representation from here, 22 too. 23 MEMBER CRIVELLO: So, in your opinion, it 24 shows equality with the governing council for all of 25 Maui County?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 70</p> <p>1 MR. HAUFERMANN: There are businesses there. 2 There are local businesses, taxation, property tax. The 3 usual thing. They don't have a huge number of services, 4 but it's satisfactory for what they need. And they have 5 their meetings, they have their disagreements, they have 6 community meetings just like these are, believe it or 7 not. And somehow they muddle through, but it's theirs. 8 MEMBER DELEON: Did you happen to see the 9 proposal for an island board? 10 MR. HAUFERMANN: I saw your proposal in the 11 paper yesterday, yes. And I think it probably is worded 12 better than what I just said. 13 MEMBER DELEON: Okay. Is that roughly close 14 to what you're thinking of? 15 MR. HAUFERMANN: I think there should be a 16 board of governance of some sort over here that gives 17 some self-governance here that -- with some oversight, 18 perhaps, from the County, as I mentioned. That's what I 19 would recommend. 20 MEMBER DELEON: Mahalo. 21 MEMBER CRIVELLO: Mr. Chair? 22 CHAIR STONE: Thank you. 23 Commissioner Crivello. 24 MEMBER CRIVELLO: I guess Commissioner DeLeon 25 is trying to push his proposal through. With the --</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 72</p> <p>1 MR. HAUFERMANN: As long as there's oversight 2 from the governing council over these. And I kind of 3 propose -- 4 MEMBER CRIVELLO: So they would be the 5 oversight over this community board? 6 MR. HAUFERMANN: Yeah. Because -- because it 7 is in the county, the County provides quite a few 8 services, I think there would be something like that. 9 MEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay. You've clarified for 10 me where you and Mr. DeLeon would be, basically, coming 11 from. That being -- 12 MR. HAUFERMANN: I can't really design it 13 complete in my head. I think Moloka'i ought to design 14 it themselves. But the board would override it. There 15 would always be some sort of representative who has a 16 responsibility to Moloka'i on the County Council, yeah. 17 MEMBER CRIVELLO: Somewhat what we have right 18 now? 19 MR. HAUFERMANN: It could be that way. It 20 could be any way. 21 MEMBER CRIVELLO: Okay. Thank you. 22 MR. HAUFERMANN: Right now, we only have one 23 vote. 24 CHAIR STONE: Commissioners, further 25 clarification or questions? Commissioner Baxa. Let me</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 73</p> <p>1 hand this down.</p> <p>2 MEMBER BAXA: Sir, I have a question</p> <p>3 concerning the township being representative of the</p> <p>4 voice of the people of Moloka'i in some way. If this</p> <p>5 comes to pass, don't you think that this would dilute</p> <p>6 the authority of the other councilmen? Let us say on</p> <p>7 Moloka'i -- we had councilman from Moloka'i and they do</p> <p>8 not have the townships within the respective districts,</p> <p>9 when Lana'i or Moloka'i will have their own, don't you</p> <p>10 think that the existence of this township that we're</p> <p>11 talking about will dilute the representative power of</p> <p>12 the councilmen in the other districts?</p> <p>13 MR. HAUFERMANN: Well, I'm not sure what the</p> <p>14 power of the current representative is that has one</p> <p>15 vote. I mean, he, in title, has -- is a representative,</p> <p>16 but only has one vote on the Council.</p> <p>17 MEMBER BAXA: I would say that each</p> <p>18 councilman --</p> <p>19 MR. HAUFERMANN: You can't really tell the</p> <p>20 Council as a group do this for Moloka'i unless he really</p> <p>21 politically works the issues, who knows how, to get that</p> <p>22 done.</p> <p>23 MEMBER BAXA: Sir --</p> <p>24 MR. HAUFERMANN: It's not Moloka'i speaking for</p> <p>25 itself, in my view.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 75</p> <p>1 (Silence.)</p> <p>2 CHAIR STONE: No. We're going to take a</p> <p>3 10-minute recess and let everybody have a break. And we</p> <p>4 will reconvene at 8:15. Thank you.</p> <p>5 (Recess, 8:04 p.m. to 8:16 p.m.)</p> <p>6 CHAIR STONE: Thank you again, everybody, for</p> <p>7 coming. We're going to reconvene our meeting and</p> <p>8 continue on with oral testimony at this time.</p> <p>9 Lisa, who is our next testifier, please?</p> <p>10 MS. KAHUHU: Walter Ritte.</p> <p>11 CHAIR STONE: Mr. Walter Ritte. Thank you</p> <p>12 very much for coming this evening.</p> <p>13 MR. RITTE: Aloha, Commissioners. Big</p> <p>14 commission. You guys almost outnumbered us.</p> <p>15 (Laughter.)</p> <p>16 MR. RITTE: The first thing I want to start</p> <p>17 with is talk about this one man, one vote. It's a very</p> <p>18 old issue that not only the County has to deal with, but</p> <p>19 the State has to deal with in Hawaii. And it doesn't</p> <p>20 fit for us in Hawaii because just our -- our islands are</p> <p>21 isolated in many, many ways. And the worst way it's</p> <p>22 isolated is the expense for us to go from one island to</p> <p>23 the next, sort of keep us home all the time because it's</p> <p>24 so expensive to fly.</p> <p>25 So the one man, one vote is problematic. And</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 74</p> <p>1 MEMBER BAXA: Yeah, I understand. But I'm</p> <p>2 just trying to figure out because it seems to me that</p> <p>3 you are in some way amenable to having a township system</p> <p>4 here with still a councilman representing this district.</p> <p>5 MR. HAUFERMANN: Yeah. I get confused when I</p> <p>6 hear townships because --</p> <p>7 MEMBER BAXA: That's why I want to clarify</p> <p>8 here.</p> <p>9 MR. HAUFERMANN: Where I'm from there's a</p> <p>10 township called Green Township, it is something like</p> <p>11 four square miles of farmland. It evolved that way.</p> <p>12 It's still a township. It represents maybe only about</p> <p>13 50 farm families, or less, but that's kind of how it</p> <p>14 evolved. And that's what they called townships. But</p> <p>15 the communities, the -- the city -- the town I'm from</p> <p>16 with 2,000 people has its own level of governance. And</p> <p>17 I think that could be applied here. And you have a real</p> <p>18 sense that this community decides what happens in this</p> <p>19 community. I mean, government at the lowest level is</p> <p>20 the best government, not someone from another island --</p> <p>21 other islands having total oversight.</p> <p>22 MEMBER BAXA: Okay. I understand. Thank you.</p> <p>23 MR. HAUFERMANN: Thank you.</p> <p>24 CHAIR STONE: Commissioners, any further</p> <p>25 questions, clarifications?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 76</p> <p>1 the two islands that suffer the most is Moloka'i and</p> <p>2 Lana'i. They suffer the most because of this one man,</p> <p>3 one vote and because we live on separate islands. And</p> <p>4 the one man, one vote was never put into place thinking</p> <p>5 that there was going to be islands that had to deal with</p> <p>6 this one man, one vote.</p> <p>7 The first time I ran into this problem was in</p> <p>8 1978, at the Constitutional Convention, when we were</p> <p>9 forming the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. We wanted</p> <p>10 Moloka'i -- I went over there because I wanted to make</p> <p>11 sure Moloka'i had a vote. So I lobbied as hard as I</p> <p>12 could. And they kept saying, "One man, one vote, one</p> <p>13 man, one vote. Moloka'i, you're too small to have your</p> <p>14 own representative." So we kept saying, "But we're a</p> <p>15 Hawaiian island, population majority is Hawaiians, we</p> <p>16 want a vote, we want a representative."</p> <p>17 So the solution was to have everybody in the</p> <p>18 state of Hawaii vote. And I think that's the same way</p> <p>19 -- and nobody came from Lana'i, so Lana'i is the only</p> <p>20 island that does not have a representative on the Office</p> <p>21 of Hawaiian Affairs.</p> <p>22 So this situation started way back with this</p> <p>23 one man, one vote. So for Moloka'i, we've lived with</p> <p>24 it, we've lived with the fact that we're an island that</p> <p>25 has to live with one man, one vote.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 77</p> <p>1 So Mr. DeLeon is right when he says that if we 2 don't like the person on Moloka'i that's representing 3 us, it's not gonna be our choice; it's gonna be the 4 choice of the entire county of Maui whether or not that 5 person gets elected, because everybody votes for that 6 person. We all know that on Moloka'i. Nobody knows it 7 better than we do on Moloka'i. In Danny Mateo's case, 8 it's not a problem. In the Office of Hawaiian case, it 9 became a problem because our trustee did not get the 10 support of their island, but Oahu and the rest of the 11 island voted our trustee in. 12 So we live with that. We understand that. We 13 don't cry over it or try to make changes. That's just 14 the one man, one vote federal mandate that we have to 15 live with. And we've lived with it. And we go on. 16 It just so happens that the people that come 17 from Moloka'i end up to be chairmans. And that says a 18 hell of a lot for this process. It doesn't say it's 19 broken. It says a hell of a lot for this process. It 20 says that the people of Moloka'i are willing to live 21 with whatever bad things they gotta to live. Okay. We 22 cannot really get our own elected official, but we move 23 on in our life. And it works. Right? Pat Kawano 24 showed it. Danny Mateo showed it. Lana'i, Riki Hokama 25 showed it. Our trustee, Collette Machado, Chairman of</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 79</p> <p>1 Clarification from the Commissioners? 2 (Silence.) 3 CHAIR STONE: Just a clarification for the 4 public. None of the proposals that have been presented 5 to the Commission at this stage have been discussed and 6 there is no favored proposal that the Commission is 7 lynched on. We're going to take that phase after all of 8 our public input. So please don't think that, for 9 example, Mr. DeLeon's proposal is on the table yet with 10 the Commission. It hasn't even come on the table. It's 11 just been publicized. So I want you guys to understand 12 that we have opposing proposals to Mr. DeLeon's that 13 will come on the table at the same time as Mr. DeLeon's 14 So -- 15 MR. RITTE: Some of his proposals, like the 16 idea of the boards, that's -- that's an old idea. Over 17 here, we call it the aha moku and aha keole, and we go 18 into our districts and our mokus. And it's 19 placed-based. It's come from the bottom up. But in 20 this case, to try and apply that to another island where 21 you're going to have a group of people representing, but 22 have no real power over the elected Council people, it's 23 going to cause friction. But the concept is a 24 traditional concept that we on Moloka'i embrace, this 25 whole idea of place-based representative -- I remember</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 78</p> <p>1 Office of Hawaiian Affairs showed it. So, yes, there's 2 a negative in the situation that we have to live with, 3 but it does not call for -- it does not call for the 4 thing to be fixed. 5 Moloka'i did not ask for anybody to come fix 6 our situation. You guys over here, I don't know where 7 you guys came from, first time I ever met you. But we 8 never go call you guys and tell you guys we having a 9 problem on Moloka'i with Danny Mateo or with our council 10 people because we cannot vote for 'em. That didn't come 11 from us. 12 So now that you come here and tell us that 13 it's broken -- you know, my sister spoke well when she 14 spoke. So I don't have to be as radical as she is. And 15 that's really good. It's about time she got radical. 16 She was always on the fence. 17 So I'm here to say -- so Mr. Baxa gets it 18 really clear, because he's the one that always wants to 19 know, what is your position. So, Mr. Baxa, Moloka'i did 20 not ask for this, Moloka'i does not support this. We 21 can live with the negatives that are dealt in our cards. 22 That's all. Thank you. 23 (Applause.) 24 CHAIR STONE: Thank you, Mr. Ritte. Thank you 25 very much.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 80</p> <p>1 when we ran -- I ran for council and we had five of us 2 that placed all our names together, and we ran as a 3 family. And they wouldn't allow us to run. So 4 everybody's tried different methods. And we've been 5 trying it for years, too. In case one of us got sick, 6 the other one could go to the meeting. Made sense to 7 us, but it didn't make sense to anybody else. 8 CHAIR STONE: Thank you, Mr. Ritte. 9 Commissioners, clarification, please? Commissioner. 10 MEMBER WIGER: I just wanted to do a real 11 quick follow-up. And thank you very much, Walter, for 12 your testimony. You are eloquent as always. I always 13 enjoy hearing you. That I -- I just wanted to clarify 14 that in case there are people who believe that the only 15 concern around the whole construct of district voting in 16 terms of being able to vote only in your district is 17 being perpetrated only for Moloka'i, Lana'i or perhaps 18 Hana. 19 I'm -- I'm here to tell you that there's a 20 number of people on Maui who -- given their own 21 orientation and viewpoint, there's a number of people on 22 Maui who would say, we really would like to have 23 district voting just in our district. And many of those 24 people are also really struggling with the fact that 25 they believe strongly that Moloka'i, Lana'i and Hana</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 81</p> <p>1 should have their own representatives. The discussion 2 that's going on among a number of people is how do we 3 make that happen given this one -- and I agree with you, 4 it's a western concept, it's nobody else's concept, it's 5 a western concept -- one man, one vote in terms of that. 6 So there are people who are really struggling with this 7 issue on Maui in terms of is there a way of making it 8 happen and not disenfranchising. That's the other side 9 of the coin. I just wanted people to hear that, that 10 that is the case. 11 MR. RITTE: And I think Moloka'i's voice is 12 loud and clear. And the answer is no. You're going to 13 disenfranchise us. We need somebody from our island on 14 the Council. 15 MEMBER WIGER: Right. 16 CHAIR STONE: Thank you. Commissioners, 17 further questions? Commissioner DeLeon. 18 MEMBER DELEON: So, Walter, you mentioned 19 that -- the councils that you were talking about, that's 20 a traditional form of representation, how are those 21 people selected? Is that by family base or is that -- 22 what's the tradition of that? 23 MR. RITTE: The tradition is you have to have 24 traditional knowledge, you have to have experience. So 25 experience is the key. The practitioners are the ones</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 83</p> <p>1 -- I don't know if the Governor is going to sign it. 2 There's a lot of pressure for him not to sign it and 3 there's a lot of pressure for him to sign it. And it's 4 one of the bills where he's shaking when he's trying to 5 figure out what he's going to do with it. But whether 6 he sign it or not, it's going to happen because the 7 islands are going to do it because it's a traditional 8 method. And I think it's going to work because nobody 9 else can take care of the resources. The State cannot. 10 MEMBER DELEON: Mahalo. 11 CHAIR STONE: Thank you. Commissioners, any 12 further questions or clarification? 13 (Silence.) 14 CHAIR STONE: Thank you, Mr. Ritte, very much 15 for your testimony. Thank you. 16 (Applause.) 17 CHAIR STONE: Lisa, do we have any further 18 testifiers? 19 MS. KAHUHU: Beverly Pauole-Moore. 20 CHAIR STONE: Beverly, hello. Thank you for 21 coming. 22 MS. PAUOLE-MOORE: Aloha. And, first of all, 23 welcome. And we want to say -- from Moloka'i, thank you 24 for coming to Moloka'i because sometimes we always feel 25 we're the forgotten child.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 82</p> <p>1 that -- people who actually know, not because they 2 learned it in some college someplace, but people who 3 have lived in the place. And the reason for forming 4 this group is for resource management. So it only makes 5 sense that the person who knows the resource in his 6 ahupua'a, that's the guy that needs to be talking about 7 what should happen to those resources. Because -- and 8 he has to prove that he's lived with it, that he has 9 experiences with it and he understands it. And that's 10 how you -- you get elected into that -- that position. 11 MEMBER DELEON: Who does the electing? 12 MR. RITTE: The people of Moloka'i. The 13 people in that ahupua'a picks the ahupua'a person, and 14 then it moves up to a larger -- we have six or seven 15 ahupua'a in one moku. And then the people -- and then 16 the ahupua'a pick one person and it goes up and 17 represents the whole moku. Then all of the mokus come 18 together and form a keole. So from the bottom it goes 19 up like a triangle. It's not the way we have it where 20 the top goes down, all the power is on the top. The 21 power is on the bottom. 22 MEMBER DELEON: Excuse my lack of knowledge. 23 Is that operating now on Moloka'i? 24 MR. RITTE: We're in the process of putting it 25 together. And it's a statewide process. Every island</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 84</p> <p>1 My name is Beverly Pauole-Moore. I was born 2 on Moloka'i and been part of this community for most of 3 my life. 4 Regarding the district -- redistricting, I 5 heard about this, about the rumors flying about two 6 years ago. So, I mean, it's always been something 7 constantly on my mind, behind my mind. And I know it 8 would come up during the U.S. Census statistics, 9 thereafter, and the mayor would be electing their 11 10 members for this position. 11 So it was brought to my attention just last 12 week, because I've been extremely busy personally and 13 for other -- with my businesses and stuff. But once it 14 came to my attention, it was something that I was very 15 happy to hear that you were coming. 16 I am opposed to the suggested ideas that I've 17 read from the newspapers locally as well as Maui News. 18 I, as a registered voter -- and if anybody knows about 19 politics, it's myself. I was one of the many candidates 20 on Moloka'i after Mr. Kawano passed away that ran for 21 Moloka'i Council seat. And, fortunately, the election 22 was based on nonpartisan, so the top two people got 23 elected. And the person was myself and Danny Mateo. 24 And I looked at it in a way that all the County of Maui 25 people who were registered who did vote during the</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 85</p> <p>1 primary as well as the general election, and I became</p> <p>2 second place.</p> <p>3 I am a businesswoman who feel fiscal</p> <p>4 responsible. I always feel government should be run</p> <p>5 partly like a business. And for Moloka'i, I come very</p> <p>6 defensive for my island, primarily for one reason,</p> <p>7 because only two to four years we remembered by the</p> <p>8 politicians. And at first, when I got involved many</p> <p>9 years ago, and this was during Mr. Ariyoshi's days, I</p> <p>10 would just be a helper and just help my friends and my</p> <p>11 family who was active in the political arena. But as</p> <p>12 time went by, what I learned for myself is that after</p> <p>13 two to four years, that we always are the forgotten</p> <p>14 child based on our population, I felt, property tax</p> <p>15 wise, tax wise, because I'm very budget conscious. And</p> <p>16 so that's why, in my heart, our Moloka'i people become</p> <p>17 the way we are, to be very vocal, because people would</p> <p>18 say "yes" to us during election years, but, once they</p> <p>19 get elected, they have other agendas. Which, you know,</p> <p>20 I understand they have to support other areas, but when</p> <p>21 I heard about this redistricting -- and for Moloka'i, as</p> <p>22 well as Lana'i, to lose -- and Hana, to lose our</p> <p>23 representation of Council, it would be even worse for us</p> <p>24 because we would truly, I can say, be forgotten.</p> <p>25 You know, we do have a state representative</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 87</p> <p>1 MS. PAUOLE-MOORE: I just wanted to let you</p> <p>2 know where I take a stance. And, again, thank you for</p> <p>3 coming to Moloka'i.</p> <p>4 CHAIR STONE: Thank you. Hang on.</p> <p>5 MS. PAUOLE-MOORE: Mahalo.</p> <p>6 CHAIR STONE: There might be questions.</p> <p>7 Commissioners, clarifications or questions from the</p> <p>8 testimony?</p> <p>9 (Silence.)</p> <p>10 CHAIR STONE: Okay. Very good. Thank you</p> <p>11 very much. And we'll have you back for another three</p> <p>12 minutes. Thank you.</p> <p>13 (Applause.)</p> <p>14 CHAIR STONE: Lisa, next testifier?</p> <p>15 MS. KAHUHU: There's no one else signed up,</p> <p>16 it's to come back.</p> <p>17 CHAIR STONE: Before we move to the next round</p> <p>18 of testimony, and everybody gets their next three</p> <p>19 minutes, if anybody in the public would like to come</p> <p>20 forward and have something to say to the Commission,</p> <p>21 you're welcome to come now. Please. Thank you very</p> <p>22 much for coming. And just please state your name for</p> <p>23 the record. Thank you.</p> <p>24 MR. ZACH HELM: Good evening. I'm Zachary</p> <p>25 Helm. And I'm a resident of Moloka'i.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 86</p> <p>1 here that is not from Moloka'i. They're from another</p> <p>2 island. And they only -- especially one individual who</p> <p>3 only comes during election year. And then we talk to</p> <p>4 them about our issues and we tell 'em we are the voters,</p> <p>5 and we belong to District 13. And we get deaf ears.</p> <p>6 And some of them -- you know, we get upset because they</p> <p>7 only help a circle of everyone, a circle of friends.</p> <p>8 And for me, it's the Moloka'i people.</p> <p>9 So, therefore, I'm speaking on behalf as a</p> <p>10 community person that I'm opposed to -- you know, and I</p> <p>11 read Mr. DeLeon's, from a business perspective. Okay.</p> <p>12 Maybe what's good for the mainland and other areas -- we</p> <p>13 are the only county in the state that is separated by</p> <p>14 water. And our island, as you know, has the highest</p> <p>15 unemployment. And I'm a retiree from the State</p> <p>16 Unemployment. I was the manager for 30 years. So I</p> <p>17 know the statistics. And to see this happen to us, you</p> <p>18 know, it's very sad day. So I would like to be put on</p> <p>19 record that I opposed to it.</p> <p>20 And, secondly, while I'm here, I was listening</p> <p>21 to, also --</p> <p>22 CHAIR STONE: Beverly, sorry.</p> <p>23 MS. PAUOLE-MOORE: Okay. I'll come back.</p> <p>24 CHAIR STONE: Will you come back for another</p> <p>25 three minutes?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 88</p> <p>1 CHAIR STONE: Thank you, Zachary, for</p> <p>2 testifying.</p> <p>3 MR. ZACH HELM: Thank you for being here</p> <p>4 tonight. I wasn't sure if I wanted to testify tonight</p> <p>5 or not, but I was observing pretty much the whole entire</p> <p>6 testimony. But, you know, for 30 years, I've worked for</p> <p>7 government as a -- as a district supervisor for the</p> <p>8 County Parks Department. And I've experienced seeing</p> <p>9 Moloka'i from what it was and what it is today. It</p> <p>10 would be very devastating to lose this particular seat</p> <p>11 for Moloka'i. If you would understand the impact that</p> <p>12 Pat Kawano and Danny Mateo has contributed to this</p> <p>13 island, it's -- it's -- it's amazing for representatives</p> <p>14 from an Island of Moloka'i to be chairs. And you have</p> <p>15 150,000 people on Maui. And it tells you something must</p> <p>16 be right. Like someone said, Moloka'i people do their</p> <p>17 homework. And we were blessed to have those</p> <p>18 representatives that -- and Danny, of course, has done a</p> <p>19 great job.</p> <p>20 And, you know, this is not the time when --</p> <p>21 you know, why should we change something that's not</p> <p>22 broken, you know. Because this voice that we've been</p> <p>23 fortunate to have for years, it would be a catastrophe</p> <p>24 if we lose this voice. And this is not -- this is not</p> <p>25 what the people of Moloka'i would like. And I'm not in</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 89</p> <p>1 support of the district voting at this time. And --</p> <p>2 because I've seen what the County Council has</p> <p>3 contributed and what they represent us for, whether</p> <p>4 it's, you know, policies, whether it's capital</p> <p>5 improvement projects, whether it's positions that they</p> <p>6 create for Moloka'i. I started off with five positions</p> <p>7 on Moloka'i, back in 1982. I had 30 positions. And I</p> <p>8 have to thank the -- our Council representative for, you</p> <p>9 know, providing those jobs because it helps us</p> <p>10 economically. So if we lose that voice, we may not be</p> <p>11 able to get the things that we've gotten now.</p> <p>12 So why change -- you know, you got to look at</p> <p>13 Moloka'i, Maui, Lana'i. It's -- it's completely</p> <p>14 different. As Wayde Lee said, you know, we're</p> <p>15 different, we should be treated different. You know,</p> <p>16 we're separated by ocean, so -- so I believe you</p> <p>17 shouldn't even go there. Just keep it the way it is.</p> <p>18 We're accustomed to it. So get into something else,</p> <p>19 okay, you guys? So talk about something else. All</p> <p>20 right.</p> <p>21 CHAIR STONE: All right. Thank you.</p> <p>22 MR. ZACH HELM: This is too important for</p> <p>23 Moloka'i. Please, don't -- don't touch it right now.</p> <p>24 Okay?</p> <p>25 CHAIR STONE: Thank you.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 91</p> <p>1 with the councilman. He's going to be the host for all</p> <p>2 of those who are not from here. He's going to share or</p> <p>3 she's going to share what Moloka'i is about, and -- and</p> <p>4 share the island.</p> <p>5 How many of you have actually visited</p> <p>6 Moloka'i? Do you know the people? Do you know the</p> <p>7 land? Do you know our style? You come and fly and then</p> <p>8 maybe stay for a few hours, sleep during the night, then</p> <p>9 go and leave. So you haven't learned anything about</p> <p>10 Moloka'i. What you do know, you probably got from</p> <p>11 Stacy. So this is why I think it's really important to</p> <p>12 have somebody here.</p> <p>13 A board or a township or whatever, that's</p> <p>14 usually made up of people that are voted in on</p> <p>15 popularity votes or of who you know. That's how we get</p> <p>16 our -- our townships. They don't represent the people</p> <p>17 and the land. We really need someone to speak up for</p> <p>18 us.</p> <p>19 And that's just my manao. Thank you for</p> <p>20 coming. Thank you for listening.</p> <p>21 CHAIR STONE: Thank you, Bridget. Thank you</p> <p>22 so much for your testimony. Hang on one second.</p> <p>23 Commissioners, any questions or clarification for the</p> <p>24 testifier?</p> <p>25 (Silence.)</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 90</p> <p>1 MR. ZACH HELM: Thank you.</p> <p>2 CHAIR STONE: Thank you. Hand on one second.</p> <p>3 Commissioners, clarification questions from the</p> <p>4 testimony?</p> <p>5 (Silence.)</p> <p>6 CHAIR STONE: No. Thank you.</p> <p>7 MR. ZACH HELM: Thank you.</p> <p>8 CHAIR STONE: Thank you so much for coming.</p> <p>9 Thank you very much.</p> <p>10 (Applause.)</p> <p>11 CHAIR STONE: Yes, please. I have no problem.</p> <p>12 And please just state your name for the record.</p> <p>13 MS. MOWAT: Sure. Good evening. My name is</p> <p>14 Bridget Mowat. And I've been on Moloka'i for like 34</p> <p>15 years. And I love it here. And I wasn't prepared to --</p> <p>16 to speak or anything, but I -- I guess it was time. So,</p> <p>17 anyway, here I am talking.</p> <p>18 But, anyway, I just wanted to try and have you</p> <p>19 look -- look at the board that you sit on right now.</p> <p>20 Nobody is from here, right? Now, don't you look at her</p> <p>21 for -- for advice about Moloka'i? To me, that's the</p> <p>22 same thing, the reason why we need somebody to represent</p> <p>23 us. When you folks come to visit us, you have your --</p> <p>24 your pal over there and she's going to help to host you.</p> <p>25 She's going to share you with us. That's the same thing</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 92</p> <p>1 CHAIR STONE: No. Thank you. Thank you</p> <p>2 again, Bridget. Thank you. I put the offer out one</p> <p>3 more time to the public, if anybody would like to come</p> <p>4 forward for the first time to testify.</p> <p>5 (Silence.)</p> <p>6 CHAIR STONE: Okay. We're going to go into</p> <p>7 our second round of oral testimony and we will allow</p> <p>8 three minutes for that testimony. Lisa, who is the</p> <p>9 first person for the second round of oral testimony?</p> <p>10 MS. KAHUHU: DeGray Vanderbilt.</p> <p>11 CHAIR STONE: Mr. Vanderbilt. Aloha again,</p> <p>12 everybody. I just want to give a little background.</p> <p>13 There's talk of our Planning Commission. In our current</p> <p>14 Community Plan, it says look into Moloka'i becoming its</p> <p>15 own county. Well, we never could get much help from the</p> <p>16 County as far as line item budgets in order to do</p> <p>17 anything. But we did, in 1988, lobby to get a Charter</p> <p>18 amendment on the election ballot which would give us a</p> <p>19 Moloka'i Planning Commission. And at that time there</p> <p>20 were 40,000 registered voters. I think there's 85,000</p> <p>21 now. But thanks to the Maui voters, we won that Charter</p> <p>22 amendment and got our Planning Commission. It was</p> <p>23 14,000 people said yes; 10,000 said no. And so we have</p> <p>24 our Planning Commission. And it's -- it's really been a</p> <p>25 godsend.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 93</p> <p>1 But our Community Plan -- one of the main</p> <p>2 things that could happen with this whole county, rather</p> <p>3 than changing everything, is just abide by the law.</p> <p>4 There was a new law passed recently that said all County</p> <p>5 agencies -- you're an agency, our Planning Commission is</p> <p>6 an agency, the Council is an agency -- all agency</p> <p>7 actions in the passing of new laws must be consistent</p> <p>8 with the intent of the Moloka'i Community Plan. And</p> <p>9 laws are being passed all the time, actions are taken</p> <p>10 all the time, and they're not consistent with our</p> <p>11 Community Plan. So it really frustrates people who have</p> <p>12 spent so much time.</p> <p>13 And our Community Plan was put together by a</p> <p>14 lot of people, you may know some of them. I'll just</p> <p>15 read their names. Irenio Vergara, Beverly Pauole-Moore,</p> <p>16 Danny Mateo, Ronny Kimball, John Uriuchi, Tim Leong,</p> <p>17 Pearl Hodgins, Judy Agusa, Dan Bennett, Ronny Kimball,</p> <p>18 Noah Emmett Aluli, Wren Wescoatt, and several others.</p> <p>19 So these are top community leaders that really gave a</p> <p>20 lot of their time. And the people gave a lot of their</p> <p>21 time.</p> <p>22 And it's a wonderful plan. It's the only plan</p> <p>23 that has a subsistence section. It's the only Community</p> <p>24 Plan out of nine that has a vision statement. And I</p> <p>25 would like to read just a little of that vision</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 95</p> <p>1 MR. VANDERBILT: I have ohana that's part of</p> <p>2 the tribe.</p> <p>3 (Laughter.)</p> <p>4 MR. VANDERBILT: And, Mr. Chairman, I would</p> <p>5 just like to say I put in two other Charter amendments</p> <p>6 where there's inconsistencies in the Charter which</p> <p>7 really hurt our Planning Commission that need to be</p> <p>8 changed. And the residency, the residency, if you have</p> <p>9 anything, I think, at least in every district, the</p> <p>10 residency should be you need to be a resident at least</p> <p>11 five years, not the day before you file your returns. I</p> <p>12 mean, that's ridiculous.</p> <p>13 CHAIR STONE: Thank you.</p> <p>14 MR. VANDERBILT: I think all the districts</p> <p>15 would support that.</p> <p>16 CHAIR STONE: Yes. I read that earlier.</p> <p>17 Thank you so much for putting that in. Thank you,</p> <p>18 Mr. Vanderbilt. Thank you for coming. And thank you</p> <p>19 for your time.</p> <p>20 (Applause.)</p> <p>21 CHAIR STONE: Oh, I'm sorry. We have a</p> <p>22 question.</p> <p>23 MEMBER DELEON: Is this your statement,</p> <p>24 DeGray? Doesn't have your name on it, that's why I'm</p> <p>25 kind of confused. Is that your statement?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 94</p> <p>1 statement, which gets back to what some people have said</p> <p>2 tonight.</p> <p>3 Moloka'i is the last Hawaiian island. We who</p> <p>4 choose -- we who live here choose not to be strangers in</p> <p>5 our own land. The values of aloha 'aina and malama</p> <p>6 'aina guide our stewardship of Moloka'i's natural</p> <p>7 resources which nourish our families both physically and</p> <p>8 spiritually. We live by our kupuna's historic heritage,</p> <p>9 legacy of pule o'o. We honor our island's Hawaiian</p> <p>10 cultural heritage, no matter what our ethnicity. And</p> <p>11 that culture is practiced in our everyday lives. Our</p> <p>12 true wealth is measured by the extent of our generosity.</p> <p>13 And it goes on. And it's a very sensitive, it's a very</p> <p>14 reflective, it's a very Hawaiian statement. Yet, some</p> <p>15 of my tribe that's moving into this island recently is</p> <p>16 already -- is already on record in our planning process</p> <p>17 that they don't like this, it's too Hawaiian and they</p> <p>18 want to change it.</p> <p>19 CHAIR STONE: Mr. Vanderbilt, thank you. I'm</p> <p>20 sorry, time. Time's up. Thank you so much.</p> <p>21 Commissioners, questions or clarifications on</p> <p>22 Mr. Vanderbilt's testimony?</p> <p>23 MEMBER CRIVELLO: I have. Mr. Vanderbilt, is</p> <p>24 it tribe or the ohana?</p> <p>25 (Laughter.)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 96</p> <p>1 MR. VANDERBILT: Yeah.</p> <p>2 MEMBER DELEON: Okay. Just wondering.</p> <p>3 Thanks.</p> <p>4 CHAIR STONE: Thank you again so much.</p> <p>5 Lisa, next testifier.</p> <p>6 MS. KAHUHU: Lori Buchanan.</p> <p>7 CHAIR STONE: Lori's not here. Next</p> <p>8 testifier, please.</p> <p>9 MS. KAHUHU: Barbara Haliniak.</p> <p>10 CHAIR STONE: Barbara, welcome back.</p> <p>11 MS. HALINIAK: I actually wasn't going to come</p> <p>12 back.</p> <p>13 My name, again, is Barbara Haliniak. And the</p> <p>14 reason why I'm here is I just want you folks to know a</p> <p>15 little about me. I was born and raised here. I lived</p> <p>16 on Oahu for about 34 years, worked for the phone</p> <p>17 company, and took an early retirement, came back here,</p> <p>18 sat and chaired the Moloka'i Planning Commission for two</p> <p>19 years, revitalized the Moloka'i Chamber. I'm on -- I</p> <p>20 was on the Civil Service Commission, County Civil</p> <p>21 Service Commission. I'm with the -- I'm on the board</p> <p>22 of -- the Maui Economic Development Board. I was board</p> <p>23 member for the MEO Board, Maui Electric IRP. I mean,</p> <p>24 there were countless boards that I sat on or</p> <p>25 community -- in our community, also. I'm currently</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 97</p> <p>1 President of the Moloka'i Chamber of Commerce 2 Foundation, which is a 501(c)(3). We do the annual 3 Christmas parade, community ho'olaule'a and senior 4 dinner dance. And the senior dinner dance are for 5 kupunas that are 60 years and old. And last year we had 6 about 30 -- I mean 300 seniors. 7 So I have a really big reach in this 8 community. So I'm not here saying that, you know, I 9 don't -- I'm against district voting and I really don't 10 know what everybody else thinks, okay, because I go out 11 and I talk to people. But I'm here right now 12 representing the voices that you're not going to hear. 13 And they sit under the mango tree. Okay. 14 And, Larry, you know who sits under the mango 15 tree, right? 16 And they do their own conversation. And they 17 are against district voting. So I just wanted to let 18 their voices be heard through my voice. 19 That's all. Thank you. 20 CHAIR STONE: Thank you very much, Barbara. 21 Thank you for your testimony. 22 Questions, clarifications from the 23 Commissioners? 24 (Silence.) 25 CHAIR STONE: No. Thank you again.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 99</p> <p>1 island and you have representation from the island, to 2 make very informed, accurate conclusions and give ideas 3 based on what you know, not what you read. And so 4 having Auntie Stacy and Auntie Ella on those 5 commissions, having Moloka'i be a part of the 6 decision-making body for something as important as our 7 Fire Department, and assist in those things, is an 8 important aspect. 9 Because if you ever hear when we get our 10 annual big fires, those things are different from 11 anywhere else. Not to mention that the terrain that we 12 have require us to dig deep into the resources of 13 partnership efforts. And you don't know that intimately 14 and what you need unless those people are from here and 15 can support those ideas. So the Commission is very 16 important. 17 I just wanted to give one fast example in case 18 anybody was confused about what we meant when we say 19 that you have to know Moloka'i in order for us, 20 Moloka'i, to benefit. And I know Yuki is going to -- is 21 going to understand this, but let's take, for instance, 22 the visitor industry dollars. Every year, Maui County 23 lobbies for in excess of \$600,000 for Maui Nui where 24 they gap all of us together, Lana'i, Moloka'i, Maui. 25 They come up with Maui's plan for marketing strategy.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 98</p> <p>1 Lisa, do we have another testifier? 2 MS. KAHUHU: Zhantell Dudoit. 3 CHAIR STONE: Zhantell, welcome back. 4 MS. DUDOIT: Hi. We had our investigators 5 doing some research while we were testifying, so I get 6 new developing information. No. Actually, I just 7 wanted to come back because, I represent all these 8 groups, there are several different things that I didn't 9 get to say the first time. 10 So regarding the district voting -- and then 11 that kind of bleeds off to the same reasoning for us 12 wanting the Fire and Safety Commission -- when you look 13 at changing the demographics of voting, and you include 14 areas like, for instance, Lahaina, with Moloka'i and 15 Lana'i, our circumstances, our agricultural produce, all 16 kinds of different areas of livelihood are so different 17 from one another that the ability for one person to make 18 decisions on all of those -- such a diverse area of 19 challenges and situations is really inefficient, to me. 20 Which is why we having that problems in our state 21 representative and senatorial districts. 22 And that bleeds over onto the Commission and 23 Fire Safety Council, also. In a commission setting -- 24 I'm a Planning Commissioner, too, on my second five-year 25 term. And, you know, you're able, when you're from the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 100</p> <p>1 So they hit areas of the United States that target, to 2 their knowledge, where a majority of the money or income 3 of tourism dollars will go, which is Maui. Then they 4 turn around in their statistics with DBEDT and say that 5 Moloka'i and Lana'i are always being carried by Maui and 6 afforded visitor industry dollar when, for the last 15 7 years, our visitor count has not gone up. It's not our 8 fault. If you gave us our money to market ourselves, 9 the people who know the island -- and we targeted places 10 for people who wanted to come to Moloka'i -- we could 11 show you an increase in visitor arrival for the type of 12 visitor that would fit this land and these people. So I 13 think district voting and our commission and all those 14 things tie into the very same thing. 15 Wait, wait. I almost pau. 16 So as you are deliberating on this, that's 17 what I would encourage you to do, take a good look at 18 visitor industry dollars and how that affects. And 19 that's pretty much the same thing right across the 20 board. 21 CHAIR STONE: Thank you very much for your 22 testimony. Commissioners, questions, clarifications? 23 Commissioner Moikeha. 24 MEMBER MOIKEHA: Thank you for your testimony. 25 We had a testifier on Maui today who represented that he</p>

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1 was a part and supported the commission for the Fire and
2 Public Safety, but, at this time now, he felt that that
3 should be abolished and it should go directly back under
4 the mayor's jurisdiction. Is there anything within the
5 current written structure in the Charter that you might
6 want to strengthen to achieve more that you need to
7 within that commission?

8 And the reason I shared that thing, shared
9 about a previous testifier was that he felt that within
10 the current system of the commission, there wasn't
11 specific information or criteria for advancement. So
12 when a firefighter came into the system, does he know
13 what he needs to do to get ahead to a higher position,
14 that's the example he used. So I'm thinking that does
15 it -- did he really mean that it should be abolished, or
16 maybe there are things that aren't working the way it
17 could work, and maybe what we need to is strengthen the
18 duties and the roles of the commission to reach the
19 goals that you feel you need to?

20 MS. DUDOIT: Oh, completely. I mean, just
21 because something is not working as efficiently as you
22 think it should be, it's no reason to throw away the
23 car. I mean, fix the tire, go tune up the engine, do
24 what you gotta do, but, you know, I mean there's no
25 reason to get rid of it.

1 There are inefficiencies and there are ways
2 that the commission can be improved and the way of doing
3 things within the department can be improved. But a lot
4 of good people, a lot of grass roots people worked hard
5 to lobby for Moloka'i and for people to have a voice in
6 a department that services the welfare and quality of
7 life of our communities. And so to take that away just
8 because something is not working, to me, is not the
9 first step.

10 MEMBER MOIKEHA: I think that's what we need
11 help with. And this is true of any subject matter
12 within the Charter. It may not be that we need to throw
13 it out or change it; maybe what we need to do is just
14 improve it. And so that's where --

15 MS. DUDOIT: Specific ideas. So you know what
16 I would do? I would yield to people like Mr. Jenkins --

17 MEMBER MOIKEHA: Right.

18 MS. DUDOIT: -- who lobbied tirelessly and did
19 a lot of homework. I would go back to that 2001-2002
20 study, I would get those people together, along with
21 some fresh, new, innovative ideas and not create --
22 recreate the wheel. Figure out what was the
23 foundational block for which this was such an important
24 matter that it came forward in our community and then
25 work from there. But to start all over again, just like

1 with our community plans, everything is going to start
2 all over again from the beginning instead of using what
3 we did, it's just really inefficient and doesn't make
4 any sense.

5 So if what you're asking me for is specific
6 examples, I cannot give you that because that's not my
7 area of expertise. If you asking me about my Moloka'i
8 community and to make partnerships and, you know, and
9 host people, that's my expertise. But you're looking at
10 one gentleman over here who spent years of his life,
11 along with a lot of other people, trying to make the
12 commission a viable, you know, and good group to make
13 good decisions.

14 MEMBER MOIKEHA: Right.

15 MS. DUDOIT: That's who I would yield to.

16 MEMBER MOIKEHA: I didn't mean just to have
17 you take that responsibility. That would be true of
18 Mr. Jenkins or anybody else that has firsthand
19 knowledge. I think my problem is that, as a
20 Commissioner -- and we read through this Charter and it
21 talks a lot about structure and duties and powers and
22 things of that nature -- if I haven't been immersed in
23 it, how do I know really what all the fine little
24 specifics are of that? So we did ask today that the
25 Fire Department Chief come, talk to us, give us an

1 understanding of the operations of the Fire Department.
2 We have asked the chairs of these commissions to come,
3 talk story with us, tell us the other side of it, what
4 are the pros and cons of what they are working within.
5 And I guess that's what I'm seeing this public outreach
6 for.

7 We have no draft. We haven't drafted
8 anything. We are trying to get information,
9 understanding, talk story with the communities, to see
10 what their concerns are or things that they feel needs
11 to be done to work more efficiently. And so for me,
12 it's so important just to listen.

13 MS. DUDOIT: You know what I think, your
14 missing component is you are asking everybody outside of
15 the department to make a decision on -- on stuff that we
16 barely know anything about. Did you ever poll the Maui
17 County firefighters? Because I can tell you that when
18 they did the study, almost 100 percent of them wanted
19 the commission to be active. So I know that much. But
20 if you're asking for intimate details about system and
21 how it's going to work and how the department should be
22 structured and what's going to work, go ask the people
23 who are directly affected --

24 MEMBER MOIKEHA: Right. Right.

25 MS. DUDOIT: -- by those policies. So you are

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 105</p> <p>1 having one community meeting from all of us to tell you 2 about the Fire Department. Really, the Commission 3 should have one separate poll, whatever, survey, 4 whatever you want to do, on the firefighters themselves. 5 Because they the guys that can give you the most 6 accurate information. And start with the guys who 7 already know what they talking about. 8 MEMBER MOIKEHA: No. I totally agree with 9 that. And what brings it to the light of us is when we 10 have testifiers that come and testify about these things 11 that they may have been directly involved in or know of. 12 And so I appreciate everyone's testimony 13 tonight. And it is a learning curve for me. And as I 14 can tell you now, I have not made any decisions, there's 15 been no discussion, because I need to learn more. 16 MS. DUDOIT: Yeah. 17 MEMBER MOIKEHA: That's what I'm asking. And 18 Mr. Jenkins and whoever else has brought their 19 information to us, so -- 20 MS. DUDOIT: Just to shed some light, too. 21 The reason why the district voting thing became so -- 22 like Mr. DeLeon's statements like that became so 23 controversial, and we all got in an uproar, was because 24 the first time any of us ever heard about it, it was 25 stated by Mr. Collins, on Akaku, that 75 percent of our</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 107</p> <p>1 conversation -- and, you know, Mr. Jenkins will provide 2 for us minutes that were part of that discussion for the 3 creation. So I think we should extend an invite if you 4 so approve. 5 CHAIR STONE: We would definitely appreciate 6 if Mr. Jenkins would come before us in one of our normal 7 meetings. That way, we could ask a lot of questions. 8 Again, this is a period of education for us as well. 9 Proposals are not being discussed because we don't feel 10 we're qualified yet to discuss the proposals. 11 So, Mr. Jenkins, a formal invitation will go 12 out to you. And, hopefully, you can come and visit with 13 us. 14 Thank you very much, Commissioner Crivello. 15 MS. DUDOIT: Mr. Chair, while you talking 16 about that, when I said I sent my investigators, 17 actually it was DeGray's investigators. And he came 18 back and produced this letter from the Lana'i Planning 19 Commission that says that they had on their agenda where 20 the commission said the Lana'i Planning Commission made 21 a -- unanimously approved to keep the status quo when -- 22 in regards to both issues. So I wanted to know how come 23 the Moloka'i Planning Commission didn't have the -- 24 we've never seen that. And so I don't know if that's 25 your jurisdiction, but can you relay the message to</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 106</p> <p>1 island decided and supported district voting. And that 2 really made us angry because 50 people is not 75 percent 3 of Moloka'i. So that -- that was -- you know, when you 4 talk about other proposals, we've never heard that put 5 to like -- like it was in Mr. Collins' statement. 6 MEMBER CRIVELLO: Mr. Chair? 7 CHAIR STONE: Yes. Commissioner Crivello. 8 MEMBER CRIVELLO: Zhan, I appreciate you 9 bringing that latest comment to light as far as 10 Mr. Collins' participation with the research. I think 11 QMark is the research company. I also thank you for 12 extending the idea of having a dialogue with people like 13 Greg Jenkins and other firefighters in regards to why 14 they initially saw and had the foresight to encourage 15 the establishment of the Fire and Public Fire Safety 16 Commission. So I want to thank you for that. And you 17 bring a lot of things to light. So I appreciate your 18 testimony. 19 So, Mr. Chair, with that, with our list that 20 we've added in regards to the Fire Commission, I'd like 21 to ask Mr. Chair to extend through staff to see if, 22 within the Department, we can bring some firefighters 23 who were involved from the initial. Because like I 24 mentioned earlier, we are -- the Fire Commission is a 25 fairly new commission. And I think if we have</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 108</p> <p>1 somebody? Because we would like to vote on that, too. 2 CHAIR STONE: Hang on. I have clarification 3 for you right here. 4 MEMBER OKAMOTO: I actually went to a Lana'i 5 Planning Commission. In our Lana'i Planning Commission, 6 there are three members who have been former candidates. 7 And they keep being brought up as, you know, it's unfair 8 to them because they couldn't campaign county-wide. 9 They were all aware that this is coming up. It's been 10 discussed for two years. And so they simply wanted to 11 go on record to say -- and especially because three of 12 them have been previous candidates, that they felt it 13 was important to say we want to keep the status quo. 14 And so it just was because I happened to be at a 15 meeting. They had been reading and talking about it for 16 the last couple of years. And it wasn't any specific 17 proposal at that time. 18 MS. DUDOIT: Thank you. 19 MEMBER DELEON: Mr. Chair? 20 CHAIR STONE: Yes, Commissioner DeLeon. 21 MS. DUDOIT: Okay. Be nice to me. I'm nice 22 to you. 23 MEMBER DELEON: Oh, I'm not going to pick on 24 anybody. After that, what could I say? 25 I just wanted to point out that the Lana'i</p>

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<p>1 Planning Commission acting in that form and its subject</p> <p>2 matter has nothing to do with planning, it was acting</p> <p>3 like an island board. So it's an expression of the will</p> <p>4 of its community as an island board would. That's what</p> <p>5 I'm suggesting what we need to do in these two</p> <p>6 communities, have the voice, elective voice, coming from</p> <p>7 the people through their board. And that's what that</p> <p>8 board effectively did when it made that decision and</p> <p>9 went on the record.</p> <p>10 Mahalo.</p> <p>11 MS. DUDOIT: Shucks. I thought you was going</p> <p>12 to ask me a question.</p> <p>13 CHAIR STONE: I do have a question for you.</p> <p>14 Commissioner Okamoto.</p> <p>15 MEMBER OKAMOTO: I won't argue with him.</p> <p>16 On the Visitor Bureau, because I used to be</p> <p>17 involved in the Visitor Bureau, did Moloka'i lose their</p> <p>18 office, also --</p> <p>19 MS. DUDOIT: Yes.</p> <p>20 MEMBER OKAMOTO: -- like Lana'i did?</p> <p>21 MS. DUDOIT: Yes. Well, they're in the</p> <p>22 process of. We're cutting down to half a day now and</p> <p>23 then, pretty soon, she probably going to be working out</p> <p>24 of her house.</p> <p>25 MEMBER OKAMOTO: Yeah. The same thing</p>	<p>1 MS. DUDOIT: I was trying to be nice to him.</p> <p>2 MEMBER CRIVELLO: That's his personal; not the</p> <p>3 Charter Commission.</p> <p>4 CHAIR STONE: Let's -- let's not get into --</p> <p>5 MS. DUDOIT: No. Sorry. Yeah.</p> <p>6 CHAIR STONE: One thing we will not do at</p> <p>7 public outreach meetings, get into a debate about</p> <p>8 specific proposals.</p> <p>9 MEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you, Josh.</p> <p>10 CHAIR STONE: Commissioner DeLeon.</p> <p>11 MEMBER DELEON: Just for the record, I'm not</p> <p>12 -- that proposal was not meant in any way to divorce</p> <p>13 Moloka'i from Maui County.</p> <p>14 MS. DUDOIT: Oh, whew.</p> <p>15 (Laughter.)</p> <p>16 MEMBER DELEON: I thought you guys wanted to</p> <p>17 be rid of us, anyway.</p> <p>18 CHAIR STONE: Okay. Hugs and kisses.</p> <p>19 MS. DUDOIT: Okay.</p> <p>20 CHAIR STONE: Okay. Commissioners, any</p> <p>21 further questions?</p> <p>22 (Silence.)</p> <p>23 CHAIR STONE: No. All right. Thank you so</p> <p>24 much for your testimony.</p> <p>25 Lisa, any further testifiers?</p>
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<p>1 happened with Lana'i, and so I can understand. Even</p> <p>2 when we had an office, everything came from the Maui</p> <p>3 office, they were simply clerical, it almost seemed</p> <p>4 like. But we lost ours completely, so I wasn't sure if</p> <p>5 that happened here.</p> <p>6 MS. DUDOIT: And I just want to make clear</p> <p>7 that we not, I mean, at least for right now, not asking</p> <p>8 for independence from Maui. I think that would be</p> <p>9 really stupid of us to ask for that. Because we talking</p> <p>10 about, you know, island boards and governing boards and</p> <p>11 all this kind of stuff, does that mean that Maui just</p> <p>12 want to get rid of us and give us up for adoption and we</p> <p>13 go find our own way of making our own way? I mean,</p> <p>14 because that's what it feels like to me. I mean, it</p> <p>15 feels like you just want to be independent because maybe</p> <p>16 you feel like we take up too much of your time or your</p> <p>17 money. If that's the case, then just say it the way it</p> <p>18 is. I mean, you know, don't come up with a township</p> <p>19 board because it sounds better. I mean, if you guys</p> <p>20 don't want us to be a part of you and you no like be</p> <p>21 financially responsible, then say it.</p> <p>22 MEMBER CRIVELLO: Mr. Chair?</p> <p>23 CHAIR STONE: Yes, Commissioner Crivello.</p> <p>24 MEMBER CRIVELLO: I just need to clarify,</p> <p>25 that's Mr. DeLeon's personal -- personal proposal --</p>	<p>1 MS. KAHUHU: No more.</p> <p>2 CHAIR STONE: Wow. Thank you guys so much</p> <p>3 Really, really appreciate. We got to give you guys --</p> <p>4 MEMBER DELEON: You have another person.</p> <p>5 CHAIR STONE: Yes. I'm sorry, yes. Did we --</p> <p>6 Lisa, did we forget somebody?</p> <p>7 MEMBER DELEON: Yes, Beverly.</p> <p>8 MEMBER OF PUBLIC: Second round, right?</p> <p>9 CHAIR STONE: I'm so sorry. Yeah, yeah,</p> <p>10 second round. Sorry. I have down -- sorry. Let me</p> <p>11 look through my notes.</p> <p>12 MEMBER DELEON: Larry, too.</p> <p>13 MR. LARRY HELM: I just like to add couple</p> <p>14 other comments. You know, I think there's always room</p> <p>15 for improvement, to find a better way to -- to make it</p> <p>16 more right and more pono. -- I believe the system of</p> <p>17 getting permits to add a deck or to build a house or to</p> <p>18 do things shouldn't -- Moloka'i shouldn't have the same</p> <p>19 policies like Kahului or Wailea. It doesn't fit. One</p> <p>20 size does not fit. You take the environment over here</p> <p>21 and you try to work something that fits, that don't go</p> <p>22 -- the people over here don't go put \$50,000 of stuff</p> <p>23 that is applied to Wailea or Kaanapali. And I think</p> <p>24 that is a problem because we got to follow all -- all</p> <p>25 our policies and the rules from Maui County unless you</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 113</p> <p>1 ask for a variance. And I think that's a problem. If</p> <p>2 we can find the right solution that fits Moloka'i, all</p> <p>3 the permits and stuff like that, where people get a</p> <p>4 little bit more say, we get -- we get a better bang for</p> <p>5 the dollar.</p> <p>6 And I've been hearing about, you know, this</p> <p>7 tax base, Moloka'i don't have enough tax base. Many</p> <p>8 years ago, we lobbied at the State because they were</p> <p>9 saying that Moloka'i don't have enough population. So</p> <p>10 you cannot have money for your athletic program like</p> <p>11 other small schools. Or when Patsy Mink went introduced</p> <p>12 the gender equality thing, they were talking the same</p> <p>13 thing, for Moloka'i, and other small communities all</p> <p>14 over this country. Just because they don't have enough</p> <p>15 tax base, you're going to say, well, you get 50 percent</p> <p>16 less service. I don't think so. I think you try to</p> <p>17 work with -- because if that was the case, when -- when</p> <p>18 we got drafted to Vietnam, Moloka'i had the highest</p> <p>19 percentage of people that served this country, they</p> <p>20 never say, eh, brah, we not going to take you because</p> <p>21 you no more in tax base. We died in blood and suffered</p> <p>22 for same thing freedom that you guys got. So, you know,</p> <p>23 I don't think that go. When I hear that, it kind of</p> <p>24 irritates me.</p> <p>25 And the last point. In my opinion, I think</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 115</p> <p>1 Beverly. Beverly, thank you.</p> <p>2 MS. PAUOLE-MOORE: I just have one more</p> <p>3 question. This is my first time I'm experiencing, you</p> <p>4 know, the Charter changes and stuff, but I'm a due</p> <p>5 process kind of person who followed the due process. I</p> <p>6 would like to know, once you folks -- you know, I know</p> <p>7 you are in the early stages. And we really appreciate</p> <p>8 you coming today, this evening. Is there anything that</p> <p>9 we going to have, like a website where you folks going</p> <p>10 to be very transparent, so that we can -- I know once</p> <p>11 you folks congregate all these different people, I</p> <p>12 really feel that, because we're divided by water -- and</p> <p>13 like I say, I'm a budget conscious person when it comes</p> <p>14 to saving the trees -- if you can have it on the</p> <p>15 website, we can get the information and disseminate this</p> <p>16 information to our community.</p> <p>17 One thing about Moloka'i, we're transparent.</p> <p>18 And having this announcement of you folks coming was</p> <p>19 very, very good to our community. And it's all we ask.</p> <p>20 And if the people don't come to the meetings for</p> <p>21 whatever reasons, then they cannot grumble.</p> <p>22 So if you do have this information on the</p> <p>23 website -- and I am very, very happy to have Stacy on</p> <p>24 this board, because I grew up with Stacy, and she speaks</p> <p>25 for our community. She's all about community. And so</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 114</p> <p>1 this is good. You know, like some of the -- the people</p> <p>2 say that, you know, you know why you guys over here, et</p> <p>3 cetera, et cetera, you know. I think the more you try</p> <p>4 to make things better, find a way and dialogue, to try</p> <p>5 to find efficient and physical responsible way.</p> <p>6 I just auctioned some cattle for 4-H people.</p> <p>7 Maybe a lot of our policymakers should take courses from</p> <p>8 the 4-H people how to manage, you know, feed the -- buy</p> <p>9 the feed and, on the end, get a profit. I think that is</p> <p>10 what is going on. Sometimes, you know, they spend too</p> <p>11 much money on stuff that no need, you know.</p> <p>12 CHAIR STONE: Thank you very much. Thank you</p> <p>13 so much.</p> <p>14 (Applause.)</p> <p>15 CHAIR STONE: Commissioners, quickly, any</p> <p>16 questions, clarifications on the testimony? All right.</p> <p>17 Lisa, is there any other testifiers?</p> <p>18 (Silence.)</p> <p>19 CHAIR STONE: Okay. Thank you.</p> <p>20 MEMBER DELEON: Beverly.</p> <p>21 MR. LARRY HELM: Wait. One more point. If we</p> <p>22 have to be our own county, then we raise our own</p> <p>23 medicinal marijuana, our own casinos, chicken fight</p> <p>24 arena, and then I think we can take care ourself.</p> <p>25 CHAIR STONE: Thank you. Very good. Yes,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 116</p> <p>1 when I heard she was on the board, I was very happy.</p> <p>2 Because she shared the information and like we have</p> <p>3 subcommittee people from different districts of our</p> <p>4 island, yeah. So once we found out -- and, you know,</p> <p>5 actually tonight's showing was -- I expected more</p> <p>6 people, but it was kind of hard when they just got</p> <p>7 notice. And, of course, you know, next to Lana'i, we</p> <p>8 pay the highest gas in the state. So it costs. You</p> <p>9 know, we have no bus service here on Moloka'i except the</p> <p>10 MEO that comes to Kaunakakai, but they only come during</p> <p>11 the day. So if we just have it on the website, then we</p> <p>12 can forward it and be branching off that information.</p> <p>13 Because one of the things I talked to was to</p> <p>14 our young adults, you know. And they're the future.</p> <p>15 And I said you folks should be coming to this meeting</p> <p>16 because the decision that's being made today will</p> <p>17 follow, I can say, at least for another decade. So to</p> <p>18 lose a seat again, you know.</p> <p>19 And, secondly, what Mr. Jenkins had mentioned</p> <p>20 about the commission board, maybe it would be -- and I</p> <p>21 think it's a great idea from the business side point.</p> <p>22 Like even Mr. DeLeon's subject, maybe he brought it to</p> <p>23 the forefront and maybe some of us got really concerned.</p> <p>24 Then I always believed like Larry Helm said, about</p> <p>25 making -- you know, we still do not want to lose our</p>

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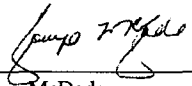

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 117</p> <p>1 Moloka'i seat, you know, and have a community from each</p> <p>2 district. Like even Walter Ritte mentioned about their</p> <p>3 organization, which I'm familiar with, a little bit, and</p> <p>4 be part of the voices. Because a lot of us here tonight</p> <p>5 are actually not only representing ourselves, we</p> <p>6 representing a lot of different people in different --</p> <p>7 our seniors who don't come out at night because they</p> <p>8 don't like to drive. There's school tomorrow, so you</p> <p>9 got your parents with the children. So a lot of them</p> <p>10 cannot come.</p> <p>11 So we appreciate you folks coming. And if you</p> <p>12 do put in a website, then it would be our responsibility</p> <p>13 to help Stacy and get the message out to all people.</p> <p>14 So thank you again for coming. And could you</p> <p>15 let us know at least one or two months in advance when</p> <p>16 you folks coming?</p> <p>17 CHAIR STONE: Thank you very much. Beverly, I</p> <p>18 want to touch base before you go and let you know. This</p> <p>19 has been a major issue at all of our normal meetings, we</p> <p>20 call them business meetings, which we have at least</p> <p>21 twice a month. And so what we've done today is we</p> <p>22 created a Standing Public Relations Committee within our</p> <p>23 Commission to move forward with making sure we have</p> <p>24 website information going out, making a strong</p> <p>25 relationship with The Maui News to make sure these</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 119</p> <p>1 MS. PAUOLE-MOORE: -- get the message out.</p> <p>2 CHAIR STONE: And thank you so much. We have</p> <p>3 a question from Commissioner DeLeon.</p> <p>4 MEMBER DELEON: Just a quick point. When you</p> <p>5 go to the County website, look for the waterfall,</p> <p>6 there's a button that says Charter Commission. And I</p> <p>7 mean, really, there's a little waterfall on the left</p> <p>8 side. And I didn't know about this. I was kind of</p> <p>9 arguing that you have to go three layers in to find the</p> <p>10 Charter Commission. It's on the front page of the</p> <p>11 County website right now.</p> <p>12 MS. PAUOLE-MOORE: Okay.</p> <p>13 MEMBER DELEON: So for scheduling and stuff</p> <p>14 like that, we don't have the issues up, it's not as rich</p> <p>15 as we want it to be yet. We've been very conscious of</p> <p>16 this and, as the Chairman said, this is something that's</p> <p>17 frustrated us so far. This Commission's operating</p> <p>18 basically with one -- one borrowed secretary from the</p> <p>19 Corporation Counsel's office until we get our own staff.</p> <p>20 This Commission just came into being, so it doesn't have</p> <p>21 -- doesn't have like a robust, you know, civil service</p> <p>22 background group ready there and they're ready to pump</p> <p>23 like the Planning Commission does. So it takes us a</p> <p>24 while to get up and running.</p> <p>25 MS. PAUOLE-MOORE: How long are your terms?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 118</p> <p>1 meetings are publicized.</p> <p>2 MS. PAUOLE-MOORE: And our local newspaper,</p> <p>3 too.</p> <p>4 CHAIR STONE: And the local newspapers. And,</p> <p>5 also, on Akaku. So we are working very hard. And as</p> <p>6 these proposals come out, as we have a list, that</p> <p>7 working list, every proposal will be visible for every</p> <p>8 person. Let me tell you, I guarantee it will be a lot</p> <p>9 more crowded when you see all those proposals come out.</p> <p>10 MS. PAUOLE-MOORE: One of the things I like to</p> <p>11 know on that website is the deadline dates, you know.</p> <p>12 So we can strategically plan to get everything done in a</p> <p>13 timely planner and not give us like one-week notice.</p> <p>14 Okay?</p> <p>15 CHAIR STONE: That's very good. Our next plan</p> <p>16 for public outreach, which we've just started</p> <p>17 discussing, will be --</p> <p>18 MEMBER DELEON: End of year.</p> <p>19 CHAIR STONE: -- December of this year. So</p> <p>20 December 2011 is when we plan to come back out. And we</p> <p>21 will get that out to everybody as soon as possible.</p> <p>22 MS. PAUOLE-MOORE: Yeah.</p> <p>23 CHAIR STONE: So everybody knows.</p> <p>24 MS. PAUOLE-MOORE: We want to help Stacy --</p> <p>25 CHAIR STONE: Yes, we want your help.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 120</p> <p>1 MEMBER DELEON: That's our excuses and we're</p> <p>2 sticking with them.</p> <p>3 MS. PAUOLE-MOORE: Through the duration of</p> <p>4 this Charter, that's all? Two years? What, two years?</p> <p>5 MEMBER DELEON: No. One year.</p> <p>6 MS. PAUOLE-MOORE: One-year position. Well,</p> <p>7 thank you for volunteering or taking this position.</p> <p>8 Thank you. Thank you, again.</p> <p>9 CHAIR STONE: Thank you very much, Beverly.</p> <p>10 MS. PAUOLE-MOORE: See you in December. But</p> <p>11 don't make it Christmas week. Okay?</p> <p>12 CHAIR STONE: Yeah, we had a big argument</p> <p>13 about that one today.</p> <p>14 MS. PAUOLE-MOORE: Thank you.</p> <p>15 CHAIR STONE: Thank you very much for your</p> <p>16 testimony. Lisa, anybody else?</p> <p>17 MS. KAHUHU: I don't believe so.</p> <p>18 CHAIR STONE: Okay. All right. Thank you,</p> <p>19 everybody. If there's no objections, I will close the</p> <p>20 oral testimony at this time. Commissioners, any</p> <p>21 comments before I close oral testimony?</p> <p>22 MEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you, Moloka'i.</p> <p>23 (Applause.)</p> <p>24 ...END PUBLIC TESTIMONY...</p> <p>25 CHAIR STONE: Yeah, thank you very much,</p>

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1 Citizens of Moloka'i. Fantastic. Thank you for your
 2 input. It is so vital. Without objections, Chair will
 3 accept and file all public communication in the record.
 4 And our next Charter Commission meeting is
 5 scheduled for Monday -- no, that's not correct. For
 6 Wednesday -- can you give me the date -- Lahaina, the
 7 13th, at 6:30 p.m. Where?
 8 MEMBER SUGIMURA: Lahaina Civic Center.
 9 CHAIR STONE: Thank you very much. All right.
 10 We'll close this meeting at this time and adjourn.
 11 Thank you very much.
 12 (Meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.)
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