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October 10, 1991
FAXED TO: 243-7870
For 10/10/91 Commission
Meeting

Dear Mr. Nakasone:

To date, there seems to have been very little news regarding the Charter Commission's important and on-going deliberations and actions. Therefore, I respectfully request to be put on the Commission's mailing list to receive all documents received or initiated by the Commission. These would include, but not be limited to, minutes of meetings, correspondence received or sent by the commission, agendas, news releases, etc.

I would also appreciate receiving a copy of all the documents mentioned above that have been generated by the Commission to date. I will do my best to get as much pertinent information as possible out to our community so we are able to stay informed as to your progress and direction.

In the past, the Moloka'i community has shown sincere interest regarding Charter items such as an elected Moloka'i Planning Commission, the election of Council members by district, limiting terms of elected officials, public initiative, etc. Moloka'i generally stays pretty well up on issues especially if they are given an opportunity to become involved in the legislative process on a basis that is equitable to the opportunities enjoyed by Maui residents.

On this point, might I suggest the the Commission consider the following:

1. I noticed on the agenda for today's meeting that there is a item for "public testimony". This is terrific. Public involvement always is. However, I understand that all the meetings the Commission has held to date have been on Maui, and that in all probability future meetings will also be held there. This makes it difficult for Moloka'i resident's to appear before the Commission during this important review process where important decisions are

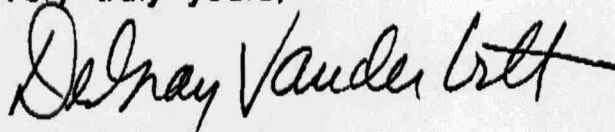
being considered. Possibly the Commission would consider holding one or more of its meetings on Moloka'i.

2. For Moloka'i residents to come to Maui is a big expense which includes the costs of air fare, taking time from work and lodging. Several state agencies provide "scholarships" to encourage neighbor island participation by the public at their meetings, especially if those meetings are scheduled only to be held on Oahu. Possibly the Commission could provide say two (2) "scholarships" each for Lana'i and Moloka'i for each Committee meeting held on Maui. This would allow residents from Lana'i and Moloka'i to attend your meetings and provide verbal input to the Commission without incurring the significant expenses, which Maui residents are not faced with.

3. Since the Commission has taken on a full-time secretary, it seems that it would be worthy to consider keeping full minutes of the meetings, similar to Council meetings, instead of summary minutes. The availability of this type of information would be very helpful to the public as far as assessing the actions of the Commission in coming to its final decisions. This could lead to the public having a clearer understanding of the issues being assessed by the Commission and should lead to more constructive testimony during the official public hearing phases of the process.

Thank you for your consideration of the above. I look forward to hearing back from you.

Very truly yours,



DeGray Vanderbilt

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cc: Mayor Linda Crockett Lingle
Councilman Pat Kawano
Ms. Annette Mondoy, Moloka'i Commission member
Moloka'i Chamber of Commerce

October 7, 1991

Maui County Charter Commission
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Ladies and Gentlemen of the Commission:

Article III of the Charter lists residence requirements for members of the County Council. Eight out of nine seats have a residence requirement, and all 9 members are elected at large, or by the entire county. Supposedly this arrangement means equal representation for each member of the population.

As a resident of East Maui, I feel that the extreme disparity in population of the various residence districts creates an unequal opportunity for certain areas of the county to participate in the political process. As the attached table shows, Lanai has one council seat, with a population of only 2,426. East Maui, where I live, has one council seat also, but its population is over ten times as large, with 28,606 residents.

The exact populations of each of the residence areas are:

Lanai	2,426	
Molokai	6,717	
West Maui	14,574	
South Maui	15,374	
East Maui	28,608	
Central Maui (3 seats!)	32,807	or 10,936 per each seat.

As you can see, East Maui has almost as many residents as central Maui, but has only one seat instead of three. It has over ten times as much population as Lanai, but each has one council seat.

You should also take note of the fact that Lanai is in sole ownership, so almost every resident of Lanai is an employee or a lessee of Castle and Cooke. This hardly makes for independence of voting in the representative of Lanai.

I suggest that Maui citizens would be better represented by the Council if the County consisted of equal population districts, with the council member elected by that district, similar to the situation on Oahu.

It is not a difficult task to create equal-population districts on Maui. The Lieutenant Governor's office has an interactive computer program with a data base of census data down to the block level that could easily create council districts.

The argument is made that since each council seat is voted on by all voters in the County, therefore the one-man, one-vote rule is met.

It is my belief that a fair voting process requires not just that voters have equal opportunity, but that candidates shall be given equal opportunity to compete. The present system is unfair to candidates, and by artificially restricting the candidates is also unfair to the voters.

To make clear the unfairness involved, surely it is correct to assume that good candidates are equally likely in any part of the county. Assume that there are 20 excellent candidates, and they are evenly distributed in the 100,000 population of the county. Then for each 5000 residents, we have one excellent candidate.

If candidates were elected in 9 equal-population districts, each district would have 20/9 excellent candidates. So an average of 2.2 excellent candidates would compete in each district.

In the present system, Lanai would have only a 50 percent chance of having a good candidate. Molokai would have at least one good candidate. Central Maui would have 6 good candidates, and three of those could be elected. But in East Maui, there would be 6 good candidates, all competing for only one seat.

The system as it is now unfairly penalizes candidates from the more populous districts, while giving a free ride to the candidates from the small districts. The whole county suffers from the unbalanced representation that results.

Some method must be found to eliminate this extreme disparity.

Sincerely yours,

Sanchia Foiles
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P.S. Notice also that Central Maui plus Lanai plus Molokai constitutes a majority of the Council (5 out of 9 seats), even though the population included in those districts is only 42 percent of the county.

MAUI COUNTY

COUNCIL RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT AREAS

	1990 Precinct	Place	1990 Population	1990 Voters D (a)	1990 Voters R (a)	
Lanai	10-1	Lanai	2426	589	149	
	LANAI TOTALS		2426	589	149	30%
Molokai	10-2	Molokai	985	132	120	
	10-3	Molokai	3460	655	229	
	10-4	Molokai	1645	394	96	
	10-5	Molokai	497	77	30	
	10-6	Kalaupapa	130	51	15	
	MOLOKAI TOTALS		6717	1309	490	27%
West Maui	10-7	Honolua etc.	4806	471	569	
	10-8	Mala/Kaanapali	4302	698	498	
	10-9	Lahaina	3368	610	112	
	9-1	Lahaina/Olowalu	2098	313	243	
	WEST MAUI TOTALS		14574	2092	1422	24%
South Maui	7-1	Maui Mdws/Wailea	2347	215	527	
	6-11	Makena	131	12	26	
	9-2	Kihei School	7957	666	954	
	9-3	Kihei Com.Ctr.	4939	949	859	
	SOUTH MAUI TOTALS		15374	1842	2366	27%
East Maui	6-6	Hana	1668	279	133	
	6-7	Keanae	246	53	25	
	6-8	Huelo	375	56	45	
	6-9	Haiku	5322	860	698	
	6-10	Paia	485	102	63	
	7-6	Paia	1606	354	110	
	7-5	Makawao	7271	1363	911	
	7-4	Pukalani	6127	1252	717	
	7-3	Kula	5438	1058	1102	
	7-2	Ulupalakua	68	44	24	
	(almost uninhabited parts of 7-1 and 6-11 are in this area also)					
	EAST MAUI TOTALS		28608	5421	3828	32%

Percent of Voters

Note (a) Numbers given are for Waihee votes and Hemmings votes for governor.

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1990 Precinct	Place	1990 Population	1990 Voters D (a) R (a)		
7-7	Spreckelsville	213	23	79	
7-8	Kahului/Puunene	1012	227	56	
8-1	Kahului	3221	1007	248	
8-2	Kahului	3982	1126	189	
8-3 and 8-4	Kahului	7627	1976	300	
8-5	Wailuku	2061	542	172	
8-6	Wailuku	2686	809	338	
9-4	Waikapu	746	217	66	
9-5	Waihee	1159	252	101	
9-6	Paukukalo	5694	1027	286	
9-7	Puuone	2915	547	220	
9-8	Piihana	1491	450	116	
CENTRAL AREA TOTALS		32807	8203	2171	32%
Central area has 3 Council seats.					
1/3 CENTRAL TOTALS		10936	2734	724	
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COUNTY TOTALS		100506	19456	10406	29%

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Currently there are 8 residence-required seats, and 1 no-district-residency seat.
 $100,506/8 = 12,563.$

STATE COUNTY VOTING DISTRICT CENSUS TRACT/BNA	Race					Hispanic origin (of any race)	Not of H		origin
	Total	White	Black	American Indian, Eskimo, and Pacific Islander	Asian and Other races		White	Black	
Maui County.....									
18 years and over...									
VOTING DISTRICT									
6TH REP DIST 6TH PCT.....	100374	39766	494	521	57885	1708	7781	37348	54805
(0606)	73491	30750	347	350	40890	1154	4772	29222	39185
18 years and over...									
6TH REP DIST 7TH PCT.....	1668	667	6	15	970	10	154	639	869
(0607)	1099	476	3	7	605	8	78	461	557
18 years and over...									
6TH REP DIST 8TH PCT.....	246	85	1	2	156	2	21	77	147
(0607)	174	61	-	2	109	2	11	59	104
18 years and over...									
6TH REP DIST 9TH PCT.....	375	264	1	4	103	3	15	254	105
(0608)	260	187	1	4	65	3	10	180	69
18 years and over...									
6TH REP DIST 10TH PCT *.....	5322	3184	37	72	1873	156	604	2970	1721
(0609)	3709	2333	23	40	1222	91	353	2200	1139
18 years and over...									
6TH REP DIST 11TH PCT.....	485	247	-	7	229	2	18	240	227
(0610)	399	202	-	7	188	2	11	198	190
18 years and over...									
6TH REP DIST 1ST PCT.....	131	89	3	1	38	-	4	86	38
(0611)	103	70	3	1	29	-	3	67	30
18 years and over...									
7TH REP DIST 1ST PCT.....	2347	1915	11	12	387	22	90	1868	379
(0701)	1911	1609	10	10	266	16	63	1575	264
18 years and over...									
7TH REP DIST 2ND PCT.....	68	34	-	-	33	1	5	34	29
(0702)	50	24	-	-	25	1	4	24	22
18 years and over...									
7TH REP DIST 3RD PCT.....	5438	3528	10	22	1838	40	351	3336	1741
(0703)	3949	2568	9	16	1328	28	204	2452	1284
18 years and over...									
7TH REP DIST 4TH PCT *.....	6127	2639	22	29	3333	104	514	2410	3189
(0704)	4248	1920	18	22	2222	66	313	1773	2149
18 years and over...									
7TH REP DIST 5TH PCT *.....	7271	3920	34	41	3073	203	780	3622	2835
(0705)	4991	2765	20	26	2059	121	427	2603	1941
18 years and over...									
7TH REP DIST 6TH PCT *.....	1606	477	12	8	1046	63	258	418	923
(0706)	1145	338	5	7	749	46	169	301	670
18 years and over...									
7TH REP DIST 7TH PCT.....	213	187	-	-	26	-	6	186	21
(0707)	168	147	-	-	21	-	5	146	17
18 years and over...									
7TH REP DIST 8TH PCT.....	1012	196	2	2	784	28	122	167	721
(0708)	710	142	2	2	542	22	78	127	503
18 years and over...									
8TH REP DIST 1ST PCT.....	3221	547	12	9	2587	66	198	505	2
(0801)	2540	448	8	6	2033	45	132	416	2506
18 years and over...									
8TH REP DIST 2ND PCT.....	3982	457	19	4	3462	40	345	396	8
(0802)	2868	324	13	4	2499	28	226	283	13
18 years and over...									
8TH REP DIST 5TH PCT.....	2061	499	11	17	1510	24	95	479	8
(0805)	1687	423	8	8	1232	16	53	407	1219
18 years and over...									
8TH REP DIST 6TH PCT.....	2686	718	2	4	1905	57	164	684	2
(0806)	2021	560	2	4	1422	33	90	538	1836
18 years and over...									
8TH REP DIST 3RD & 4TH PCT.....	7627	1122	32	22	6306	145	706	920	2
(080A)	5722	823	22	15	4771	91	439	703	5976
18 years and over...									
9TH REP DIST 1ST PCT.....	2098	1221	14	9	816	38	130	1165	16
(0901)	1713	1046	7	9	619	32	90	1004	13
18 years and over...									
9TH REP DIST 2ND PCT.....	7957	5401	62	69	2300	125	523	5188	6
(0902)	6151	4370	51	45	1599	86	353	4216	60
18 years and over...									
9TH REP DIST 3RD PCT.....	4939	2907	42	38	1857	95	399	2799	49
(0903)	3813	2413	35	25	1268	72	253	2348	40
18 years and over...									
9TH REP DIST 4TH PCT.....	746	193	6	2	530	15	55	179	5
(0904)	537	137	4	2	382	12	43	127	3
18 years and over...									
9TH REP DIST 5TH PCT.....	1159	318	3	-	816	22	80	295	3
(0905)	775	210	1	-	551	13	45	197	1
18 years and over...									
9TH REP DIST 6TH PCT.....	5694	1194	33	26	4365	76	435	1085	26
(0906)	3906	840	20	12	2971	63	247	785	17

WEST MAUI
14,574

SEN 4TH DIST.
with 8th Lani

CENTRAL MAUI (3 seats)
32,807

SOUTH MAUI
15,374

EAST MAUI
28,608

SEN 6TH DIST
with Kaa

LANAI
MOLOKAI
2,426
6,717

COUNCIL AREAS

ALL LAND AREAS ON MAP
WITHIN 2ND CONG. DIST.

- ☐ Pond
- ☐ Congressional District Boundary
- ☐ Senatorial District Boundary
- ☐ Representative District Boundary
- ☐ Sen/Rep District Boundary
- ☐ Cong/Sen/Rep District Boundary

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