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To: Council of the County of Maui
The Honorable Gladys Coelho Baisa, Council Chair

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Council Chamber
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Subject: County Communications #14-283
Support for Lāna'i Community Plan Chapter 5: Cultural, Historic & Scenic Resources

I am writing on behalf of Historic Hawai'i Foundation (HHF) in support of the Lāna'i Community Plan Chapter 5: Cultural, Historic & Scenic Resources.

Historic Hawai'i Foundation is a statewide, membership-based non-profit organization that provides leadership and advocacy for preservation of Hawai'i's historic places. Since 1974, HHF has worked to preserve Hawai'i's unique architectural and cultural heritage.

HHF appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on to the Maui County Council in support of Lāna'i Community Plan's goals, objectives and strategies for preserving historic and cultural resources. We recognize Lāna'i's historic places as historically significant and irreplaceable, representing Hawai'i's history through archaeological sites and a largely intact plantation town.

Historic Hawai'i Foundation agrees that the historic and cultural resources of Lāna'i are often threatened by demolition or demolition by neglect. We fully support and encourage the solutions identified in the Plan, especially implementing design guidelines, increased restoration and adaptive use projects, vision and master plans for preservation, and prioritization of resources for protection, preservation, and restoration. We further support and encourage the strategies that highlight identification of significant resources and nomination of those resources to the State and National Registers of Historic Places. Historic Hawai'i Foundation recommends the addition of establishing and using existing tax benefits for preservation, which would support increased number of designated properties on the island.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and provide input to the Lāna'i Community Plan Chapter 5. We feel that this community plan reflects the level of significance of the historic and cultural resources on the island.