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*\*Ho ‘omaka ‘ia me ke oli mai ke kula holo ‘ōko ‘a*

KANOELANI STEWARD: Mai ka ‘ulu nui o Māla a i ka ‘ulu nui ‘o Makila me Kahoma, ‘o ia nā pe‘a ‘elua o ka ‘āina ‘o Lahaina, aloha nui kākou. ‘O wau kēia ‘o Kanoelani Steward, no Lahaina mai au, a he kumu au ma ke Kula Kaiapuni o Lahaina.

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KALĀ VINE-TANAKA: Ke aloha nō iā kākou. ‘O wau ‘o Kalā Vine-Tanaka.

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Kula Kaiapuni ‘o Lahaina

LEHIWA BALAGSO: Welina mai e nā kanaka o CWRM. ‘O wau ‘o Lehiwa Balagso. He ‘umikūmālua o‘u mau makahiki. No Lahaina mai au a no Lahaina mai ko‘u ‘ohana. I kēia lā e wehewehe ana wau i ko‘u mau mana‘o no ke ko‘iko‘i o ka wai. ‘O ka wai he mea ko‘iko‘i loa no mākou no ka mea inā ‘a‘ohe wai, ‘a‘ohe ola. A inā ‘a‘ohe ola, ‘a‘ohe kānaka mai ka ‘āina. ‘O ka wai ka mea ho‘omaka i nā mea āpau mākou nā kānaka e pono ai. ‘O ka mea‘ai ‘oe, ‘o ka lā‘au lapa‘au ‘oe, ‘o ka mau‘u ‘oe, a mau mea hou aku. Inā loa‘a iā ‘oe i ka wai, e ho‘ohana i ka mea e pono ai, a ho‘iho‘i i ke koina. E pono ana mākou nā kānaka o Lahaina i ka wai e kūkulu hou i ka ‘āina aloha, ‘o Lahaina. Makemake e ‘ike i nā mea kanu ‘ōiwi ma ‘ō a i ma ane‘i a makemake mākou e ‘ano ho‘oma‘ema‘e i nā kahawai a hiki ke kahe i ka wai mai uka o na kuahiwi, a hiki i ke kula o ka ‘āina, a hiki i ke kai. ‘O kēlā ko‘u mau mana‘o no ‘oukou e pili ana i ka wai. Ola ka wai! Mahalo.

PIKAKE AHIA: Welina mai e ka ‘ohana Hawai‘i. My name is Pikake Ahia. I am from Lahaina, Maui and I am here to ‘ōlelo ko‘u mana‘o e kūkulu i ka Lahaina hou. He mea ko‘iko‘i ka wai because we need the wai for our mea kanu to inu wai and for our coral and fish. If the wai goes untreated, the mea kanu will become withered, and the holoholona will be dehydrated, and the coral and fish will become ma‘i. The wai is important so we need it to be clean to holomua. And when Lahaina is built, we would like there to be ‘ōiwi back at Lahaina and more mea kanu. Mahalo no kou ho‘olohe ‘ana.

TAWAILELE I‘I: ‘Ano ‘ai me ke aloha. ‘O wau ‘o Tawailele I‘i. No Lahaina mai au. ‘O ... lāua ‘o ... ko‘u mau mākua. ‘Umikūmākahi o‘u mau makahiki. He mea ko‘iko‘i ka wai no ka mea pono ka wai e inu a pono ka wai no nā lo‘i kalo a me nā mea kanu ‘ē a‘e i hiki i nā kānaka ke ‘ai. A he ko‘iko‘i ka wai no nā i‘a a me nā holoholona i hiki ke ola. Pono e mālama i ka wai a ho‘iho‘i i ka wai i loko o nā kahawai, a mai ho‘okahe i ka wai i nā hōkele a kūkulu hou iā Lahaina. Makemake wau e ‘ike iā Mokuhinia me ka wai. Mahalo.

KALEHUA PALTIN-VIERRA: Welina mai. ‘O Kalehua Paltin-Viera ko‘u inoa. ‘O George Viera lāua ‘o Tamara Paltin ko‘u mau mākua. Noho au ma Nopili, a he ‘umikūmākahi o‘u mau makahiki, a he haumāna au ma ke Kula Kaiapuni ‘o Lahaina. Ko‘iko‘i ka wai no ka mea pono

mākou e inu a inā ‘a‘ole mākou e inu, make. Pono pū mākou i ka wai e hā‘awi wai i nā holoholona a me nā mea kanu. Pono mākou i ka wai no nā ahi no ka mea inā ‘a‘ohe wai ma ke kahawai, pehea e kīnai ai i ke ahi. ‘O ke kalo ko mākou kūpuna. Inā ‘a‘ohe kahawai, ‘a‘ohe kalo. Inā ‘a‘ohe kahawai, ‘a‘ohe ‘o‘opu a pēlā wale aku. Inā ‘a‘ohe wai, ‘a‘ohe ola. Mahalo.

LACY LOKELANI REQUELMANN: Aloha. ‘O wau ‘o Lacy Lokelani ... He ‘umikūmālua o‘u mau makahiki. Noho au ma ... ‘O ... lāua ‘o ... ko‘u mau mākou. He ko‘iko‘i ka wai no ke ola o nā kanaka. He ko‘iko‘i ka wai no ka ho‘opau i nā ahi. He ko‘iko‘i ka wai no ka ho‘omākaukau ‘ana i ka ‘ai. He ko‘iko‘i ka wai no ke ola hou o ka uluwehiwehi o Lahaina. He ko‘iko‘i ka wai no ke ola o nā mea kanu ‘ōiwi. Pono kākou e mālama i ka wai no ke ola o ka ‘āina me nā kānaka. ‘A‘ole no nā hōkele, no nā mea nui ka wai e hele nei. Ua hiki iā mākou ke ho‘ohana i ka wai no ka nohona o ka ‘āina. Ua hiki iā kākou ke ho‘ohana i ka wai no ka ho‘oulu ‘ana i nā mea kanu ‘ōiwi. Ua hiki iā kākou ke ho‘ohana i ka wai no nā lo‘i. Mahalo.

KOLEA ORTIZ-ALBORO: Mai uka a kai, mai loko a waho, welina mai kākou. ‘O wau ‘o Kaleo ... mai Lahaina mai au. Aia au ma ka papa ‘ewalu ma ke Kula Kaiapuni ‘o Lahaina. He ‘umikūmākolu o‘u makahiki, a ke keiki a Donna ... lāua ‘o ... He ko‘iko‘i nui ka wai no ka mea ua hā‘awi ‘ia ke ola o ka ‘āina a me ke kānaka. Pono e mālama i ka wai no kākou a ‘a‘ole no nā hōkele. Lawe lākou i ka wai he nui, ‘a‘ole ka‘ana like me kākou. Pili ka wai iā Lahaina no ka mea ke malo‘o ma Lahaina nei, pono ka wai no nā mea kanu ‘ōiwi ma Lahaina. E like me nā ... me ke kukui, a me ka lo‘i kalo. Mahalo.

PU‘UWAI NAHO‘OIKAIKA: Aloha. ‘O Pu‘uwai Naho‘oikaika ko‘u inoa. He ‘umikūmākolu o‘u makahiki. ‘O Tiffany ... lāua ‘o Kalani ... ko‘u mau mākou. No Lahaina mai au. He ko‘iko‘i ka wai no ka mea e pono ana e ola ai iā mākou a me nā mea kanu ‘ōiwi. Inā hiki ke mālama i ka wai ma nā waihona wai...Pono e ho‘i i ka wai ma nā kahawai a me...No laila pono mālama i ka wai a e ho‘i ka wai ma Lahaina. Mahalo.

MANALANI YAMADA: Aloha mai kākou. ‘O Manalani Yamada ko‘u inoa. He ‘umikūmāhā o‘u makahiki. No Lahaina mai au. Hele au i ke Kula Kaiapuni o Lahaina. Aia au i ane‘i i kēia lā no ka pono o ka wai. He mea ko‘iko‘i ka wai no ka po‘e Hawai‘i. He ko‘iko‘i pū ka wai no ka mahi‘ai a me ke kalo, a pono i kēia no kēia hana. A inā lawe ‘ia ka wai i nā hōkele, ‘a‘ohe wai no mākou ka po‘e Hawai‘i a me nā hana no mākou iho. No laila e ho‘omaopopo he ko‘iko‘i ka wai no ka po‘e Hawai‘i ‘a‘ole no ka po‘e malihini.

HĀWEA LINDSEY: Aloha. ‘O Hāwea Lindsey ko‘u inoa. He ‘umikūmākolu o‘u makahiki. Hele au i ke Kula Kaiapuni ‘o Lahaina. A mana‘o au pono mākou ka wai no ka hiki ke ola. Pono nā mea ola a me nā mea kanu i ka wai, a pono mākou i nā mea kanu a me nā mea ola e ola ai. No laila, pono mākou i ka wai no ka mea he mea nui ka hiki ke ola, no laila inā hele ka wai i nā hōkele wale e li‘ili‘i ana ko mākou wai. ‘A‘ole hiki ana mākou ke ola. Mahalo.

KAMA‘EHU KĀ‘EO: Welina mai Pu‘u Pa‘upa‘u a i ke kahakai o ‘Uō. ‘O Kama‘ehu Kā‘eo ko‘u inoa. He ‘umikūmākahi o‘u makahiki. No Lahaina mai au. Hele au i ke Kula Kaiapuni ‘o Lahaina. I ka wā ma mua, I ka wā ma hope. ‘O ka mana‘o nui ‘o ia ‘ōlelo no‘eau ‘o ia ho‘i ‘o “e ‘akamai ana ka nānā ho‘i ana i nā kūpuna o nā wai, no ka mea ua hānai ai ka wai i nā mea kanu,

ke kahakai a me nā kānaka”. A ua mōmona ka ‘āina mai ke kahawai a me ka wai. Hiki mākou ke ho‘ōla i ka wai ma Moku‘ula a Mokuhinia no ka mea inā loa‘a mākou i nā lo‘i kalo, hiki iā mākou ke...i ka wai mai ka lo‘i, ‘a‘ole i ka wai mai nā hōkele. ‘O kēlā ko‘u mau mana‘o, mahalo. E ho‘i ka nani i Lahaina.

WAI‘IHI LINDSEY: Aloha mai kākou. ‘O Wai‘ihi Lindsey ko‘u inoa. He ‘umikūmākahi o‘u makahiki, a ‘o Thomas Lindsey lāua ‘o Jenny Lindsey ko‘u mau mākua. Mai Lahaina ko‘u ‘ohana. He ko‘iko‘i loa ka wai no ka mea pono kākou i ka wai e ola akā inā ‘a‘ole loa‘a ka wai, e pilikia ana kākou. ‘A‘ale e ola ana nā mea kanu. A inā holo a nui ka wai āpau i nā hōkele, ‘a‘ole loa‘a ana ka wai no nā mea kanu. Inā he ahi hou, ‘a‘ohe ka wai, a ma nā hōkele wale nō, ‘a‘ole hiki ke kīnai i ke ahi. A inā ola ‘ole nā mea kanu, ‘a‘ole hiki ke ‘ai i nā mea kanu. A ke ulu a‘e wau, makemake e noho ma Lahaina, akā, ‘a‘ole hiki inā ‘a‘ole holo ka wai. Mahalo a e ola nā ‘ohana a me nā keiki o Lahaina.

KANA‘I VASQUEZ KEAHI: Aloha mai kākou. ‘O Kana‘i Vasquez Keahi ko‘u inoa. ‘O wau ke keiki a Chantelle lāua ‘o Pu‘u Keahi. No Lahaina mai au a he ‘umikūmālua o‘u makahiki. Inā ‘a‘ohe wai, ‘a‘ohe ola. Inā he wai, he ola iā kākou, ka ‘āina a me nā mea āpau. A ua paio ko‘u mau kūpuna no ka wai e kahe ma nā kahawai. A ko‘u Tūtūkāne ... Keahi, ua paio ‘o ia no ka wai ma ke awāwa ‘o Kanaha. A ke hoi‘ho‘i ‘ia ka wai i ke kahawai, ho‘i mākou kānaka i ka ‘āina me ko mākou ‘ohana. Mahalo.

KALIKO TERUYA: Mai ka puka ‘ana o ka lā ma ka hikina, a i ka nāpo‘o ‘ana o ka lā ma ke komohana, mai ka ua Pa‘upili o Lahaina, a i ka ua Palipō i ka ohu o Honokohau, aloha mai kākou. ‘O Kaliko Kalani Teruya ko‘u inoa. He ‘umikūmākolū o‘u makahiki. Noho au ma ke awāwa o Honokohau. Ua noho ko‘u ‘ohana ma Lahaina no ‘umikūmāiwa mau hanauna, a aia au i ane‘i no ko‘u mau kūpuna i kōkua i ka ho‘ōla hou ‘ana iā Moku‘ula a me Mokuhinia. Ma mua o ka ho‘okahe ‘ana o ka wai, ua ho‘ololi ‘o Lahaina i ka ‘āina ‘ēko‘a, he wahi malo‘o. Ma mua o ka ho‘okahe ‘ana o ka wai, ua kapa ‘ia ‘o Lahaina i ka Malu ‘Ulu ‘o Lele, ka ‘ēko‘a ‘o Lahaina i ia manawa. Ma mua o kēia ahi, ‘o kēia ko mākou wā e ho‘ōla hou i ka Malu ‘Ulu ‘o Lele, Moku‘ula, a me Mokuhinia, akā pono mākou i ka wai. No laila, e ho‘ohana i ko ‘oukou leo e ho‘opuka i nā mana‘o no ka po‘e Hawai‘i o Lahaina a e ho‘omana‘o ola i ka wai. A pono ‘o Lahaina a me Maui Komohana i ka wai i nui ma ia manawa.

PILILANI WILSEY-BOTELHO: Welina mai e nā hoa makamaka. ‘O Pililani Wilsey-Botelho ko‘u inoa. ‘O wau ke keiki a Sabrina Wilsey-Botelho lāua ‘o Jonah Botelho. He ‘umikūmākolū o‘u makahiki. Aia wau ma ka papa ‘ewalu o ke Kula Kaiapuni ‘o Lahaina.

*Water is very important to our ‘āina. We recently lost a lot of things in our town. The water can help us restore the ‘āina, make sure it’s not as dry as it was, that’s how we lost a lot of it. The hotels take our water and they don’t put it back, if we take the water we’re going to put it back to the ‘āina, where it belongs. Our ‘āina is very dry and it will be very important if you give it back to us, that way we can plant our lo‘i, plant the kalo, and make sure everything grows instead of it turning into a very dry land in Lahaina. It’ll be very important for our mea kanu ‘ōiwi to live on and ola and make sure our ‘āina doesn’t look as crazy as it does now. Mahalo.*

NAHIKU PALTIN-VIERRA: Welina mai kākou. Mai .... a i ke kai o Māla. ‘O Nahiku Paltin-Vierra ko‘u inoa. He ‘umikūmākolū o‘u makahiki. ‘O George lāua ‘o Tamara ko‘u mau mākua.

Aia au i ane‘i no ka hō‘ike ‘ana iā ‘oukou i ka waiwai o ka wai iā mākou. Ho‘ohana ‘ia no nā lo‘i kalo, ka inu, ka ‘au‘au ‘ana. Ma kahi o ka lawe ‘ana i ka wai mai nā kahawai, hiki mai ke kai no ke kīnai ahi. A mai ho‘oku‘u i nā malihini e hele mai i hiki ke mālama i ka wai. ‘O ka pilina o ka wai i ke

KONA KANEKOA: Welina mai kākou. ‘O Kona ko‘u inoa. He ‘umikūmālua o‘u makahiki. Noho Honokohau mai au. Aia wau ma ka papa ‘ehiku a hele wau i ke Kula Kaiapuni ‘o Lahaina. He ko‘iko‘i ka wai no nā kānaka mahi ‘ai, i ulu i kā kākou mau mea‘ai. He ko‘iko‘i ka wai no nā lo‘i a me nā lā‘au lapa‘au. Ko‘iko‘i ka wai no nā ‘o‘opu a me nā ‘ōpae a pēlā aku. Hiki ke ho‘ā‘o e mālama kūpuno a mālama ma nā waihona wai i mālama ‘ia. He pili ka wai i ke kūkulu hou ‘ia ‘ana ‘o Lahaina i hiki ke ho‘iho‘i i ka wai e ho‘iho‘i e ka punawahi ‘o Mokuhinia. Mahalo.

PO‘OKELA KEO: Aloha mai kākou. ‘O wau ‘o Po‘okela Keo. He ‘umikūmākolu o‘u makahiki. He ko‘iko‘i ka wai no ka mea pono kākou i ka wai no ka inu. He ko‘iko‘i ka wai no nā mea āpau. Pono ka wai no nā holoholona. Hiki ke mālama i ka wai no Lahaina no ka ho‘ohana ‘ana i ka wai me ke kūpono. Hiki iā kākou ke mālama i ka wai, mai ho‘opau i ka wai. Pono ka wai no ka ho‘oulu ‘ana i nā mea kanu. A pono ka wai no ke kūkulu hou ‘ana ma Lahaina no ka mea pono no ko kākou kaiāulu no ka inu ‘ana. Pono ka wai no ka mea pono...A pono ka wai no ka ho‘oma‘ema‘e ‘ana.

KAHALOA GARCIA: Welina mai. Aloha ‘o Kahaloa Garcia ko‘u inoa. No Lahaina mai au. He ‘umikūmākahi o‘u makahiki. Hele au i ke Kula Kaiapuni ‘o Lahaina. He mea waiwai loa ka wai no ka mea ‘a‘ohe wai, ‘a‘ohe ‘ai. ‘A‘ohe ‘ai, ‘a‘ohe ola. Lawa ka hele ‘ana o ka wai i nā hōkele a me nā pāka kolepa. A lawa ka ho‘oulu ‘ana i ko mākou wai i nā wahi ‘ē a‘e. I ka wā e kūkulu hou ana i Lahaina, lawa ka ho‘ohana ‘ana ka wai e hiki a i ka lepo. Mahalo.

KANOA CASCO: Aloha e nā pua o Hawai‘i nei. ‘O Kanoa Casco ko‘u inoa. ‘O Puanani ... lāua ‘o Cedric Casco ko‘u mau mākuā. Noho au ma Lahaina. Pono mākou i ka wai no nā mea kanu a me mākou. Hiki mākou e mālama i ka wai inā ‘ohi i nā ‘ōpala. Makemake au e ‘ike i nā kahawai āpau ma Lahaina i hiki i nā meakanu ke ola. Mahalo.

KENEKE KŪKAHIKO: Welina mai e nā pua o Maui. ‘O Keneke Kūkahiko ko‘u inoa. Ko‘iko‘i ka wai no nā kānaka e ola. Hiki ke mālama ka wai a mai hā‘awi i nā hōkele. Pono ka wai no nā lo‘i kalo, a me ke kūkulu ‘ana i nā mea hou. A pono nā mea kanu no nā kānaka me nā ‘ohana. Mahalo.

KEKUANA‘O‘A SALAUSA: Aloha. ‘O Kekuanao‘a Salausa ko‘u inoa. No Lahaina mai au. No ka mea ko‘iko‘i no ka wai, hiki nā kānaka e inu wai a hiki nā mea kanu e ola. Hiki nā kānaka e kū ai nā ...a hiki nā hale kū‘ai e loa‘a ai ka wai. Mahalo.

MAXIMUS MALEKO BURKE:

*Hello, my name is Maximus Burke. I am 14 years old. I am in the 8th grade of the Hawaiian Immersion School of Lahaina. We need water in Lahaina now more than ever. We need it to clean up Lahaina. We will need the water diverted to pause to grow food when all this is over. I believe we had the fire because Lahaina was dry. Water would help prevent another fire. Thank you.*

KAUNA‘OA GARCIA:

Aloha nui iā kākou āpau. ‘O wau ‘o Kauna‘oa Garcia. He kumu kaiapuni wau ma ke Kula Kaiapuni ‘o Lahaina. A‘o wau i ka Papa ‘ehā + ‘elima.

*Aloha everybody, my name is Kauna‘oa Garcia. I’m the Hawaiian immersion teacher at Kula Kaiapuni o Lahaina. I would like you to know that we are here. This is papa ‘ehā, ‘elima, ‘eono, ‘ehiku, ‘ewalu. We are the families and kumu that are not going back to Lahaina campuses because we don’t feel it’s safe up there. I’m a mother of three as well as a kumu and I’m not going to work today. I’m calling in sick today so that I can bring my students and our students here to address another issue that we have to hāpai as keiki kaiapuni, kumu kaiapuni, ‘ohana of Lahaina. All of these students here and their ‘ohana have chosen to kūpa‘a and not go back to those three campuses in Lahaina because we feel it’s not very safe. I’m calling in sick today and this is what I do on my sick days, I teach my students the kuleana that we have to carry to be able to practice the ways of our kūpuna, to speak the ‘ōlelo mākuahine of our kūpuna. We are here with all our kūpuna behind us to ask you to remember simple, he ali‘i ka ‘āina he kauwā ke kanaka. We are stewards of this land and we are instilling those very waiwai, very wealthy lawena and issues that we need to address in front of all of you. Please remember we are all here as teachers, keiki, ‘ohana of Lahaina to get that message across. Please mālama your kuleana and think of all of us as we are here trying to attack another issue that we have to face in Lahaina. Many of my students are not returning to Lahaina to the campuses because there’s a real issue of families feeling not safe. They don’t want to be separated with their keiki so that’s why we are here today, together as ? 2:17:02 trying to keep our families together and our students together and our school together. Please keep this in mind, think of all of the keiki here, all of the ‘ohana and all of the kūpuna that are behind us pushing all of these issues that need to be addressed. Mahalo.*

KE‘ALOHILANI MEDEIROS-NOURY: Aloha mai e nā kānaka mai Hawai‘i. ‘O wau ‘o AilaniRose Medeiros-Noury. ‘O ko‘u mākuā ‘o Wilalani Noury lāua ‘o Bertrand Noury. Noho wau ma Lahaina. ‘O ko‘u mauna ‘o Mauna Kahalawai. ‘Umi o‘u makahiki. He kanaka hoe wa‘a au a kanaka uma. ‘O kekahi hana e mālama kūpono ai i ka wai ma Lahaina, ‘o ia ho‘i mai ho‘opau i ka wai, a mālama pono. ‘O kekahi hana, e kūkulu iā Lahaina me ka wai, ‘o ia ho‘i ka ho‘ohana maika‘i ma nā wahi, mai ho‘opau i ka wai no ka mea maika‘i ‘ole i pono ‘ole ai ka wai. ‘O ke ko‘iko‘i o ka wai ‘o ia ho‘i i nā ‘a‘ohe wai, ‘a‘ohe ola ma ka ‘āina o Lahaina. Mahalo ka ho‘olohe ‘ana.

MELINA CABRERA: Waipunalau me ke aloha mai ka hono a Pi‘ilani. ‘O Melina Cabrera ko‘u inoa. ‘O ... lāua ‘o Christopher Cabrera ko‘u mau mākuā. He ‘umikūmākahi o‘u makahiki. No Lahaina mai au. A ‘o Mauna Kahalawai ka‘u mauna. Kāko‘o au i nā kānaka o Lahaina no ka mea he mea ko‘iko‘i ka wai no nā mea kanu ‘ōiwi a makemake au e ‘ike i nā mea kanu ‘ōiwi ke kūkulu hou. Pili i ka wai i ke kūkulu hou i Lahaina, no ka mea pono ka wai no nā kumu lā‘au e like me ke kumu ‘ulu, koa, niu, kukui, a me nā mea hou aku. Pono e mālama ka wai ma nā lo‘i kalo me nā kahawai no ka mea pono nā i‘a Hawai‘i e ola ma nā kahawai a he hana ko‘iko‘i ka hana ‘ana ma ka lo‘i. No kēlā mau kumu, pono ‘oukou e ho‘i ka wai ma Lahaina. Mahalo ka ho‘olohe ‘ana.

Kula Kaiapuni ‘o Lahainaluna

HANA LOSANO: Aloha mai kākou. ‘O Hana Losano ko‘u inoa. No Lahaina mai au. ‘Umikūmāono o‘u makahiki, a aia au ma ka Papa ‘Umi o ke Kula Kaiapuni ‘o Lahainaluna. Aia au i ane‘i i kēia lā e ho‘iho‘i i ka wai ma ka ‘ōlelo ‘ana no ka mauili Hawai‘i a ho‘ololi i ke kau mua ‘ia o nā malihini ma mua o ka no‘ono‘o pono ‘ana no ka mālama pono ‘ia o nā kānaka. He waiwai ka loa‘a ‘ana i ka wai, a kēlā ‘ano waiwai pono e kūpono. ‘O ia ka ho‘i ‘ana i ka wai ma Lahaina a kau i ka wai ma nā lima o nā kānaka ma Lahaina, ‘a‘ole wale no nā malihini.

Kula Kaiapuni ‘o Kekaulike

MAKAMAE ALIPIO: Aloha. ‘O wau ‘o Makamae Alipio. He kupa wau no ka Malu ‘Ulu ‘o Lele. He ‘umikūmāono o‘u makahiki a hele wau i ke Kula Kaiapuni ‘o Kekaulike.  
*Aloha, my name is Makamae Alipio. I’m a resident of Ka Malu ‘Ulu o Lele. I’m 16 years old and I attend Ke Kula Kaiapuni o Kekaulike as a junior, which teaches us to be forever rooted in our culture. I’ll be speaking on behalf of our ‘āina and my beloved town of Lahaina. Ola i ka wai, water is life. Water is the center of all living and non-living things. Without it we are nothing, we have nothing. Maui Komohana is a place like no other which was once known for its immense amount of water, its lush wet lands, and its abundance of lo‘i kalo, ‘ulu, mai‘a, niu and many more. How do we go from a lush green ‘āina, healthy ecosystem to what we have to deal with now? This is the result of greed, mismanagement, and capitalism; therefore, I’ll be testifying in support of the following: first, restore Moku‘ula and Mokuhinia. This continues to be one of the most sacred places of Hawai‘i’s Kingdom. Moku‘ula is everything, it is our protector. We must restore and establish this piko for us to holomua and not repeat this devastation. I have this love for Kihawahine that is like no other because she carries the mana of our kānaka and as Auntie U‘ilani Tevaga has said, Kihawahine is calling all of us to restoration. The imbalance that has happened is because we have forgotten the wahine in all of this. Our kūpuna understood that life force energy is wahine. The conversations that have been left out of American education, left out of the science and the politics is why I feel we are here today. If you connect to the land, you connect to the natural cycle of death and rebirth and regeneration. You will start to understand that it is much like a wahine’s body. The plea of our community to restore the streams for over 130 years was because we knew that one day this would be the result. Second, I ask you to investigate West Maui Land Company, Launiupoko Irrigation, Peter Martin and many more and ensure that updated interim instream flow standards are being met while also holding them accountable for stealing and abusing our most precious resource for their American economic gain. The state has an obligation to protect, control, and regulate the use of Hawai‘i’s water resource for the benefit of its people. Filling private reservoirs, filling gentleman estate swimming pools, water and golf courses, I don’t believe any of these benefit our people. 75% of Lahaina waters are privately owned. That is criminal. We have 25% of our waters, how can we sustain and restore with 25%? Third, the Water Commission should make the people of Lahaina a priority and we should be the center of all decision making of our future. We are the kānaka of this ‘āina, we are the ones with the genealogical ties to this land. We know best, therefore you should listen to us and not continue to fall for their disaster capitalism. Think about the next generation of keiki, don’t be the reason they are not able to enjoy the wai that is rightfully ours or the reason why they are not able to engage in our cultural practices. Therefore, I’m not here to ask you, I’m here to kauō, demand that you restore all of Kanahā, Kahoma, and Kaua‘ula Streams. Restore Moku‘ula and Mokuhinia. Allow our Kihawahine to thrive while also holding*

*all the greedy capitalist businessmen accountable for this corruption, uphold the law by respecting the IIFS and most of all listen to the kama'āina of Lahaina. With that being said, e laha hou ka 'āina, e ho'i ka nani o Moku'ula, a e ola ka wai. Mahalo.*

**KA'IULANI PA'A:** Aloha. 'O wau 'o Ka'iulani Pa'a. 'Umikūmāono o'u makahiki, a hele au i ke Kula Kaiapuni 'o Kekaulike.

*Hi, I'm Ka'iulani Pa'a, I'm 16 years old and I attend Kula Kaiapuni o Kekaulike. I'm here on behalf of supporting my kaiāulu and hoping to teach you guys something about how us kānaka feel and what Lahaina and Hawaii have been going through. I'm testifying in support of these points. First, everybody has the same mana'o and has been since 1897 like Uncle Ke'eaumoku said when it was Kumuli'i v. Horner and you guys still have not done anything about it to this day. I'm not only here on behalf of Lahaina but also East Maui, Nā Wai 'Ehā and all around Hawai'i who have been shut down and cut from our native rights as kānaka Hawai'i because these corrupt laws that restrict us rather than protect us. Second, our freshwater springs belong to the kānaka Hawai'i but yet it goes to the pockets of the greedy businessmen who call this place paradise, but yet don't even mālama this 'āina like we do. We need our wai to restore life on our 'āina, especially Lahaina after the tragedy it has faced. I may not have been raised in Lahaina or gone through half of the things our kānaka had to go through those days, but I believe my kūpuna live through me. Therefore I know exactly how it feels to have something stripped away from you because of these rules and rights America has over us. You never know how it feels to learn what our kūpuna have done for us and this 'āina and never getting the chance to live it or even growing up trying to live it and see it slowly slipping away because things get more expensive and more difficult for us to live in an economy so messed up. It was important to our kūpuna to make sure we have the right resources to be capable of keeping our cultural aspects known for our next generation. To be able to engage in our cultural practices from lo'i kalo to loko i'a to knowing what kind of native plants we have. But no, do you ever think about the keiki and how they are going to live seeing the richness of our 'āina that just got stripped away because of these privileged haole who know nothing but greed? Third, Moku'ula is our founder our piko, ka wahi a Kihawahine. She is the power that brings all life to Lahaina. She is to be restored and to be brought back to us so she can take care of her beloved 'āina o Lahaina. we don't ask her much but love and respect but we still don't get those things. You love Hawai'i so much then show it, show us you care, show you care about us and not just the image you put out to please the million-dollar owners out there. Give back our right to 'āina and respect the fact that we need more than luxury houses and the cliché image that is being sold to the tourists. It takes all these kānaka Hawai'i to come up here and feel like they're wasting their breath on a situation that should have been dealt with a long time ago. They continuously show up to beg you guys to finally do something about it and yet for the past 130 years, nothing has been put into action. How many times do we have to speak for you guys to hear us? Mahalo.*

**KEHAULANI KEALOHA-FRANCO:** Aloha kākou. 'O Kehaulani Kealoha-Franco ko'u inoa. No Pa'ia mai au... He 'umikūmāhiku o'u makahiki a kū au i mua o ko'u kūpuna no ke kūpa'a a me ka pono o kēia 'āina nei.

*Hello, I'm Kehaulani Kealoha-Franco. I was born and raised on Maui, Hawai'i. I'm only 17 years old and here I stand for the pono of the wai just like my kūpuna did long ago. I stand here devastated that this is happening, devastated that our kānaka continue to struggle for water for our 'āina to simply survive in our home. Before the designation of Lahaina Water Management*

*Area a year ago, our Lahaina water was taken by greedy developers and people trying to make money off our resources, off our culture, off our kānaka while [inaudible] developers laugh at us as they continue to drill wells and suck our island dry to support hotels [inaudible]. We need the water for our lo‘i to feed our ‘ohana, to feed the trees that provide shade over our keiki, to feed our future. There's no future without water, there's no Hawai‘i without kānaka, there's no future for me in Hawai‘i if everything is so expensive while we beg [inaudible]. Maui is my home, this is Lahaina's home. Water should be prioritized to keep the Lahaina community here, more than surviving but thriving. There are so many things to fix and we can fix it now. I pray for that day that we no longer have to come here and beg for our wai, that you do what is right without the influence of greed. I need you to hear me out, to hear our kānaka out, Kihawahine is calling us. We are the sons of Wākea and Papa, every manu, every i‘a, every kumu lā‘au, every crawling creature, everything in our kai, of the very level that we stand on. I hope we all remember that as we stand here with our voices, he mana kou kau waha. [inaudible] Mahalo.*