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Ms. Mary Alice Evans, Director State of Hawai'i Environmental Review Program Office of Planning and Sustainable Development 235 S. Beretania Street, Room 702 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

SUBJECT: WITHDRAWAL NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATE PREPARATION NOTICE FOR THE PROPOSED HO'ONANI MIXED-USE VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT KAHULUI, ISLAND OF MAUI, HAWAI'I; TMK: (2) 3-8-006:004 (EIS2025-00002)

Dear Ms. Evans:

With this letter, the County of Maui Planning Department (Department), formally withdraws its submission of the Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice (EISPN) for the proposed project.

The Department is withdrawing the EISPN because after further analysis we reached the conclusion that the State of Hawai'i Land Use Commission (LUC) is the more appropriate agency to be the accepting authority for the proposed project's EIS as it will be involved to a greater extent in decision making processes relating to the action. The Applicant will work with the LUC to confirm that it will act as the Accepting Authority, and to determine whether through the LUC's judgement and experience, an EIS is likely to be required.

If you have any questions, please contact Planning Director Kate Blystone at <u>planning@mauicounty.gov</u> or at (808) 270-7735.

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Sincerely,

KATE L. K. BLYSTONE

Director

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