**Special Update for Koa Lagoon Owners**

The County of Maui (COM) has currently prohibited short-term rentals for condominiums of less than 180 days, even if the condominium is hotel zoned (as we are). Only hotels and motels are allowed to operate according to the Governor’s proclamation (see Exhibit B) <https://governor.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/2005088-ATG_Eighth-Supplementary-Proclamation-for-COVID-19-distribution-signed.pdf>

Mahalo Nui Loa to Linda Barron for advocating for the Koa Lagoon and keeping the BOD and owners updated on activities during this time. Property Managers and the AOAO’s that they serve are banding together to request that Governor David Ige reconsider the restriction of hotel zoned condominium short term rentals currently in place. Their assertion of that vacation rental owner’s right to protection and due process is being violated. A second lawsuit was filed on Oahu requesting a temporary restraining order of the Governor’s decision to keep hotel zoned condominium short term rentals closed.

In the meantime, the Mayor of the island of Kauai and the Island of Hawaii have both petitioned the Governor to lift the closure order for properties such as ours. Governor Ige has deferred to the Mayor and allowed openings of hotel zoned condominiums on Kauai and is expected to do the same for the Island of Hawaii later this week. In short, it may be up to Mayor Victorino to petition the Governor, as Kauai and Hawaii have, to allow legal short term rentals such as ours to open on Maui. Should you wish to lend your voice to the growing concern that discriminatory targeting of legal vacation rentals is occurring, we offer the following addresses of both the Office of the Governor and the County of Maui Mayor:

 Office of the Governor Office of the Mayor of Maui

The Honorable David Ige Mayor Michael Victorino

Hawaii State Capitol Kalana O Maui Bldg., 9th floor

415 S. Beretania St 200 S. High Street

Honolulu, HI 96813 Wailuku, HI 96793

The BOD will be taking this opportunity to write to both the Governor and the Mayor, and encourage you all to make your voices heard if you feel moved to do so.

Mark your calendar: The 2021 AOAO Koa Lagoon annual owner’s meeting will be held **Friday March 5th**. We are hopeful to be able to meet in person. We will also explore remote participation options should travel restrictions require it.

The BOD will be meeting in an Executive Session Monday June 15th at 2pm HST to discuss personnel issues related to COVID mandates.

**Questions? Concerns?**

We would love to hear from you! If there is anything that is on your mind that needs attention, please let us know. Please use board@koalagoon.org to reach board members. Marie Bader, AOAO President, welcomes your call at (907) 350-1436.