



CLAYTON YOSHIDA

Clayton has been with the County of Maui Department of Planning since October 1, 1985 and started as a Planner II. He served as the Deputy Planning Director for four years. He has a MA in Planning from the University of North Carolina, and MA in American Studies from the University of Iowa, a BA in American Studies from the UH Manoa. Clayton was one of the first planners on Maui to become a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). Clayton enjoys playing golf as much as he can on most weekends, is an avid basketball fan, and is a GREAT Santa Claus!!! He resides in Wailuku.

Over the course of his 34 years as a member of the Department of Planning, he helped shape the policies and practices of the Department. While steadily advancing through the ranks of the Department's management team, and throughout his tenure, Clayton has never lost sight of his responsibility as a planner in the public arena. Service to community as a public servant is utmost in his mind, and that means prioritizing service to Maui's residents and visitors, who oftentimes are overwhelmed by the complexity of local planning and land use entitlements processes.

Clayton is known for his steadiness, calm and thoughtful mannerisms which bring integrity to his spoken word. He will always give his best advice to everyone that he speaks with, and that advice includes managing expectations with respect to the frictional forces which one may easily encounter in planning processes. Valued advice, based on countless experiences with complex planning issues, varied community perspectives, and multiple legal encounters. Such is the hallmark of Clayton's wisdom. After all, there is no better lesson than one gained through firsthand experience. To his credit, Clayton has transferred to others, the invaluable knowledge he possesses with a genuine sense of humility.

Clayton's commitment to public service cannot be separated from his local-style personality. He is always willing to talk story, always willing to listen, and always wanting to help. The Maui planning community is extremely fortunate to have in their midst a living legend, whose sharp-as-knife memory, abundance of experience, and compassionate heart has brought positive impact to the lives of Maui's decision-makers, residents and visitors.



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