

LU Committee

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Subject: Testimony in favor of LU40 and LU7

Aloha,

It was brought to our attention regarding the opportunity to testify in favor of Land Use Bills LU40 and LU7. Though we had to work, we do wish to submit the testimony via email in favor of both bills.

I am asking that the county stop allowing conversions of residential homes and ohana units to vacation rentals. Please return these homes and ohanas to the residential housing inventory. As a renter of a residential property, and as one who lives next door to a short term rental unit I testify for the positive affect that having a house to rent for my family has had. Conversely, I can also testify to hoe disruptive it is to try to maintain a normal family balance as the revolving door of people come and go at all hours of day and night. The island needs more long term rentals for families! There are plenty of hotels and condos on Maui. There are not enough family rentals. How can we support our familes and take care of tourists at the same time. For the life of me I can not understand the motivation the county has for allowing these conversions to vacation rentals take place. The ONLY reason I can see is increased revenue to the county. It is obvious that the people needing house, NEED housing. The persons who convert their houses to vacation rentals DO NOT need their unit for living spaces. They are purely renting these for profit. They live elsewhere and further the greed of speculation. Adding the vacation rentals back into long term housing will increase supply and reduce monthly prices and resale speculative demand. These houses would then be at a more affordable price (theoretically) to allow more renters to become home owners. It really is unfortunate that the ones who live here can not afford to buy here. WE ARE PRICED OUT OF PARADISE! Please cease to issue any new permits and return existing ones back to residential housing inventory. Please be pono and pass LU40 and LU7.

Mahalo, David Ugrinich, Miki Ugrinich, Amelia-Grace Ugrinich, Diane Cartrett, Kevin Cartrett, Danny Ugrinich

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