

AH Committee

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Subject: Makila Farms

Aloha Chair Tasha Kama and Committee members,

Agenda item: AH1(3) Makila Farms

I offer my personal testimony as a deeply concerned community member, however, myself, along with twelve others, are members of the West Maui Community Plan Advisory Committee. We are volunteers, devoting many hours away from our jobs, families and personal lives to thoughtfully and thoroughly plan for the future of West Maui. This 201H application, like the two Peter Martin projects that were recently considered and rejected in the exact same area, preempts the West Maui Community Plan update process.

The Maui County Planning Department has also done extensive outreach in our area and our community has spoken loud and clear about not supporting dense development in this area. We have shared our harrowing experiences of loss and terror during the recent fires and floods. Many have spoken out about our concerns about traffic, wastewater, water, inadequate safety considerations and further sprawl.

We need housing that is truly affordable, close to existing infrastructure and services, and fully supported by our community, like a project in the works near the aquatic center on Wainee St.

I plead with you, please respect the importance and integrity of the CPAC process and defer consideration of this project until after the West Maui Community Plan update has been completed. We absolutely need affordable housing but not at any cost, including the very lives of our residents. Let's make thoughtful decisions through inspiration, not desperation.

Mahalo,
Kai Nishiki