

Housing and Land Use Committee (2023-2025) on 2024-08-02 9:00 AM

Meeting Time: 08-02-24 09:00

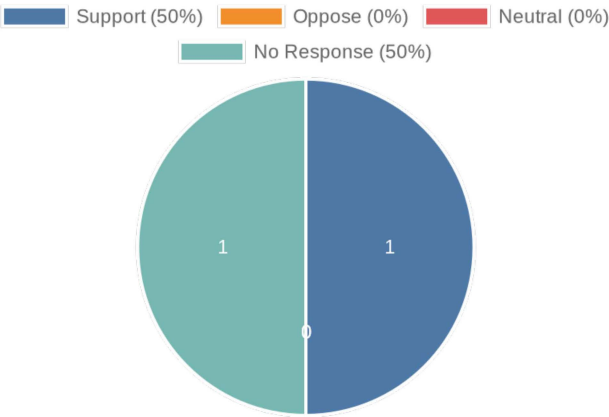
eComments Report

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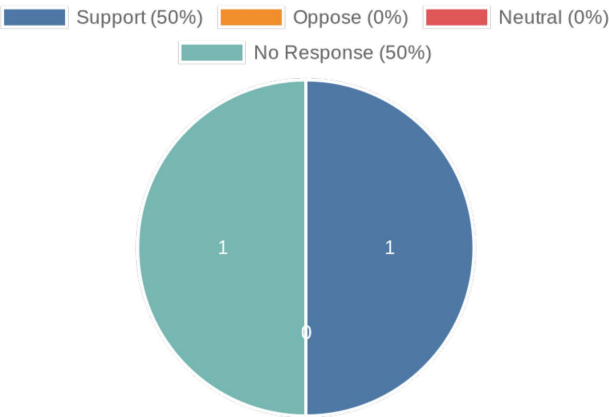
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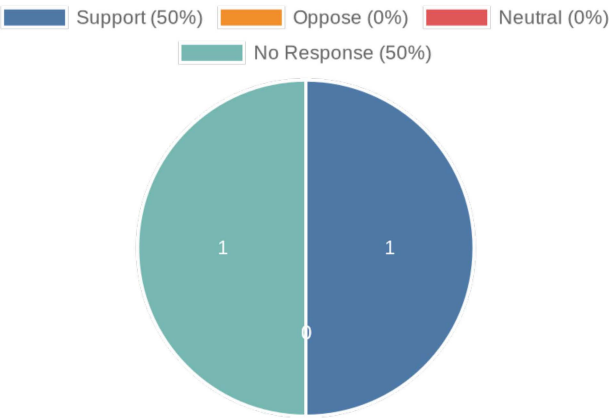
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Overall Sentiment



HLU Committee

Location:
Submitted At: 12:13pm 08-02-24

Testimonies received at HLU Committee meeting

Cassandra Abdul

Location:
Submitted At: 9:11pm 07-30-24

Aloha, Chair Kama and members of Housing and Land Use Committee:

Mahalo for the opportunity to contribute our mana’o on this crucial resolution that will provide interim housing in Central Maui for West Maui families who lost their homes to the devastating wildfires on August 8, 2023. We are grateful to participate in the discussion on the interim use of Maui Lani Fairway lots 27-33 and 52-53.

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Maui County Council

Resolution 24-115, Authorizing an Amendment to Resolution 24-46, FD1 to Add Lots to the
Grant of Lease of County Real Property to Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement

RE: Strong support of resolution relating to Ke Ao Maluhia

August 2, 2024

The Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA) writes in **strong support** of the resolution relating to the expansion of the Ke Ao Maluhia project. Ke Ao Maluhia presents a critical opportunity to create dozens of interim homes on Maui for displaced residents. As we have seen hundreds of families evicted from their hotels, and hundreds more leave the islands for good, it is critical to construct housing as soon as possible to prevent further displacement.

Ke Ao Maluhia is one of many necessary ongoing projects to help provide affordable housing for Maui. *Hawai'i Housing Planning Study, 2019* projected a demand for 10,404 new units in Maui County from 2020-2025, with nearly a third of these new units needed for households earning 60 percent of the AMI or less. Given the aftermath of the wildfires, significantly more units are needed to keep local families home. According to one study from Grove Insight, stressors like high cost of living, housing, and the inability to accrue savings are driving the economic insecurity concerns across Maui County. Expanding this project is just one way we can begin to ease anxieties and develop better housing solutions that serve our community.

Some families have already moved into the project and have experienced a sense of stability for the first time in almost a year. The proposed resolution aims to continue this good work and expand the existing Ke Ao Maluhia project for sixteen additional homes to meet the continued urgent housing needs caused by the August 2023 Maui wildfires. The sooner construction begins, the sooner people can move into these homes.

We humbly ask that you **PASS** this resolution and continue to support Ke Ao Maluhia to help keep our most vulnerable 'ohana housed.

Mahalo,



Kūhijō Lewis
Chief Executive Officer, CNHA

HLU Committee

From: County Clerk
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2024 3:49 PM
To: HLU Committee
Subject: FW: Testimony for Resolution 24-115
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Subject: Testimony for Resolution 24-115

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Aloha,

Attached is written testimony submitted on behalf of the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement in support of Resolution 24-115 (Ke Ao Maluhia) for Maui County Council's Housing and Land Use Committee meeting on Friday, August 2 at 9am. Please let me know if there is anything else needed.

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July 30, 2024

Chairperson Tasha Kama
Housing and Land Use Committee
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawai'i 96793

Resolution 24-115, Authorizing an Amendment to Resolution 24-46, FD1 to Add Lots to the Grant of Lease of county Real Property to Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (HLU-31)

Aloha, Chair Kama and members of Housing and Land Use Committee:

Mahalo for the opportunity to contribute our mana'o on this crucial resolution that will provide interim housing in Central Maui for West Maui families who lost their homes to the devastating wildfires on August 8, 2023. We are grateful to participate in the discussion on the interim use of Maui Lani Fairway lots 27-33 and 52-53.

Nā Hale O Maui (NHOM) is a 501(c)(3) grassroots, membership-based nonprofit with a mission to secure and preserve a permanent supply of affordable housing alternatives for low- and moderate-income households in Maui County. Since our creation in 2006, our resilient partnership with the County of Maui has rehabilitated and built 50 truly affordable homes for 57 families. This partnership is a testament to what we can achieve when we work together toward a common goal: providing stable, affordable homes for our community.

The need for permanently affordable housing in Maui County continues to grow. For every home completed by Nā Hale O Maui, we receive up to 20 applications. This overwhelming demand highlights the critical and ongoing need for affordable housing. The County of Maui's recent donation of 7 out of 17 lots in the Fairways at Maui Lani, which closed escrow in mid-May 2024, is a significant step forward. These lots will enable us to build brand-new, single-family homes for income-qualified households who complete our 4-step program.

The recent wildfires have magnified the urgent need for housing in Maui County, creating an unprecedented demand for temporary housing alongside the persistent need for permanently affordable homes. The Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA)'s proposal to create interim housing for our Lahaina 'ohana deeply resonates with us at Nā Hale O Maui. Our mission aligns closely with the immediate and long-term housing needs of our community.

We had the privilege of meeting with CNHA Chief of Staff Nicholas Carroll and Wendy Taomoto, Deputy Director of Public Works, on-site at the Fairways on July 19, 2024. We deeply appreciate the opportunity to learn about CNHA's plans to support the victims of the Lahaina wildfires. This initiative is profoundly personal to us, as fourteen of our fifteen Community Land Trust homes were lost to the wildfires. While

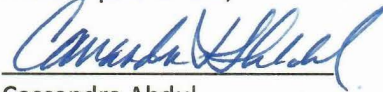
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our families survived, they lost their homes and belongings, underscoring the urgency of the housing crisis.

We sincerely hope that Lahaina families will be able to rebuild their homes more quickly than the projected five years of the proposed lease to CNHA. Five years is a long time before the remaining lots can be donated to Nā Hale O Maui to build additional affordable homes for qualified island families. During this interim period, we are committed to finding mutually agreeable resolutions for the concerns and issues related to lots 27-32.

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to the County of Maui for their unwavering support of affordable housing and Nā Hale O Maui's Community Land Trust mission. Together, we can continue to secure and preserve a permanent supply of affordable housing alternatives for low- and moderate-income households in Maui County.

Mahalo palena 'ole,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cassandra Abdul", is written over a horizontal line.

Cassandra Abdul
Executive Director