

HHT Committee

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Subject: Low Income Housing Tax Credit Project for Sale Under Qualified Contract Request (Front Street Apartments, Lahaina) (HHT-39)
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Attached please find testimony in support of the proposed resolution entitled "Urging the Governor of the State of Hawaii and the Hawaii State Legislature to Support Affordable Housing at Front Street Apartments."

Mahalo for all your hard work in support of affordable housing in Maui County.

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Mission Statement: "To secure and preserve a permanent supply of affordable housing alternatives for low and moderate income households in Maui County."

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Honorable Stacy Crivello, Chair
Housing, Human Services, and Transportation Committee
Council of the County of Maui
200 High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Subject: Support Low Income Housing Tax Credit Project for Sale Under Qualified Contract Request (Front Street Apartments, Lahaina) (HTT-39)

Dear Chair Crivello & Members of the Housing, Human Services, and Transportation Committee:

Housing and Land Enterprise of Maui, dba Na Hale O Maui is a Nonprofit 501 (c) 3 organization formed to provide affordable housing in Maui County in perpetuity. Our Mission: "To secure and preserve a permanent supply of affordable housing alternatives for low and moderate income households in Maui County."

We write in support of the proposed resolution entitle "URGING THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII AND THE HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT FRONT STREET APARTMENTS."

The estimated need for an additional 14,000 affordable units (both rental and for-sale) in Maui just to meet population growth by 2025, demonstrates that we can ill afford the loss of any existing affordable housing. Allowing the 142 affordable rentals to move to market priced apartments will have a significant and detrimental impact on the residents and families who current live and work in the West Maui community.

We support retaining the Front Street Apartments as affordable rentals.

Sincerely,

Executive Director