

AH Committee

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To: AH Committee
Subject: Affordable Housing Projects (Chapter 201H, Hawaii Revised Statutes) (Independent Development of the Makila Farms Project (Lahaina)) Agenda Item AH-1 (3)

Tasha Kama, Chair – Housing Committee
Maui County Council
Kalana O Maui Building, Eight Floor
200 South High Street
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RE: Support Makila Farms AH-1 (3)

Dear Tasha Kama, Chair - Housing Committee

I have lived on Maui for 18 years, raised my girls here, and love Maui.

One of my daughters got her higher education on the mainland as is now a high school teacher in New York. She would love to live here again, but it is a shame that she cannot return to Maui due to the shortage (and therefore high cost) of housing.

I understand Brown Development is proposing a Workforce Housing project called Makila Farms. I am in strong support of this project for many reasons:

1. Because she'll be able to afford it, maybe I could get my daughter to come back to live close to her family here on Maui; and the County would get an added benefit- a much-needed high school teacher!
2. The density of this project is very low, thus hardly impacting traffic at all.
3. The homes are targeted for income earners as low as 50% of the median income, an amazing opportunity for these people who would never otherwise be able to afford their own homes.
4. The project remains an affordable project for 30 years, thus eliminating speculators from buying up the properties, and actually serving the people who need this assistance.
5. The economy is softening, and this project will help employ Maui contractors immediately.

In the end, this project is good for the entire Maui community, and I strongly urge you to vote Yes when the time comes.

Mahalo,

Gary Mooers, RB, GRI, ABR, e-PRO, SFR


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