

HHT Committee

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To: HHT Committee
Cc: Kehau Filimoeatu; Tasha Kama; Thelma Kealoha
Subject: Testimony on Housing Committee Agenda

Dear Stacy,

Because of a medical appointment, I will be late for your meeting today, but I would like to share the thoughts of Face Maui with your committee:

1. We support a one-stop shop for processing permits. On a personal note, when I worked in Public Works in the 1980's the then director, Ralph Hayashi, was talking about this idea. It is time we make this change for our people.

2. 2.96.05A. Both Catholic Charities Hawaii and EAH, member organizations of Face Hawaii, have stated that credits are critical for the financing of their low income housing projects. Therefore, we support the changes to 2.96.05A.

3. 2.96.100D6. We believe that the current language should be retained. If Federal, State, or County of Maui funds low-income housing developments through grants, credits, bonds or other financial mechanisms, we believe that all units built under these arrangements should not be converted to the open market. Doing so will help to perpetuate the need to always look for funding for low-income housing projects. We do not want to be in the situation that Front Street Apartments residents are in - worried about where they will live if no arrangement can be made to keep their apartments affordable.

Thanks,

Stan Franco
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