

Affordable Housing Committee (2021) on 2021-09-02 9:00 AM - Recessed to 09/13/2021 at 1:30 p.m.

Meeting Time: 09-02-21 09:00

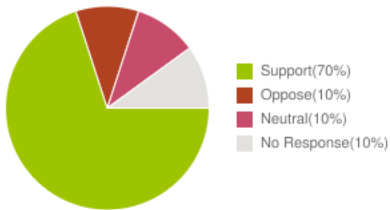
eComments Report

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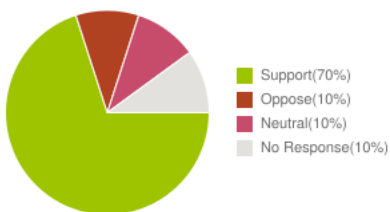
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Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
A G E N D A	3	3	0	0
AH-14(3) MISC EFFECTIVELY PROMOTING THE AVAILABILITY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR MAUI COUNTY RESIDENTS (AH-14(3))	2	1	1	0
AH-14(2) MISC COMPREHENSIVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN: RIGHT TO HOUSING (AH-14(2))	2	1	0	1
AH-14(1) MISC COMPREHENSIVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN: RIGHT TO SHELTER (AH-14(1))	3	2	0	0

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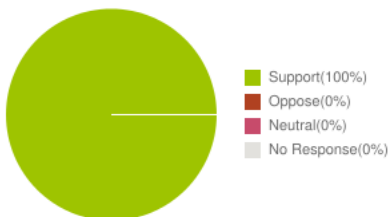
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Agenda Item: eComments for A G E N D A

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Submitted At: 7:39am 09-02-21

100% in favor of bills for the right to Housing and Shelter

Dr Mary

Kihei HI 96753

Dick Mayer

Location:

Submitted At: 11:18pm 09-01-21

From: Dick Mayer September 2, 2021

TO: Chair Gabe Johnson and members of the Affordable Housing Committee

RE: AH-14(3) EFFECTIVELY PROMOTING THE AVAILABILITY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR MAUI COUNTY RESIDENTS

I first want to state my enthusiastic support for the establishment of this list to help get our residents into affordable housing. I wish to compliment Council Member Gabe Johnson for initiating this process, and all council members for considering implementing this idea. Nevertheless, I wish to raise a number of questions that need to be answered to make this list workable, efficient, fair, and productive.

1. Are there requirements as to how long a home purchaser must stay in the unit?
Are there requirements as to how long a renter must stay in the unit?
2. How are geographic regions defined? By community plan district? by County Council Residency districts?
3. Rather than waiting till well into the process, the lottery should be held at the beginning to establish a known prioritization. Then periodically for new names, a lottery should be held perhaps every two years to add names to the list.
4. What is to be considered the income? Family income or Household income? This becomes important when there are adult children or other relatives living in the household. Is the word "family" defined anywhere in this ordinance?
5. Who is allowed to sign up to get on the list: a family leader? Each individual in the family? Children who may be adults when their name comes up?
6. At the end of each of the two ordinances dealing with rentals and purchases, there is a requirement for various documents to be submitted. What is to be done with those documents are they to be reviewed? Are there penalties for non-submittal?
7. What happens to a family whose income does not qualify them for a particular unit because there are no more available at that income level? Are they put at the end of a list? Placed at the top of the next list?
8. There should be a provision to give the Housing Department the power to establish rules to make this list workable, fair, efficient, and productive.
9. This list should be applicable to all affordable housing in the county. That would include a) county-built housing; b) private 201 h projects such as the Wailuku Apartments, c) regular projects such as Atherton's Waikapu Town: and d) projects being built by non-profit entities such as Catholic Charities.
10. Priorities will be given in this ordinance to people who have lived in Maui for a longer period of time. Exactly how will it be determined when they began living in Maui County? Is it from when they file their State income tax return? Get their driver's license? Pay a first utility bill? Register to vote?
11. To avoid nepotism and favoritism, there should be a requirement to post up-to-date housing interest lists on the County's website.

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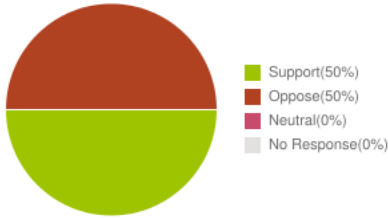
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Submitted At: 6:11am 08-30-21

To protect the interest of the community and to create easy access to housing opportunities, I support the County of Maui establishing and maintaining a master list of those interested in rental or for purchase homes. This would assure fairness in assuring everyone has a chance to find a decent and affordable home.

Agenda Item: eComments for AH-14(3) MISC EFFECTIVELY PROMOTING THE AVAILABILITY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR MAUI COUNTY RESIDENTS (AH-14(3))

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Pamela Tumpap

Location:

Submitted At: 8:49am 09-02-21

Aloha,

Please find attached testimony from the Maui Chamber of Commerce.

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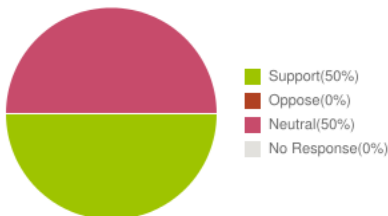
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In their pastoral letter, The Right to a Decent Home (11-20-75) , the US Catholic Bishops wrote "we begin with the recognition that decent housing is a right. Our Catholic tradition eloquently expressed by (Saint) Pope John XXIII and Pope Paul VI insists that shelter is one of the basic rights of the human person." I will send further comments on the right to a decent home in a separate email. Thank you for this agenda item.

Agenda Item: eComments for AH-14(2) MISC COMPREHENSIVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN: RIGHT TO HOUSING (AH-14(2))

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Location:

Submitted At: 9:46am 09-02-21

September 2, 2021

Maui County Council
Affordable Housing Committee
Chair Gabe Johnson

Aloha Kakahiaka Councilmember Johnson:

I would like to testify on Agenda Item AF-14(2) relating to Right To Housing. I support the Agenda Item AF-14(2), this goes hand in hand with this bill.

Thank you for taking direct action on this critical issue today.

Most Seriously,
Faith Chase

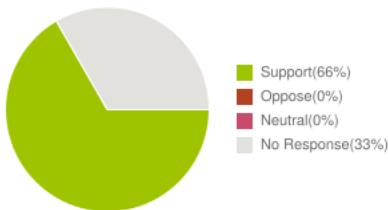
Pamela Tumpap

Location:
Submitted At: 8:42am 09-02-21

Aloha,
Please find the Maui Chamber of Commerce testimony attached.

Agenda Item: eComments for AH-14(1) MISC COMPREHENSIVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN: RIGHT TO SHELTER (AH-14(1))

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Submitted At: 9:46am 09-02-21

September 2, 2021

Maui County Council
Affordable Housing Committee
Chair Gabe Johnson

Aloha Kakahiaka Councilmember Johnson:

I would like to testify on Agenda Item AF-14(1) relating to Right To Housing. I commend efforts of this Committee to clarify this item for the current Mayoral administration and the greater public. While I consider this to be common sense, I am pleased that the fundamental understanding is finally being made clear within this item.

I have been baffled at the lack of attention this issue has been given for years and more specifically during this covid alarm. I have hours of recorded phone calls made to MEMA, the Mayor's office and his Liaison's, DHHC, Red Cross and MPD. While I do believe in direct action and positive steps moving forward I must share my great disappointment with the current Mayor's administration to attention the most vulnerable of our residents.

I will waste no time in going down the long list of failures, rather, I will say that the recent events surrounding signage that criminalizes the houseless specifically on Amala Place in Kanaha are atrocious. This signage needs to be removed immediately. If you look closer you will see that in fact the 'aina that our residents have taken sanctuary on is not the County's to make authority on, these lands and many others are in fact lands for the people.

Again, I will not go down the long list of areas that are also not the County's to lay claim but will remind you that many Land Court Award issues have already been settled in U.S. Court.

In the Bill section 9.37.060 Budgeting wherein: "The council recognizes that the process to create a countywide right to shelter is complicated and will require significant dialogue and budgeting decisions. But the council also recognizes its responsibility to include appropriations in the annual budget ordinance that make the right to shelter a reality."

I would comment this: It is not complicated and will not require this suggested laborious dialogue and budgeting decisions. There is a very easy formula when everyone is in agreement that shelter is a human right and nothing has been done to date, just do it. Budget it, create a drop-in center, do not cater to the faith-based agencies who had years to work on and solve this piece.

I suggest changing this section to read the following: The council recognizes its responsibility to include appropriations in the annual budget ordinance that make the right to shelter a reality.

Pass this bill, Remove the signs, Budget for a drop-in center, Begin securing land for transitional housing. Let the stewards who have exhibited massive sweat equity in this humanitarian work have an opportunity to show what deliverables look like.

In closing, I also support the Agenda Item AF-14(2), this goes hand in hand with this bill.

Thank you for taking direct action on this critical issue today.

Most Seriously,
Faith Chase

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Location:

Submitted At: 6:20am 08-30-21

Same as my comments on the right to housing.

AH Committee

From: Stan Franco <stanfranco9114@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 6:37 AM
To: AH Committee
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Subject: AH Committee Meeting on 9-2-21
Attachments: Housing is a human right template letter 08-06-21.docx

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I am attaching comments that I have sent out previously on the public right to housing. This is in reference to your agenda items - Public Right to Housing AH-14 (2) and Public Right to Shelter AH-14 (1). Thank you for placing these items on your agenda for discussion and action.

Stan Franco
214-3575

Housing is a Human Right

On July 19, 2021, Stand Up Maui, Maui Tomorrow and Share Your Mana rallied in Kahului and Wailuku in support of the Comprehensive Affordable Housing Plan developed by Hawaiian Community Assets (HCA) under contract with the County of Maui. That plan is being currently being discussed in the Affordable Housing Committee of the Maui County Council. HCA found that housing is needed most critically for residents earning from 0% to 50% and 60% to 100% of Area Median Income. These residents are at the lowest income levels include the homeless, disabled, ex-inmates, veterans, abused women, low-income workers, and those without a support system to meet their housing needs.

Gabe Johnson, chair of the Affordable Housing Committee, has proposed that the Maui County Council approve a housing plan of action based on the concept that Housing is a Human Right regardless of income levels. The United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights has underlined that the right to adequate housing should not be interpreted narrowly. Rather, it should be seen as the “right to live somewhere in security, peace, and dignity.” Monsignor Terrence Watanabe, writing in the Civil Beat on July 24, 2014, stated “I believe we can build housing that our families can afford, and as a Catholic priest, I know we have an obligation to do so.”

I, Stan Franco, Senior Deacon of the Catholic Diocese of Honolulu, therefore call on Chair Alice Lee and the Maui County Council to come together by the end of 2021 as a body to create a housing policy that housing is made available to all residents. And, in addition, that Mayor

Mike Victorino and the County Administration implement the new housing policy within three months from its receipt from the Maui County Council. I ask Maui County church pastors from all faiths and their membership to send your emails to Gabe.Johnson@mauicounty.us, Alice.Lee@mauicounty.us, Michael.Victorino@mauicounty.gov affirming a County housing policy based on “Housing is a Human Right” for all residents regardless of their level of income. Thank you for everyone’s work for the people.

Stan Franco, President of Stand Up Maui

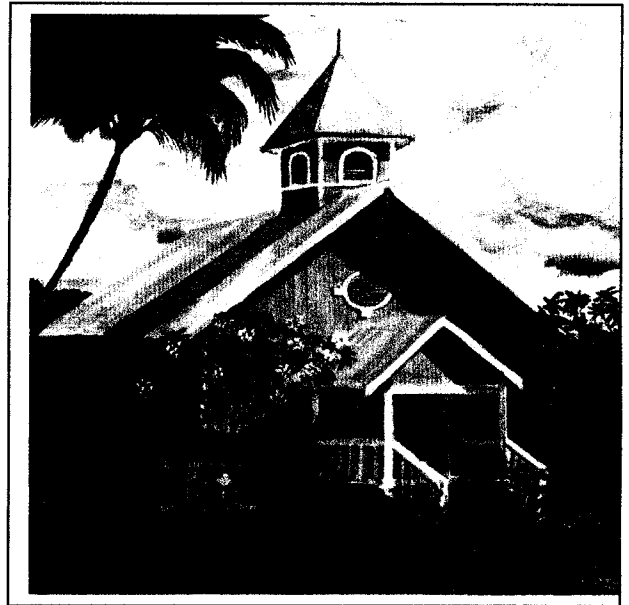
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September 2, 2021



**Council Member Gabe Johnson
Chair, Affordable Housing Committee**

Kalana O Maui Building
200 South High St., Eighth Floor
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

**RE: Public Right to Housing AH-14
Public Right to Shelter AH-14**

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**OFFICE OF THE
COUNTY COUNCIL**

Dear Councilman Gabe Johnson:

Thank you for placing Public Right to Housing AH-14 (2) and Public Right to Shelter AH-14 (1) on your agenda for discussion. Representing one church in the community of Maui churches, I pray that the Council will address this issue and put into action a policy to bring affordable housing to the hard working people of Maui. For those of us, who are fortunate to have housing, we still speak for those whose housing needs may be in jeopardy.

We would like our young people to continue to live in Hawaii nei and we also worry about those with fixed incomes in an environment of rising rental costs. I pray that funding could be stretched to offer 1,000 units per year for the next 5 years; that would be a blessing for our people. But, planning must begin NOW.

Mahalo for your support in this bill.

Aileen Trout

Aileen Trout, Lay Leader

CC: Alice L. Lee, Chair, Maui County Council
Michael P. Victorino, Mayor

September 1, 2021

From: Danette Kong

To: Councilman Gabe Johnson, Chair
Affordable Housing Committee
Kalana 'o Maui Bldg.
200 South High Street, 8th floor
Wailuku, HI 96793

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Re: Public Right to Housing AH-14 (2), and
Public Right to Shelter AH-14 (1)

Dear Councilman Johnson,

Thank you for your work as chair of the Affordable Housing Committee on our Maui County Council. I know you are very concerned about the people of Maui and their mounting desperation as the prospects for decent, affordable housing seem to be fading with each passing year.

As a retired minister (former lead chaplain at Maui Memorial Medical Center and an active member at Keawala'i Congregational Church in Makena), I am renting a little cottage in Kula, and (cont.)

(cont.) wondering how much longer I can afford to do so. But I am more concerned for the young families I know, a large percentage of whom have moved elsewhere in order to survive financially. Those who remain on Maui include my nephew, whose baby boy was born just last Christmas. My son on O'ahu has a toddler, and is preparing for the birth of a son next month. What will the next five to ten years hold for their young families? We have been losing our future leadership and 'ohana to the high cost of living.

I know there is a lot for you to consider, especially with Covid as a huge factor in all decisions the Council must encounter. The specter of high eviction rates looms tragically before us - something which is also part of the swirling concerns regarding affordable housing.

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Please do not allow the Affordable Housing Plan to take a back seat to other pressing issues. Thank you for placing Public Right to Housing AH-14 (2) and Public Right to Shelter AH-14 (1) on your agenda for discussion and action. And please -- get that policy moved from words on paper and in policy into ACTION.

Mahalo nui -

Danette Kong, 788 Upper Kimo Dr.
Kula, HI 96790

cc: Alice L. Lee, Chair, Maui County Council
Michael P. Victorino, Mayor

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Jack E. Belsom
MEMBER OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL

September 2, 2021

Council Member Gabe Johnson
Chair, Affordable Housing Committee
Kalana O Maui Building
200 South High St., Eighth Floor
Wailuku, HI 96793

Dear Council Member Johnson,

I write in support of Public Right to Housing AH14 (2) and Public Right to Shelter AH-14 (1). Thank you making working on this a priority. As you well know, it is very difficult for families to find housing in Maui County that is both affordable and decent. Without that housing, we say farewell to loved ones who must move to North America to survive.

I appreciate your support of these important actions.

Sincerely,


Jack E. Belsom

Aloha from Maui

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September 2, 2021

Dear Mr. Johnson:

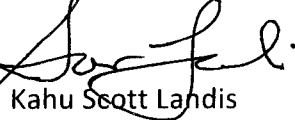
"Thank you for placing Public Right to Housing AH-14 (2) and Public Right to Shelter AH-14 (1) on your agenda for discussion and action. I ask that you please work hard to approve the plan and meet the goal of the Maui County Council to build 5000 homes in the next five years."

As a pastor in Maui, I see each day the incredible challenge for those on our island to secure decent and affordable housing. It saddens me that we are losing more people (Native Hawaiians and those who have come to Maui to try and make it their adopted home) each day and heading to the continent where affordability is much more possible.

We need to do something about this crisis. Kicking the can down the road any further only makes matters worse. Please do what you can to begin solving this problem as soon as possible.

I am grateful for your earnest attention to this matter.

Aloha ke Akua,



Kahu Scott Landis
Keawala`I Congregational United Church of Christ
Mākena, Maui

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OFFICE OF THE
COUNTY COUNCIL

Dear Mr Johnson,
Thank you for your ongoing concern
for affordable housing for our Maui
residents. Thank you also for placing
AH 14, 1 on 2 on your agenda for
discussion. With so many other
problems it would be easy to
set this aside. Please don't.

We will not be able to offer
a good visitor experience if we
don't have a stable, housed
workforce to welcome & care for
them.

As a volunteer on the cup of cold
water ministry I have seen first-
hand the effects a lack of
affordable housing on our residents.

Thank you for continuing to stand
up for those working men and
women, raising families who
need a stable place to live.

Rev Roxanne Whitely

231 Keonekai Rd, Kihei 96753

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Dear Chairman Johnson
Thank you for placing Public Right
to Housing AH 14 (2) and Public Right
to Shelter AH 14 (1) on your agenda
for discussion and action.
Please work hard to approve
the Plan and meet or exceed the
goal of 5000 affordable homes
built by the Maui County Council
within the next 5 years

Trish Langston
231 Keonekai Rd
Kihei 96753

Dear Councilmember Johnson 9/2/2021

Please place Public Right to Housing
AH-14(2) and Public Right to Shelter
AH-14(1) on your agenda for discussion
and action. I strongly urge you to approve
the Plan and meet the goal of the Maui
County Council to build 5,000 homes in the
next 5 years."

Today is Queen Lili'uokalani's 181st birthday.
I think she would be heartbroken to see that
local people cannot afford to live in the
land of their birth. please help us!
Mahalo, M. Vardine Kong, 872 Hauwaii Place
Ph: (808) 268-1414 Waiuku, HI 96793

AH Committee

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I asked that my comments in support of the Right to Housing and Shelter be included in written testimony on your September 13th agenda items - AH-14 (2) and AH-14 (1). Thank you.

Stan Franco
205-1442 (temporary number)

September 8, 2021

To: The Affordable Housing Committee of the Maui County Council

Re: Housing is a Human Right

In relationship to your continued deliberations on September 13, 2021 on the issue of housing as a human right, I want to share my history with this idea. During my Catholic education from St. Joseph Elementary School, Sacred Hearts Seminary, and Chaminade University of Honolulu, I have heard that the right to housing is a core concept of social justice. Saint Pope John XXIII said in the early 1960's that "all people have a right to life, food, clothing, shelter, rest, medical care, education and employment." This concept was reaffirmed in the US Catholic Bishops Pastoral Letter "Right to A Decent Home: A Pastoral Response to the Crisis in Housing (1975), Economic Justice for All (1986), and Homelessness and Housing: A Human Tragedy, A Moral Challenge (1988). In his encyclical, Laudato Si': Our Care for Our Common Home (2015), Pope Francis wrote "lack of housing is a grave problem...not only (for) the poor of the world, but many other members of society as well, find it difficult to own a home. Having a home has much to do with a personal dignity and the growth of families."

In November 1986, I quit my secure job as a Personnel Officer for the County Department of Public Works to join Fr. Bob Turner in starting a homeless shelter in the cane fields of Puunene in the old Holy Family Catholic Church, the precursor of homeless shelters in Wailuku and Lahaina. Over the past 35 years, I have joined with many others calling for affordable housing for all of our residents. My call has gone unanswered until you, the Maui County Council, took the courageous

step of contracting a non-profit, Hawaiian Community Assets, to create a comprehensive affordable housing plan, an initiative of Face Maui and now Stand Up Maui. Hawaiian Community Assets has found in their research that the greatest need for housing is for folks earning from 0% to 50% and 60% to 100% of Area Median Income.

From my roots as a student of Catholic social teaching, Catholic Bishops, former Popes and currently Pope Francis have been calling us to bring dignity to people by providing decent and affordable housing for them. We now have an opportunity to do that by making a right to housing (shelter) for all Maui County residents a reality on September 13, 2021.

As a senior deacon in the Catholic Church of Hawaii, I support your approval of AH-14(2) and AH-14(1) because all Maui County residents deserve to have dignity and hope in securing a home (shelter) where they can be safe, find rest, and build family.

Sincerely in Christ,

Stan Franco, Senior Deacon of the Catholic Diocese of Honolulu

Cc: Rev. John Crewe

Rev. Danette Kong

Rev. John Tomoso

Rev. Monsignor Terrence Watanabe

Stand Up Maui Board