

## AH Committee

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**From:** Jonah Molina <jonahmolina90@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 30, 2019 1:07 PM  
**To:** AH Committee  
**Subject:** Affordable Housing Project (Chapter 201H, Hawaii Revised Statutes) (Independent Development of Makila Farms PROJECT (LAHAINA)) (AH-1(3))

Dear Housing Committee

I am writing you because as a Maui born native Hawaiian with no foreseeable inheritance of land from my parents, I support the goal and development of Makila farms. It's giving us locals a chance to have a piece of land to work and farm on instead of it becoming yet another chunk of mansions on the hillside.

How can getting a permit for constructing a private mansion (that'll probably be rented out illegally) be easier than a workforce house development to support locals in this housing shortage? We vote in our council members because we believe they'll help and do what's best for the people, not the wealthy realtors in other states or countries.

It's time for Maui to start having a place for locals and this development is that opportunity. If tourism is so important, keep it the hotel strips of kaanapali and Wailea at those locations and let us locals have access to farming and sustainability. A majority of us are construction workers paying just as much for rent as a down payment! All the money is going to people who have multiple homes!

Please think about us, the working Maui people who build the infrastructure of Maui.

Mahalo for your time and we are all watching and waiting.

I don't want the west Maui community planning committee to delay this, or any other workforce housing project in west Maui. We are in a housing crisis.

Sincerely,  
Jonah La'a Kaohu Molina