

HLU Committee

From: Sonja Giardina <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2025 12:01 AM
To: HLU Committee
Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

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HLU Committee

From: Miracle Smith <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
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HLU Committee

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To: HLU Committee
Subject: Maui str meeting

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Testimony Regarding the STR Conversation

I find it very difficult to fully participate in this discussion, as it seems many have already made up their minds without considering all the facts or perspectives involved.

When we purchased our condo, we thoroughly researched to ensure that Short-Term Rentals (STRs) were legal and permitted. We would not have made such an investment otherwise. To now take away those rights feels deeply unjust, and I believe this issue will likely end up in a lengthy legal battle that could cost everyone both financially and in community trust for years to come.

I do believe there is room for compromise. For example, perhaps a portion of the \$1.6 billion disaster recovery fund could be allocated to purchase some STR properties for local housing. However, I'm not sure this is realistic. Many STRs are not suitable for families, and the long-term costs to convert and maintain them as affordable housing may not be financially practical.

Thank you for considering my perspective.

Thank you,
Marcella Anderson

HLU Committee

From: Robb petty <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2025 6:51 AM
To: HLU Committee
Subject: Do the right thing. Reverse old wrongs. Give us a chance to expand available housing
Now.Support for Bill 9

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Opponents of bill 9 say we cannot afford units on the Minatoya list. But if you vote no, we will never get a chance to try. Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list

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Subject: Bill 9

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Aloha Chair, Vice Chair & Committee Members,

My name is John McGrath. My wife, Carol, and I own a short term rental property in Maui County. I'm writing to express my concerns and opposition to the proposed legislation to eliminate 7000+ vacation units.

Carol and I purchased our property in 2016 with the intent of spending time in Maui. At the same time we based our purchase on the fact we could rent the unit when we are not there which was the financial basis for our purchase. We are in Maui each year and intend to spend more time there beginning next year when I retire.

I can tell you we contribute significantly to the local economy. We support many local restaurants every day. We shop in grocery stores, hardware stores, furniture stores. etc. We support the employment of the numerous staff that fulfill the many jobs associated with our complex, from housekeepers, to managers, to landscapers. Beyond that we have made several significant improvements to our property and have more planned. When our unit is rented I guarantee you the guests also contribute significantly to the local economy in the same ways

The Lahaina fire was a tragedy. The sudden shortage of housing is a consequence of that. However this shortage didn't happen overnight. It was building for years and the fire exasperated it. No doubt it needs to be addressed but I encourage you to take a long range, organized approach to this as opposed to a stop gap effort that will cause harm to folks like us who have worked hard to build what we have. It is particularly disheartening to us since we purchased and improved our property in good faith only to suddenly be faced with the prospect of having our home and investment impacted due to this legislation. I urge you to vote against this proposal. Mahalo for your consideration.

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Subject: Montoya Bill 9

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Aloha kākou,

I am a kama'āina born and raised here on Maui and lived here for 70 Years. I am In Support of The Montoya Bill phasing out short term Rentals. Please consider all of us Long time residents whose keiki and grandchildren are being priced out of our birth home/island.

Mahalo,
June S. Eaton

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From: Miracle Smith <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2025 12:58 AM
To: County Clerk
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Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

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From: Blythe Yoshikane <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
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Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

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Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

Reiterating that we are renters in West Maui at an overpriced “luxury” apartment complex. We will never be able to afford a home over here. We have seen so many families leave island and even our neighborhood post-fire.

Having a small business that is financially structured for locals; the reality is the hardest working people on this island are not making enough wages to compete in this economy that is driven by the wealthiest and off island investors. Community isn't an investment- it's a responsibility.

When we look to who respects the land, we know who's voice is relevant and who's is marketing.

This lack of housing is a human rights issue and the right is to housing and a dignified life; not to luxury and ease off the oppression of others.

Please help provide families and future ancestors a fighting chance at something beyond survival and relocation. There is no Hawaii without Hawaiians. There is no chance at equity without fair opportunity.

There is a right and a wrong thing. These times call for anyone willing to do the right thing despite what the status quo demands to support this bill and the rightful stewards of the land and those that care enough to attempt true stewardship and community building. Mahalo for your time and care

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From: Sydney Patterson <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
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Maui County Clerk,

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HLU Committee

From: Jiya Chong <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
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To: County Clerk
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Aloha Councilmembers,

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Maui County Clerk,

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From: Jamie Kapana <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
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Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

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HLU Committee

From: Frank Chavez <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
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To: County Clerk
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Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

As someone who moved here - it's important to me when kanaka speak and share testimony. I am only here because of them and I want to support their voices. I see this issue rising where I currently live in Big Island - hopefully this creates a cascade effect. We need a huli - people, over profits, Aloha.

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

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HLU Committee

From: Johnathon Kaluau <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
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To: County Clerk
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Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

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HLU Committee

From: Mokihana Kaluau <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
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To: County Clerk
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Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares. Thank you!

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HLU Committee

From: Kelsey Foreman Bunting <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
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To: County Clerk
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Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

With all my heart, I beg you to please, PLEASE SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares. Especially because Maui is such a small island, I believe these resources could be used better if you are to support Bill 9.

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Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

Mahalo,

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From: Shanna P <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
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Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

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Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

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From: Jennifer Young <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
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Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares. It's time we take care of our generational residents, our true kama'āina who have long contributed to the abundance and care of Hawai'i nei. People over profit and aloha 'Āina always. Me ka ha'aha'a, Jennifer Kau'i Young.

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Maui County Clerk,

Bill 9 Testimony

Aloha Chair and aloha Council,

Mahalo for allowing us the opportunity to speak on this. You've all heard the data and numbers and since I'm a camera guy, I will be approaching this from the lens of my lived experience being born and raised here on Maui.

I grew up constantly moving. Almost every single year switching schools. I went to school in every district on Maui except Hāna. I never lived in one place longer than two years until I was in college in my twenties, when I moved into a two-bed, one-bath, one-parking condo with four other friends from high school.

When I was sixteen, my mom was "priced out of paradise". She fled the hardships here and moved to Oregon, seeking a better life. But, after a lifetime of being uprooted, I refused to move like that. So I stayed with my dad until he went homeless months later, and then I was couch-surfing with uncles, aunties, friends, until my ex-girlfriend's mom found out my living situation and took me in, so I could finish high school and get accepted to my top 3 university picks and leave for college.

Even before I was an adult I was ingrained with this deep insecurity and fear around housing. So I full on bought into the grind mentality. I gave up watching sports, stopped playing video games, stopped pursuing hobbies and hanging out with friends. I read all the books like Rich Dad, Poor Dad, The Millionaire Next Door, the 10X Rule, total money makeover, etc. I trained myself to run on four hours of sleep and instilled this toxic work ethic in myself that ensured I woke up every morning at 4am with anxiety pushing me to work and establish multiple income streams or I'll end up living like I did as a kid.

But even with damn near ten streams of income; my wife's masters degree being a professor for UH and tutoring on the side and my 5 retainership accounts in my videography businesses and working construction part time and the few small passive income streams we were able to establish, we were still not even close to buying a home.

Even My sister and brother-in-law are the same. They run multiple businesses. My brother in law sleeps even less than I do! And even their teenage sons have a successful business! We're some of the hardest working people you'll ever meet. But it doesn't matter how hard we grind because this system is built to knock us three steps back every time we take one step forward. The owning a home and raising your family "American dream" has turned into a nightmare that's literally driving people to suicide.

No one should have to live like that just to survive. We are not asking for handouts. Everything I have, I earned, nothing was handed down to me. I refused donations, FEMA and Red Cross aid after my house burned in the fire because I believed that if I didn't work for it, I didn't deserve it. That's how deep this toxic grind mentality is rooted in people like me. All we're asking for is a chance. All I've ever needed was a chance. Kids shouldn't grow up feeling hopeless about ever owning a home.

My grandfather was a postman and he bought a 3bedroom 2bath home with a huge yard to raise their four kids and 8 dogs. That should be the the normal. I don't want my sons and their generation to have to sacrifice their health and happiness just for financial stability like my generation is having to. Parents deserve to live in a society where they can take their kids to fun factory or even Oahu without financially tanking themselves.

I'm not trying to give you a sob story. There are so many people with much worse stories. But that's the point. These stories have become the norm. This bill isn't a fix all. But it's a huge first step in the right direction and it's the kind of first step we need.

Mahalo,

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Maui County Clerk,

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Allowing these housing units to continue to be utilized as STRs is exacerbating an already incredibly difficult housing situation on Maui for locals and, especially, native Hawaiians.

Thank you.

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Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares. Hawai'i has been a longtime victim of occupation by the United States of America and it is only right that her people are able to stay on their pae 'āina with fair and decent living standard which means providing protection for kanaka against the systems that fail them and work against them.

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From: Nalani A <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
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Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares. My 'ohana was pushed out of their homes to make room for these short term rentals. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

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Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

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How dare owners show up and talk about the impacts to them when they have not only a place to live but the privilege of owning investment property. There was literally a tragic natural disaster that burnt up people's homes, set back people's generational wealth, and displaced a whole community. That's the context. Either you're a part of this place and do your part to help, or you're not.

We can figure out new economies. What we can't do is replace the people who will have to leave if they can't afford housing.

We should have already done this to create affordable housing for Hawaiians and local people long before the fires. Thank you to everyone who got this bill to this point, and I hope it passes.

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HLU Committee

From: Pahnepi McKenzie <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
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Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

The days of giving colonial pleasures exceptions over local families' living has come to end. I would also hope that the council continues to place restrictions on neighborhood owned vacation rental houses to restore a sense of place for the people who live here and the safety for the children.

I understand that the taxes and all the things give money but the fact is with that comes entitlement. The residents of this place cannot continue to be second-class citizens. I know there are good people who live here that live in other nations and that they love Maui. Yet the majority of what this brings is the contribution to how things work such as, making the prices skyrocket, the beaches overcrowded, the community their servants, the water disappear, the traffic unbearable, maintenance of homelessness and the diaspora of local families. I ask how many trees have they planted for the native ecosystem, how many streams have they worked to protect, how many teachers have they thanked, how many families have they helped to rise, how many local neighbors do they know, how many legislative sessions have they stood with local families? These are the differences of occupation owners versus people living in a place. The short term rentals are houses that should be for families that live here. Long term families should not be without housing so out of town people can come occupy when they or their friends like. The data is in the short term rentals and Minatoya list needs to be dealt with. I am thankful for the Maui County council and the Mayor for standing for the people. I support Bill 9 and stand with the people of Lahaina Strong, Lahaina Community Land trust, Maui Housing Hui, HAPA, and the other countless living and past residents of Maui and the need for housing to remain accessible and community owned. Phase out these STR's and if the owners are not happy that is ok. Local families are not happy, nor consenting, or thriving from all the years of illegal and continued suffering because of American occupation.

I support Bill 9. Housing for the community first and now.

Thank you Pahnelopu McKenzie

Pahnelopu McKenzie

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HLU Committee

From: Taylor Mesi <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
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Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

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HLU Committee

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From: County Clerk
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Subject: Fw: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

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Aloha Councilmembers,

Support Bill 9.

Bozeman, MT, Nashville, TN, Durango, CO, Asheville, NC, Santa Fe, NM, Denver, CO, Charleston, SC., New York City, Palm Springs, CA, San Diego, CA, Dallas, TX.

What these places have in common is that their leaders have had the courage to take a stand against STR's and put the interest of their residents ahead of outside interests. They have all recently embarked on banning or seriously restricting STR's.

Maui's leaders are not the first and are not alone in taking action.

The Irvine Study by Michael Seiler from the College of William and Mary provides strong evidence that long term rental prices decrease when STR's are reduced or strongly regulated. Now is the time. Put the interests of the people of Maui County ahead of those of outsiders. Be Brave! Support Bill 9!!!

Linda Jenkins

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HLU Committee

From: Emma Whitney <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
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To: HLU Committee
Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

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If the STR owner testimony wasn't enough to convince you of what a clear right and wrong is, it is imperative that you remember who you are and who you are here to support and protect.

This is the moment, this is THE moment to make a shift in the protection of Hawai'i's ohana. Maui is not Maui without Hawaiians and the people who love and support them and want them to live on their land. We are at the precipice. Please make sure that we can turn the ship and work towards community, actual community, and not these folks with their astronomical greed.

Mahalo for doing the right thing,
Emma Whitney

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HLU Committee

From: County Clerk
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2025 8:01 AM
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HLU Committee

From: Destiny Kucko <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
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To: County Clerk
Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

I write today in strong and unequivocal support of Bill 9, and I urge you to do the same.

I've listened to hours of testimony from those opposing this bill, and while I respect their right to speak, many of their arguments are grounded not in what's best for the people of Maui, but in protecting financial gain for a privileged few. I'd like to address some of their most common points directly:

1. Opponents of this bill have leaned heavily on the threat of legal battles and constitutional challenges. But history teaches us that legality does not always equal morality. Slavery was once legal. Segregation was once legal. Only by challenging unjust systems did we move forward.

Make no mistake: opposition is inevitable when privilege is challenged. There will always be people to oppose action when they so greatly benefit from the status quo. Maui is not the first place to limit Short Term Rentals, and it will not be the last. But Maui does not need to follow—it can lead. Cities across the globe have taken bold action to rein in short-term rentals (STRs), and so can we. By passing Bill 9, you have the opportunity to stand on the right side of history, restoring homes to residents and securing the future of our island community.

I mentioned above that other locations have restricted short term rentals. While I am not a lawyer and things like zoning, city planning, etc are not in my wheelhouse of expertise, I did do some research online. Here are examples of the impact other cities have experienced:

New York City, NY - After implementing STR restrictions, surrounding areas saw a hospitality job boost, as travelers moved to hotels—businesses that employ far more locals than STRs. Maui, being an island, would likely experience this even more acutely. (cited:

https://www.wired.com/story/6-months-after-new-york-banned-airbnb-new-jersey/?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

Barcelona, Spain - Was able to add 10,000+ units back to the long term housing pool and control exorbitant rent increases (https://www.fastcompany.com/91111637/towns-fighting-airbnb-effect?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

Irvine, CA - Average long-term rent dropped by ~3%, saving tenants around \$114 per month, totaling an estimated \$81 million in annual rental savings (https://www.businessinsider.com/airbnb-ban-makes-rents-housing-prices-drop-irvine-california-study-2023-11?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

This is not theoretical—it's proven. Limiting STRs works.

2. The Building "Unsuitability" Argument is Deeply Concerning

Many opponents claim their units are “not suitable” for long-term rentals. That is deeply troubling. Airbnb’s own policy requires that all STRs meet habitability, health, and safety standards.

(See Airbnb policy: [airbnb.com/help/article/961](https://www.airbnb.com/help/article/961))

If their units are unsafe for long-term renters, why are they allowed to host short-term guests? This exposes the double standard in the current system.

It's concerning that so many STR's seem to be not in compliance with potential rental standards from 3rd Party Platforms. Furthermore, to this point, Long Term Renters in research studies have proven to use less resources. A study of Australian rentals compared weekly revenues and costs of STRs vs. LTRs. Once utility and linen costs were deducted, STR profitability per week was only slightly higher than LTRs, suggesting STRs require significantly greater resource input (utilities, cleaning, supplies, management fees)

(https://www.researchgate.net/publication/346559291_Determinants_of_rental_strategy_short-term_vs_long-term_rental_strategy & <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/tesg.12588>)

3. We Cannot Build a Future on a Fragile, Tourism-Only Economy

3. I am in agreement with a common point surfaced by those who oppose Bill 9 - the Maui economy is greatly impacted by tourism. I've heard testimonies where people surface that reducing STR in Maui will impact the tourism economy, and how dangerous this can be. They cite COVID-19 and its impact on the local economy. I appreciate them surfacing this point because, as we saw with COVID, the world can be unpredictable. Having an economy solely

relying on one sector of business is dangerous and does not allow Maui to weather any future storms that may arise. It's important to build a diverse economy that can weather change; limiting STR allows for a stronger local economy and the ability for a multitude of industries to surface and be supported. Help Maui build for a sustainable future, no matter what comes our way. Tourism is important to Maui. But it cannot be our only economic pillar.

Reducing STRs does not mean ending tourism. It means creating space for other sectors to thrive: agriculture, education, healthcare, local entrepreneurship. A diverse economy is a resilient economy. Bill 9 is not anti-tourism—it's pro-sustainability.

I would like to add the following observations as well - those who oppose Bill 9 often seemed to show up in "Hawaiian shirts", start and end their testimony with "aloha" and "mahalo" while filling the space between these words with words that do not seem to hold the community's interest at heart. One testimony even stated they would keep their 400+ units for "family and friends" over renting to locals. I cannot speak to how many people "drop off" the online video call, but in person I saw many people who opposed Bill 9 give testimony and then immediately leave. Nearly everyone I saw who gave testimony to support Bill 9 remained for 4+ hours to listen to others share testimony and follow the progression of the council meeting. This demonstrates again, a community-focused mindset that overwhelmingly is characteristic of those in favor of Bill 9. It's not just about a paycheck, it's about the health of the island and generations to come.

In closing, you are not just voting on a policy. You are shaping the legacy of this Council.

Will we continue to let investors displace local families?

Or will we take a stand for the people who call this place home?

I urge you: vote yes on Bill 9.

Secure the future of Maui—not just for today, but for generations to come.

With deep respect,

Destiny Kucko

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HLU Committee

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Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

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Our future generations depend on it and "We the people" whom you represent are saying Out Loud...Please Support this bill!

Mahalo

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HLU Committee

From: Evan Weber <evan@our-hawaii.org>
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Attachments: Our Hawai'i - Bill 9 - Support .pdf

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Please find attached the written testimony in strong support of Bill 9.

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Testimony in Strong Support of Bill 9

Aloha Chair Kama and Members of the committee,

My name is Evan Weber, and I am writing today in strong support of Bill 9. Our organization, Our Hawai'i, with tens of thousands of supporters across the pae 'āina including 7,668 in Maui County, has been in strong support of this effort, and was heavily involved with passing the enabling legislation SB2919 as well.

However, I'd like to focus my testimony on my more personal experience with vacation rentals as a lifelong resident of Kailua on O'ahu, and a current member of the Kailua Neighborhood Board.

In 2022, following the leadership of our city councilwoman Esther Kia'āina, the City and County of Honolulu passed Bill 41 establishing the banning, regulation and enforcement of short-term rentals outside of resort zones.

Just a few years later, the results are evident: regulating short-term rentals is one of the most impactful actions a county can take to return communities to residents while stabilizing rents and home costs.

While many have tried to complicate this issue, O'ahu's success shows that the solution is simple: zoning. We just need to go back to the way things were before. Let resort zones be resort zones, and let neighborhoods be neighborhoods.

Since Bill 41 passed, Kailua feels like it can breathe a little easier. We still have problems with tourism, traffic, over tourism, and visitor management, but we have been able to in hem what was becoming an out of control situation — and our situation pales in comparison to what West and South Maui have become.

Tourists still come to enjoy our beautiful beaches, pristine waters, and local restaurants. They just leave when they pau and sleep somewhere else! Simple as that.

For context, at the height of the problem, 1 in every 8 homes in Kailua was operating as a vacation rental. Of the over 10,000 illegal vacation rentals on Oahu at the time, Data from Inside Airbnb and other studies estimated **over 1,500 illegal short-term rentals were in Kailua alone**, in a community of just under 15,000 housing units.

Still, this is nowhere severe as West or South Maui, where a majority or supermajority of housing units in some areas are now STRs. But similarly, our small town was bearing the brunt of the burden for the island, and it was truly never meant to be a resort area, with none of the infrastructure or accommodations to be able to handle such an influx.



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On top of this Kailua is sandwiched between two military bases, the Kāneʻohe Marine Corps base and Bellows Air Force, and has already had its housing markets significantly altered by that population, as well as dealing with a the other negative impacts.

All of this led to skyrocketing home prices and rents, noise, traffic, and transient activity in what were once stable, family-oriented neighborhoods, the erosion of community ties and escalation of tensions, and even declining school enrollments showing an out-flux of local working families.

Following the passage and enforcement of Oʻahu’s Bill 41, **listings for illegal short-term rentals in areas like Kailua dropped by nearly 50% within the first year**, according to public data from rental platforms. Rental prices began to stabilize, and in some segments, modest declines were observed as units re-entered the long-term market.

These policies did not solve every housing challenge overnight, but they were a critical first step in reclaiming our housing for residents and preserving the character and livability of our communities. While we have more fights and challenges ahead, this has been a major success and step forward.

Notably, our economy did not crash, tourists still come to visit, and I do think that there is a bit more aloha from us local residents to share knowing that our communities are still for us, not taken over by tourists who do not share the same aloha ʻāina that kamaʻāina and kanaka ʻōiwi do for our wahi pana.

Maui faces even greater pressures from tourism and housing shortages than Oʻahu. Continuing to allow short-term rentals to consume precious housing in apartment zones, originally intended for residents, undermines every effort to address the housing crisis.

Phasing out TVRs in these areas is not anti-tourism — it’s pro-resident. It’s about:

- Ensuring working families, kūpuna, and young people can afford to stay on Maui.
- Returning housing stock to local residents.
- Protecting the unique culture, character, and sustainability of Maui’s communities.

Oʻahu’s experience shows that regulating short-term rentals works — for residents, for neighborhoods, and for the future of our islands. I urge you to pass Bill 9 and take bold, necessary action to protect housing for Maui’s people.

Mahalo for your leadership and consideration.

HLU Committee

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Here's the final version without the "I am kanaka 'ōiwi" line:

Testimony in Strong Support of Ending Minatoya Bill Exemptions for Short-Term Rentals

Date: June 23, 2025

Name: Kalehuamakanoe Kaopua

Aloha Chair, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Kalehuamakanoe Kaopua, and I am writing in strong support of ending the Minatoya Bill exemptions that allow short-term rentals (STRs) in apartment-zoned areas on Maui.

These exemptions are not beneficial to Hawai‘i — in fact, they are deeply harmful. They enable an economic structure where housing is treated as a tourism commodity, not a human right. This setup benefits out-of-state investors while local families are priced out and forced into an economy they can barely survive in.

85% of STRs on the Minatoya List Are Owned by Non-Residents

According to Maui County data, the vast majority of these properties are not owned by local residents, meaning that the rental profits and property appreciation leave the islands and go straight into the pockets of mainland or foreign investors.

Over \$240 Million in Property Taxes Are Generated by STRs — But Where Does It Go?

Minatoya condos represent a huge share of Maui’s property tax base (42%), but the real wealth created—rents, fees, profits—does not circulate within the local economy. It’s extracted. This is not reinvestment. It’s exploitation.

Minatoya STRs Drive Up Housing Prices and Displace Residents

STRs reduce the available long-term housing supply. This drives up home and rental prices for everyone, especially Native Hawaiians and multigenerational families already living paycheck to paycheck. In some areas like Kīhei, 60% of apartment-zoned units are STRs. That’s a housing crisis by design.

Local Residents Are Forced to Work in the Very Economy That Hurts Them

Because housing is so expensive, many locals are forced into tourism-related service jobs just to survive—working multiple jobs in hotels and restaurants that exist to serve the same tourists who displaced them.

Tourists Come and Go. We Live Here.

STRs cater to visitors who stay a few nights and leave. But we live here, raise our keiki here, and take care of this ‘āina. We need housing that serves us, not an endless stream of tourists.

This is not about being anti-tourism. It’s about being pro-community. The Minatoya Bill is a legal loophole that helped create a distorted, tourist-first housing market. It’s time we reverse it and reclaim housing for residents — not as a luxury, but as a birthright.

Please end the exemptions and protect our future.

Mahalo for your time and for allowing me to testify.

Kalehuamakanoe Kaopua

HLU Committee

From: County Clerk
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2025 10:09 AM
To: HLU Committee
Subject: Fw: TESTIMONY OPPOSING BILL 9

From: James A Harber Jr <jamesaharber@aol.com>
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Subject: TESTIMONY OPPOSING BILL 9

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Testimony on Bill 9 – Opposed

Thank you, Maui County Council, for allowing me to testify. I'll be direct: I am *strongly opposed* to Bill 9. It will do nothing to support long-term housing for local people and will, in fact, make life much harder as I'll describe in my testimony. If I believed it would help—even if it meant some harm to those of us with short-term rentals—I'd support it. But this bill will cripple Maui's economy, and it's local residents who will pay the price. Mainland owners have many more opportunities—they won't feel it like we will.

I live in Kula. My wife is from Maui, and most of our friends are multi generation Mauians. We're part of this community—we celebrate one year birthdays, share holidays, and just attended a blessing for the first home rebuilt upcountry after the Lahaina and Kula fires. I know people already struggling, and this bill will deepen the damage by eliminating jobs and cutting off tourism revenue without a real replacement.

Since the fires, we've housed fire victims. We help deliver food from the Maui Food Bank. Our cleaning team went from 25 units to five—Our amazing housekeeper had to pull her daughter from mainland college to make ends meet. Our maintenance man lost his home in Lahaina and now lives in the same Kahana complex as our unit; their business is gone. This is real impact, happening now.

I know many locals supporting this bill have real hardships, and I empathize. But I believe they're putting their trust in the Mayor Bill simply because they don't see another option. Just a quick perusal of this bill illustrates it will disproportionately harm lower-income residents. That's not a judgment—it's math.

Again, thank you for this opportunity. I urge you to reject Bill 9. I would welcome a chance to collaborate with the Council to develop real fact based solutions—ones that support our economy, create jobs, and deliver affordable housing while uniting our community we love. Bring us together!

A suggestion. Bring a team of non-government proven successful business people, with a vested love for Maui in place. Give them 2 weeks to come up with 5 ideas to create jobs, increase tax revenue, and increase affordable housing. Then a popular democratic VOTE. Then implement.

Thank you.

3 ideas:

- **Tech Incubator – Bring guys from Big Tech to collaborate to build out tech business on Maui**
- **Arts Incubator – Same thing as above, only music types.**
- **Homeless – Local home constructors train them to provide labor building homes.**

HLU Committee

From: Anthony Grise <apgrise@gmail.com>
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To: HLU Committee
Subject: Bill 9 Testimony in SUPPORT

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Aloha,

My name is Anthony Grise and I am a resident of Hawai'i. I am writing in support of Bill #9 as I believe allowing STR's is not in alignment with the goals of a government that intends to increase housing supply for local residents. There are already thousands of hotel rooms for tourists to utilize. We do not need more rooms made available for the purpose of tourism.

Mahalo!

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HLU Committee

From: Emma Timbal <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2025 12:07 PM
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Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

Emma Timbal
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Pepeekeo, Hawaii 96783

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From: Kahiau S <kahiausnyder@gmail.com>
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To: HLU Committee
Subject: SUPPORT BILL 9

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Aloha e nā kōmike,

E KĀKO'O piha mai ana 'oukou i ka Pila 9. Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares. Mahalo ko 'oukou kāko'o 'ana mai i ko 'oukou po'e maka'āinana.

Na'u
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HLU Committee

From: jamiesharbak32@gmail.com
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Subject: Papakea Costs

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Deer Planning committee,

In addition to some comments that Papakea should be excluded from Bill 9 and that it has operated as a resort and that a legal approval to operate as a resort, legally operates as an STR, the Montoya list has been codified after years of operating as a resort, here is a concrete example of costs for a specific unit. The HOA dues are set to be increased to \$1400 per month due to property maintenance increases. We had just a special plumbing assessment that just finished last year. This unit is listed for about \$750,000 on Zillow. Additional assessments for seawall and creek wall repair are probably coming. This is about \$95 per day expenses. No allowances for furniture etc, spent \$12,000 last year on repairs.

Papakea A306

0 Bedroom; 1 bath 454 square feet overlooking ocean

Unit	Date	Association Dues	Repairs Maintenance and supplies	Purchases	Linen	Electricity	Insurance	Property Tax	Total
PK A306	Jan-25	-\$1,135	-\$1,635	-\$196	-\$50	-\$192	-\$126	-\$878	-\$4,212
PK A306	Feb-25	-\$1,135	\$0	\$0	-\$50	-\$192	-\$126	-\$878	-\$2,381
PK A306	Mar-25	-\$1,135	-\$118	\$0	-\$50	-\$192	-\$126	-\$878	-\$2,499
PK A306	Apr-25	-\$1,135	\$0	\$0	-\$50	-\$192	-\$126	-\$878	-\$2,381
								Average Monthly	-\$2,868

Regards,
Jamie Sharbak
281 414 8161

HLU Committee

From: County Clerk
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Aloha Council Chair,

My name is Andrew Church and I live on Maui.

I am here to express my strong opposition to Bill 9.

- * My daughter and her mother were born on Maui;
- * Her grandmother and great-mother was born on Molokai; and
- * Her great-great grandfather was born on Oahu.

Our family survives solely on the income from our short term rentals in Kihei.

Our properties ARE on the Minatoya list.

This ban would essentially wipe out our primary source of income. The Mayor's flawed attempt to provide housing for one family, could potentially leave my family homeless.

Please also understand - 3 things:

- 1) Our ability to short term rent is a legally codified use.
- 2) The declarations for our properties - CLEARLY state that they allow for short term rental use.
- 3) These declarations were approved by the County of Maui when they were built.

When we purchased our condos, I had no knowledge of the Minatoya list. My intentions were never to hurt or displace any residents of Maui.

Before buying our condos,

- 1) I checked the County Property Tax Historical Assessments for my properties — **SEE ATTACHMENT #1**

* From 2015 to 2017 - it says HOTEL / RESORT

* From 2018 to 2025 - it says TVR / STRH

2) In 2022, I visited both the Property Tax Division and Planning Department — where I confirmed that my properties were 100% legal vacation rentals.

I was never told about the "Minatoya list" by either department.

I bought these properties, was out of frustration dealing with the County permit process. It took me almost TWO YEARS to get a building permit for a 7 foot x 7 foot outdoor shower. Yes, TWO YEARS!

After experiencing this excruciating slow permit process, I made the difficult decision to sell my Haiku property and buy my STR condos because no permits were needed.

I purchased another property in Kula in 2017. The planning department provided me with ZONING CONFIRMATION FORM that stated this property was zoned "RU 0.5 Rural District" — **SEE ATTACHMENT #2**

In 2019, the building Inspector told me that I could build a 2nd Accessory Dwelling on this property due the New ADU law - ORDINANCE 4936.

In 2023, after submitting plans for a 2nd ADU, then Planning Dept told me that I could NOT build a 2nd ADU because the County had adopted a new Digital Zoning Map system — **SEE ATTACHMENT #3**

My property was now zoned Ag - even though the State still calls it Rural.

That parcel has Water, Septic and Electric, but still sits empty because the plans were stopped dead by the planning department.

After the Lahaina Fires in August 2023 I went back to the Planning Dept and asked them if I could build on that empty parcel to help with the hosing crisis. Again they said "NO".

After giving up on trying to build — I was in shock when the Mayor announced his plan to now take away my legally codified right to short term rent my condos.

BILL 9 will be catastrophic for my family, and other local residents that we employ. This ban will eliminate all those jobs, and the income for their local families.

AGAIN — I strongly oppose Bill 9.

Thank you for your time.

Aloha,

Andy Church
CELL: (808) 205-2473
EMAIL: andychurchmaui@me.com

ATTACHMENT #1:

ATTACHMENT #2:

ATTACHMENT #3:

Assessment Information

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Year	Tax Class	Market Land Value	Agricultural Land Value	Assessed Land	Building Value	Total Assessed Value	Total Exemption Value	Total Net Taxable Value
2025	TVR-STRH	\$110,700	\$0	\$110,700	\$567,600	\$678,300	\$0	\$678,300
2024	TVR-STRH	\$105,200	\$0	\$105,200	\$563,100	\$668,300	\$0	\$668,300
2023	TVR-STRH	\$105,200	\$0	\$105,200	\$479,500	\$584,700	\$0	\$584,700
2022	TVR-STRH	\$88,600	\$0	\$88,600	\$343,700	\$432,300	\$0	\$432,300
2021	TVR-STRH	\$88,600	\$0	\$88,600	\$325,200	\$413,800	\$0	\$413,800
2020	TVR-STRH	\$88,600	\$0	\$88,600	\$320,200	\$408,800	\$0	\$408,800
2019	TVR-STRH	\$88,600	\$0	\$88,600	\$269,700	\$358,300	\$0	\$358,300
2018	TVR-STRH	\$77,500	\$0	\$77,500	\$228,900	\$306,400	\$0	\$306,400
2017	HOTEL / RESORT	\$55,400	\$0	\$55,400	\$247,500	\$302,900	\$0	\$302,900
2016	HOTEL / RESORT	\$55,400	\$0	\$55,400	\$220,000	\$275,400	\$0	\$275,400
2015	HOTEL / RESORT	\$36,500	\$0	\$36,500	\$222,400	\$258,900	\$0	\$258,900

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2023	TVR-STRH	\$68,700	\$0	\$68,700	\$329,200	\$397,900	\$0	\$397,900
2022	TVR-STRH	\$57,900	\$0	\$57,900	\$250,900	\$308,800	\$0	\$308,800
2021	TVR-STRH	\$57,900	\$0	\$57,900	\$266,900	\$324,800	\$0	\$324,800
2020	TVR-STRH	\$57,900	\$0	\$57,900	\$246,700	\$304,600	\$0	\$304,600
2019	TVR-STRH	\$57,900	\$0	\$57,900	\$168,600	\$226,500	\$0	\$226,500
2018	TVR-STRH	\$50,600	\$0	\$50,600	\$167,800	\$218,400	\$0	\$218,400
2017	HOTEL / RESORT	\$36,200	\$0	\$36,200	\$178,100	\$214,300	\$0	\$214,300
2016	HOTEL / RESORT	\$36,200	\$0	\$36,200	\$176,900	\$213,100	\$0	\$213,100
2015	HOTEL / RESORT	\$23,900	\$0	\$23,900	\$152,800	\$176,700	\$0	\$176,700

[How to calculate real property taxes](#)

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ZONING AND FLOOD CONFIRMATION FORM

(This section to be completed by the Applicant)

APPLICANT NAME Andrew Gordon Church TELEPHONE (808) 205-2473
PROJECT NAME POR LOT 5-B AUKAI SUBD POR GR 3904 0.615 AC DES E-MAIL andychurchmaui@me.com
PROPERTY ADDRESS 29 Holopuni Rd, Kula HI 96790 TAX MAP KEY 230600790000

Yes No Will this Zoning & Flood Confirmation Form be used with a Subdivision Application?
IF YES, answer questions A and B below and comply with instructions 2 & 3 below:
A) Yes No Will it be processed under a consistency exemption from Section 18.04.030(B), MCC?
IF YES, which exemption? (No. 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5) _____
B) State the purpose of subdivision and the proposed land uses (ie 1-lot into 2-lots for all land uses allowed by law):

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) Please use a separate Zoning & Flood Confirmation Form for each Tax Map Key (TMK) number.
- 2) If this will be used with a subdivision application AND the subject property contains multiple districts/designations of (1) State Land Use Districts, (2) Maui Island Plan Growth Boundaries, (3) Community Plan Designations, or (4) County Zoning Districts; submit a signed and dated Land Use Designations Map, prepared by a licensed surveyor, showing the metes & bounds of the subject parcel and of each district/designation including any subdistricts.
- 3) If this will be used with a subdivision application AND the subject property contains multiple State Land Use Districts; submit an approved District Boundary Interpretation from the State Land Use Commission.

(This section to be completed by ZAED)

LAND USE DISTRICTS/DESIGNATIONS (LUD) AND OTHER INFORMATION: ¹

STATE DISTRICT: <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> (SMA) Special Management Area
MAUI ISLAND PLAN Growth Boundary: <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Small Town <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> Planned Growth Area <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outside Growth Boundaries	
Protected Area: <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Greenbelt <input type="checkbox"/> Greenway <input type="checkbox"/> Sensitive Land <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outside Protected Areas	
COMMUNITY PLAN: ² <u>Agriculture</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> (PD) Planned Development
COUNTY ZONING: <u>RU 0.5 Rural District</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> (PH) Project District
OTHER/COMMENTS:	<input type="checkbox"/> See Additional Comments (Pg.2)
FEMA FLOOD INFORMATION: A Flood Development Permit is required if any portion of a parcel is designated V, VE, A, AO, AE, AH, D, or Floodway, and the project is on that portion.	<input type="checkbox"/> See Attached LUD Map
FLOOD HAZARD AREA ZONES ³ <u>Zone X</u> & BASE FLOOD ELEVATIONS:	
<input type="checkbox"/> FEMA DESIGNATED FLOODWAY	For Flood Zone AO, FLOOD DEPTH:

SUBDIVISION LAND USE CONSISTENCY: Not Consistent, (LUDs appear to have NO permitted uses in common).
 Not Applicable, (Due to processing under consistency exemption No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5).
(Signature) Interim Zoning, (The parcel or portion of the parcel that is zoned interim shall not be subdivided).
 ⁴ Consistent, (LUDs appear to have ALL permitted uses in common).
 ⁴ Consistent, upon obtaining an SMA, PD, or PH subdivision approval from Planning.
 ⁴ Consistent, upon recording a permissible uses unilateral agreement processed by Public Works (See Pg.2).

NOTES:

- 1 The conditions and/or representations made in the approval of a State District Boundary Amendment, Community Plan Amendment, County Change In Zoning, SMA Permit, Planned Development, Project District and/or a previous subdivision, may affect building permits, subdivisions, and uses on the land.
- 2 Please review the Maui Island Plan and the Community Plan document for any goals, objectives, policies or actions that may affect this parcel.
- 3 Flood development permits might be required in zones X and XS for any work done in streams, gulches, low-lying areas, or any type of drainageway; Flood development permits are required for work in all other zones. Subdivisions that include/adjoin streams, gulches, low-lying areas, or any type of drainageway might require the following designations to be shown on the subdivision map: 100-year flood inundation limits; base flood elevations; drainage reserves.
- 4 Subdivisions will be further reviewed during the subdivision application process to verify consistency, unilateral agreement requirements, and the conditions associated with a unilateral agreement [Section 18.04.030.D, Maui County Code].

REVIEWED & CONFIRMED BY:

John S Rapacz
(Signature)

5/9/17
(Date)

For: John S Rapacz, Planning Program Administrator, Zoning Administration and Enforcement Division

From: Shelly KanHai Shelly.KanHai@co.maui.hi.us
Subject: Re: Fwd: Zoning for TMK# (2) 2-3-060:079
Date: January 26, 2023 at 12:19 PM
To: andychurchmaui@me.com



Aloha Andy,

The link is leading you to the history of the Digital Zoning Map Update Project. It is giving dates when the maps were updated and ordinances in accordance to when the maps became law. This is the part that would pertain to Maui Zoning, please read this information and put all of your questions in writing so I can research and address them:

Digital Zoning Map Update Project

The Planning Department has adopted digital zoning maps for the island of Maui ([Ordinance 5363](#)), the island of Lana`i ([Ordinance 5113](#)), and the island of Moloka`i ([Ordinance 5299](#)). The digital map for the island of Maui represents the zoning as it exists today and overlays the 2019 Real Property Tax parcel layer. For Lana`i, the zoning overlays the 2020 Real Property Tax parcel layer. For Moloka`i, the zoning overlays the 2021 Real Property Tax layer.

The History of the Digital Zoning Map Update Project (DSSRT)

Since 2005, staff of the Maui County Planning Department worked on this project, affectionately known as “DSSRT”, an acronym for the Dead Sea Scroll Replacement Team, to replace the County’s official paper zoning maps with digital or electronic versions. Along with the goal of replacing the County’s prized but very old, tattered and outdated “Dead Sea Scrolls” paper zoning maps with accurate, up-to-date GIS data layers, other goals include researching and verifying zoning for thousands of parcels; correcting inadvertent mapping errors, inconsistencies and alignment issues; updating parcel zoning with zoning districts that have standards and are consistent with their community plan designation and uses; and creating a single zoning map for each island. All corrections and recommendations made to an adopted digital map require consistency with each parcel's Community Plan designation.

Maui, Lana`i and Moloka`i

Maui: In 2017, the Department held four public informational meetings on Maui for the Maui Digital Zoning Map (1). There was unanimous support for the map and Title 19 bills by the planning commissions and County Council’s Planning Committee. The bills were unanimously supported and adopted by the Maui County Council and became law on October 10, 2018 ([Ordinance 4883](#)).

Due to the complexity of using a number of old zoning maps, comprehensive zoning ordinances, individual changes in zoning, and the poor quality and lack of technical mapping and GIS tools in the past, the Planning Department expressed at the time of the digital zoning maps’ initial adoption that further errors and corrections would be discovered and maps would be continually refined. Amended Maui Digital Map (2) ([Ordinance 5006](#)) was adopted by the Maui County Council and became law on November 13, 2019, and amended Maui Digital Zoning Map (3) ([Ordinance 5363](#)) became law on March 22, 2022. As mapping errors are discovered, the Department

...
will continue to request Maui County Council's adoption of corrected/updated digital maps.

In 2021, the Department proposed amendments to Maui Digital Map (3) for approximately 12 public facility sites that are currently zoned P1, M1, PK, R2 and R3. These properties would have been more appropriately zoned Public/Quasi Public P2 due to the public uses and structures existing on the properties and their community plan designation of Public/Quasi-Public. On Oct 21, 2021, the Maui Planning Commission unanimously voted to recommend approval of this draft Maui Digital Map (4) to the County Council. However, the Maui County Council's PSLU Committee met on May 25, Aug 3 and Aug 18, 2022 to discuss the bill and concerns were raised about the permitted height of (new) structures on these parcels if P2 zoning were approved. The committee ultimately recommended that the bill be filed, and on September 2, 2022, the Maui County Council voted to file the bill.

Mahalo,

Shelly M. Kau-Hai
Land Use Building Plans Technician
County of Maui
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Zoning Administration & Enforcement Division

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>>> Andrew Church <andychurchmaui@me.com> 1/25/2023 3:38 PM >>>

Hi Shelly,

I do not think I fully understand what this means?

Can you give me a call to explain it?

My cell phone number is: (808) 205-2473. I just left you a voice message as well.

Thank you.

Aloha,

Andy Church
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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Shelly KanHai" <Shelly.KanHai@co.maui.hi.us>
Subject: Zoning for TMK# (2) 2-3-060:079
Date: January 25, 2023 at 8:35:24 AM HST
To: <andychurchmaui@me.com>

Aloha Andrew,

I have verified the zoning of the above property based on the adopted Digital Zoning Map.

The Maui Digital Zoning map was adopted by the Maui County Council and became law on October, 10, 2018.

There were also two amendments to the Maui Digital Zoning map that became law on [November 13, 2019](#) and [March 22, 2022](#).

Here is the hyperlink to the Digital Zoning Map Update Project for your reference, it will provide more details, <https://www.maui-county.gov/2159/Digital-Zoning-Map-Update-Project>.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Mahalo,

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HLU Committee

From: Kehaulani Akiona <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2025 12:31 PM
To: HLU Committee
Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

Mahalo!

Kehaulani Akiona

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Honolulu, Hawaii 96821

HLU Committee

From: Poppy Hudson <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2025 12:46 PM
To: HLU Committee
Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Council Members,

I have previously written in support of Bill 9, and I remain firmly in support. By now, the community has clearly dismantled the arguments against this bill. I pray that Council Members recognize these thoughtful points and vote in favor of Bill 9 so we can begin the vital work of prioritizing housing and water for local residents.

It's clear that to successfully implement Bill 9, additional ways of lowering housing costs on Maui need to be considered. I'd like to offer one idea that could help lower HOA fees while addressing our critical water shortage.

I've lived at Napili Villas on the Westside for 23 years. Since the fire, our HOA fees have nearly doubled due to increased insurance costs, but they're still only half of what's charged at some Honokowai properties—many of these are smaller STR units.

One difference may be that our complex does not have swimming pools or jacuzzis. I propose that STR properties begin phasing out pools. Not only would this reduce HOA fees, but it would also conserve water for more appropriate essential needs.

We are incredibly blessed to have the ocean at our doorstep. For those who are elderly or have disabilities, a limited number of pools at hotels or community centers would be a kind solution to their needs.

Even though Bill 9 may not be perfect and may need supplementation, it is critical that we act now to turn the tide—to begin providing housing for Lahaina families before more are forced to move off-island. Please don't let perfection be the enemy of the good. Please vote pono and help restore hope for our local families. We are counting on you.

Mahalo nui loa.

Poppy Hudson
raphudson@gmail.com
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Lahaina, Hawaii 96761

HLU Committee

From: County Clerk
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2025 12:53 PM
To: HLU Committee
Subject: FW: Opposition to Bill 9 Comments

-----Original Message-----

From: Julie Gronneberg <jgvre@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2025 12:46 PM
To: County Clerk <County.Clerk@mauicounty.us>
Cc: Alice L. Lee <Alice.Lee@mauicounty.us>; Yukilei Sugimura <Yukilei.Sugimura@mauicounty.us>; Tasha A. Kama <Tasha.Kama@mauicounty.us>; Thomas M. Cook <Thomas.Cook@mauicounty.us>; Gabe Johnson <Gabe.Johnson@mauicounty.us>; Tamara A. Paltin <Tamara.Paltin@mauicounty.us>; Keani N. Rawlins <Keani.Rawlins@mauicounty.us>; Shane M. Sinenci <Shane.Sinenci@mauicounty.us>; Nohe M. Uu-Hodgins <Nohe.Uu-Hodgins@mauicounty.us>
Subject: Opposition to Bill 9 Comments

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To the Council Chair and Members:

We have been on island and listening to the testimony regarding Bill 9. We feel that we need to respond to many of the comments that we heard throughout the testimony.

We first came to the islands in 1984. We knew Hawaii would be a place we would return to again and again.

We purchased a unit at Hoyochi Nikko in Honokowai in 1997 prior to the Minatoya list being established in 2001. The Hoyochi Nikko was built as short term rentals in 1973 by a group of Canadian investors. At the time we purchased what allowed us to be able to afford the unit was the fact that it was already in a short term rental pool managed by Maui Lodging. We were never informed that our complex was on the Minatoya list. It feels like our Maui home is being unfairly taken from us without any forethought of the impact on the owners of the units.

We take great pride in maintaining a clean, nicely furnished, updated unit. Our unit has a guide book that we put together recommending local restaurants and places to see on the island. We employ cleaners who have their own business and have been cleaning our unit for 27 years. Our Board of Director's continues to maintain our reserves and we currently have the replacement of our roof and spalling work scheduled for this fall. The money to pay for this comes out of the owner's pockets through assessments based on the size of each unit. Our unit's assessment for these two projects is \$36,083.60 for the roof and approximately \$22,000 for spalling repair on the south side of the complex. An additional assessment is forthcoming for the north side of the complex, which should be similar to what we paid for the south side.

We purchased this unit for our family and for the enjoyment of our rental guests. We continue to want to be able to rent out our unit. We have guests that come annually. We come to Maui multiple

times a year to vacation and to monitor our unit to be sure it is up to our standards. We have 245 reviews on our Vrbo site and all have been 10/10.

Our monthly costs average \$4,000 per month including, HOA fees, electricity, Cable, taxes, and Insurance costs. Over the 27 years that we have owned our unit, we have renovated the unit twice, have installed new glass sliding doors, installed a dual-zoned air conditioning unit, replaced all furnishings, replaced the refrigerator, dishwasher and electric stove. This is our home.

We are concerned that Bill 9 will not solve the housing problem on Maui. It is in fact, taking housing from owners and requiring them to become landlords. New, affordable housing needs to be built on Maui. We need to work together to find another solution to the housing issue in Maui.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Gronneberg, jgvre@aol.com, 314-378-8309 Mark Gronneberg, mgronn@gmail.com, 314-422-5807

Sent from my iPad

HLU Committee

From: County Clerk
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2025 1:45 PM
To: HLU Committee
Subject: FW: Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT for Bill 9
Attachments: Testimony in Strong Support of Bill 9.docx

From: Stacey Moniz <staceymoniz@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2025 1:40 PM
To: County Clerk <County.Clerk@mauicounty.us>
Subject: Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT for Bill 9

Testimony in Strong Support of Bill 9 – Affordable Housing for Local Residents

Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

My name is Stacey Moniz and I'm writing to express my **strong support for Bill 9** and to urge each of you to vote in favor of this important step toward addressing the housing crisis on Maui.

I don't often find myself in agreement with this Mayor, but on this issue, I absolutely support his leadership and especially his decision to bring in Matt Jahowsky. His data-driven analysis is clear, grounded, and irrefutable: we cannot simply build our way out of this crisis. The status quo has failed our local families for too long. The time to act is not tomorrow, not next year—it is now.

I am one of the many residents who come from deep roots here. My family has been on Maui for four generations. Yet despite a lifetime of hard work and service to my beloved community, and raising my children here as a single parent, I've never been able to purchase a home. I have rented my entire life. One of my children has already left for the continent and was able to buy a home within six months of moving. That should tell us something is deeply wrong with our local housing system.

For the past 13 years, I'm grateful to live with my daughter, her husband, and my two precious grandsons—but the cost of housing is making even this arrangement feel unstable. We are being priced out of our own homeland.

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Please be bold. Please be brave. And please vote **YES** on Bill 9. Now is the time to move forward on housing solutions. Please do this NOW.

Let's make Maui a place where our children and grandchildren can afford to live.

Mahalo for your time and service, I realize that this is an especially difficult time to be a leader.

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Stacey Moniz

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HLU Committee

From: Doratee Bandy <doreenbandy@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2025 3:53 PM
To: HLU Committee
Subject: Testimony in support of Bill 9

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Aloha Kakou Maui County Council and Committee Members, Mahalo for extending time for testifiers to speak today.

My name is Doreen Lara Bandy, and although have never lived in Lahaina, I have always loved Lahaina.

I remember the deep breath I'd take as a youth before jumping off the Lahaina Harbor pier, just before a surf contest at Breakwall. I have many fond memories of the calm of the morning, waiting at Canoe Beach (Hanaka' o'o) with my keiki to find out their seat assignments and race times. I remember the deep breath I'd take as a youth before jumping off the Lahaina Harbor pier, just before a surf contest at Breakwall.

I've lost count of how many Tuesdays I spent driving the Pali to the Lahaina Courthouse with Retired PO Ron Baybayin, meeting with clients for Adult Client Services—and of course, grabbing a bite at Aloha Mixed Plate afterward.

As a Social Worker, I've sat in IEP transition meetings at King Kamehameha III Elementary, feeling a wave of relief knowing a child was in the hands of a school team that would help them thrive.

Even now, as a Program Supervisor for a Disaster Case Management Program that will end in July, I continue to aloha Lahaina.

I've seen firsthand the ongoing fear and uncertainty of Lahaina fire survivors—many still precariously housed. Some have done everything possible to *repair, recover, and rebuild*, only to face the same devastating setback: housing instability.

Allowing non-Maui residents—who have no say in our local elections—to have the first voice and choice over the Minatoya List only worsens this crisis. It doesn't just perpetuate a housing crisis; it deepens a workforce crisis. An entire *moku* has been displaced due to the Lahaina fire's impact on infrastructure, commerce, culture, and social networks.

Currently, the largest need for housing is in the realm of 1-2 bedroom properties in Lahaina or West Maui.

Although Lahaina properties make up only about one-third of the Minatoya List, releasing apartment-zoned units for short-term vacation rentals takes away critical opportunities for long-term housing—housing that is desperately needed for local families who need to live near their jobs and rebuild their homes. There's a misconception that long-term housing automatically means a permanent solution—but in times like these, long-term housing is a vital stepping stone.

Waiting on new developments or temporary housing solutions feels like throwing caution to the wind. It's not a fair or adequate response to a community in crisis.

We are living in unprecedented times in which the ability to house a community is within reach, however, the desires of persons not personally or physically invested in the community are wielding their power and ability to withhold these housing opportunities.

As it stands, if the committee were to survey West Maui survivors, one would find that their current living situations is still tenuous in that many individuals are being uprooted again, as Minatoya Property owners are ending their agreements with FEMA for survivor housing, in favor of returning their properties to the vacation rental market. This is a conscious decision being made by owners to unhouse local residents in favor of tourist sector.

As someone who reveres the Department of the Corporation Counsel, having worked there myself, I still believe it is shortsighted to let a 24-year-old legal opinion outweigh the present reality—especially in the wake of a disaster that has destroyed an entire community.

Mayor Bissen's proposal to phase out short-term rentals from the Minatoya List is not only bold, it is necessary. It is insightful, impactful, and visionary—for the future of an entire generation, and an entire *moku*.

The insistence by non-Maui residents to uphold an outdated law—one that no longer serves Maui's workforce or economic stability—is not only counterintuitive, but shows a lack of genuine commitment to the rebuilding effort.

Yes, earning passive income may sound like a dream to some. But to pursue that dream at the expense of displaced families and a devastated community? That's not just unsustainable—it's feudalism in spirit.

While it is likely the non-resident owners were enticed by the aloha spirit, it is important and vital to remember that there is a reciprocity in aloha culture that should be practiced.

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Warmest Regards and Aloha,
Doreen Bandy

HLU Committee

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Subject: I strongly opposed Bill 9

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Aloha,

I strongly opposed bill 9

I live in Kihei with my wife and daughter - we are residents of Maui. Our daughter goes to school in Kihei. We are also small business owners in Kihei We all agree there is a housing crisis that needs to be addressed.

But I want to make 2 key points that apply to anything in life:

First - a solution that doesn't solve a problem isn't a solution. The idea that these short terms rentals are viable for locals is very questionable - almost no parking, almost no storage, no pets, huge HOA's and special assessments that are just getting more and more costly.

Second - a solution that tries to solve a problem by creating another problem is not a solution

I know a lot of the opposition to bill 9 is from the point of view of short term rental owners. What about small business owners that are Maui residents?

Just about every small business on South Kihei Road and adjacent to South Kihei Road will go out of business. Every restaurant, every food truck, every retail shop, every boat, surf, snorkel and kayak business just to name a few.

That's hundreds of businesses and thousands of employees gone.

Then what about all the businesses that you don't think are tied to tourism - electricians, air conditioning companies, plumbing, cleaning, the list goes on and on.

This will crush the local economy and whether or not you think it will have a negative impact on you and your family, it will.

Thank you,

Tom
Sent from my iPhone

HLU Committee

From: Bronson Bajo <bronsonbajo@gmail.com>
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Subject: Support Bill 9

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‘O ke aloha nui,

My name is Bronson Ikaika Bajo, and I am a native Hawaiian in our beautiful home of Maui. I am 40 years old, working as a full-time employee for Hawaiian Airlines. I am overwhelmed with paying high rental prices here in Kihei, Hawai‘i. The rent to live here in my beautiful home in Maui hurts. I am trying my best to stay financially afloat, and I am tired of my family members moving away because they can’t take the unbearable prices. My brother Ralph Bautista moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, a couple years ago with his 6 children because he couldn’t find a rental. He was also a full-time worker for the county prison guard at MCCC. I have accepted the fact that it is highly unlikely that I will ever own my own home here in Maui. However, I place my trust in God, and in our county/state officials that you all will always fight for the best interest of our locals here in Hawaii, particularly Maui.

I write this IN SUPPORT OF BILL 9 to phase out the short term rentals in order to reclaim these places for our local working class people. You are our last lifeline in keeping us fixed in our homeland of Maui. Please allow the tourists to occupy the hotels and resorts. Let the residents of Maui have places to rent. Also, please make a way for us to have affordable rent. The rent prices are increasingly unbearable.

Mahalo piha,

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HLU Committee

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To Whom This May Concern,

I am writing yet again. The answer hasn't changed, in fact the more I think about this, the more this becomes apparent to me:

We DO have a problem in Hawaii with housing. It's unaffordable. Flat out. The county can eliminate every short term rental and it still wouldn't solve the problem.

We need AFFORDABLE housing and rent. \$3000.00 for a one or even two bedroom isn't affordable and neither will it be when the people who rent out those apartments have to charge those prices to compensate for HOA fees etc.

Answer: rental cap on EVERY HOUSE for rent.

Maui County still has NO mapped out plan or system already in place to offset the economic loss.

The only thing Maui County will succeed in doing is creating yet another class of fire victims by proxy.

If more people end up on the beach homeless because of this, who's going to advocate for them?

Or should they stand out there with a sign and cry victim until they get what they want like the small percentage of Maui's community?

Stop building more retail, unaffordable complexes and hotels. Start building more affordable housing for locals, not transplants. Make that process more expedient and streamlined.

Maybe go after big corporations that are in fact destroying the community, like Air BnB buying up actual homes and using them for profit.

The travesty that is FEMA, paying five THOUSAND dollars a month to owners to incentivize throwing out current long term tenants and driving up the cost of rent across the board.

Maui County has congratulated itself on its recent award of the biggest grant, \$1.6 BILLION yet we are still stuck on Bill 9.

Maui Strong wants to talk about 'shame'...look no further. What's shameful is that we are using an emotion driven witch hunt to back a failing plan that will hurt more people than it will help.

I am born here on an island that has been painted up and sold out like a cheap prostitute and hocked to tourists as an 'island paradise', when the reality is that it was built on the backs of families that were led here by lies of a better life and opportunities that never came, families that ended up no better than slaves on plantations.

Fastforward to today and the lie of paradise is still being sold, but the worst of this are the lies being told to us by our own community members. I have lived here long enough to know that all this hearing stuff is for show: You will all do what's in your own vested interest. Just like every bought and paid for politician. This will just be another hard lesson for the ignorant to learn.

My cheap 2 cents: find another way :

*Rental Caps

*Go after Airbnb

*Use the grant money to build quality, affordable homes for locals. Not for transplants and not those garish colorful eyesores planted on the hill near Lahaina Safeway.

Sincerely,
One fed up local

HLU Committee

From: Meghane Hernandez <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
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To: HLU Committee
Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

STR's should not be prioritized over LTR's. House locals first. Mahalo.

Sincerely,

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HLU Committee

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Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares. My name is Joji Munemitsu and I am third generation born and raised in Lahaina, forced to leave Maui and family and friends, because I couldn't keep up with the cost of living. I support Bill 9 and hope to move back to Maui one day. Mahalo.

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HLU Committee

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Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

I am a transplant. I moved to Moloka'i in May 2022 to teach, where there is such a housing shortage for long term renters. I ended up renting a unit at Wavecrest in Ualapu'e on the mana'e end of Moloka'i, and Wavecrest is on the Minatoya list. There are over 100 units at Wavecrest, yet only a handful of owners or permanent residents call Wavecrest home year round. The overwhelming majority are short term renters who come for a week or two then go back home, spending upwards of \$200+ a night to stay. During my time there, more than half of the units were completely empty and more so during the down season. Meanwhile, locals and Kanaka from Moloka'i struggled to find housing of any kind, let alone affordable housing. I can speak from personal experience that living full time in a predominantly short term rental area is stressful, irritating, disruptive, and saddening. It's stressful because there are constantly new people coming and going, making it hard to trust your neighbors or get to know your immediate community. They don't know the buildings or accommodations and often end up damaging communal spaces or disrespecting the grounds and beaches, whether consciously or unconsciously. It's irritating because of this constant change and the unknowns. It's disruptive because a community develops a certain rhythm with its citizens. Talking stories and catching up with your neighbors isn't an option with new people coming and going constantly. Finally, it is heartbreakingly sad. Knowing there are so many families and locals who need housing, so many keiki that need a constant home instead of shuffling around, so many 'ohana that call that very 'aina their home yet can't live on it or mālama it makes me beyond sad. To have units sit empty, unoccupied, unloved, unlived in, while people from there or working there cannot find housing is the biggest injustice in our communities. And there are many!

I recently moved to the west side of Maui in January, and I faced similar challenges yet again. This time, housing options were far more expensive and just as limiting as I experienced on Moloka'i. I took the only apartment somewhat in my price range and available the time I

needed it, and that means spending over \$2000 each month for just under 300 sq ft. That is absurd! How can we expect teachers who make less than \$60000 a year to pay almost half of their entire salary just to live? How can we expect any worker or employer making minimal wage or government wages to afford to live in Maui county? There is such a shortage of teachers and health care professionals in Hawai'i, yet the priority is clearly taking care of tourists and outside investors with the housing and rental markets unchecked the way they currently are.

Lastly, the most important reason of all, always, is to bring Hawaiians back to Hawai'i and keep Hawaiians in Hawai'i! The 'āina is not separate from kanaka, and it is the kuleana of every malahini and every transplant and every settler to be an ally in support of creating ample space and opportunity for every Hawaiian to be one with their 'āina. I am so privileged and honored and grateful to be able to learn about the beauty of the Hawaiian history and culture. I am now more than ever aware of the importance of using my voice to acknowledge whose land I am on and always seeking ways to right the wrongs of those who stepped foot on foreign lands before me.

Mahalo nui for your time, and please support bill 9.

Sincerely,

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HLU Committee

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Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

This bill will set a precedent for all of Hawai'i Nei; ensuring homes for our keiki and community. Keeping what little remains of our true Hawai'i intact so that we can be here to for future generations. In a time where native people and local communities are being erased, displaced and marginalized; this bill will not only slow the wheels of exploitation in our island home but it will halt so much devastation, heartache and sorrow that has taken root not just in Lahaina or Maui. But all of Hawai'i if these developers and investors get their way.

They want Hawai'i, they want our culture, but they don't want our people - unless we're cheap, studious servants, upholding their paradise for profit.

Please Support Bill 9; for the people, for the community, for Hawai'i. Mahalo.

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Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares. He wahi leo 'ōiwi kēia mai ke ahupua'a 'o Paeahu i ka moku 'o Moku'ula ma kēia mokupuni 'o Maui. Do the right thing.

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HLU Committee

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Aloha mai kākou,

‘O wau ‘o Jezelyn Gonsalves. No Lahaina mai au. First off, I would like to thank each of you for taking the time to hear and read all our testimonies. I am in FULL support of Bill 9 and I echo all those who are in support of this bill. There is nowhere else in this world I would want to live then here in Lahaina. Growing up in Lahaina, and before STVR’s became a thing, I remember the price to rent a 1-bedroom home to be under \$1000.00 but by the time I became of age to rent on my own and the introduction and increase in STVR’s it had almost doubled. Nowadays you would find a studio for \$2000.00 or more and a 1-bedroom for \$2500.00 or more. Many listings you will find on the internet will mainly be for short-term rentals and if it is for long-term it will be for a studio and the cost would be a paycheck and a half therefore leading many of us to work 2-3 jobs and sacrificing time spent with family just to survive here. I believe that it’s time to put locals first. We have been put on the back burner for years and have not made a fuss about a damn thing that has been happening, but we can’t sit back any longer as many of us are suffering and being forced to move away when we really don’t want to while others come here with the intention of not staying or contributing to the community but rather come and go while they take from the community. I heard a lot of complaints about being financially affected by those opposing this bill, but I have yet to hear one say that they will be houseless or that they will move here. The majority of those with multiple units don’t even live here and don’t have the intention of doing so, they just want to rake in the money, catch tax breaks, and spend the money outside of Hawaii. I have not seen one of them shed a tear or choke up in their testimony, but I have heard many of them talk about how it will financially affect them. I guess that’s the difference between a local and a foreigner. So, I ask, will you support local?

HLU Committee

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Aloha Councilmembers,

As a woman born and raised on the west side of Maui, I have witnessed the profound impact short-term rentals have had on our community. Places where some of my friends once grew up are now dominated by short-term rentals, no longer owner-occupied. This shift has displaced many local families and created a housing crisis that continues to worsen.

I've watched close friends—people my age—make the heartbreaking decision to leave the place they love because they simply can't afford to stay. How can we expect to sustain a healthy community, or even staff our local businesses, if our people are forced to move away?

Please support Bill 9 to phase out short-term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares. We must prioritize housing for residents, not vacationers.

Mahalo for your time and service,

Kerilyn Kaopuiki

HLU Committee

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To: HLU Committee
Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Chair and Council Members

My name is Lexi Figueroa. I'm writing today to express my strong support for Bill 9 to phase out short-term vacation rentals on the Minatoya list.

I may not be from Lahaina, but I stand firmly in solidarity with the Lahaina community—and with all who choose to put people over profit.

I live in Wailuku and volunteered at the War Memorial shelter immediately after the fires. I'm also a substitute teacher. I've taught students who lost their homes, their sense of safety, and in some cases, even family members. As a Native Hawaiian, I carry the history of our people and our 'āina with me daily—including the impacts of exploitation and displacement my ancestors endured.

Maui was already facing a housing crisis. The wildfires only deepened that crisis—and our people are still living in the aftermath, even if it's not making vast headlines anymore.

Yet hundreds of units on the Minatoya list are still being used as short-term rentals—many owned by people who only visit Maui just for a few months out of the year—while many Lahaina families remain houseless, living in cars, bouncing between relatives' homes, or on waiting lists for help that for some, rarely seems to come.

We've heard arguments that these STVR's are “not suitable” for long-term occupancy. But I question those who agree with this sentiment: Is a car more suitable for a family to live in? Is constant instability and uncertainty more acceptable than returning these units to serve the people who actually live here? Whose families have lived in Lahaina- in Maui-for generations. I question those opposing Bill 9—have you ever had to wonder where you'll sleep next week? Have you ever had to choose between rent and groceries? It's not luxury. It's survival.

I support Bill 9 because I've seen the need firsthand. I've looked into the eyes of families who lost everything. I've listened to kids in my classroom talk about what they've gone through. And I've seen how deeply this crisis continues to affect our community—long after the news cameras left.

I urge you, council members, to stand alongside your constituents in strong support of Bill 9, and remind those who are opposed to this bill that money should never outweigh the value of community.

Mahalo

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