

AH Committee

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

Tasha Kama, Chair – Housing Committee
Maui County Council
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RE: Support Makila Farms AH-1 (3)

Dear Tasha Kama, Chair - Housing Committee

I have lived in the west Maui community for the last 13 years I have raised my kids here. It has become home to me. I love living and working in this community. But the likelihood of finding a decent affordable place to live that you can also have a garden to grow your own food has been like hunting for unicorns you just never find one. When I heard about this Makila farms project I got very excited about it. And now that I have learned more about it I am even more excited. I love the fact that it is an agricultural neighborhood. That is very important to me. I helped establish the Napili Community garden in 2011 and served on the board there as plot Manager . My time spent at the Garden working the land with my family and community growing our own fruits and veggies made me realize that I definitely need my own permanent space to take my gardening skills to the next level to really incorporate permaculture principles of water conservation and soil building and make the land bloom and thrive into a sustainable food forest. The type of space and zoning I would require to live on and to make my own mini food forest on do not exist, or at least I can not afford such properties. So this is why I support this Makila Farms workforce housing project. I see this as a dream opportunity to be able to live on my own mini farm that I hope to turn into a living example of what you can accomplish applying smart permaculture techniques and smart water conservation. I have heard of the developer for many years and I'm very familiar with the projects he has completed in the past and I have no doubt they can accomplish the task of making this a thriving positive example of proper land use. Please please pass this project because if it passes and I am lucky enough to be selected it will give my family hope to be able to stay in west Maui, the community that has become our home. We don't want to pick up and move to the mainland because there are no other opportunities for the type of home and land ownership we are looking for we want to stay here and continue to thrive and build our community like we have for the past 13 years.

Thank you,
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