

AH Committee

From: Val Laval <lavalscuba@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 26, 2020 2:22 AM
To: AH Committee
Subject: Please Deny Lihau'ula Development at Olowalu

Please Deny Lihau'ula Development at Olowalu as a precautionary measure to protect Maui's beloved manta ray population.

Thank you
Val Saknenko
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Thank you,

Val

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AH Committee

From: Waterlogged Travels <waterloggedtravels@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 26, 2020 4:25 AM
To: AH Committee
Subject: Deny Lihau'ula

Please Deny Lihau'ula Development at Olowalu as a precautionary measure to protect Maui's beloved manta ray population.

Loss of the Manta population would cause a huge decrease in tourist revenue.

Thank you to the bottom of the ocean and back!

AH Committee

From: Sabine Graf <sabine_graf@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 26, 2020 10:15 AM
To: AH Committee
Subject: Protect Manta Ray Population

Please Deny Lihau'ula Development at Olowalu as a precautionary measure to protect Maui's beloved manta ray population!

Thank you
Sabine Graf

AH Committee

From: Subramanian G <gs.sunshine@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 26, 2020 5:31 PM
To: AH Committee
Subject: Deny Lihau'ula development at Olowalu

Dear Committee,
Please deny Lihau'ula Development at Olowalu as a precautionary measure to protect Maui's much loved manta ray population.

This nature is a loan to us by our children, let us protect and return it to them in the order they are.

Cheers,
GS

If it is to be, it is up to me.

AH Committee

From: Renee Robertson <afronee@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 27, 2020 1:20 AM
To: AH Committee
Subject: Lihau'ula Development

To Whom it may concern:

Please Deny Lihau'ula Development at Olowalu as a precautionary measure to protect Maui's beloved manta ray population.

Renee Renshaw

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AH Committee

From: Saskia Mori <saskiakrystina@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 27, 2020 2:01 AM
To: AH Committee
Subject: Deny Lihau'ula Development

“Please Deny Lihau’ula Development at Olowalu as a precautionary measure to protect Maui's beloved manta ray population”

Thank you!

AH Committee

From: Melissa <melissa22black@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 27, 2020 9:12 AM
To: AH Committee
Subject: Fwd: Lihau`ula Workforce Housing Project

From: Melissa <melissa22black@hotmail.com>
Date: September 27, 2020 at 3:04:14 PM EDT
To: Kyle Ginoza <kyle@hopebuildershawaii.com>
Subject: Re: Lihau`ula Workforce Housing Project

Aloha Kyle,

Thank you for keeping us updated and involved in this hopeful project. I apologize I was unable to participate in time for the meeting as unfortunately I was recently locked out of my email.

I am a renting resident of this area in Olowalu: at 832 Olowalu Village Rd. Please continue to keep me informed as I am very much interested in this project and would love the opportunity to have a more permanent home here. I apologize I was unable to submit any information or viewpoints in time for this meeting, however if there are any future meetings please keep us informed and we would happily send our information in to support the project.

Kind regards
Melissa Black-Laws
808-205-6194

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 21, 2020, at 11:39 PM, Kyle Ginoza <kyle@hopebuildershawaii.com> wrote:

Aloha,

I am writing to you since you signed up to be on an interest list and be updated on the subject housing development. I am writing to you to inform you that our proposed Lihau`ula Workforce Housing Project in Olowalu is scheduled for HRS 201H application review and approval by the Maui County Council in their Council Affordable Housing Committee this Wednesday (September 23). The project is designed to help address the affordable housing shortage in West Maui by providing 59 homes/lots, 40 of which will be in the "affordable" price ranges.

The following are some of the elements of the project:

- The property is a 27.799-acre parcel in Olowalu, TMK (2) 4-8-003:103, and accessed via Luawai Street, just mauka of Honoapi`ilani Highway
 - The parcel is located within the County's Urban Growth Boundary
 - The parcel is zoned Agricultural
- 49 residential homes/lots and 10 agricultural lots are proposed
- 40 of the 59 total units will be in the "affordable" price ranges
- All (100%) of the units will be owner-occupied
- If the project is approved, homes/lots are projected to be available for sale within five years

We are in need of support for the project either via written testimony (received until September 22), or via video testimony on BlueJeans (the County of Maui's web-based video service) on September 23. The official agenda item is AH-1(7) AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS (CHAPTER 201H, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES) INDEPENDENT DEVELOPMENT OF LIHAU`ULA WORKFORCE HOUSING PROJECT (LOWALU). Please refer to the official agenda item when providing testimony. It is best to email the committee directly as described below, rather than responding to me.

Instructions on how to testify are described below:

Oral or written testimony will be accepted at the meeting on Wednesday. Each testifier shall be allowed to speak for three minutes at the virtual blue jeans meeting listed on the attached agenda. Email testimony is also an option to ah.committee@mauicounty.us by Tuesday, September 22 at 1:30 pm, 24 hours before the meeting.

It would help us immensely if you could provide testimony in support of the project.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you.
Kyle

Kyle Ginoza
Project Manager
Cell: (808) 871-7375
kyle@hopebuildershawaii.com

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Kahului, HI 96732

Tel: (808) 871-8424

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<9-23-20 Council Affordable Housing Committee Agenda.pdf>

AH Committee

From: Paula Silva <pgirl@live.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 27, 2020 1:24 PM
To: AH Committee
Subject: Lihau'ulq Project

My name is Paula Hailani Keahi Silva, my Ohana is HAIA KEKAI/KEAHI/MAKA'AHA/PU'UPU'U/KALEIOPU. I oppose this development for reasons that we need to malama our iwi kupuna on land and in the ocean. We need to protect Olowalu! There's so much history in Olowalu. How can you have a project where Lahaina has a shortage of water? What are they saving it for? No, it makes no sense. What about the traffic? We already have a problem. What's gonna happen with the run-offs? That's gonna have a major impact on the ocean. This is not PONO what this developer is doing. He's not looking out for our people, \$800,000? That's supposed to be affordable for our people? My kids would have to work 2 jobs to afford this! In my eye, this developer is selfish and he only likes the money... investors need to see what kind of a man he is! He's not what he sets himself to be. He's one sly mongoose people, he's not looking out for the people of Lahaina, he's only looking out for self gratification. Come on! Do you really want Olowalu to look like Oahu? WE NEED TO STOP THIS DEVELOPMENT FOR OUR ANCESTORS AND OUR IWI KUPUNA! ENOUGH ALREADY!!!

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S7, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

AH Committee

From: Alfredo Barroso <alfredo@azuloceano.com>
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2020 2:35 AM
To: AH Committee
Subject: Lihau'ula Development, protect manta rays.

"Please Deny Lihau'ula Development at Olowalu as a precautionary measure to protect Maui's beloved manta ray population"

Respectfully,

Alfredo Barroso Ruiz

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AH Committee

From: Jeff and Sue Anderson <smander@pacbell.net>
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2020 11:38 AM
To: AH Committee
Cc: Tamara A. Paltin
Subject: Written Testimony regarding AH-1(7)

Affordable Housing Committee,

I'm writing in opposition to AH-1(7). This project proposal directly violates the recently completed West Maui Community Plan that is currently winding its way through the approval process.

Under 3.7, the West Maui Community Plan designates all areas south of Puamana to the Pali to be within an Area of Stability. These Areas of Stability were established in the Community Plan to reduce sprawl, discourage development where infrastructure does not exist and avoid burdening the transportation system through isolation from employment and services. The plan forbids non-agricultural development in this area and specifically states under policy 3.7.2, "Gentleman's estate projects and projects following the State 201H or County 2.97 process shall not be approved within this Area of Stability." This proposed project is precisely what this policy intends to reject.

The West Maui Community Plan has not yet been approved and it might even get changed before approval. But, please do the right thing. Value citizens' input and effort through the long community planning process. Reject this project or minimally, delay consideration until the West Maui Community Plan is approved.

Jeff Anderson

AH Committee

From: camille <csylva33@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2020 6:38 PM
To: AH Committee
Subject: Lihau'ula

Aloha,

I would like to express my support in the affordable home project in Oluwalu, Lihau'ula. Local families need affordable housing and more projects like this. Mahalo for your time,

Camille Robins
(808)256-3253

AH Committee

From: Tamara A. Paltin
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 9:41 AM
To: AH Committee
Subject: Fwd: Consistent Violations Deserve Denial of Lihau'ula Olowalu Project
Attachments: Peter_Martin_Olowalu_Violations_28SEP2020.pdf

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From: Mark Deakos <deakos@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 2:51:50 AM
To: Tasha A. Kama <Tasha.Kama@mauicounty.us>; Alice L. Lee <Alice.Lee@mauicounty.us>; Yukilei Sugimura <Yukilei.Sugimura@mauicounty.us>; Mike J. Molina <Mike.Molina@mauicounty.us>; Tamara A. Paltin <Tamara.Paltin@mauicounty.us>; Kelly King <Kelly.King@mauicounty.us>; Shane M. Sinenci <Shane.Sinenci@mauicounty.us>; Keani N. Rawlins <Keani.Rawlins@mauicounty.us>; Riki Hokama <Riki.Hokama@mauicounty.us>
Subject: Consistent Violations Deserve Denial of Lihau'ula Olowalu Project

September 29, 2020

What precedent is being set if Peter Martin's Liahu'ula 201-H project is approved?

We all want more affordable housing but do we want it at any and all cost? You've seen good workforce housing projects like Pulelehua by Paul Cheng that have broad community support, that not only addresses workforce housing but also implements smart growth like building near existing infrastructure, walkability, mix-use residential, education, storm water management, gray water reuse, and other community concerns? What message are we sending by rewarding developers and projects like Liahu'ula by Peter Martin that are simply sprawl, and show no attempts to meet smart growth principles?

Unfortunately, Peter Martin has consistently shown his inability to rise to the occasion and meet the concerns for the Olowalu Reef. This was first made clear to me in 2014 when I visited his newest home being built in Olowalu, 100 yards from the reef. I was shocked to see giant ½ acre clearing of exposed dirt with almost no BMPs. What BMPs existed were buried in the mud or blowing out into the ocean (see Figure 1 violation).

What was even more shocking was his testimony in front of the State Land Use Commission in 2015 stating that his 1,500 home Olowalu development would improve the health of the reef because they were going to take extra precautions to mitigate sedimentation. After the project was denied, I visited Peter's new home and noticed his partner Jim Riley was also building a home next to his, with over half an acre of exposed dirt and little to no BMPs, merely 100 yards from the reef. I was astounded.

To this day, despite the overwhelming concerns from the community to protect the Olowalu Reef, what has now been declared a Sylvia Earl Ocean Blue Hope Spot, the violations continue. Peter Martin consistently demonstrates little concern for mitigating shoreline erosion, sedimentation runoff and impacts to cultural sensitive areas (see violation Figures 2, 3, and 4).

The blatant disregard for these natural resources and for the public's concern about preserving these resources is astounding but not surprising. Peter is aware that to push his 201-H project through, he simply needs five votes from the council and 4 of these are likely guaranteed, simply due to partisan politics. There is very little incentive for Peter Martin to rise to the demands of the community, the community plan as well as the Planning Department's goal of smart growth and eliminating sprawl. He simply needs to get his 5th vote from a council member willing to do it under the guise of affordable housing.

It's time we expect more from our developers, to hold them to a higher standard and not to reward those in constant violation of environmental protections. We rely on our leadership to set those standards so that we can create a future that our keiki can be proud of. Let's raise the bar for affordable housing so that developers submit projects that meet both our affordable housing and our smart growth needs. Please request that Peter Martin resubmit a project that meets both those needs.

Mahalo,

Mark Deakos

Napili

Figure 1. Peter Martin Olowalu BMP Violation 2014.

Figure 2. Peter Martin Olowalu Grading/Grubbing Violation 2020.

Figure 3. Peter Martin Olowalu SMA Grading/Grubbing Violation 2020.

Figure 4. Peter Martin Olowalu Erosion Control Violation 2020.

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Mark Deakos

Napili



County of Maui
 Kalana O Maui Building
 200 South High Street,
 Wailuku, HI 96793-2153

11/13/2015

RFS Information for 14-0000860

Call Information

Status	Received Date	Completed Date	Duration (Days)	Entered By	How Taken	Source
DONE	06/29/2014	07/16/2014	17	KIVANET	REMOTE	INTERNET

Requestor Information

Name: TRACY ADAMS **Address:**
Company: **(H) Phone:** 808-366-8822 **(W) Phone:**
E-Mail: tracva808@gmail.com

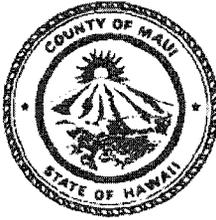
Event Location

Address: 11501 HONOAPILANI HWY **Owner(s):**
 LAHAINA, HI 96761 MARTIN,PETER KLINT TRUST
TMK: 2480030460000
Subdivision:
Intersection:
Common Place:
Other Location: HOUSE UNDER CONSTRUCTION, OCEANFRONT, OLOWALU

Memo(s)

House with TMK (2) 4-8-003:046. This house (property line approximately 100 yards front the ocean) is under construction and the BMPs are inadequate (single silt retention fence almost completely collapsed and non-functional) and threaten the offshore reef should a heavy rain event occur. Photos are available of the violation upon request. Please double check the address and TMK to be sure they are valid. Very few houses under construction in this area so the one in violation should be obvious.

Figure 1. Peter Martin Olowalu BMP Violation 2014.

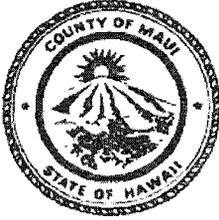


COUNTY OF MAUI
 DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
 ZONING ADMINISTRATION AND
 ENFORCEMENT DIVISION
 2200 MAIN STREET
 WAILUKU, MAUI, HAWAII 96793
 Telephone: (808) 270-7253
 Facsimile: (808) 270-7634
 E-mail: planning@mauicounty.gov

FILE NO	NOV 2020/0102
RFS NO	20-0000994
DATE OF NOTICE	September 16, 2020
DATE OF VIOLATION	June 15, 2020
CONTINUING VIOLATION	[] YES [X] NO
COLLECTED FINE	NONE
CERTIFIED RECEIPT NO	7017 0190 0000 7020 0769

NOTICE OF VIOLATION SHORELINE - MAUI			
TO:	Olowalu Elua Associates, LLC Attn: Lawrence Carnicelli 305 East Wakea Avenue, Suite 100 Kahului, Hawaii 96732		
RE:	TMK (2) 4-8-003:084-0000	PERMIT NO	NONE
	ADDRESS 11493 Honoapiilani Highway Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii		
I have inspected the below described structure(s) and/or premises and have found the following violation(s) of §§12-203-10, 12-203-12, and 12-203-13(a), Shoreline Rules for the Maui Planning Commission and 205-44 Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), as amended:			
NATURE AND EVIDENCE OF THE VIOLATION(S)	Failure to submit a request for determination of structures and activities in the shoreline setback area and obtain a shoreline setback approval or variance (as applicable); Grading/grubbing in the shoreline setback near a documented burial site; tree-cutting/clearing; other ground-altering activities; and installation of irrigation.		
Evidence of the aforementioned violation(s) include(s): site inspection and photographs.			
ORDER			
Pursuant to §§12-203-16 and 12-203-17, Shoreline Rules of the Maui Planning Commission, and §§205A-32 and 205A-43.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), as amended, you are hereby ordered as follows:			
X	Cease and desist all activity immediately.		
X	Remove the violation(s) or submit a request for determination of structures and activities in the shoreline setback area, and obtain a shoreline setback approval or variance (as applicable) by September 23, 2020		
X	Pay an initial civil fine in the amount of:	\$22,000.00	To the Department of Planning ("Planning") by October 16, 2020
X	Pay a daily civil fine in the amount of:	\$100.00	Per day to beginning on September 23, 2020 to Planning if the corrective action described above is not completed by December 16, 2020
X	Pay a daily civil fine in the amount of:	\$500.00	Per day beginning on December 17, 2020 to Planning if the corrective action described above is not completed by December 16, 2020

Figure 2. Peter Martin Olowalu Grading/Grubbing Violation 2020.



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NOTICE OF VIOLATION SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA - MAUI			
TO: Olowalu Elua Associates, LLC Attn: Lawrence Camicelli 305 East Wakea Avenue, Suite 100 Kahului, Hawaii 96732			
RE: TMK	(2) 4-8-003:084-0000	PERMIT NO	
ADDRESS	11493 Honoapiilani Highway Lahaina, Hawaii		
I have inspected the above described structure(s) and/or premises and have found the following violation(s) of §§ 12-202-12(a), Special Management Area Rules for the Maui Planning Commission ("SMA Rules"), as amended; and Hawaii Revised Statutes §205A-28:			
NATURE AND EVIDENCE OF THE VIOLATION(S)		Failure to submit a Special Management Area ("SMA") assessment and obtain an exemption or permit for the following action(s) within the SMA: Grading/grubbing of approx. 3 acres; tree-cutting of approx. 1/2 acre; trenching and installing irrigation and waterlines; other ground altering activities; and installation of four metal shipping containers and concrete pad.	
Evidence of the aforementioned violation(s) include(s): site inspection and photographs			
ORDER			
Pursuant to §§12-202-23(b) and §12-202-25, SMA Rules, as amended, you are hereby ordered as follows:			
X	Cease and desist all activity immediately.		
X	Remove the violation(s) or submit a SMA Assessment Application and obtain required exemptions and permits by September 23, 2016		
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Figure 3. Peter Martin Olowalu SMA Grading/Grubbing Violation 2020.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



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DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
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LAND
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ENF: MA 21-01

NOTICE OF ALLEGED VIOLATION

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT

JUL 30 2020

Lawrence Carnicelli, Managing Director
Olowalu Elua Associates LLC
305 E. Wakea Avenue, Suite 100
Kahului, HI, 96732

SUBJECT: Encroachment Upon State Land and Alleged Unauthorized Land Use
Within the Conservation District Located at Olowalu, Maui, TMKs: (2) 4-8-
003:001 & 084

Dear Mr. Carnicelli:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN you may be in violation of the Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) Chapter 13-221 regarding unencumbered public lands, enacted pursuant to the Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 171; and HAR, Chapter 13-5, providing for land uses within the Conservation District, enacted pursuant to HRS, Chapter 183C.

A site inspection conducted on July 2, 2020 revealed an encroachment upon State unencumbered land, failed erosion control mitigation, turbid red tinged ocean water, and dirt/mud on the State parcel and submerged land. Significant ground disturbance appears to have occurred upon State land and within the State Land Use Conservation District.

Figure 4. Peter Martin Olowalu Erosion Control Violation 2020.

AH Committee

From: Tiffany Teruya <tiffany.teruya@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 12:31 PM
To: AH Committee
Subject: Opposing of "Affordable Housing Project of Olowalu"

Aloha Kakou,

My name is Tiffany Teruya and I am a resident of Lahaina. My family goes back generations of this 'aina. I am the daughter of Haunani Yap-Teruya, grand-daughter of Lily Kaleiopu-Yap, great grand daughter of Benjamin Naiwi Kaleiopu and great-great grand daughter of Naiwi Kaleiopu.

I oppose this project as I do not see it fit in helping out our community. Every time you folks come out with an "affordable" project for the working class like myself, we have to work 2-3 jobs in order to qualify to even apply. You talk about how this will "help" the people??? I AM THE PEOPLE, I am a single Mother with 2 FT jobs (currently furloughed from both) and I can't afford to buy a house here. Building a town, in an area that I was raised in is outrageous. Olowalu is one the last places that we have that still feels like home when we visit. My Grand Uncle's family is from there and his descendants, still live there. You keep insisting on projects like this one and soon enough we won't have anything left of our already over crowded Island.

I say NO to the Olowalu Housing Project.

Mahalo,

Tiffany Teruya

AH Committee

From: Tamara A. Paltin
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 10:54 AM
To: AH Committee
Subject: Fwd: Peter Martin Letter to the Editor

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From: Chris Salem <chrissalem8@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 9:59:18 AM
To: Tamara A. Paltin <Tamara.Paltin@mauicounty.us>
Cc: Kelly King <Kelly.King@mauicounty.us>; Shane M. Sinenci <Shane.Sinenci@mauicounty.us>; Mike J. Molina <Mike.Molina@mauicounty.us>; Keani N. Rawlins <Keani.Rawlins@mauicounty.us>; Riki Hokama <Riki.Hokama@mauicounty.us>; Tasha A. Kama <Tasha.Kama@mauicounty.us>; Alice L. Lee <Alice.Lee@mauicounty.us>
Subject: Peter Martin Letter to the Editor

Peter Martin states; *“Thou Shall not Bear False Witness.”*

Factually, almost ten years after former Public Works Director David Goode signed off on the Olowalu Mauka subdivision

with incomplete SMA conditions, Peter Martin was issued a notice of violation by the Department of Planning Zoning and

Enforcement Division Inspector. (See attached)

The questions for consideration and investigation while reviewing the current application;

1. Does anyone see conditioned fire break green belts in Olowalu? (See Plan Attached)
2. Has Peter Martin addressed the historical preservation plan violation? (See Condition #19 of Violation Notice)
3. The underlying agricultural subdivision was a one time division of land under the MCC Title 18 lot line consolidation / re subdivision ordinance. Does this land qualify for re subdivision and further relief from infrastructure improvements, park fees, etc. ?
4. And finally, on Peter Martin's prior Ag Subdivisions from the tunnel to Lahaina, were park fees paid or was land dedicated for public parks within the thousand of acres of resulting "Ag" parcels?
5. And finally, why are all these conditions established in a SMA Permit instead of their

In conclusion, Exodus 20:16 states "Thou shall not bear fall witnesses against your neighbor". From my personal view, quoting the bible is an inappropriate form of defense and salesmanship for land development by Mr. Martin.

Chris Salem

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Lihau'ula Workforce Housing Project is being processed under the 201H affordable housing process. It is also called "*fast track*" by opponents to housing for local families. Well, IT IS NOT FAST!

My partners and I have owned the land since the late '90s and I bought the 28-acre parcel from the partnership in 2018. I had a very difficult time finding investors because of the development risks and low profitability. Not one of the original partners would invest with me in this workforce housing endeavor. After all, it is much easier to build the two dwellings that are currently allowed than to withstand the opposition to workforce homes. Nonetheless, I am committed to the development of workforce homes, and fortunately, I convinced some of my colleagues to invest with me.

Let's get down to the basics.

The project is located in Olowalu, mauka of Honoapi'ilani Highway. There will be 40 affordable homes built and 19 vacant lots — 10 lots 10,000 square feet in area and nine one-acre lots. The 40 homes will be sold to owner occupants under the 201H guidelines for workforce housing. The lots will be sold to owner occupants. There will be no vacation rentals allowed nor any type of rentals. I will do everything in my power to ensure that all of the 59 units will be sold to long-time, local West Maui residents.

A county public hearing on the project via Blue Jeans was held on Wednesday, Sept. 23. The primary objections focused on reef health, miscellaneous attacks on me personally and other existing Olowalu owners, and other items which are governed by state and county laws that we are committed to adhering. We have strived to propose a project that is respectful of the environment, in conformance with all health and safety regulations, and that would appeal to a wide variety of residents.

After the meeting, I heard from a friend born here in Hawaii that the project had no chance getting approved because our Maui County Council is too ignorant. I responded that it is my

intention to demonstrate to the council that the development of affordable housing is a difficult undertaking and we have put our best foot forward in the furtherance of housing for our local people.

Well, I have faith in our system and our team and that our council will take the time to do their job and get to the truth.

I love learning and educating and in large part, the absence of affordable housing is due to a confluence of factors, including: government bureaucracy, economics, future uncertainty, and public opposition. We all want our community to be the best. God made Maui a beautiful magical place and I believe that, despite the uncertainty in this world with COVID-19 and other issues, it is my duty to continue to pursue affordable housing in the face of stiff opposition. God also told us in the 9th Commandment, *"Thou Shall not Bear False Witness."*

I believe that all of the council members and the mayor believe we have an obligation to protect the environment. I believe that our families can live on the land in Olowalu while protecting the 'aina. I look forward to helping the County Council learn the truth. My wife, Maggie, and I are residents of Olowalu and we want more neighbors.