

# Affordable Housing Committee (2021) on 2021-03-23 1:30 PM

Meeting Time: 03-23-21 13:30

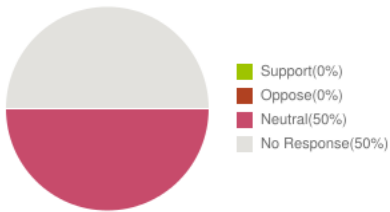
## eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
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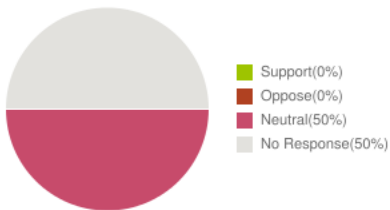
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AH-14 MISC COMPREHENSIVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN (CONTRACT C7183; HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY ASSETS, INC.) (AH-14)	2	0	0	1

### Sentiments for All Agenda Items

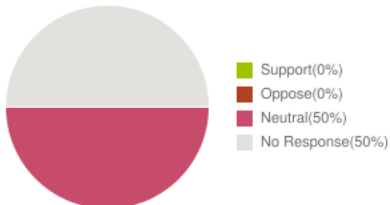
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#### Overall Sentiment



#### Stan Franco

Location:

Submitted At: 4:31pm 03-23-21

Testimony was requested by Council member Kelly King.

#### Pamela Tumpap

Location:

Submitted At: 11:59am 03-23-21

Please see attached testimony on AH-14.



**MAUI**  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
VOICE OF BUSINESS

**Testimony on AH-14  
Comprehensive Affordable Housing Plan  
Tuesday, March 23, 2021**

Dear Chair Johnson, Vice-Chair Molina and  
Members of the Affordable Housing Committee,

We sincerely appreciate that the Council decided to hold a public hearing and wait to make a decision on Bill 10 until after this presentation.

In reviewing Hawaiian Community Asset's presentation, we can see the level of work spent on talking with community members, nonprofits, home builders, other experts, etc. to identify some of the major barriers in building affordable homes and rentals and getting residents into those homes and rentals. We like that the plan provides ideas for building more affordable homes, assisting future homebuyers and renters, residents building their own homes and more. Given what we saw in the presentation and the details provided thus far, we are excited to hear Jeff Gilbreath's presentation today to learn more and feel he has shown enough to warrant that we should wait for the full plan before further considering Bill 10.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap  
President

To advance and promote a healthy economic environment for business, advocating for a responsive government and quality education, while preserving Maui's unique community characteristics.

## Testimony to the Affordable Housing Committee

March 23, 2021

Dear Chair Gabe and Council members,

I am Stan Franco, President of Stand Up Maui and speak on their behalf. We thank the Maui County Council and Hawaiian Community Assets for getting us to this point in the development of a Comprehensive Affordable Housing Plan for the residents of Maui, Molokai and Lanai.

I have reviewed the draft and in consultation with others in Stand Up Maui have these few comments:

1. We agree that we must all be on board as a community to make the final plan a reality.
2. We like concepts like a Public Review Committee, Individual Savings Accounts (IDAs) and the expansion of the Affordable Housing Fund to cover cultural, environmental, and archaeological assessments.
3. We would like more discussion on the following:
  - a. A clear understanding of the terms – affordable housing and workforce housing.
  - b. A system like a Land Trust to keep homes built under the Plan affordable long term (We remember the Front Street Apartments issue).
  - c. A centralized Housing Eligibility List.
  - d. A legal system to prioritize affordable homes for local residents over outsiders.

- e. Use of local sourced materials and innovative construction methods to lower housing costs.
- f. A financial plan for the County to purchase land for affordable housing and pay for infrastructure and implementation costs.
- g. A Housing Authority or like entity to implement the plan. The people of Maui County will not accept another report for someone's shelf.
- h. Mortgage funds with terms favorable to residents.
- i. Adaptive use of vacant commercial buildings.
- j. A housing plan for individuals and families who are houseless.

Our preliminary comments are made to continue the dialogue to reach our goal to have a final plan by June 30, 2021. We appreciate the first step to create the homes our people want, need, and deserve. Thank you.

Stan Franco