

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.

As a firstborn generation of the mainland, a product of the diaspora exploitation in Hawaii has caused, I am disgusted with the continued support of property management groups and investors like this contributing to the displacement of my people! Colonization has only brought greed, monetization and diaspora to Hawaii and the only people suffering are the Native Hawaiians who cannot afford the luxuries and privileges to stay, let alone enjoy the lands and waters of their kupuna. Politicians need to stop supporting the exploitation of our home by supporting tourism and make a bigger impact in creating other opportunities to generate income elsewhere, not with foreign investors that don't care about the people! I remember a time where I'd see locals fishing, hunting, gardening and living the old ways of life, but now greed has taken over and Hawaii's so called government failed us all. Shoreline after shoreline closed off to tourists and guests only, waterfalls packed so the keiki turn to other entertainment, licenses enforced that no one can afford, pollution increasing and so on... When will the Hawaiian government accept their kuleana? How can you take an oath to do what's best for the people of Hawaii and allow this corruption to continue? The death of our race, culture, ways of life and prosperity is in your hands. You should know how many heartbroken souls live here in the mainland instead of with their ohana because of decisions like this that have priced us out of paradise.

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