

## AH Committee

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**Sent:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 10:35 AM  
**To:** AH Committee  
**Cc:** MARTY KNUPPE; MICHAEL KNUPPE  
**Subject:** Affordable Housing Project (Chapter 201H, Hawaii Revised Statutes (Independent Development of Makila Farms; Lahaina) AH-1(3) Sub(3)

Chair Tasha Kama – Housing Committee  
Maui County Council  
Kalana O Maui Building, Eight Floor  
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RE: In Support of Makila Farms

Dear Chair Kama,

My name is Herman James Knuppe Jr. I have been a builder/developer since 1963. I became a Hawaii State Licensed Contractor in 1987 and established a business, AAAAA Rent-A -Space, in Lahaina that same year. My family still owns and operates the business and in fact we completed expansion of our interests to an adjoining parcel this year. AAAAA Rent-A-Space and the Knuppe Family support many local community organizations in West Maui.

I became acquainted with Greg Brown in 2015 when I purchased a home he'd built at Kaanapali Coffee Farms. At the time the Kapalani Estates home my wife and I had owned since 1993 no longer suited our needs. We toured the Coffee Farms house and my wife fell in love. It's beautifully constructed. As a builder with more than 50 years' experience I know good work! We continue to enjoy our Brown Development home.

I have followed the Makila Farms project and wholeheartedly support the development. It creates a great opportunity for local working families to own a home in the community they work in. The project really takes into consideration the needs of the community.

The preservation of open space is environmentally mindful. Additionally, the fire safety and drainage measures which exceed the County's requirements is further indication of the developer's awareness to the needs of the community.

Affordable housing for working class families is a nationwide concern. I applaud Brown Development for being proactive in the effort to solve the problem. I support the most recent proposal and encourage the committee's approval.

Respectfully submitted,

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