

AH Committee

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To: AH Committee
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: Support Makila Farms!

Dear Chair Kama,

My Name is Khyla Kawehilani Silva. I was born here on Maui but raised on Lanai. I moved to Maui about 2 years ago to start my own life on the island where my life had started. The 2 years I have lived here I have had to move multiple times due to the rent being so high and soon I will have to move once again. I have been struggling to keep up with the rent especially wanting to live here on the west side. When I first moved here, I had rented a studio which cost me more than 2K a month and now I have moved to a one-bedroom apartment with my other half and our puppies which is costing me about the same. With both of us combined we are struggling very hard. Every month I look if there are cheaper places where I can live and I have had no luck for multiple reasons, such as it being way to expensive, no pets or cats allowed, or they only allow one person to live there. We also get judged by our age which makes it harder for us to get a place to live. I have my own family and I know it will grow over the years so I constantly watch if there are homes or lots that are available so I can prepare myself for the future but it is so hard when housing is so expensive.

I support the Makila Farms Work Force homes project as I believe that it will be a great opportunity for not just me, but people or families that are struggling just like me or in the same situation as me. I do not own a home but I would love to have one of these homes as my first home and it will be affordable for me and perfect for my growing family. I think that it is incredible that these homes are 2 acres lots and I will to able to afford it for 30 Years! Greg Brown has built homes in this area for years and I trust that he will make a big change with this project. I have heard multiple issues about these homes and after reading up on these homes I believe they are untrue and can be solved and I also believe that it will be a perfect and safe area to live.

Mahalo,

Khyla Silva