

## AH Committee

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**To:** AH Committee  
**Subject:** Affordable Housing Projects (Chapter 201H, Hawaii Revised Statutes) (Independent Development of the Makila Farms Project (Lahaina)) Agenda Item AH-1 (3)

Tasha Kama, Chair – Housing Committee  
Maui County Council  
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Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Kama,

I am writing today to express my strong support for the approval of the Makila Farms affordable housing development. Having recently relocated to Hawaii, I, along with many others are finding it incredibly difficult to find affordable housing solutions.

In my opinion, the demand for “affordable housing” has been increasing steadily in recent years, both on Maui, and across the other Hawaiian islands. If left to continue, it’s effects are only going to grow in severity. It’s for this reason that I feel the time to act is now. Although housing deficiencies are not unique to the state of Hawaii, the shortages faced here will only be exacerbated due to the proximal isolation and size constraints. In many communities, the lack of affordable housing necessary to support working families has become an epidemic. Communities facing these issues have, and will continue to see detrimental effects trickle down to all aspects of community dynamic. No single, “magic bullet” has emerged to help curb this problem, but it seems that Maui has been given a tremendous opportunity to allow a viable solution to move forward. Makila Farms appears to be a tremendous opportunity to provide desperately needed affordable housing to Island of Maui.

Having moved here for the incredible climate and environment that Hawaii has to offer, I believe consideration has to be given to the environmental impacts associated with responsible development . It appears to me that Makila Farms takes this into account and offers solutions to soften the impact it would have on the environment. I would in no way offer support of a reckless development who fails to recognize this. It is my understanding that this developer has worked to soften it’s impact through responsible planning. I have never seen an offering that gives buyers an opportunity to purchase affordable housing on parcels of an acre or more of land. A development that supports over 80% open space is a winner in my eyes.

In summary, we need this! If we continue down the path we’re on, affordable housing will become harder and harder to achieve. If you don’t want to see Maui turn into an exclusive playground for the wealthy, I implore you to allow development opportunities to take place and help make Makila Farms a reality!

Warmest regards,

Brian