

## AH Committee

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**To:** AH Committee  
**Subject:** Affordable Housing Project (Chapter 201H, Hawaii Revised Statutes) (Independent Development of Makila Farms PROJECT (LAHAINA)) (AH-1(3))  
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RE: Support Makila Farms AH-1 (3)

Dear Tasha Kama, Chair - Housing Committee

I'm writing this testimony in full support of the Makila Farms Affordable Housing Project. I do not want the West Maui Community Planning Action Committee (CPAC) to delay this or any other project that has any affordable housing in West Maui. We are in housing crisis mode.

Firstly, I've personally and professionally known the builder, Mr. Greg Brown for more than 15 years. In that time, I've witnessed his company succeed in developments, where others faltered. Mr. Brown's projects are completed on time, on budget, and finished in the highest quality.

Greg and his family became admirable leaders in our community by offering meaningful programs and resources to the youth of Lānaʻi. The 4H program they developed was a great benefit for families on our island. Dozens of children enjoyed learning about raising animals and ranch crafts from knowledgeable mentors with terrific resources and in a beautiful environment. In over three years, Mr. Brown personally funded the program. He spent about \$100K of his own money to build, manage and volunteer weekly. The youth project included a small cattle farm, sheep, goats, chickens and horses which involved over 80 kids from Lanaʻi.

Also, the Brown's provided support for many other non-profits and charities in our community. In nearly 25 years on Lanai, I consider the Brown's to stand out among the best philanthropic community members.

In brief, I'm impressed by Greg Brown's professional expertise and first class commitment to quality, family, and community. His project is a clear winner on the details of the vision. Mr Brown deserves full confidence to complete the Makila Farms AH-1 (3) development with the best possible outcome for the county and community.

Mahalo for Your Consideration,

Chris Richardson