

## HHT Committee

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**From:** Reuben Pali <mauimusicmission@gmail.com>  
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**To:** HHT Committee  
**Subject:** Front Street Apartments

Aloha Committee,

I am a fourth year resident of Front Street Apartments. I was blessed with this place to live after renting from several other private landlords. I am disabled, with a limited income. I also have a service animal which makes housing even more challenging. Affordable housing in West Maui is scarce, if at all possible to find. Most residences which are advertised at an affordable rate in this area do not include private baths and usually no kitchen or appliances. Realty agencies which advertise rentals also state boldly in their ads that they do not accept HUD. I cannot express what it has meant to me to live in a clean, safe, and well managed apartment. I am able to focus on rehabilitation and returning to work.

My current HUD subsidy only protects me partially from these imminent rent increases. I will be forced to pay the difference once the market rent for my apartment exceeds the HUD maximum payment.

Poverty is increased when affordable housing is decreased. Our community is suffering a housing shortage, and particularly in need of affordable housing. The high cost of housing is creating advanced poverty situations in Lahaina.

Please stop the rent increases at Front Street Apartments until a complete research finding on Housing and Poverty in West Maui is submitted and presented for public approval. Without a minimum standard of housing for our residents, what hope is there for us?

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With Sincere Concern,

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