

LU Committee

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Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2018 9:44 AM
To: LU Committee
Subject: FW: Opposition to Wailuku Apartment Rental Housing Project

From: Kimberly Delmore <kim@delmore.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 16, 2018 9:37 AM
To: Robert Carroll <Robert.Carroll@mauicounty.us>
Subject: Opposition to Wailuku Apartment Rental Housing Project

Dear Councilmember,

I am writing to let you know of my opposition to the proposed Wailuku Apartment Rental Housing Project.

Issues:

1) Traffic. I currently drive past this intersection where the apartment project is proposed several times a day on the way to taking my child to and from nearby Puu Kukui Elementary School. The traffic at this intersection at peak traffic times is just awful and so congested. It's mind boggling to think that a 324 unit project is proposed at this small stretch of congested roadway. I read in the draft EA that essentially there will be very minimal impacts to traffic. It really confuses me and doesn't seem logical. Without being any kind of an engineer or professional doing a study, an average lay person can see that traffic will go from an already bad situation to a nightmare if this project gets built. This is without even considering the future housing of Waikapu Country Town and Waiale, which will surely impact this busy intersection.

2) Density. This parcel of land is zoned ag. To go from ag zoning and then propose to plop 3-story buildings in such a small section of land is really pushing it. This is very out of character for Wailuku.

3) Affordability. Only a third of the units are for those under 100% of Maui's median income (the AMI). Therefore, the vast majority of the units will not serve those truly in need of affordable housing.

4) Exemptions. There are so many exemptions being requested. To ask for so many exemptions, where the impact will not reach a vast majority of those in need, seems like too many.

5) Pedestrian Safety. I am concerned about pedestrian safety. This feels like a project for somewhere in Honolulu, not the middle of Wailuku. Such a grand project should at least meet our Maui building codes. To ask for so many building code exemptions, including not having adequate sidewalks that stretch South of the driveway at Waiale Road doesn't seem to adequately address pedestrian safety.

6) Full EIS. For such a major project, a Full EIS should be required.

Thank you for considering my opinion in regards to this proposed projects.

Sincerely,

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