

HLU Committee

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From: Mara Davis <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 12, 2025 5:08 AM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

My name is Mara Davis and I'm writing in strong support of Bill 9. I'm a local girl who struggles to pay rent. For decades, tourism was allowed to sprawl past the resorts, eating into neighborhoods. By the time of the fire, 87% of homes north of Kā'anapali were STRs.

Removing STRs isn't destroying tourism. It's bringing it back to the resorts, where it was always meant to be. Even if we phase out the 6,000+ Minatoya STRs, our occupancy rate is expected to increase.

This is not about jobs either. These aren't hotels and the majority are without union workers and local staff. These are mostly remote-managed units. Meanwhile, we have hundreds of open jobs here in the County with real benefits jobs our people could fill if they had a place to live.

We've seen how STRs hollow out communities and inflate housing costs. And we've watched other cities take bold action while Maui stood still. We've waited long enough. Let's stop treating STRs like they're too big to challenge and start standing with the people who are still trying to come home.

Also, I respectfully ask for no carve-outs or special protections for timeshares

Mahalo

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Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members,

Attached is my testimony.

Sincerely,

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From: Hina Kaopua <hina@hapahi.org>
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To: County Clerk
Subject: Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout

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Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

My name is Kaiakahinalii Kaopua, and I am writing in strong support of Bill 9. Although I am a resident on Oahu, my kupuna called Maui Nui home, and raised generations of kanaka in the waters of Maui. Sadly not as many kanaka have this same privilege.

Our water is a public trust resource not a private amenity to be used freely by those who can pay the most. That's not just a moral principle, it's a constitutional one. Under the Hawai'i State Constitution and the Public Trust Doctrine, our County government has a legal and ethical obligation to protect water for present and future generations.

How can we fulfill that responsibility when thousands of short-term rentals, 85% of them owned by non-residents are using this precious resource at disproportionate rates, all for visitor luxury? Pools. Landscaping. Daily laundry. Turnover after turnover.

Meanwhile, families in West Maui are being told to conserve and be conscious. In the name of "growth," we're asked to believe that the solution is to build more, more units, more visitors, more demands on a system that is already past its breaking point. Instead of looking at the current housing stock we already have tied to resources.

The time for half-measures is over. Phasing out the Minatoya list means protecting our wai. I am also requesting no carve-outs or special protections for timeshares.

Mahalo

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Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

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These units were never built just for tourists. Over time, they were taken over and converted. But before that, they were part of our housing market, the only housing some of us could find or afford. We made them homes, not luxury escapes.

They were starter homes for many 'ohana, they were also just simply homes that back in the 1970s and 1980s, a part of our community. They were affordable and our 'ohana could live comfortably while our keiki and ourselves knew our neighbors. This is what we need to bring back!

Also, I respectfully ask for no carve-outs or special protections for timeshares.

Mahalo

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From: Chanel Souza <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
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To: County Clerk
Subject: Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha kākou,

‘O wau ‘o Chanel Souza. No Kīhei mai au. I’m writing in strong support of Bill 9.

Aloha, my name is Chanel Souza, and I’m from Kīhei.

I’m writing in strong support of Bill 9, which would phase out vacation rentals that are on the Minatoya List.

I’ve lived on Maui my entire life, just up the road from Charley Young Beach. I grew up watching our community change, and now I see more and more of our neighborhoods being taken over by short-term vacation rentals.

Recently, I went to visit a friend who lives in a condo right along South Kīhei Road—units that were originally intended to provide workforce housing for local residents. But when I got there, every single unit was occupied by tourists. These condos were meant to support our local people, not be turned into hotels. It’s heartbreaking to see our community pushed out while investors profit.

I strongly urge you to pass Bill 9. Our families, our friends, our children—we deserve a place to call home on the island.

Also, I respectfully ask for no carve-outs or special protections for timeshares

Me ke aloha nui,

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Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

My name is ClintonBrewer, and I'm writing in strong support of Bill 9.

We're not being unreasonable in our ask to support Bil 9, we're late to the game. Cities and regions across the globe, from New York to Barcelona, have already taken bold steps to rein in STRs. They've recognized the damage STRs do to housing markets and community life.

In places like San Francisco and Santa Monica, regulations limit short-term rentals to primary residences and impose strict caps on rental days to prevent the conversion of housing into de facto hotels. What we have now with the Minatoya list is a majority of de facto hotels. Operating without any full time staff, lock boxes and do as you please mentality.

Maui has allowed this to go on for too long, and now we're simply doing what should have been done years ago: protecting housing for residents and restoring balance to our neighborhoods.

Also, I respectfully ask for no carve-outs or special protections for timeshares

Mahalo

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From: Marie Ganoot <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
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To: County Clerk
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Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

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Mahalo

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HLU Committee

From: Angelo Costantino <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 10:26 AM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

My name is [Angelo Costantino], and I'm writing in strong support of Bill 9. After the fire, we started learning the full truth. Nearly 87% of the units north of Kā'anapali were short-term rentals, entire neighborhoods turned into ghost towns of empty condos with keypads instead of neighbors.

Phasing out Minatoya STRs isn't about pushing out visitors, it's about giving families a fighting chance to stay. Maui's tourism numbers are still strong, and even without these STRs, occupancy is expected to rise, not fall. This isn't an anti-tourism move. It's a pro-community, pro-'āina and a pro-livable future for our people.

Most of the Minatoya STRs don't create jobs with benefits or pathways for local residents. Most are managed by off-island agents. Meanwhile there are roughly 600+ County jobs left unfilled, jobs that actually build up our workforce and help families put down roots. We've lived the consequences of an economy on Maui built around investors instead of residents where our local community is pushed out due to no where to live, and extremely unsustainable rents.

Also, respectfully we ask for no carve-outs or special protections for timeshares, that would weaken the bill and keep the cycle going. We can't afford more exceptions. We need real housing solutions, not more loopholes.

Mahalo

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From: Jacey Santos <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
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To: County Clerk
Subject: Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

My name is Jacey Santos, and I'm writing in strong support of Bill 9. We are often told that we can "build our way out" of the housing crisis. But that argument ignores the truth of life in Maui Komohana: we don't even have enough water.

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Maui County officials, do better. Stop with the red tape bullshit. I had to leave the island of Maui due to the rising cost of living. The whole system is corrupt. Somehow the current STRs contribute over 1 billion dollars in tax money but you can only contribute a proposed 10 million dollars to buy back privatized water system. The precious water needed to create and push through more affordable housing. I call corruption.

Mahalo

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From: Daisy Ballesteros <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 10:07 PM
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Mahalo

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HLU Committee

From: Kamaehu Alboro <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
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To: County Clerk
Subject: Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout

Maui County Clerk,

My name is Kamaehu Alboro, and I'm writing in strong support of Bill 9.

I was born and raised in Lahaina, Maui, and proudly graduated from Lahainaluna High School. I went on to earn a bachelor's degree, a master's, and a graduate certification — all in pursuit of the kind of future we're taught to strive for. And yet, even with that education and hard work, I cannot afford to return home. Today, I serve a community in Vallejo, California, not because I chose to leave, but because living on the island that raised me has become financially impossible.

I watch from afar as my family and friends still on Maui persevere through unimaginable challenges grieving the loss of our family home in the fire, while continuing to raise their children, work long hours, and navigate the daily burden of an island economy that makes even basic necessities feel out of reach. It's a cycle that leaves little room to build wealth or stability through financial means. Instead, we survive by leaning on our families, our friends, and the strength of our community because without that, there would be nothing left to hold us up.

I've listened quietly as STR (short-term rental) owners testify about their need to maintain and build wealth often without a second thought about the people of Maui who can't even afford an apartment here. The truth is, the properties on the Minatoya list weren't always luxury investments many of us grew up in them, or knew 'ohana and friends who did. These were long-term homes before they were commodified. The claim that these units "aren't fit" for local living begs the question — if we don't belong here, then where do we belong? If we're told we're not suited for the very place that raised us, then what future are we being offered? When even a modest apartment is out of reach, how can we ever hope to afford a home, let alone land? It sends a clear message: that our place in our own home is conditional and that's a painful, unjust truth.

As a grand child of plantation workers and community servants I come from a community where people work hard, adapt, and find a way but when the odds are this stacked against us, what can we do? There are still families fighting to make their lives on Maui, but it shouldn't be this hard. Locals would absolutely live in those homes again and many still do, holding on however they can.

Please let your legacy be that you stood up and stopped outside investors from taking advantage of the people of Maui. Let your legacy be that you gave this generation a real step forward a chance to thrive in the place we call home, where our families have lived for generations. Let your legacy be one that future generations can look back on and say: they chose people over profit.

Mahalo for your time and consideration

Also, I respectfully ask for no carve-outs or special protections for timeshares

Mahalo

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To: County Clerk
Subject: Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

My name is [Your Name], and I'm writing in strong support of Bill 9.

What we're doing here on Maui isn't radical, it's responsible. Cities and regions across the globe have recognized that short-term rentals have contributed to unsustainable economies: skyrocketing housing costs, increased infrastructure strain, and over-reliance on visitors. By phasing them out, they're taking steps toward economies that prioritize local families over absentee investors.

In Spain, the government ordered Airbnb to remove over 65,000 illegal tourist listings, citing violations of regional regulations and the need to restore housing access for residents. Barcelona plans to eliminate all 10,000 licensed short-term rental apartments by 2028 to protect long-term housing availability for residents.

In the U.S., cities like Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Santa Monica have implemented strict regulations on short-term rentals to curb their negative impact on housing affordability and community stability.

We're not crashing the economy, we're stabilizing it. By phasing out Minatoya STRs, we're taking a step toward an economy that prioritizes local families over absentee investors. This means lower rents, greater housing access for workers, and a stronger local economy built on residents.

Also, I respectfully ask for no carve-outs or special protections for timeshares. Let this bill do what it was intended for the Minatoya list.

Mahalo

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Subject: Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

My name is Casey Joseph and I'm writing in strong support of Bill 9. In West Maui, we don't just have a housing crisis we have a water crisis. Lahaina, and other parts of Maui Komohana face chronic water shortages. And yet, the majority of units on the Minatoya are visitors only.

Short-term rentals, especially non-owner-occupied, are heavy water users. Studies and common sense both show: when a unit is used for vacation instead of a home, water usage increases dramatically. Pools, laundry, showers, dishwashers, used multiple times a day by rotating groups of guests. No conservation mindset, no connection to 'āina, no kuleana. Meanwhile, our community is being told by county and state representatives that we are facing an unsustainable yield in water usage. There is literally no more water to even build affordable housing. We have been on water restrictions for years, where our community goes without while Minatoya short term rentals have zero restrictions. Housing is unaffordable, water is rationed, and the people who've lived here for generations are asked to bear the burden of a system that's been tipped out of balance.

By phasing out the Minatoya list we are taking back housing inventory for our people in areas where we need it most. I am also asking for no carve-outs or special protections for timeshares

Mahalo

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HLU Committee

From: Emma .M <mekmarriott@gmail.com>
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Subject: Testimony regarding STR Ordinance
Attachments: STR Bill Testimony.pdf

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To whom it may concern:

Please consider the attached testimony regarding the proposal to phase out all STRs in Maui county. While a last minute family emergency prevented me from being able to attend the meeting yesterday to voice this in person, I hope you will still consider my perspective in your committee proceedings.

Thank you,

Emma Marriott
Concerned Resident and STR owner.

HLU Committee

From: Kimberly Nicole LeBaron <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 5:07 PM
To: County Clerk
Subject: Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Chair and Council members,

My name is Kimberly LeBaron I'm writing in strong support of Bill 9.

So far, I hear residents of Maui asking for more homes for their children to be able to live on island.

I see owners of short term rentals asking you to help protect their financial investment.

I also hear that long term renters use far less water, which is a precious resource for the future of Maui's natural ecosystem and communities.

So which one is more important? Homes, family and nature? Or money? Money is important, but not as important as the health of the land and people. We make money FOR our families. And without the nature, and without the local community, there is no vacation on Maui. Locals families need to come first. And that is your job, to speak for your people, not just anyone who wants to earn more money.

You are here to protect everyone. You can create a culture of tourists and visitors honoring your home. Do what's right for the future of the the island and the Earth.

Mahalo

Kimberly, from Utah.

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From: County Clerk
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Subject: Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

My name is Olivia Leialoha Sagarang Preer, and I'm writing in strong support of Bill 9. I am a resident of Hilo and have been trying to move to Kona for work for the last 6 months. But because of short-term rentals, there is no inventory in Kona or any housing that I can afford. I now commute from Hilo to Kona 2-3 times a week. Before my new job, I was trying to move out of my apartment in Hilo and it was already impossible to find housing! There are just so little homes and the rent keeps increasing and increasing. After this AND seeing what's happening in Lahaina, it became clear just how many homes weren't homes at all; they were STRs. That's not balance, that's erasure.

We've been told phasing out STRs is "too extreme," that it'll hurt the economy. But the truth is: STRs have been hurting us. They drive up housing prices, overburden our roads, and leave our neighborhoods empty of real neighbors. What kind of recovery leaves us priced out of our own community?

And these STRs aren't job creators nor should you believe the numbers from 10,000 job losses. They don't hire cleaning crews full time, its majority transient, and most don't have front desks or full time maintenance staff on property. They don't support local working families the way long-term housing or union hotels do. We've got hundreds of open County jobs that could be filled if people had somewhere to live.

Also, respectfully I ask for no carve-outs or special protections for timeshares.

In conclusion, I'm writing this in hopes that this bill gets passed on Lahaina and bills like this will continue in other areas of Hawaii to benefit our lāhui who are just trying to survive and stay in the places that they were born and raised.

Mahalo

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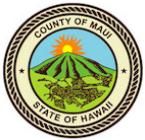
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Aloha HLU Committee,

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Subject: Housing

The County of Maui has failed for decades to build the necessary housing it needs--well before the fire--and to use their ineptitude to phase out other types of housing for tourists, is a sham. We KNOW the interests and real reasons that keep this happening! This should be about appropriate regulation, not elimination, and it is all about consumer CHOICE as well. My entire family and many mainland friends have visited Maui many many times and spent a lot of money and care not to stay in hotels that are outrageously expensive and control the market-with most of the money leaving the island for mainland chains. They also want to experience Maui from a local perspective, visiting real neighborhoods, shopping at local stores and meeting people other than hotel staff. Many local people are hostage to a tourist economy and outside corporations need a regulated source of income to survive on Maui. And, 100's of part time homes sit empty 1/2 of the year while getting special deals...

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Vinnie Linares

I am seeking Compatible Dysfunction.....

We are all lying in the gutter, but some of us are gazing up at the stars..Oscar Wilde

There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but one must take it because one's conscience tells one that it is right." Martin Luther King

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

HLU Committee

From: Maui_County Council_mailbox
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Aloha HLU Committee,

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Subject: Housing Proposal

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Dear County Officials,

Re: Proposal to Purchase Leasehold Property for Affordable Housing Use

After attending the recent Minatoya Exception discussion, I left both inspired and hopeful. The County's and State's efforts to create solutions—such as the investment in temporary modular housing in Lahaina—demonstrate that we can act boldly when the community needs us most.

With that spirit in mind, I'd like to bring forward a creative and cost-effective opportunity for consideration: the purchase of my client's leasehold condominium at Hale Mahialani. The unit still has over 11.5 years remaining on its lease and is currently eligible as a short-term vacation rental under the Minatoya list. However, my client and I feel strongly that this property could—and should—serve a greater purpose.

In alignment with the County's goal of increasing access to housing for local residents, my client is willing to sell the unit for just 50% of its 2025 assessed value of \$532,400—a purchase price of only \$266,200. This is a substantial discount and a rare chance to secure a centrally located property that could immediately benefit displaced families or income-constrained individuals in our community.

Instead of waiting for speculative pricing shifts or market slowdowns, this proposal offers a proactive path forward. We're not looking to add to the problem—we want to be part of the solution. We hope this gesture sparks serious consideration and a conversation around how public and private sectors can work together to support Maui's residents.

Please feel free to contact me directly if you'd like more details or documentation. I'm happy to discuss this further and assist however I can to move things forward.

With aloha,

Donavan OToole

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Very well said! Tom

On Thu, Jun 12, 2025 at 8:12 AM David Diehl <ddiehl155@gmail.com> wrote:
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Mahalo!

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Aloha Maui County Council,

I full heartily believe Bill 9 will not benefit Maui County. I believe the apartments in question would just be abandoned because of effortablily issues like in Spain. Many occupants would not be able to afford the high HOA fees and insurance that would be required. Back when the major planning was done on Maui to preserve space and put tourists where tourists should be near the beaches, hotels were only able to be built in these designated areas. At the time it wasn't only hotels because condos were built too. The short term rental market was a way the pay for rising high cost. The families that come on vacation most often will choose to stay together at multiple short term rental in these units because hotels have become insanely expensive. The question is, will locals be able to live with large families in these small sized apartments? Is it right to break the golden egg that has supported Maui for years, the idea money will keep flowing into our County may not always be unless we find another avenue besides tourists ... Hope you consider voting against this bill. Thank you, Debbie