

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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RE: Support Makila Farms AH-1 (3)

Dear Tasha Kama, Chair - Housing Committee

My name is Kim Venus, I am 31 years old and was born and raised here in Lahaina. I would like to express my support for this much needed housing project. I have been working as a registered nurse here on Maui for 7 years and have seen and experienced the housing crisis here on Maui. I have been renting as it is near impossible to purchase a home. It's very difficult for me to see. Even having a career and no dependents has been difficult, and still is not good enough. I love the island I have grown up on but I truly feel the housing situation has placed huge obstacles on mine and others lives, for me including plans to have a family here. I have a retired veteran father who I think about taking care of in the future as he gets older and I worry if I will ever be able to have a home and help him and have my own family. I have seen friends and residents who have grown up here pushed off the island due to the housing shortage and expenses. I understand that price of living somewhat is out of our control, but pushing for these affordable projects is crucial to keep our local community here and strong, and keep the aloha spirit we have here. This is something I believe Makila farms is trying to do as a way to give back to the Lahaina community. I am in full support of this project, and I thank you very much for your time.

Kim Venus

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