

PC Committee

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Aloha, Chair Couch!

Attached please find our testimony for PC-37(2) scheduled for your committee hearing tomorrow, October 20, 2016.

Please call me with any questions.

Mahalo,

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October 20, 2016

Honorable Don Couch
Chair of the Planning Committee
Maui County Council
200 High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

via: pc.committee@mauicounty.us

Subject: Increasing Inventory of Available Housing (PC-37(2))

Dear Chair Couch:

Housing and Land Enterprise of Maui, dba Na Hale O Maui (NHOM), a nonprofit 501(c) 3 organization, supports all efforts to increase the inventory of affordable housing. NHOM was created "To secure and preserve a permanent supply of affordable housing alternatives for low and moderate income households in Maui County." Therefore, we strongly encourage affordable housing in perpetuity.

We appreciate the Department of Planning, Maui County Planning Committee and its Temporary Investigative Group (T.I.G.) for their willingness to *think outside the box* while "identifying housing solutions, barrier to increasing housing, and what steps the County could take to facilitate the development of housing."

We look forward to learning more about the prioritized list of findings and recommendations outlined by TIG Chair Cochran in her October 6, 2016, transmittal. We are especially heartened that these recommendations will be referred out to the appropriate committees and/or departments, to eventually be implemented with the goal of increasing the inventory of housing in Maui County.

Na Hale O Maui strongly believes that affordable housing in perpetuity can be a vital part of our housing strategy. We want to be an active, contributing member of Maui County's affordable housing solutions and look forward to continuing opportunities to partner with the County of Maui to provide more affordable houses in perpetuity for income-qualified Maui families earning less than 120% of AMI.

Sincerely,

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It's Executive Director

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