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Honorable Stacy Crivello, Chair
Housing, Human Services, and Transportation Committee
Council of Maui County
200 High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Subject: Authorizing the Grant of the Real Property Located at 95 Ohana Hana Loop to Housing and Lend Enterprise of Maui dba Na Hale O Maui (HHT-51)

Dear Char Crivello and Members of the Committee:

Na Hale O Maui (NHOM) is a grass roots, community-based nonprofit created in 2006. We are the only operating community land trust in the State of Hawaii. The County of Maui (County) has partnered with NHOM from our inception to provide truly affordable housing alternatives to families earning between 80% - 120% of the Area Median Income (AMI.)

The County has generously partnered with Na Hale O Maui, by awarding Affordable Housing Funds and a previous in-kind grant of a Waikapu Garden single family home to our Community Land Trust program. NHOM has acquired, rehabilitated and/or built 33 homes with your help.

Today I come before the Council as a direct result of the foresight and wisdom of the Department of Housing and Human Concerns (DHHC.) DHHC exercised an Option to Purchase a Waikapu Gardens Phase II home located at 95 Ohana Hana Loop, rather than allow it to sell at market price and vanish from Maui's affordable housing inventory.

The home was originally purchased from the developer in January 2016. Approximately 7 years remain of the original 10-year deed restriction. The in-kind grant will permanently change the nature of this home, from a deed restriction that may go to market in 7 years, to a permanently affordable home that will never go to market.

Your support makes affordable housing in Maui County possible. Your generosity makes a real difference for our workforce (police officers, teachers, firemen, medical personnel and first responders, just to name a few.) This in-kind grant will bring the total number of NHOM homes to 34, and give one additional income-qualified family in Maui a life-changing opportunity to realize their dream of owning a truly affordable home.

Mahalo piha for all that you do.

Sincerely,

Executive Director

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