

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

Being a 40 year resident of Lahaina I am excited to see opportunities like Makila Farms become a possibility as an affordable housing option.

As you know normally affordable housing consists of small apartments and anything at this price point would be located in Kihei or Wailuku requiring long commutes.

My mom recent had to move to Kalama Heights as there is no retirement housing available in Lahaina. She is currently in Hospice care thus I have been driving the Pali and sitting in traffic 3-4 times a week. The commute averages 1.5 hours. The main traffic jam going south happens between 4-6pm when all the employees and trades are getting off work.

We need housing to take these drivers off the road. There is no way to turn this in to a four lane through the Pali. I only wish this project could help 500 Lahaina families.

I have worked with Greg Brown on many occasions over the past 30 years and have always found him to be a reliable hard working builder who builds quality homes. He has made every effort in this design and application to provide a low impact affordable project to help make a small dent in Lahaina's housing crisis.

Thank you for approving his project hopefully the first of many to come.

All the best,

Mark Marchello