

In the Molokai Community Plans vision, goals and policies for our island we would like to specifically address; Housing 6.2.07 which states for the east end, establish a cap on STRH as five (5) and establish that there should be no further issuances of conditional permits for TVRS and STRH. WE STAND IN SUPPORT OF THIS SECTION.

THE EASTEND DIVISION has been determined as: Makolelau to Halawa along Molokai south shore and from Pelekunu to Halawa Molokais south shore. This is the area that would be limited to the caps in accordance to the land division map.

We support the legally permitted STRH on Molokai because:

1. It is a "cottage service" which provides direct and indirect opportunities for individuals to create their own businesses. Providing an arena for managerial services, yard/landscaping services, cleaning/housekeeping and upstart farm services(veggie/fruit)
2. They provide an income for our local retail grocery stores, restaurants, gas stations, vendors at Saturday market, local attractions (mule ride), hikes, bike rentals, car rental companies, self-employed boat tours, kayaking diving adventures and the list continues.
3. The revenue generated by the permitted homes is assessed at tax levels likened to hotel rentals. This income supports our county and State in many legislative facets.
4. They allow for our Kamaaina to share their Aloha Spirit/Culture in their own backyards. Thereby creating "relationships" or building neighbors and adding to community.

We do not want to be overwhelmed like districts on Maui or Oahu and we still have time to enjoy opportunities the STRH ALLOWS AND STILL HAVE DOMAIN OVER THEM by adopting and mandating the requirements we propose:

1. If a home is sold, that owner must have ownership of said property for five (5) years prior to applying for a STRH application.
2. \*\*That the owner/operator of a TVR/STRH dedicate a percentage of earnings to a specific cause within the community.
3. Each applicant shall be assessed individually upon submitting an application by an on sight visit of the local planning commission.

\*\*The cause shall be specific to the needs of the local community-determined by the local residents. The Percentage Number should be calculated off the top line revenue (same as calculation for TAT taxes).

In conclusion, we understand change and we understand planning. However, we look at situations, we talk about it, we reassess, we ask where we can make a difference. This is where we are coming from. We are looking at the glass half full and offering ideas and direction to continue what has empowered maka 'ala individuals to strive forth to self employment, encouraging them to go back to school for: (small engine repairs, bookkeeping, farming, get a GE license). Not just say not going work when it has.

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Aloha ke kahi i ke kahi  
Joann Simms

Dear Robert Carroll,

We own and operate a short term rental in Waialua, Molokai - it is the home that we grew up in as children (I am 36 now) and was purchased by my father in the 1980s. My father and his family were originally from Waialua, Oahu and were always passionate and nostalgic about Hawaii's traditions, culture, and old-school way of life. He taught us how to fish, surf, dive, hunt and live richly off the land and ocean, with a focus on conservation and resource management. When we were very young children my father moved us to Molokai because of his love of old Hawaii. I have know Aunty Joann Simms and her family from when I was a very young child and grew up with her sons - Pomai, Kyle, and Kohl - and I consider them all my family.

We care very much about Molokai in the long term. We have had this home for the past 30 or so years and I fully intend to pass it on to the next generation so they too can learn about what is actually important in life!

We think short term rentals can be very useful and helpful to long term owners and people who truly care about Molokai if done correctly. We always look to give back, give large discounts to local folks and try to help people whenever we can. Short term rental usage helps the house to be maintained and the property to be kept nice. I think the key is giving back, so I just wanted to make one suggestion that I thought might make sense for these short term rentals and be good for Molokai in general. What if 25-30% of any short term rental income has to be donated to a local cause - chosen from a list selected by local folks. The approved donation places on the list should be very specific to the local community - for example Kilohana School could be one or some of the sports programs. I think a focus on academics and athletics would make a lot of sense. The % number should be calculated off top line revenue - so the same line that TA taxes are calculated off of. I think the people who truly care about Molokai for the long term would be happy to give back. I for one would be hugely in favor of such a program. I also think it would eliminate those who are looking at short term rentals on Molokai as purely a business. The large required donation percentage would only attract those who care about Molokai for this generation and all the future generations as well.

I hope this suggestion might be helpful and that we can fine a solution that makes sense for Molokai!

Thanks and Aloha,

Peter Fukunaga and Aunty Joann Simms