

Aloha Chair, and Members of the Housing & Land Use Committee,

My name is Andy Church. I'm a small business owner, and a Maui resident for the past 27 years.

My daughter, her mother, her grandparents, great grandparents, and great-great parents were all born and raised on the islands of Maui, Molokai and Oahu.

Mahalo for the opportunity for my family to testify today in support of RESOLUTION 25-230 (formerly known as Bill 88).

This RESOLUTION is an important step toward creating more clarity and modernization within Maui County's zoning code regarding longstanding lawful visitor accommodation uses.

Right now, there is simply too much uncertainty and confusion surrounding these TIG properties.

Many of these visitor accommodations have legally operated for decades, have paid taxes for decades, have supported local jobs for decades, and have been part of Maui's economy and community for generations.

Yet today, many owners, residents, businesses, and even buyers are struggling to understand what the future rules and classifications may look like.

I think it's important to remember that this hearing is not about approving any individual complex or development. It's about whether Maui County should create clearer zoning categories that better reflect longstanding existing uses and provide a more organized framework moving forward.

As someone who works directly with property owners, visitors, renters, contractors, cleaners, local businesses, and residents every day, I can tell you that uncertainty creates real economic stress and confusion throughout the community.

- * Clear zoning matters.
- * Modernized zoning matters.
- * Consistency matters.

This is a crucial opportunity for the Council to help fix longstanding confusion and inconsistencies within Maui's zoning system.

It is important that Maui County's zoning code reflects reality.

Many of these visitor accommodations were originally built, marketed, sold, financed, taxed, and operated for transient use for decades.

This RESOLUTION simply begins the process of creating zoning classifications that acknowledge and organize those longstanding uses in a more transparent and consistent way.

I appreciate that the Council is taking the time to carefully evaluate these issues through the public process.

I know there are many different opinions on vacation rentals, housing, and tourism.

But regardless of those differing opinions, I believe having a clear, modern, and legally consistent zoning framework benefits everyone.

Again, this RESOLUTION is about zoning modernization and proper zoning alignment. It is not about individual complexes.

I respectfully ask the Committee to support RESOLUTION 25-230, and move it forward for continued discussion.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.