

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
Kalana O Maui Building, Eight Floor
200 South High Street
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RE: Support Makila Farms AH-1 (3)

Dear Tasha Kama, Chair - Housing Committee

I am writing to support Greg Brown and his Makila Farms Project. In my dealings with Greg, he has shown to possess the right values and integrity that is so rare today. While there are many talking points as to this specific project, I want to focus on the “Housing Crisis” facing Maui. As you are aware from Hawaii Community Foundation’s recent meeting on Housing Affordability, everyone must play a part to address Maui’s housing.

While no project is perfect, every added house to inventory helps Maui’s residents who are in critical need of affordable housing. I believe that Greg is capable in carrying out this project. Please support Greg in his efforts to provide housing to the residents of Maui.

Having been born and raised in Maui and graduated from Lahainaluna, I am a proud homeowner, but, recognize that I am very fortunate and that many of my classmates still rent and live on the westside. I now have a son who just started Kindergarten and worry that he will likely have a very difficult time in raising a family in Maui. I worry because there is no comprehensive plan to provide affordable housing for Maui residents.

Greg and other developers need to have the support of the community and County to ensure that future developments are in everyone’s best interest and can continue to build to meet Maui’s housing demands.

We all need to do our part, this project is one of many that will help. Please support Greg and his Makila Farms Project for the benefit of Maui.

Sincerely,

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