

AH Committee

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Subject: Affordable Housing Project (Chapter 201H, Hawaii Revised Statutes) (Independent Development of Makila Farms; Lahaina) AH-1(3) Sub(3)

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Chair Tasha Kama – Housing Committee
Maui County Council
Kalana O Maui Building, Eight Floor
200 South High Street
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RE: Support Makila Farms!

Dear Chair Kama,

I am writing in support of the Makila Farms affordable housing project. My family has owned property in the neighborhood since 2001 and I plan to retire there in several years. The builder, Greg Brown, has been building homes in the area for over a decade and is invested in the neighborhood. These homes will be on agricultural lots and he plans to preserve the character of the area. Some ways he plans to do this are: putting a 500-foot wide “greenbelt” between the Lahaina Bypass Highway and the buildable area of the workforce home lots; having “No-build” areas on lots to provide separation between buildable areas and preserve mauka-makai views; All homes (market and workforce) will be limited to single story to protect views; and No short-term rental homes (STRH), bed and breakfast (BNB) operations, or transient vacation rentals (TVR) will be allowed.

I am also a teacher and I feel that it’s important for teachers to be able to afford a home in the community near where they work. Currently teachers can not afford to live on Maui. This is one of the reasons I did not move to the area in the past. I will have to wait for retirement in order to be able to move close to my family.

Please consider this letter of support for Makila Farms so that Maui’s workers can buy affordable homes in their community.

Sincerely,

Stacey

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