

## HLU Committee

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the proposed elimination of the Minatoya list for condominiums on Maui. We have owned a unit on that list for 12 years that we use personally, and when we or our children are not on island, rent it out as a short term vacation rental. I am strongly against the proposed change in legislation

The issue of lack of affordable housing is a global problem. Years of very low interest rates have caused the inflation of prices for housing in many parts of the world, Maui being no exception. Added to this, the catastrophic events of August 2023 have left many people in need. Families, especially multi generational families, need space, storage, parking, and room to live their multi faceted lives. The idea of enabling them to try and use the small spaces, single parking stall units will be demeaning, and potentially cause further stress within their families. The outcome of living in cramped quarters may be break up of family units.

Our one small unit contributes a lot of money to the local economy. We hire electricians, plumbers, maintenance companies, buy furniture in local stores, and landscaping crews. We pay a lot of property tax, general excise tax, transient accommodation tax, and Maui county transient accommodation tax. We hire people to manage our home owner association. We hire an on island representative, in case a guest needs assistance. When we have guests, they shop at the farmers market, and local sandwich shop. They buy a tshirt from the corner store. They eat at local restaurants. They take excursions with local tour companies. Our one small unit contributes greatly to the local economy, which is run by local people.

Should this proposed elimination of short term rentals go ahead, local businesses will fail. Local people will lose their jobs. No job, they will move off island. This decision will bring about the results that the county claims to be trying to solve. The only winner in this proposal will be the huge corporate owned hotels. Guests in those hotels pay high prices, eat in the hotel restaurant, and rarely leave the hotel complex. Their money does not go into the local economy, but rather to corporate headquarters, where ever that may be.

I urge you to vote against the proposed change to the zoning regulations for short term rentals in Maui County

Respectfully,

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