

AH Committee

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

Aloha,

I am writing in support of the Makila Farms project and other fast tracked workforce projects on Maui.

I am a 3+ year resident of the island and a local educator. I have worked for the DOE and a private school and my husband is a cook at a local independent restaurant. With our salaries, we are unable to afford a decent home for ourselves and our 1.5 year old daughter. We are in our late 30s and would love to continue to contribute to the education and tourism industry on the island, however, if affordable housing does not become available, we will be driven off the island further contributing to the teacher shortage. We are both college educated professionals working in our fields, yet cannot even fathom home ownership on Maui unless projects such as Makila Farms are approved.

This project in particular appeals to us considering the following points:

Homes (including workforce homes) will be on 2+ acre lots: No other workforce community Maui has provided workforce homes on even ½ acre lots.

Workforce homes for buyers earning 50 to 100 percent of the median income.

Homes as Affordable for 30 years. Compared to the current code requirement of 5-10 years.

Workforce lottery winners can choose the size of their new home, regardless of the income bracket they fall into. Many other developers only build 3- or 4-bedroom homes, which price out single working people who might only want a 1- or 2-bedroom home.

All 19 workforce homes will be built as soon as all approvals are received. My husband and I would love for our humble family, and other honest and hardworking families on Maui to have a place to call home.

Thank you for reviewing my letter of support.

Kind Regards,
Jenny Malloy

Sent from my iPhone