

AH Committee

From: AAAAA RENT A SPACE <ras5a@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 4:48 PM
To: AH Committee
Subject: Affordable Housing Project (Chapter 201H, Hawaii Revised Statutes) (Independent Development of Makila FarmsPROJECT (LAHAINA)) (AH-1(3))

Dear Committee Members,

My name is Michael Knuppe. My family built, owns and operates 5A Rent-A-Space in Honokowai since 1985. We have lived and done business on Maui for some 45 years now.

I have known Greg Brown and company for 5 years; when we bought a home from him in the Coffee Farms. As a family of general contractors we can appreciate the fine quality that Greg puts into his product; first class all the way.

I have no doubt this development will be more of the same.

This “workforce” product provides much needed relief for commuters that travel everyday from Wailuku, Kahului, Kihei (east end) etc. to work on the west side. It has to be in the hundreds if not thousands.

By being able to eliminate those commutes...Maui will be a better place to liveas this development will clean the environment (clean air) and lessen traffic and road impacts as a direct result of providing this badly needed housing.

Additionally by offering affordable housing they are keeping the younger workforce from fleeing to Oahu or the Mainland to look for work and/or affordable housing. This is vitally important.

Unfortunately some naïve local people equate “workforce housing” to slum public housing. This development is completely opposite of any such notion.

I have talked with Greg. With 80% open space being provided, he’s willing to provide amenities such as, hiking trails, bike paths to better the lives of all residents.

This project is absolutely necessary for the future vitality of Maui and specifically the west end.

“I do not want the West Maui Community Planning Action Committee (CPAC) to delay this or any other project that has any affordable housing in West Maui while they finish the community plan update. We are in housing crisis mode and need all affordable housing now.”

Please vote yes.

Sincerely,

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Best Regards,

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