

HHT Committee

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To: HHT Committee
Cc: Tasha Kama; Thelma Kealoha; Kehau Filimoeatu
Subject: HHT Committee Meeting on October 4, 2018 at 1:30 pm

Dear Stacy,

I am sorry that I cannot be present to testify tomorrow because of other commitments. We need to make changes to the systems that the County of Maui has been using to develop affordable and workforce housing. As SMS Hawaii determined from their policy analysis, the County of Maui has no plan to track whether we are meeting our goal to build affordable homes for Maui County's people.

Where I have been advocating for changes to our County Policy, I do not think that these discussions are appropriate now because we are so close to sitting a new council with at least 4 new members and a new Mayor and Housing Director. When Lawrence Carnicelli made his comments about the policy analysis and implementation plan, he suggested that we work on one or two recommendations and I agree.

I would recommend that the County hire a Housing Advocate (Development Director) to create and implement an action plan with goals, objectives, timetables, finances, responsible parties should be the first business for the 2019 County Administration and Maui County Council.

Again, I think that discussing First Time Homebuyers Program, Amendments to the Maui County Code or to the Residential Workforce Housing Policy is premature because new elected candidates will need to be part of the discussion to make informed decisions.

Aloha,

Stan Franco