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August 22, 2025

Ms. Kate Blystone, Director  
Department of Planning  
County of Maui  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Ms. Blystone:

**SUBJECT: HOUSING PROJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 201H,  
HAWAII REVISD STATUTES: KAIAHALE 'O  
KAHILUHILU AFFORDABLE HOUSING RENTAL  
PROJECT (HLU-1(1))**

At its reconvened meeting of August 20, 2025, the Housing and Land Use Committee recommended the Kaiahaale 'o Kahiluhilu Affordable Housing Rental Project be approved with modifications.

The Committee recommended exempting the Project from consistency with the adopted landscape planting plan relating to street trees if trees are planted onsite along the Kane Street and Ka'ahumanu Avenue roadway frontages, as generally depicted on the Project's Residential Phase Landscape Plan, subject to reasonable substitutions in species.

May I please request your response to the following:

1. Please describe the Department's process for reviewing and approving landscaping plans for parking lots.
2. Please explain how the Department would determine a reasonable substitution in species.

May I further request you transmit your response to [hlu.committee@mauicounty.us](mailto:hlu.committee@mauicounty.us) by **September 4, 2025**. To ensure efficient processing, please include the Committee item number in the subject line.

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Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (James Krueger at ext. 7761, or Jennifer Yamashita at ext. 7143).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tasha Kama", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

TASHA KAMA, Chair  
Housing and Land Use Committee

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cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.

## HLU Committee

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**From:** HLU Committee  
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2025 7:47 AM  
**To:** Kate Blystone  
**Cc:** HLU Committee; Ana Lillis; joy.paredes@co.maui.hi.us; Michelle Santos; 'Zeke Kalua'  
**Subject:** re: Kaiahale 'o Kahiluhilu Affordable Housing Rental Project (HLU-1(1)); reply by 09/04/2025  
**Attachments:** 001(1)apl02\_TK.pdf

**Director Blystone:** Please refer to the attached letter from the Housing and Land Use Committee Chair, dated August 22, 2025. Please respond by **September 4, 2025**.

**Mayor's Office:** Please forward the attached letter to Mayor Bissen for his information.

Thank you,  
HLU Committee Staff