

HLU Committee

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Sent: Sunday, June 22, 2025 6:28 AM
To: HLU Committee
Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares. My 'ohana was pushed out of their homes to make room for these short term rentals. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

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HLU Committee

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Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

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HLU Committee

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Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares. Hawai'i has been a longtime victim of occupation by the United States of America and it is only right that her people are able to stay on their pae 'āina with fair and decent living standard which means providing protection for kanaka against the systems that fail them and work against them.

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HLU Committee

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Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

Allowing these housing units to continue to be utilized as STRs is exacerbating an already incredibly difficult housing situation on Maui for locals and, especially, native Hawaiians.

Thank you.

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HLU Committee

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Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

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HLU Committee

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Subject: Bill 9 Testimony

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Aloha,

I own a condo in the Palms at Wailea complex that is part of the Minatoya list that will have STR phased out if this bill is passed. I live on Maui half of the year, and rent out my condo the rest of the time. When I am renting my place, I employ local residents for property management, repairs, and cleaning. My cleaning business says that about half of their business is through short-term rental properties.

I totally agree that Maui, like many other parts of the country, has an affordable housing problem. However, I don't believe the condos in my complex would do much in the way of solving this issue. They are 1 bedroom and 2 bedroom units with limited storage, small rooms, single car parking, and no garages. The condos in the complex are valued between 1.2 and 2.0 million dollars.

Currently, the AOA fees for my 2 bedroom condo are \$1478 per month to support all the landscaping, building maintenance and the pool. 2025 property taxes are \$20,430. These two combined would be a \$3100 per month expense on top of any mortgage required to purchase the property. An online mortgage calculator told me a 30 year mortgage on a 1.4 million dollar property with 20% down would cost about \$7,000 per month at current interest rates. It seems to me that over \$10k per month does not fall into an affordable housing category.

GET and TAT combined for me were around \$13,000 for 2024. This money and the extra property taxes charged to STR properties would be removed from Maui County revenue. I feel a better solution would be to not pass this bill and instead take all GET and TAT and extra STR property taxes and use that money to build affordable housing. The county does not lose the revenue and only redirects it towards providing an actual solution to the problem it is supposed to be trying to solve.

Mahalo,
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HLU Committee

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Subject: De Andre Makakoa Bill9 Testimony - A Case Study In Growing Up Local

Housing Land Use Committee,

Bill 9 Testimony

Aloha Chair and aloha Council,

Mahalo for allowing us the opportunity to speak on this. You've all heard the data and numbers and since I'm a camera guy, I will be approaching this from the lens of my lived experience being born and raised here on Maui.

I grew up constantly moving. Almost every single year switching schools. I went to school in every district on Maui except Hāna. I never lived in one place longer than two years until I was in college in my twenties, when I moved into a two-bed, one-bath, one-parking condo with four other friends from high school.

When I was sixteen, my mom was "priced out of paradise". She fled the hardships here and moved to Oregon, seeking a better life. But, after a lifetime of being uprooted, I refused to move like that. So I stayed with my dad until he went homeless months later, and then I was couch-surfing with uncles, aunties, friends, until my ex-girlfriend's mom found out my living situation and took me in, so I could finish high school and get accepted to my top 3 university picks and leave for college.

Even before I was an adult I was ingrained with this deep insecurity and fear around housing. So I full on bought into the grind mentality. I gave up watching sports, stopped playing video games, stopped pursuing hobbies and hanging out with friends. I read all the books like Rich Dad, Poor Dad, The Millionaire Next Door, the 10X Rule, total money makeover, etc. I trained myself to run on four hours of sleep and instilled this toxic work ethic in myself that ensured I woke up every morning at 4am with anxiety pushing me to work and establish multiple income streams or I'll end up living like I did as a kid.

But even with damn near ten streams of income; my wife's masters degree being a professor for UH and tutoring on the side and my 5 retainership accounts in my videography businesses and working construction part time and the few small passive income streams we were able to establish, we were still not even close to buying a home.

Even My sister and brother-in-law are the same. They run multiple businesses. My brother in law sleeps even less than I do! And even their teenage sons have a successful business! We're some of the hardest working people you'll ever meet. But it doesn't matter how hard we grind because this system is built to knock us three steps back every time we take one step forward. The owning a home and raising your family "American dream" has turned into a nightmare that's literally driving people to suicide.

No one should have to live like that just to survive. We are not asking for handouts. Everything I have, I earned, nothing was handed down to me. I refused donations, FEMA and Red Cross aid after my house burned in the fire because I believed that if I didn't work for it, I didn't deserve it. That's how deep this toxic grind mentality is rooted in people like me. All we're asking for is a chance. All I've ever needed was a chance. Kids shouldn't grow up feeling hopeless about ever owning a home.

My grandfather was a postman and he bought a 3bedroom 2bath home with a huge yard to raise their four kids and 8 dogs. That should be the the normal. I don't want my sons and their generation to have to sacrifice their health and happiness just for financial stability like my generation is having to. Parents deserve to live in a society where they can take their kids to fun factory or even Oahu without financially tanking themselves.

I'm not trying to give you a sob story. There are so many people with much worse stories. But that's the point. These stories have become the norm. This bill isn't a fix all. But it's a huge first step in the right direction and it's the kind of first step we need.

Mahalo,
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HLU Committee

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Subject: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

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Aloha Councilmembers,

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Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares. It's time we take care of our generational residents, our true kama'āina who have long contributed to the abundance and care of Hawai'i nei. People over profit and aloha 'Āina always. Me ka ha'aha'a, Jennifer Kau'i Young.

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Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

Mahalo,

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Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

With all my heart, I beg you to please, PLEASE SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares. Especially because Maui is such a small island, I believe these resources could be used better if you are to support Bill 9.

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Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares. Thank you!

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Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

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Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

As someone who moved here - it's important to me when kanaka speak and share testimony. I am only here because of them and I want to support their voices. I see this issue rising where I currently live in Big Island - hopefully this creates a cascade effect. We need a huli - people, over profits, Aloha.

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

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Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

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HLU Committee

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Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

Reiterating that we are renters in West Maui at an overpriced “luxury” apartment complex. We will never be able to afford a home over here. We have seen so many families leave island and even our neighborhood post-fire.

Having a small business that is financially structured for locals; the reality is the hardest working people on this island are not making enough wages to compete in this economy that is driven by the wealthiest and off island investors. Community isn't an investment- it's a responsibility.

When we look to who respects the land, we know who's voice is relevant and who's is marketing.

This lack of housing is a human rights issue and the right is to housing and a dignified life; not to luxury and ease off the oppression of others.

Please help provide families and future ancestors a fighting chance at something beyond survival and relocation. There is no Hawaii without Hawaiians. There is no chance at equity without fair opportunity.

There is a right and a wrong thing. These times call for anyone willing to do the right thing despite what the status quo demands to support this bill and the rightful stewards of the land and those that care enough to attempt true stewardship and community building. Mahalo for your time and care

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