

AH Committee

From: Carolyn Laband <cjlaband@gmail.com>
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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)

Dear Chair Kama,

I am writing you asking for your support for the Makila Farms Project. I would like to submit this written testimony because I am unable to attend the scheduled hearing but I want you to know the kind of person Greg Brown is and the trust I have in him and in Brown Development and the excellent work he does.

My late husband and I met Greg Brown in October 2011 when we purchased one of his homes in the Puunoa Subdivision just next to the Makila Farms project. Our home was half way complete. We had the opportunity from that point on to get to know Greg very well. Greg is a stickler for detail, with great integrity, and went out of his way to complete our home per our agreement on time and on budget. He is Extremely thorough. Greg and his entire team were always at the site to help if ever an issue arose. They are fair, honest, trustworthy and ethical and Greg's company is the kind of company that this county would benefit from building workforce housing.

My husband, also a stickler for detail, and a successful, savvy businessman, formed a sincere and deep caring and loving bond with Greg. The building of our home with Greg became one of the best experiences of my husband's life. For this, I am so very grateful to Greg. (You can see a letter Patrick wrote to Greg on Greg's website and I know there are many other Brown Development homeowners who feel the same way about Greg.)

I support Makila Farms. I have followed the issues on water, fire, egress, traffic sewer, zoning and affordability. Greg is not using the stream water. He is drilling his own well. A similar well was just drilled very close to his project that is working beautifully for irrigation. Greg is adding egress and catching the brown water, he has lowered the cost of homes and is making them affordable.

Greg deeply cares for and is trying to promote agriculture. He cares about the Maui environment. Greg helped my husband learn how to plant a palm and sod farm on our property so we would conform with agriculture ordinances. We grew the small farm to be successful and sold many palms and lots of sod to local landscapers. Greg encouraged us to farm on agriculture land and taught us how to so we would be of support to our community. He strongly recommended we keep our home conforming to the land, unlike many of the others in the area. Therefore, we followed his recommendations.

When my husband became ill and there were times I was unable to be on the island, Greg would come and visit with Patrick, bring lunch or dinner and check on him. Greg is just that kind of person.....he deeply deeply cares.

Please accept this written testimony. I thank you very much for your time,

Sincerely,

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