

## AH Committee

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**From:** Jim K <jimknuppe@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 29, 2019 6:46 AM  
**To:** Martin Knuppe; Greg Brown  
**Cc:** AH Committee  
**Subject:** Re: A ltr of SUPPORT for Makila Farms

## This is great, thank you! DAD

On Wed, Aug 28, 2019 at 9:09 PM Martin Knuppe <[martin.knuppe@gmail.com](mailto:martin.knuppe@gmail.com)> wrote:

Dear Chairman Kama,

This is Martin Knuppe. Our family has built and developed in Maui for thirty five years. We have had local homes during that period and through our Maui based business, AAAAA Rent-A-Space have supported dozens of local clauses from war canoe races to local West Maui concerns.

We are deeply IN FAVOR of Greg Brown's effort to address one of the long term challenges of the islands and Maui in specific; AFFORDABLE WORKER HOUSING.

It is obvious that affordability is a growing and at times a seemingly unsolvable issue. Many words are said but at the end of the day we seem to be farther beyond...and the challenge grows.

In my expert opinion Greg has combined the best of both his professional expertise at development and a listening and responsive ear to the legitimate concerns of civic leaders and the local community.

His solutions whether to density issues (large lots), affordability (1 & 2 bedroom homes) and fire suppression are both novel and achievable.

Being both a Hawaiian resident and native Californian my attention naturally turns to fire issues. Both the Kihei fire and the Northern CA fires are grim reminders of what can occur when natural forces collide with inadequate prevention measures. Greg's proposal, specifically using the asphalt roads themselves as "fire breaks", while not novel is at the same time a PROVEN method in containing wild fires. This combined with the decreased distance of 350' between hydrants is a doubly effective measure.

In summary, I/We wholeheartedly SUPPORT Mr. Brown most recent proposal as it not only answers specific concerns but achieves the overall goal of INCREASING WORKER AFFORDABLE HOUSING, a daunting concern for the Maui community.

Warmly,

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