Aloha Chair Kama, Committee Chair Tom Cook, and Council members.

My name is Bruce Uu, Executive director of Maui Nui Empowered & and a lifelong Maui resident

I am here in strong support of bill 67 & 68, for various reasons, most of them tied to housing, or the lack of it, and another would commonsense.

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As for the commonsense part, most would oppose anything related or tied to heavy industrial, within Maui Urban Core which would include, Sugar mills, refineries, automobile wrecking, etc., none of which makes sense, just the mention of the word sugar mills, we can collectively say, it just might be outdated, which is good!!

Because, on to the housing part, this is new, well for Maui, Next-Gen Mixed Use properties, is the new terminology. Malls are suffering from a problem of abundance, the physical space that once was a need is now outdated, but the beauty, or the potential beauty, it that is aligns perfectly with housing and smart growth principles.

I humbly ask, you, our Maui County council for your support.

Aloha

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