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Honorable Don Couch  
Chair of the Planning Committee  
Maui County Council  
200 High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

via: [pc.committee@mauicounty.us](mailto:pc.committee@mauicounty.us)

Subject: Increasing Inventory of Available Housing (PC-37(2))

Dear Chair Couch:

Housing and Land Enterprise of Maui, dba Na Hale O Maui is a nonprofit 501(c) 3 organization formed "To secure and preserve a permanent supply of affordable housing alternatives for low and moderate income households in Maui County." We support all affordable housing. We strongly encourage affordable housing in perpetuity.

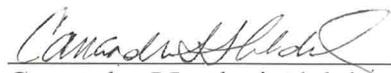
It has become evident that the traditional, customary solutions have fallen far short of delivering the amount of affordable housing so desperately needed by our Maui families. We applaud the willingness of the Department of Planning, Council members and the 3-person Temporary Investigative Group (T.I.G.) to *think outside the box* and explore potential, non-traditional methods to increase the inventory of available, affordable housing in Maui County.

Mahalo for the opportunity for Na Hale O Maui to actively participate in the T.I.G.'s business community stakeholder meeting, the evening of August 10, 2016. We eagerly anticipate the opportunity to review the results of the T.I.G.'s hard work and efforts.

Na Hale O Maui believes that public funds used to subsidize affordable housing are an investment in the community and should remain in our community -- making the public's investment a permanent part of the pricing of affordable homes, generation after generation. This is the most efficient and effective way to overcome the chronic shortage of affordable housing we face in Maui County today.

Na Hale O Maui strongly believes that affordable housing in perpetuity can be a vital part of our housing strategy. We look forward to continuing opportunities to partner with the County of Maui to provide affordable houses in perpetuity for deserving income-qualified Maui families earning less than 120% of AMI. We want to be an active, contributing member of Maui County's affordable housing solutions – in perpetuity!

Sincerely,

  
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It's Executive Director

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