

AH Committee

From: Stephanie Shoemaker <stephmaui@live.com>
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 2:33 PM
To: AH Committee
Cc: Mike J. Molina
Subject: Affordable Housing Project (Chapter 201H, Hawaii Revised Statutes) (Independent Development of Makila Farms PROJECT (LAHAINA)) (AH-1(3))

September 30, 2019

Via email to ah.committee@mauicounty.us

Chair Tasha Kama – Housing Committee

Maui County Council

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RE: Support Makila Farms

Subject: Affordable Housing Project (Chapter 201H, Hawaii Revised Statutes) (Independent Development of Makila Farms PROJECT (LAHAINA)) (AH-1(3))

Dear Chair Kama,

I Stephanie Shoemaker, one of the first home owners at Launiupoko, have owned property at 80 Paia Pohaku Street above the proposed site of the affordable housing project, since 2001. I have taught and worked as a special education teacher and student services coordinator at the public schools in Lahaina since 1991. I am fortunate to have this home, but many of my co-workers cannot afford a home in Lahaina and are forced to find homes that are more affordable on the other side. I have talked to most of the teachers at school and can speak for them by saying they support this project. Many of my colleagues are applying to buy a home at this affordable housing project. This will prevent them from driving from the other side of the island and could help to reduce traffic and to keep teachers employed in Lahaina. I do not want the West Maui Community Planning Action Committee (CPAC) to delay this or any other project that has any affordable housing in West Maui. We are in a housing crisis mode.

There is a shortage of homes on Maui priced for workforce buyers. I have reviewed all the issues over the last two years since Makila Kai and feel the water, traffic, waste water, fire, zoning and affordable issues are resolved.

I have seen Brown Developments work in our neighborhood and it is of very high standards. I believe that BD has taken the area residents into consideration. This is a rural area and Greg Brown has done a rural concept and reached out to many of the owners to explain this. The large lots will maintain the rural character of the area. Brown Development is a qualified builder and I believe Greg Brown is ethical and of good character.

Sincerely,

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