

## HLU Committee

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**From:** L Osterer <losterer@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 1:33 AM  
**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** Testimony For Bill 9 (Minatoya Phase-Out)

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Dear Members of the Maui County Housing and Land Use Committee,'  
I'm writing in **strong support of Bill 9**, which would phase out short-term rentals (STRs) in apartment-zoned districts.

This bill is an essential component to addressing Maui's housing crisis.

- - 94% of Maui's STRs are owned by investors residing outside of Hawai'i
  - Maui has the greatest number and percentage of STR's in Hawai'i
  - Transient Vacation Rentals (TVRs) as a percentage of all housing compared to other tourist destinations:
    - Los Angeles 0.9%
    - Boston 1.1%
    - Barcelona 2.6%
    - London 2.6%
    - **Maui County 21%**
- In West Maui & South Maui, just 4 out of 10 of new homes house local resident.

The 2023 Lahaina fire exposed long-standing issues—overdevelopment, privatized water systems, and water shortages have pushed West Maui to the edge.

STRs, originally meant for housing, now operate as commercial businesses, consuming high volumes of water while local families remain displaced.

Returning STRs to long-term housing makes sense to put community needs first.

With over 6,000 STRs on the Minatoya List, we have a clear opportunity to increase housing stock without using more water.

I urge you to stand with Lahaina Strong and pass Bill 9.

Thank you for consideration,

L. Osterer, registered voter and long-term resident

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**From:** Maria Maitino <mmaitino@gmail.com>  
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**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** Support of Bill 9

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I urge you to stand with Lāhainā Strong and pass Bill 9.  
Ola i ka Wai — Water is Life.

Sincerely,  
Maria Maitino  
Kaua'i

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**From:** Elizabeth Winternitz <ewinrus@gmail.com>  
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**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** Support for Bill 9

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Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Maui County Housing and Land Use Committee,  
As a life-long Hawai'i resident and as the owner of a long-term rental property, I **strongly support Bill 9** to phase out short-term rentals (STRs) in apartment-zoned districts. This bill is essential to address Maui's housing crisis and to protect water resources.

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I urge you to stand with local Maui families by voting for Bill 9.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Winternitz

Kula, Maui

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** County Clerk  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 7:23 AM  
**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** fwd: Testimony  
**Attachments:** Support for Bill 9 ; Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout; Bill 9 oppose letter;  
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Mahalo,

Mary Drayer  
557 Imi Dr  
Wailuku, Hi 96793

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Mahalo!

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Kū Kia'i Kanaka Kū Kia'i 'Āina

Mahalo,  
Mary Drayer  
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**From:** Alexander Pike <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 15, 2025 8:33 AM  
**To:** County Clerk  
**Subject:** Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

My name is Alexander pike and I'm writing in strong support of Bill 9.

I am a resident of Lahaina. And we've been saying this for a long time: short-term rentals have taken over our town. Before the fire, it was already impossible to find housing. After the fire, seeing what was remaining, it became clear just how many homes weren't homes at all; they were STRs. That's not balance, that's erasure.

We've been told phasing out STRs is "too extreme," that it'll hurt the economy. But the truth is: STRs have been hurting us. They drive up housing prices, overburden our roads, and leave our neighborhoods empty of real neighbors. What kind of recovery leaves us priced out of our own community?

And these STRs aren't job creators nor should you believe the numbers from 10,000 job losses. They don't hire cleaning crews full time, its majority transient, and most don't have front desks or full time maintenance staff on property. They don't support local working families the way long-term housing or union hotels do. We've got hundreds of open County jobs that could be filled if people had somewhere to live.

Also, respectfully I ask for no carve-outs or special protections for timeshares

Mahalo

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**From:** jodi orosz <mauicondob114@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Bill 9 oppose letter  
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Jodi Orosz  
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Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee Members,

My name is Jodi Orosz, and I am a full-time resident, and I run a small local business that's really feeling the impacts of the drop in tourism. I wanted to share what this proposed phase-out of short-term rentals could mean for families like mine and the people we work with every day.

My business, Maui Kamaole B114, which I have been doing since 2003 just breaks even and pays for itself. It was originally built as the "Maui Kamaole Resort". It depends on visitors who stay in short-term rentals. Many of them come back year after year, and they support local restaurants, shops, and tour companies — not just the big-name spots, but the mom-and-pop places that make Maui special. If these rentals go away, we will lose the repeat visitors (whom cannot afford the hotel prices or wish to have a kitchen and washer and dryer or longer stays), This will be a huge loss to what keeps many families employed.

I also use several local workers — folks who rely on this work to take care of their families. We're not just talking about numbers. These are real people — my housekeepers, maintenance crew, neighbors, my relatives, my friends — who are going to be hit hard if these jobs disappear.

This phase-out will target the very people who are trying to make it here — local families doing our best to stay afloat and work hard. I understand there are concerns about housing, and I agree we need real solutions. But taking away our income without a clear plan just makes things harder and more families will suffer.

We need the County to protect locals on every front — not just in housing, but in employment, education, services, and economic opportunity. We need a balanced approach, not one that removes critical sources of income and support without replaces it.

Please, don't move forward with this phase-out. Work with us. Listen to us. Let's find a way that protects our jobs, preserves our communities, and helps Maui thrive.

Mahalo for your time and for listening to our stories.

Sincerely,  
 Jodi Orosz

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**From:** Eliza Yoshida <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 15, 2025 8:10 AM  
**To:** County Clerk  
**Subject:** Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

I am writing in strong support of Bill 9. There's this narrative going around that STR units "aren't livable" that they're somehow unfit for long-term residents. But I'm here to tell you: we lived there. Not just a few people, hundreds of us, thousands over the years. 'Ohana, Kūpuna, Restaurant workers, and our community.

These units were never built just for tourists. Over time, they were taken over and converted. But before that, they were part of our housing market, the only housing some of us could find or afford. We made them homes, not luxury escapes.

They were starter homes for many 'ohana, they were also just simply homes that back in the 1970s and 1980s, a part of our community. They were affordable and our 'ohana could live comfortably while our keiki and ourselves knew our neighbors. This is what we need to bring back!

Also, I respectfully ask for no carve-outs or special protections for timeshares.

Mahalo

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**From:** Eliza Yoshida <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 15, 2025 8:09 AM  
**To:** County Clerk  
**Subject:** Support of Bill 9 – Minatoya STR Phaseout

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Chair and Councilmembers,

My name is Eliza (Akana) Yoshida, I am a native Hawaiian, and I'm writing in strong, emphatic, support of Bill 9.

Native Hawaiians and our generational local community NEED YOUR KŌKUA. We are being priced out of our own 'āina. This is not pono. YOU have the power to affect positive change for the lāhui, for the people, who you represent.

I was fortunate enough to be awarded affordable housing by the Spencer's almost 15 years ago. I will be forever indebted to them and their generosity. As my keiki grow older my GREATEST fear is that they will not be able to live in their homeland, the land where they are native. We have prioritized profit over people for far too long and allowed outsiders and special interest to mean more than our own. Hawai'i is nothing without our LOCAL people.

What we're doing here on Maui isn't radical, it's responsible. Cities and regions across the globe have recognized that short-term rentals have contributed to unsustainable economies: skyrocketing housing costs, increased infrastructure strain, and over-reliance on visitors. By phasing them out, they're taking steps toward economies that prioritize local families over absentee investors.

In Spain, the government ordered Airbnb to remove over 65,000 illegal tourist listings, citing violations of regional regulations and the need to restore housing access for residents. Barcelona plans to eliminate all 10,000 licensed short-term rental apartments by 2028 to protect long-term housing availability for residents.

In the U.S., cities like Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Santa Monica have implemented strict regulations on short-term rentals to curb their negative impact on housing affordability and community stability.

We're not crashing the economy, we're stabilizing it. By phasing out Minatoya STRs, we're taking a step toward an economy that prioritizes local families over absentee investors. This means lower rents, greater housing access for workers, and a stronger local economy built on residents.

Also, I respectfully ask for no carve-outs or special protections for timeshares Let this bill do what it was intended for the Minatoya list.

Mahalo Nui for your time,  
Eliza Yoshida

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**From:** Monika Nelson <giantmonsterprincess@gmail.com>  
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**To:** County Clerk  
**Subject:** HLU-4 Bill 9 Testimony--Bill should be modified.

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June 14, 2025

Aloha Chair-Holders and Committee Members,

Thank you for this opportunity to share my thoughts about the legislation to phase-out the STRs in west and south Maui. My grandparents purchased a condominium in Wailea Ekahi in 1977 when I was four years old and began spending their winters there, and over the course of the next twenty years shifted their lives entirely to Maui where they were profoundly happy, and where I spent all of my Christmases and many wonderful summers with them. I spread my grandparents' ashes on the grounds at Ekahi and on a hill overlooking Molokini and Kaho'olawe in 1998. All these years later, my family still owns this condo and my children are the fourth generation to play on Keawakapu Beach.

We have to rent out our condo in order to keep up the costs of maintaining it—costs that would not be realistic for most local residents if they were trying to live there permanently. The vast majority of these condos were not designed for long-term use: take ours; it has one bedroom, very little storage, and there are no schools or grocery stores nearby. It was built to be part of a resort community. The loss of these STRs would be devastating for the local economy. So many tourists, on whom Maui's economy is dependent, will not be able to afford to come without these properties, and it will mean the loss of many jobs and the closing of many businesses. We support local jobs with the maintenance, repairs, and cleaning our property needs, the restaurants and activities we recommend to visitors, and others we support like Hamai Appliance, where we have been buying our appliances since the 1970s, Koiso Sushi Bar where we have eaten and helped friends get reservations for over a decade, and more recently Tasini Tiki Gallery.

After the horror of the Lahaina fires, we welcomed fire survivors into our condominium rent-free while they sought more permanent housing. We donate regularly to Feed My Sheep's Maui chapter, to the Maui Strong Fund, and to the Lanai Cat Sanctuary, and we volunteer our time when we are on-island. It is important to us to support the community on Maui. It is our community.

I hope that when you are debating the Minatoya list that you will take into consideration the impact on the economy that a sharp decrease in so many available STRs will have, and will look more carefully at the list. Some of these properties may be better suited to local families—closer to schools and services and with a lower cost of living—than others. Certain areas, such as Wailea, were designed with tourism in mind and are a boon to Maui, creating jobs and revenue that are good for the whole island, and should be reserved for that purpose. Mahalo for your time and attention.

Sincerely,  
Monika Powe Nelson  
Wailea Ekahi 17B

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**From:** Jacob Alcala <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 14, 2025 4:00 AM  
**To:** County Clerk  
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Mahalo

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**Ola i ka Wai — Water is Life.**

Sincerely,

Liat Portner

Mānoa, O'ahu

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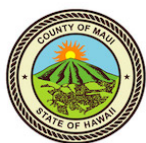
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Mahalo!



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**From:** Victoria KalunaPalafox <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 8:37 AM  
**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

Victoria KalunaPalafox  
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**From:** John Witeck <jwiteck@yahoo.com>  
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**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** Testimony re Bill 9

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I am writing from Oahu in support of Maui's people to urge the Maui council to approve Bill 9 to phase out and end short-term rentals in apartment-zoned areas. Maui residents need more longterm and permanent housing. Please help make this happen by approving bill 9.

Aloha and mahalo for considering my testimony!  
John Witeck, Honolulu

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**From:** Joseph Acosta <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares. Mahalo!

Joe Acosta

Joseph Acosta

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**From:** Geraldine Gonsalves <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

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Geraldine Gonsalves  
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**From:** Keala Fung <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 8:41 AM  
**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list WITHOUT carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

We need to prioritize long-term residents and the community! Maui has been in a housing crisis since before the fire and now after the fire the housing crisis is atrocious. Please SUPPORT Bill 9, support the community and our collective overwhelming voice of support for this Bill.

Mahalo!

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**From:** Cheryl Ann Hotta <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

My name is Cheryl BAUTISTA-KING Hotta and I am writing in strong support of \*\*Bill 9\*\*, which proposes crucial updates to the Minatoya list to facilitate urgently needed housing solutions for our local families—especially those impacted by the devastating fires in Lahaina and Kula.

Our 'ohana have been displaced for nearly a year, and the crisis is not limited to the burn zones. Entire communities across Maui are suffering from a lack of affordable housing, rising rents, and overcrowding. This bill can offer immediate relief by clearing bureaucratic bottlenecks and making it possible to utilize existing properties and fast-track housing for local residents.

Bill 9 is not just a policy fix—it is a lifeline. Please pass this bill without delay. Our families deserve to come home.

Mahalo for your time and action,  
Cheryl Hotta

Cheryl Ann Hotta  
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**From:** Keala Fung <kealadancer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 8:45 AM  
**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** SUPPORT Bill 9 (Minatoya Phase-Out)

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Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Maui County Housing and Land Use Committee,  
I'm writing in **strong support of Bill 9**, which would phase out short-term rentals (STRs) in apartment-zoned districts. This bill is an essential component to addressing Maui's housing crisis and protecting our most vital resource: water.

The 2023 Lāhainā fire exposed long-standing issues—privatized water systems, diverted streams, and overdevelopment have pushed West Maui to the edge. STRs, originally meant for housing, now operate as commercial businesses, consuming high volumes of water while local families remain displaced. Returning STRs to long-term housing helps protect water access, push back against inequality, and put community needs first. With over 6,000 STRs on the Minatoya List, we have a clear opportunity to increase housing stock without using more water.

I urge you to stand with Lāhainā Strong and pass Bill 9.

**Ola i ka Wai — Water is Life.**

Sincerely,  
Keala Fung

## HLU Committee

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**From:** County Clerk  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 8:48 AM  
**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** fwd: Testimony  
**Attachments:** Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!; Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!; Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!; Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!; Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

## HLU Committee

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**From:** Cheryl Ann Hotta <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 8:44 AM  
**To:** County Clerk  
**Subject:** Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

My name is Cheryl BAUTISTA-KING Hotta and I am writing in strong support of \*\*Bill 9\*\*, which proposes crucial updates to the Minatoya list to facilitate urgently needed housing solutions for our local families—especially those impacted by the devastating fires in Lahaina and Kula.

Our 'ohana have been displaced for nearly a year, and the crisis is not limited to the burn zones. Entire communities across Maui are suffering from a lack of affordable housing, rising rents, and overcrowding. This bill can offer immediate relief by clearing bureaucratic bottlenecks and making it possible to utilize existing properties and fast-track housing for local residents.

Bill 9 is not just a policy fix—it is a lifeline. Please pass this bill without delay. Our families deserve to come home.

Mahalo for your time and action,  
Cheryl Hotta

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## HLU Committee

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**From:** Keala Fung <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 8:41 AM  
**To:** County Clerk  
**Subject:** Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list WITHOUT carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

We need to prioritize long-term residents and the community! Maui has been in a housing crisis since before the fire and now after the fire the housing crisis is atrocious. Please SUPPORT Bill 9, support the community and our collective overwhelming voice of support for this Bill.

Mahalo!

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## HLU Committee

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**From:** Geraldine Gonsalves <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 8:40 AM  
**To:** County Clerk  
**Subject:** Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

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## HLU Committee

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**From:** Joseph Acosta <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 8:40 AM  
**To:** County Clerk  
**Subject:** Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares. Mahalo!

Joe Acosta

Joseph Acosta

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## HLU Committee

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**From:** Victoria KalunaPalafox <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 8:37 AM  
**To:** County Clerk  
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Maui County Clerk,

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## HLU Committee

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**From:** Josette Naki <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 9:01 AM  
**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

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## HLU Committee

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**From:** County Clerk  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 9:04 AM  
**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** Fw: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

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**From:** Josette Naki <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 9:01 AM  
**To:** County Clerk <County.Clerk@mauicounty.us>  
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## HLU Committee

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**From:** sandra morey <sandi.morey@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 9:04 AM  
**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** I support Bill 9

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I live in Oakland, California and I have come to visit friends in Haiku for many years. I followed the sad wildfire that burnt down much of Lahaina and I feel that this heavily visitor oriented island is doing its displaced residents a terrible disservice with so much of the housing being used for off island owners to profit, while displaced residents have to move off island or become houseless. Bill 9 would ensure those residents have top priority for the housing in their communities as it becomes available.

## HLU Committee

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**From:** Akemi Tofofohe <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 9:14 AM  
**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

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**From:** Virginia Kajihiro <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
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**From:** Keanu Keahi <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

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**From:** Sheryl John's <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 9:18 AM  
**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

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**From:** Kazuo Flores <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 9:19 AM  
**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

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"FUCK YOU" or "WE DONT CARE ABOUT YOU HAWAIIANS" without even saying those words. As WE all know they only CARE about there investment and how much money they'll profit for themselves when there living 2,500 miles away.

"NO HAWAI'I NO HAWAIIANS, NO HAWAIIANS NO ALOHA"!!!!

Mahalo for your time

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## HLU Committee

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**From:** Caroline Craig <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 9:28 AM  
**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

Reason my complex has no on property manager to monitor folks on vacation (noise, house rule violations), most units use their maid service person as their on island agent. These folks don't have skills or are proper training or many speak english for ongoing issues. They are actually getting ripped off without getting % of STR income like a professional Property Management. Job opportunity for many. Plus questionable tax allocation. Is Maui getting all the funds. Maybe clean slate, all have to get license, allocate only x amount STRs Like 2000, with properties set up to run like condotels. Security for all kinds of incidents. Daily cleaning around property. Vacationers think they pay their cleaning fee and they leave trash, sand, be slob and someone will pick up after them. False. Vacationers free for all on steroids. It is not fair to long term renters or owners, who are working folks and should not have to endure lack of sleep, among many other things. If we reported anything we were singling out vacationers. Engineering for wear and tear we incur. Our walkways destroyed with roller luggage say after day. We never had this issue before.

We used to be a regular complex. Now there are 23 out of 30 that are STRs. Our BOD spent most money on unnecessary fluff. Not building/structure that is falling apart. If STRs allowed it should have 2 HOAs. One for units that need a team to hire like a hotel. Pay much higher. And then standard rate for the regular peeps. It's not right that STRs are racking in \$\$\$ and everyone has to pay same for the destruction and no peaceful home life. Only the tenants were written up and chastised on house rules and the STRs owners did whatever they wanted while leaving on the mainland. Unacceptable!

If this can happen then yes to STRs but there has to be a lot implemented and the HOAs adjusted properly.

Mahalo for your time,  
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## HLU Committee

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**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 9:35 AM  
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## HLU Committee

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**From:** Jasmine Ryan <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
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## HLU Committee

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**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 9:43 AM  
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**From:** Dustin Test <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 9:35 AM  
**To:** County Clerk  
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Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

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Dustin Test  
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## HLU Committee

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**From:** Lehua Chang <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 10:03 AM  
**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares. I'm from O'ahu but I just came back of spending a week on Maui and I hadn't really explored the island for a long time, but seriously, seeing all those luxury developments in Makena was outright disgusting. I had no ideas how flooded that area was with housing for the wealthy.

I'm curious to know the air conditioning bill of those places. I hardly saw any locals when we drove around the island. Our leaders need to take a stand and support our local people. What will we say about you, leaders, when you're dead and gone? He/she stood up for the people? or He/she stood up for \$\$\$. Get your priorities straight, and then vote. Ke aloha mau,

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## HLU Committee

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**From:** Seini Dennis <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
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Housing Land Use Committee,

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I lived in Lahaina until the fires happened. My insurance put me in a condo in Kahana and when my coverage ran out I had to deal with FEMA. My rent was \$4370 for a one bedroom. No I could not afford that without the assistance I received from my insurance and then FEMA. But they made applying for the assistance a miserable and rough experience so I cut myself from the program. I now live in Wailuku with room mates that I have never needed before but it's been impossible to find something even remotely affordable. I'm not sure how landlords expect people to pay what they're asking for, but I know that one person cannot afford upwards of \$2500 alone, pay bills and still expect to have a decent quality of life. Please pass this bill, if anything, because you care about the people who live here and want them to be able to afford to stay here and keep their families here. Why are you allowing locals to be pushed out of their home?

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## HLU Committee

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**From:** Bennett Kalawaia <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** HLU Committee  
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## HLU Committee

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## HLU Committee

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**From:** Bennett Kalawaia <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 10:25 AM  
**To:** County Clerk  
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Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

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**From:** Seini Dennis <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 10:17 AM  
**To:** County Clerk  
**Subject:** Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

I lived in Lahaina until the fires happened. My insurance put me in a condo in Kahana and when my coverage ran out I had to deal with FEMA. My rent was \$4370 for a one bedroom. No I could not afford that without the assistance I received from my insurance and then FEMA. But they made applying for the assistance a miserable and rough experience so I cut myself from the program. I now live in Wailuku with room mates that I have never needed before but it's been impossible to find something even remotely affordable. I'm not sure how landlords expect people to pay what they're asking for, but I know that one person cannot afford upwards of \$2500 alone, pay bills and still expect to have a decent quality of life. Please pass this bill, if anything, because you care about the people who live here and want them to be able to afford to stay here and keep their families here. Why are you allowing locals to be pushed out of their home?

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## HLU Committee

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**From:** Lehua Chang <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** County Clerk  
**Subject:** Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares. I'm from O'ahu but I just came back of spending a week on Maui and I hadn't really explored the island for a long time, but seriously, seeing all those luxury developments in Makena was outright disgusting. I had no ideas how flooded that area was with housing for the wealthy.

I'm curious to know the air conditioning bill of those places. I hardly saw any locals when we drove around the island. Our leaders need to take a stand and support our local people. What will we say about you, leaders, when you're dead and gone? He/she stood up for the people? or He/she stood up for \$\$\$. Get your priorities straight, and then vote. Ke aloha mau,

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## HLU Committee

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**From:** Debell Shelby <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 10:39 AM  
**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares. We the people of Hawaii need your support.

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## HLU Committee

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**From:** County Clerk  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 11:09 AM  
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**Subject:** FW: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

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## HLU Committee

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**From:** jane and robb petty Petty <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 11:14 AM  
**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List! Out of state owners are cannibalizing our locals

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers, The Mayor's team has outlined and refuted fears of economic disaster. There will be pain no matter, so why support out of state investors over the Locals. Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya.

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## HLU Committee

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**From:** Rebecca DiLiberto <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 11:35 AM  
**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

I am a business owner who grew up here on the island and am currently living in a rental. I am lucky enough to be living in a rental where my landlord doesn't increase the rent often. I have been here since 2018 and cannot afford to move anywhere else because of the price of rent and cost of living in general, so I am just hoping that nothing changes with my living situation.

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I want to be able to see my business grow and stay on Maui for the long haul, I have no intent to leave, but the unaffordability of housing may be something that forces my hand if it continues to get worse. We need to try things that haven't been done before so we don't continue to lose our community to places with a lower cost of living. Please support the phase out of these rentals.

Mahalo a nui,  
Rebecca DiLiberto

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## HLU Committee

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**From:** Thomas Kaluna-Palafox <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 12:03 PM  
**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

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## HLU Committee

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**From:** Brienna Gomes <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
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Housing Land Use Committee,

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## HLU Committee

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**From:** Megan Jones <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
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## HLU Committee

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**From:** Mariana Monasi <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 12:33 PM  
**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares. Families all across Maui have been deeply affected since the fires 2 years ago, and continue to struggle to find anything that is nearly affordable to be able to continue work and live in the communities that they have always been a part of. There are 6,127 STRs on the Minatoya list that could be converted to long-term housing, and at least 85% of them are owned by out-of-state investors. These numbers are beyond staggering statistics. You folks were voted into your seats by the residents of Maui, not out of state investors who simply, could not care less about Native Hawaiian families that have been land stewards for generations. You folks need to do what is best for your constituents instead of pleasing people who only use this land for profit.

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## HLU Committee

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Mahalo a nui,  
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## HLU Committee

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**From:** Terri Abay-Abay <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 1:04 PM  
**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please oppose Bill 9 to phase out the short-term rentals on the Minatoya list; this is not a solution for affordable workforce housing for Maui residents. We need real affordable rentals and homes that are affordable to purchase.

My name is Terri Abay-Abay, and I have lived on Maui as a full-time resident for over 38 years with my husband, whose family has resided in Hawaii and Maui for generations. We were able to save money to purchase a home by living in an affordable rental for 10 years, which was made possible by our employer.

There used to be a mandate that EVERY single resort that was developed was required to provide a certain percentage of affordable housing for the employees. I believe that the Ritz-Carlton Kapalua was the last employer to do this. This program works; we are a prime example! Every resort and time-share that was developed after the Ritz-Carlton, including some Kaanapali Resorts that were allowed to expand, were not held accountable to this requirement of providing affordable housing for employees. Why has the County dropped this mandate and not followed through with its commitment to the local residents of Maui?

The majority of condominiums on the Minatoya list were built in the 60's, 70's, & 80's. With the expansion and development of hotels, luxury condominiums, and time-shares from the 90's to the current day, Maui has become oversaturated. Maui does not have the infrastructure to handle the number of visitors that all these properties can accommodate.

I agree that change needs to happen; the hotels and time-shares need to share the burden of the mess that has been allowed to be created. The resorts were allowed to expand, and now you want to take away property rights from those who purchased legal vacation rental properties. That would only benefit the hotels and time-shares, and would not provide true affordable housing for local residents.

Why is Maui County not expanding on the development of Pulelehua, which would create an abundance of affordable rentals in West Maui?

Change needs to happen but Bill 9 is not the answer. Please oppose Bill 9.

Mahalo,  
Terri Abay-Abay

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## HLU Committee

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**From:** Elizabeth Kashiwabara <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 1:05 PM  
**To:** HLU Committee  
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I have seen websites now for units at Kahana Manor ( 4310 Lwr Honoapiilani road) for vacation rentals. They are using FaceBook to promote their units. This property used to be long term rentals. I lived there for 5 years back in the early 2000's It will take years to build housing for locals and there's not enough water. As someone who worked at many vacation rental properties on the west side I have also seen zero compliance of water use restrictions. I asked the AOA president about this and the answer I got was no one will want to stay here if the grounds aren't green.

Rent is so high now that if I get another rent hike I will have to leave Hawaii. I grew up in Oahu and moved to Maui in 1981. Please create more housing by phasing out these STRs. Maybe rent and home prices will come down. It's never been easy to afford to live here, I've always had 2 jobs but now that I'm older it's harder to keep up this schedule and I will never be able to retire.

Thank you for your time.

Liz Kashiwabara

Elizabeth Kashiwabara

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## HLU Committee

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**From:** County Clerk  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 1:08 PM  
**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** FW: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

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**From:** Elizabeth Kashiwabara <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
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## HLU Committee

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Mahalo,

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## HLU Committee

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**From:** Suzette Felicilda <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 1:50 PM  
**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

Mahalo,

Suzette Felicilda

Kanaka Maoli o Lahaina

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## HLU Committee

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**From:** Jennifer Chiwa <jennifer.chiwa@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 1:51 PM  
**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** Testimony in Support of Bill 9 for Hearing on Wednesday, 6/18/25

You don't often get email from jennifer.chiwa@gmail.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

Aloha Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Members of the Maui County Housing and Land Use Committee.

I strongly support Bill 9 which would phase out short-term rentals in apartment-zoned districts. It's my understanding that this bill is helpful to putting community needs first and protecting water access.

Please pass Bill 9. Mahalo.

Jennifer Chiwa  
Makiki and life long resident of Oahu  
(My mother grew up in Puunene, Maui)

## HLU Committee

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**From:** County Clerk  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 1:59 PM  
**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** FW: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

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**From:** Suzette Felicilda <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 1:50 PM  
**To:** County Clerk <County.Clerk@mauicounty.us>  
**Subject:** Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Maui County Clerk,

Aloha Councilmembers,

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Mahalo,

Suzette Felicilda

Kanaka Maoli o Lahaina

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## HLU Committee

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**From:** Nadine Aquino <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 2:56 PM  
**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

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## HLU Committee

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**From:** County Clerk  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 2:58 PM  
**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** FW: Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

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**From:** Nadine Aquino <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 2:56 PM  
**To:** County Clerk <County.Clerk@mauicounty.us>  
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Nadine Aquino

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June 9, 2025

Maui County Council Chambers

Kuleana Club Management

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RE: Testimony on Bill 9 (2025)

Comments on Lahaina and lack of progress

To whom it **should** concern,

Bill 9 is somewhat of an enigma. I cannot understand any attempt by Hawaii and its governor, as well as the Mayor of Maui to support this proposal. I have visited several islands and failed to notice vast fields of sugar cane or the cultivation of pineapples. Your economy, especially Maui's is tourist based, but your proposal is seen to be more damaging than helpful since it includes timeshare ownership which were purchased in fee simple. It is defined as "absolute ownership unencumbered by any other interest or estate, subject only to the limitations imposed by the governmental powers of taxation, eminent domain, police power and escheat" (Dictionary of Real Estate Appraisal). Halting our right to rent if we cannot travel to Maui is in my opinion an infringement of that right.

If housing for Hawaiians is the chief concern, that brings me to the next subject,

I once worked for a major real estate company in their appraisal and consulting department. I want to begin by offering two definitions, which are paraphrased from more complete definitions, relating to new construction which must take place.

*Replacement Cost:* The estimated cost to construct, at current prices, a building with utility, equivalent to the building (that was destroyed), using modern materials and current standards of design, and layout.

*Reproduction Cost:* The estimated cost to construct, at current prices, an exact duplicate or replica of the building (that was destroyed), using the same materials, construction standards, design, layout and quality of workmanship.

I am confident you can see the difference in a building what would appear in Lahaina based on the two definitions cited above. I hope it would be obvious that the second construction option should be used.

Lahaina was unique in its history, and its appeal related directly to that history, represented by the original buildings and those that were reproduced about 110 years ago in another fire. That charm and appeal must be duplicated to bring tourists back. If Hawaii decides to go replacement, all you will have is another little shopping area with a few restaurants, galleries and schlock shops that have no appeal at all. For example, how many people go to the Whaler's Village for its appeal. I would wager few if any. It is just a well located shopping area.

Furthermore, this should NEVER be a project for developers outside of Hawaii. This should be a reproduction, of the stores along Front Street, but combined with replacement for residences. It should not be a government project through Governor Green or the Federal government, and/or FEMA. It appears to me there are serious questions regarding the cause of the fire and the response, so poorly executed. Your governor Green was missing that week, absent from Hawaii. The official response was poor, to say the least. Sending fire responders to Kihei just before the unusually strong and fast moving fire in Lahaina was an example of stupidity or corruption. It damaged the level of response available for Lahaina.

Since then your same government has been moving at a snail's pace to remove debris of destroyed homes and businesses. This is accompanied by a very slow approval process with less than 10 percent of building lots receiving permission to rebuild. Now we learn of new moves by your government to restrict redevelopment along the Front Street waterfront. Zoning changes that have been approved seem to lead to more high density housing than the single family homes lost by its residents; not to mention the lives lost. But then you are a blue state not governed by real Hawaiians.

The state has the local talent; Hawaiians, who would bring true ALOHA back to Lahaina, its businesses and its people. It is owed to the people. Get those businesses involved, they have a direct and deep interest. Beware, as it seems Hawaiians may be aware already, of main land and outside developers looking for a cheap inroad. For example, as cited above NO rebuilding along Front Street ocean front, as well as other land side locations? These developers can be patient, especially in conjunction with state government at all levels.

You are over-regulated and have a snail paced governor and mayor.

Your culture is pure and deep. PROTECT IT!

**MAHALO**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert J. Ryan", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Robert J. Ryan

Time Share owner in FEE SIMPLE



## HLU Committee

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**From:** Mary Lu Kelley <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 3:56 PM  
**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

No more letting outside voices rewrite our reality. Our lived experience matters most.

Do the right thig. Support Bill 9!

Thank you.

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## HLU Committee

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**From:** Arika Hultquist <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

Even if most of these STR's are smaller, as a long time Lahaina resident, we are out and about a lot. That's one of the best things about being here. You are able to enjoy the environment outside. These days I feel that visitors/new residents are put first over the people who have put in so much work and time into improving the schools, small owned businesses, local sports, and art events. The people that have kids and grandchildren here have dedicated their lives to passing down respectful and generous values so much so that most kids come back from college to give back as adults to this community. I have traveled a lot and have yet to find another place that has people in it like the Lahaina Community. These people lead by example and don't ask for much. A stable and healthy place to live near our friends and family, who have the same values and ideas that will directly help our community. The more the locals are pushed out, the worse off Maui is. I know in your heart, you know what the right thing to do is as you were raised with the same beliefs as us. That is why you were voted into representing the people here. Please listen to those people.

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## HLU Committee

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**From:** Ann Dorsey <aedorsey@hotmail.com>  
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**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** Testimony re: Bill 9 (Minatoya Phase-Out)

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Maui County Housing and Land Use Committee,

I urge you to support of Bill 9, which would phase out short-term rentals (STRs) in apartment-zoned districts. This bill is an essential component to addressing Maui's housing crisis and protecting our most vital resource: water.

Privatized water systems, diverted streams, and overdevelopment have pushed West Maui to the edge. STRs, originally meant for housing, now operate as commercial businesses, consuming high volumes of water while local families remain displaced.

Returning STRs to long-term housing helps protect water access, push back against inequality, and put community needs first. With over 6,000 STRs on the Minatoya List, we have a clear opportunity to increase housing stock without using more water.

Thank you,

Ann Dorsey

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**From:** Velma Reed <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 5:37 PM  
**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

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**From:** Velma Reed <tvlreed1037@gmail.com>  
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**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** SUPPORT+BILL+9

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atoya+list+without+carveouts+or+special+protections+for+timeshares. My name is Velma Reed. I was a  
resident of Maui for 20 years until the Lahaina fire. . Even if I could find a place to live I couldn't afford the  
rent. So I had to leave my beautiful Island. I think it's about time that we support the people of Maui and  
not people who live on the mainland and own the property there. I do plan on returning to Maui hopefully  
soon but until then I am now in Louisiana it was the only place I could afford to rent an apartment to live. I  
will come home my heart will always belong to Maui.

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**From:** Renae Lani Anderson <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 6:03 PM  
**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares. We the people of Lahaina, are in desperate need to keep our community here. Most importantly bring them back home since the fires so many have left. We're not Lahaina without our people. Our local families who have been here for generations make up the town of Lahaina. We need to phase out Minatoya and keep our people here.

Thank you for your time

Aloha and Mahalo  
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## HLU Committee

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**From:** Wendi Goodwin <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

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## HLU Committee

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**From:** Nikki Kiakona <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Chair and Honorable Members of the Maui County Council,

My name is Nikki Kiakona, and I am writing in strong support of Bill 9, which seeks to phase out short-term rentals in apartment-zoned districts on Maui. I raised my children in Maui, but like many local families, I was eventually priced out of my home due to the rising cost of housing—driven largely by the overwhelming number of short-term vacation rentals.

I was eventually forced to leave the island to give my children a more stable life. I was working way too much to make it there. I left Maui to pursue a college education with the hope of returning to serve my community. But when I looked to come home, I was heartbroken to see that many neighborhoods had transformed into tourist zones, where former long-term rentals had become short-term investments for out-of-state owners. Our housing stock should be reserved for residents, not visitors.

We must begin restoring balance to our communities by prioritizing housing for our people. If we want our keiki to come home after college—to be the next generation of teachers, nurses, caretakers, and community leaders—we must make it possible for them to live here. Short-term rentals in apartment districts make that impossible.

I want to be very clear:

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short-term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares. These units were never intended to serve as permanent vacation rentals, and continuing to protect them undermines the goal of housing our local families. Timeshares should not be given exceptions when so many of us have lost our homes, our neighborhoods, and our chance to return.



Bill 9 is a necessary and overdue correction. It is a step toward housing justice and toward reclaiming Maui for those who call it home, not just in memory but in presence. I urge you to pass this bill in full, without exemptions, and to take a stand for the future of Maui's people.

Mahalo nui for your time and your commitment to this critical issue.

With aloha,

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**From:** Elaine Pollock <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

My name is Elaine and I believe that the Hawaiian people should be treated with the utmost respect and priority when making laws about their lives and land. Hawaiians are one of the most beautiful people and cultures and we should cherish the culture and the land by making them the priority, not rich transplants who come to abuse resources and make a profit. When I was on Maui, I was so lucky to see how beautiful the island is and the fires of Lahaina devastated my family and I for the people of Maui. I hope you take each testimony with seriousness about how urgent this bill is and it cannot be pushed along anymore. People need to have access to water, safe and secure housing and children should grow up in one home not forcibly moving around because their family is getting pushed out. As a native NYer, I can see it happening to my city and I can only imagine how quickly it is happening to the beautiful island of Maui and other islands.

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## HLU Committee

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**From:** Sherri Curry <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

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**From:** Koanui Leslie <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

Mahalo. Aloha. Koanui Pa'ahana-Leslie.

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**From:** Raquel Runnels <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

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## HLU Committee

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**From:** Malia Marque, <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2025 10:06 PM  
**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

My name is Malia Marquez and Im from Maunaloa, O'ahu.

We all have 'ohana that have been affected by the disastrous Lahaina fires. Our 'ohana alone lost 3 homes and beloved pets. Thankfully none of our 'ohana was killed, but its been a struggle for them. They need all the help they can get and by SUPPORTING BILL 9, it will help phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without special protections or carveouts for timeshares. Bill 9 will return housing in Apartment Districts back to the community and not lock it up for corporations and outside investors.

Please do right by OUR people and SUPPORT BILL 9.

Mahalo for your time on this crucial issue.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

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**From:** Maile Rogers <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>  
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**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

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## HLU Committee

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**Subject:** Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

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**To:** HLU Committee  
**Subject:** Support for Bill 9 to Phase Out the Minatoya List!

Housing Land Use Committee,

Aloha Councilmembers,

Please SUPPORT Bill 9 to phase out the short term rentals on the Minatoya list without carveouts or special protections for timeshares.

Putting the people of Maui and Hawai'i should be prioritized over commercial short term rentals that are owned by foreign outside entities. Why should they get special treatment? When it's the people of Maui that voted you folks into office and not the visitors that rent these rentals.

Please do what's right, please do your job and please listen to people that are saying to pass bill 9 and to put the people before profits.

Bring back the waters to the lands and the people of the lands back home!

Mahalo nui for your time, I wish I could be there in person to testify...but I hope this written testimony is enough, alongside the many others that feel the same and when u say many, I'm saying majority and all of Hawai'i.

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