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Maui County Council

Affordable Housing Committee Chair
Councilmember Tasha Kama

RE: AH-11

Aloha AF Chair & Committee Members,

I am testifying **in favor today on item AH-11** require that housing provided pursuant to the Workforce Housing Policy or with Affordable Housing Fund money is kept affordable in perpetuity through deed restrictions. What a great word, "perpetuity", I'm so glad no one is afraid of this word anymore. I would also like to thank former West Maui Council member Elle Cochran for the introducing the originating item.

I am also in strong favor in allowing the County to be flexible, with Council approval, when providing affordable housing funds to projects that may need specific grant or loan provisions to secure additional financing.

In closing, I would like to take the opportunity to suggest that this committee assist the Homeless Alliance group in recruiting members by periodically announcing the information about the group and its purpose. The work done in the group could aid the Commission on Healing Solutions Homelessness should that Commission be adopted and formalized.

The Homeless Alliance group is in great need of committee members. The Advocacy Committee is at a standstill, the Membership Committee needs a chair. Perhaps by sending the minutes of your Affordable Housing Committee to Homeless Alliance group would aid in making progress. By sending the minutes of your meeting to the Homeless Alliance group, the item would be put on the agenda and would then inspire constructive discussion on relative items that affect our serious Maui County issue of homeless, houseless, those living in their cars or otherwise unsheltered.

In closing, I would like to convey my appreciation for the thoughtful and intelligent vetting of this item by all Committee members and I really appreciate having Council veterans Alice Lee, Riki Hokama and Mike Molina to provide critical historical input on the matter. Thank you for the good attentive work you do for the betterment of Maui County.

Thank you for listening to my concerns on this critical topic.

Sincerely,

Faith Chase