

HHT Committee

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our manager at front street apartments, lahaina, Randi Arebaugh, (rarebaugh@cirrusami.com) ([808 870 4920](tel:8088704920)) has informed me that end of august 2019, the front street apartments will no longer be categorized as "affordable units, tax credit" as the owners have fulfilled their contractual responsibilities and have been released by the State as of 8/2016 so they can offer new vacancies of one bedroom units at the fair market rate of \$1,400/month plus tax. and, apparently, this rate can continue to rise based upon the "fair market rate".

the current tenants will be grandfathered in as they are presently contracted including HUD participants until august 2019.

according to your column in "lahaina news" on 11/22/16, you stated:

"As the chair of the TIG, the West Maui councilmember and a lifelong resident of Maui, I will continue to do everything in my power to produce solutions that create more homes for our residents countywide."

the land upon which the front street apartments sits apparently is a lease hold and the improvements are owned by a private company, front street affordable housing partners.

my pressing question and that of many of the 141 apartment tenants is "what rights do tenants have in a situation such as this; and is it possible to help we existing tenants to continue at our present monthly rates so that the owners can still rent vacant apartments at whatever rate the market will bear?" many of us (families, seniors, single folks, etc.) have lived here for a long time and are on a limited income (some since the complex opened in 2001).

if there is any way in which you can assist us, please let me know as this is a very heavy subject for low income folks like myself as the issue becomes "where can we move from here?"

sincerely,

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