

AH Committee

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

Chair Tasha Kama – Housing Committee
Maui County Council
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RE: Support Makila Farms!

Dear Chair Kama,

My name is John Koanui Nefalar. I am from Lanai and recently moved to Maui about 2 years ago and I have been working in Construction since. When I first moved here I moved into a small studio with my girlfriends and 2 other people. We could not afford it as the unit costed 2k and we still had to pay for the electric, water, trash, Wi-Fi, and pet rent for each pet. So at the end of each month it costed us about 3K and we still could not afford it. We had to make it work with buying food, gas, and the cost of living in a 400 sq. ft. studio. We had to move out and move in with my girlfriend's family because the rent was so expensive and we couldn't find anything cheaper at the moment. I believe that this affordable housing project will be a big success and great for the community. I will be able to afford a 1 or 2 bedroom house with my girlfriend and our puppy. I also think that Greg Brown is doing this very safely and thinking about the environment and everyone else living in Launiupoko. Passing this Makila Farms Work Force Project will be a Big positive for the community that is struggling and the young adults that are trying to begin their own life.

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 housing crisis mode.

Mahalo,

John Koanui Nefalar