

## AH Committee

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Tasha Kama  
Chair – Housing Committee  
Maui County Council  
Kalana O Maui Building  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Ms. Tasha Kama,

This letter is to share my support for the Makila Farms project by Brown Development.

There may be an amount of people that will be against this project. However, we have a need on the islands for affordable homes for today's local families. We have so many of our families, friends and co-workers moving away to be able to afford a home. So the people that may be against this project – know that they are also taking away the opportunity for our local families to own a home. As an example, one of our co-worker (Born on Maui and Lahaina resident) recently moved away to the mainland. They are a family of 5 and she said the cost of living is too high here and they will never be able to afford a home on Maui. Which also means that we lost a great employee!

The opportunity to own 2+ acre lots and be able to farm and grow their own food is so beneficial for our local families. I hope that you will also share your support and help our local families be able to own their piece of Maui so that they don't have to move to Las Vegas, Utah, etc. If this project doesn't go through there will be an influx of mainland homeowners and we will not be seeing the next generation of our local families growing their roots here on Maui.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration and hope to also see your support towards the Makila Farms project.

Sincerely,

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