

AH Committee

From: County Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2019 7:45 AM
To: AH Committee
Subject: FW: Polanui Gardens (AH1-1) and Makila Rural East (AH1-2).

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From: Annie McNeil <puamananani@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2019 8:52 PM
To: County Clerk <County.Clerk@mauicounty.us>
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Subject: Polanui Gardens (AH1-1) and Makila Rural East (AH1-2).

Dear Maui County Council,

West Maui Land wants to keep the existing rural and urban boundaries in the Olowalu and Makila areas so that they can provide more homes for people in those regions. We wholeheartedly support their efforts.

We are a family invested in Maui, having had a home here since 1997. We have embraced Maui as an island of racial and economic diversity, an island where middle class residents can (hopefully) afford to have a stable and secure existence. We know that this island certainly has no problem attracting the high roller class of homeowners who use the island for a posh retreat part of the year. Allowed to run rampant, the trend will drive inflation of living costs beyond the reach of the rest of us and leave no room for the majority of families to live and work here. With fewer here who can afford the cost of living (average Maui home costs upward of \$800K!), there'll be a resultant labor shortage, which leads to a myriad of other problems.

As a commitment to, and investment in, this island life, the fabric of which we've become a part of, we want our two sons to have the ability to stay on the island and, someday, raise families of their own. I should say, we want them to have the ability to AFFORD to stay on the island and own their own homes. It's because of Peter Martin, and other responsible developers, and their well thought-out plans for affordable housing construction, that this proposal makes so much sense. Our oldest son has directly benefitted from their efforts, and recently purchased a home in a beautiful workforce housing neighborhood called Pauwela Homes in Haiku. The moment our son stepped foot in his new home, he was right side up, the house already being worth more appraisal-wise than his home loan.

We need to see a lot more Pauwela Workforce Housing neighborhoods all over Maui, especially in Lahaina and Olowalu where there are many beautiful, large estates but very little middle class neighborhoods to live in for local residents that live, have families and work there. Those who WORK (hard) here year round should be able to afford to LIVE here year round. Neighborhoods that are economically diverse should always be the goal.

Thank You,
Annie and Chris McNeil