

**Testimony of Kellie-Pali Cruz
Maui County Council Planning Committee
Thursday, June 30, 2016
9:00 A.M**

Good morning Chair Couch and members of the committee,

My name is Kellie Pali-Cruz. I live in Kihei. I am a businesswoman and the mother of 4 children. Like them, I was lucky enough to be born and raised on Maui.

I am testifying as a volunteer on behalf of Go Maui, a nonprofit organization working to expand our supply of affordable housing and jobs.

Go Maui strongly supports the passage of PC-16 relating to wet bars in dwellings and PC-28 to permit affordable accessory dwellings in residential districts.

In both cases the opportunity to open up more housing opportunities for Maui's local families more than justifies their passage.

The State Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) recently noted that to supply the County of Maui with the housing it needs by 2025, 13,494 units are required which supports a 25% growth rate.

Both of these measure look at resources we already have and how to expand them further. They will not solve our affordable housing crisis, but they are the kind of steps we can take now to at least begin to chip away at the problem. And that is better than doing nothing.

My only concern is that it's crucial you realize the definition of a single-family residence per Fannie Mae is one kitchen.

Allowing a wet bar would be my recommendation verses additional kitchen language so that homeowners don't run into problems when selling these properties later.

I will be happy to provide a copy of the Fannie Mae Selling Guide to the committee chair next week to equip you with the necessary information.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and thank you for your work on this issue.