

LU Committee

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To whom it may concern-

I am a 31 year resident of Maui. I lived on the West side for 20 of those years and watched the development change the way of life. With the expansion of subdivisions, without the upgrading of roads and infrastructure, traffic and tempers became unruly.

Thank goodness I was able to move to Haiku and again settled into a peaceful way of life. Now that is threatened again with the possible plan to put short term rentals within the community.

The South and West sides have plenty of room to accommodate visitors. I feel the South and West sides should remain the only areas where visitors should be accommodated. This leaves the North and East sides to be places preserved for the local way of life. It would also give visitors places on the island which is different to do day trips.

In the last five years, I've noticed Hookipa beach park become a tourist destination to view turtles. This has caused many parking problems for locals. The trash level has also increased. The turtles are being harassed where the lifeguards have had to warn visitors to back off taking the attention away from the people in the water.

Locals need a place of respite. We work hard to live here and deserve communities to live that are relatively free from visitors. Most visitors have no interest to respect our way of life. They tend to ruin traffic flow and ignore the community way of life. There are just too many visitors to educate and inform. So to regulate where they stay is our only option to preserve the beautiful life we are so lucky live here on Maui.

Many Mahalos,

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