

GET Committee

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Subject: In support of Will Spence as Director of Housing and Human Concerns

Greetings Mike and Committee Members

As a builder and developer of housing and as a strong advocate for affordable housing as well as having the pleasure of working with Director Spence I can attest to his desire and his capabilities to be Director of this department.

I can attest from a first hand basis the obstacles and difficulties there are and have existed to build affordable housing in Maui County. The costs, the time, the obstacles in terms of a multiplicity of ordinances and requirements to fulfill and the deadening procedure that must be gone thru it is no secret that we in Maui don't have more affordable housing. Recently, under Director Spence's term we now have Ordinances that are looking to expedite and reduce the costs of the process of building affordable housing. FINALLY!

And, Director Spence was key and instrumental in seeing that these ordinances came about.

Personally I believe that housing is right for all of Maui County's residents. And in my dealings and interactions with Director Spence he has shown the desire, the understanding, the credentials and the willingness to actually see that affordable housing is built on Maui.

It is time that we support our Directors like Will Spence and to give them the tools and the backing and the budget to do their job. I support Director Spence and I ask that the committee makes the choice to support and assist Director Spence so that he can do his job!

In brief, I have been on Maui since the 70s, I was a professional engineer, I am on the Urban Design Review Board, past Maui Redevelopment Agency member, Subdivision Standards board and **past board member of Na Hale O Maui, member of FACE, and builder of affordable housing.**

Should there be any questions or request for additional comments I am available at 808 281 3303

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