

## Mike J. Molina

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**To:** Mike J. Molina  
**Cc:** Kelly King; Keani N. Rawlins  
**Subject:** Support for Will Spence as Director of DHHC

Dear Chairman Molina,

Please accept this email as written testimony on Item GET-1(9) in favor of appointing William Robert Spence as Director of Housing and Human Concerns. We worked with Mr. Spence both as Planning Director and Director of Housing and Human Concerns for our Pauwela Homes project in Haiku. Mr. Spence was instrumental in both capacities for this 100% Workforce Housing Project which provided 33 single family homes to Maui residents last year.

Mr. Spence's knowledge and experience is beneficial in his role as Director of Housing and Human Concerns. On the housing side, his familiarity with planning and construction allow him to quickly understand feasibility of housing options. Additionally, his demeanor and management experience provide necessary tools to manage the entire department and work with staff.

One of the largest challenges facing Maui County is the lack of housing options for our residents. We need a Director of Housing and Human Concerns that has the skills to help provide solutions to our housing problems. Mr. Spence also works well with David Goode at Public Works and Michele McLean at Planning; these three agencies are critical in solving our housing problems.

Please support Will Spence as Director of Housing and Human Concerns to help solve Maui's housing crisis.

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