

GET Committee

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To: GET Committee
Subject: FW: please support Will Spence

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February 3, 2019

Aloha Council member Molina,

I'm writing to ask you to please support Will Spence as our new Housing and Human Concerns Director.

He has great ideas to help bring more affordable housing to Maui County. Since he was Planning Director for seven and a half years he knows really well what the challenges are. One idea he has will help owners of Agriculture land. He wants to make the allowable number of cottages more than just the one accessory dwelling unit that we're allowed now. A sliding scale system depending on your parcel size will add many homes to our inventory and will help owners provide housing for more than one grown child or grandchild, a farm worker or just a Maui resident that needs housing and there are plenty of those. He will be forming a Housing Working Group similar to our Ag Working Group but with leaders in the community, building, and nonprofit industries.

As Director of the Office on Aging he's in a position to address the aging farmer issue we have and craft some protections for our aging ranchers and farmers.

I have worked closely with him many times in past years while he was our Planning Director, and I found him very knowledgeable, and easy to work with.

Thank you for your continued support of Agriculture.

Mahalo,

Theresa Thompson
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Member