

AH Committee

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Subject: District Boundary Amendments for Polanui Gardens and Makila Rural-East

To the Members of the Affordable Housing Committee,

Although I am certainly in favor of providing much needed affordable housing on Maui, I am very much opposed to the location proposed for the Polanui Gardens and Makila Rural-East projects. In particular, I am opposed to taking existing agricultural lands and changing the zoning to urban. Affordable housing should be built in areas that are already zoned for development and have the needed infrastructure in place to support such development.

There is already an extreme water shortage in the proposed area and existing residents are already on water rationing. There is no way that the limited water supply can sustain two additional high density developments.

Furthermore, the Lahaina Bypass was built to alleviate traffic and it has done so. If these projects are to go through there would necessarily be an impact on traffic which would eliminate any progress we have made. No one wants to see the gridlock that we suffered with for years return to Lahaina.

I am especially opposed to the fast-track process which eliminates many of the checks and balances that ensure a project is well researched and the impacts have been thoroughly studied and reviewed.

We need to keep the last remaining open space in West Maui as just that - open space. It would be a tragedy to see a duplication of the urban sprawl that happened in Kihei ruin West Maui as well.

I urge you to deny the application for the fast track approval process for these developments and to refrain from granting the requested zoning change.

Thank you very much,

Janet Maher