

AH Committee

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Aloha Committee Members,

I am writing you in regards to the proposed zoning changes in regards to the the Polanui and Makila Rural East projects. I urge you to vote NO on this proposed zoning change. I was raised here in Lahaina, where I currently still reside. As local business owners in the community we struggle with the high costs of living and see the necessity for well planned affordable housing. What is being proposed is NOT that.

What this community needs in regards to further development is smarter more community focused development, development that is designed to benefit the growing number of people affected by the housing crisis here on Maui. Development that allows the community who it is intended to serve the opportunity to take part in planning it.

What this 201H fast track process looks like to us is not the type of development that will benefit the community, instead will add to the problem. A development designed to maximize profits off land that was never intended to be zoned as "urban". A handful of workforce houses in order to meet the minimum requirements necessary to sell the rest of the plots for maximized profits. A development that is far more beneficial to the developer and investors than the community it claims to be intended for. This needs to stop.

IF a change in zoning would be beneficial to the West Maui community in the form of smarter development, we would urge the committee members to consider proposals that offer calculated long term solutions to the housing crisis. These solutions and conditions need to address existing issues with infrastructure such as the water shortage, fire hazards, evacuation routes, flooding of roads (Kai Hele Ku/Bi-pass) caused by prior poor planning, a lack of amenities required to serve a growing community, sewage and waste disposal, etc.

In allowing the 201H fast track development plan to pass we believe the current negative issues facing the surrounding communities would only be exacerbated. Ten years from now when the hand full workforce homes are sold again at market price we will be left with nothing more than another gentrified neighborhood which will no longer serve the working class people it was guised to benefit in the first place.

Lastly this will only be a catalyst for further fast track development of this nature... Lets choose community planning over everything! Because that will benefit everyone. We have lived with such poor planning for most of my life, and now is the time for us to make a change for our growing families here on Maui.

Thank you for your taking the time to hear my input. Lahaina is my home and will continue to be, and I hope to see it stay a beautiful community of families thriving.

Mahalo,

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