

## AH Committee

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**From:** Harmony Hallas <Harmony@westmauland.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 18, 2019 5:47 PM  
**To:** County Clerk; AH Committee  
**Subject:** FW: Affordable Housing Testimony

Please see below testimony in consideration of  
Polanui Gardens (AH1-1) and/or Makila Rural East (AH1-2).

Thank You.

Harmony Hallas

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**From:** Rome Lee <[romaaquino@gmail.com](mailto:romaaquino@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 18, 2019 9:29 AM  
**To:** Ali Martin  
**Subject:** Fwd: Affordable Housing Testimony

Ali

Aloha ,

My daughter wrote this letter on my behalf because she's a graduate of business and communication. Lol. I told her what I wanted to say and she interpreted for me in a letter.

Mahalo and here's to more affordable homes for our work force families on Maui !!!!

To whom it may concern,

I was born and raised in Kailua, O'ahu previous to calling Maui my home for almost 30 years. Owning my own home in Hawai'i has always been a goal of mine, but due to the high cost of living and lack of affordable housing, that dream has been rather difficult to achieve. Thankfully, West Maui Land Co. has provided me with the amazing opportunity to be a homeowner in Hawai'i. For those who were not as lucky, being a homeowner might be out of the question and that shouldn't be the case. It's disappointing that adequate funding is not allocated towards more affordable housing developments. Like me, many full time Hawai'i residents work extremely hard just to make ends meet. There needs to be effective strategies to resolve this issue for our hardworking, local residents. Thank you for your support of the Wai'ale 'Elua Project. This experience has meant so much to me and my family, and I look forward to the infinite memories this opportunity will provide us. I hope many others can experience this same joy that I have in owning a home of their own soon, too.

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