

AH Committee

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To all the Good people in positions of power :

Everyone knows Maui needs affordable housing, but it needs to be done wisely, and responsibly, with no strings attached .

The Makila project near Launuiopoko is the wrong location for this particular proposal because it's not about AH ...It's about exploitation and greed..Too many Market priced homes are included.

The 60 people who spoke out against it on the June 20th Hearing before the AH committee, both Hawaiian and Haole, were spot on.
Listen online to the 5 hours of testimony again!

This Project calls for 100 or 200 homes, most of them would be Market priced, multimillion dollar homes that would be bought by offshore investors.

Enough of that!

There is no infrastructure in that area.

There's a Severe water shortage, although the people involved with the developer say otherwise, but have no proof...

There is EXTREME fire vulnerability in that area already.

There is Traffic gridlock on the west side that's getting worse.

It's in Very close proximity to the shoreline, which should be environmentally unacceptable because homes would be approximately one half a mile from the ocean;
100 to 200 Market priced homes that only the wealthy could afford.

The constant offshore winds would blow dirt and dust from the construction directly into the ocean .. and this would go on for YEARS, surely destroying the already dying coral reefs .. Is that what we want???

Next to Truly affordable homes, our Ocean and the life it sustains should be everyone's MOST

IMPORTANT concern ! And the coral reefs need our protection! Our ocean is why tourists come here!!!

There is an opportunity here now for the people in positions of power to set a POSITIVE example to the world by showing that Maui is an island that did it RIGHT....that listened to its people and planned a community with housing for its citizens as well as protected its ocean and land by stopping overdevelopment ;

By being Conscientious about what is BEST for our fragile island and what is needed MOST for the average MAJORITY of the citizens who live and work here.

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It is crucial to Provide housing for the Hawaiian people and all other working citizens who contribute the MOST to our community...

individuals we cannot do without..

Hawaiians , who deserve to live in their homeland,

our work force people, teachers , firefighters, farmers, people in the medical field ,small business owners, etc.

At the same time, we can better protect our dying coral reefs by reducing construction thereby slowing runoff and pollution.

Let's build ONLY AH on the west side so that the people working on the West side can LIVE near their places of employment and not have to commute.

That would take 30% of the cars off the highway, reducing traffic immensely!

On a positive note...

Maui is on its way to Growing its own food ...that is so encouraging and vital to sustainability...A step in the right direction for sure!

We should Think of our island as a cruise ship that can only accommodate so many people ... And people are coming and going, but the people who were here the longest are the ones leaving because They cannot afford to live here anymore ...That's unfair and is WRONG.

Most of us who live here and love Maui do not want another Honolulu... and some people just don't care at all ...

Like developers...They are Profiteering!

How much longer will we be able to say Maui No Ka Oi???

It's up to YOU....our leaders , and

We are asking that you think with wisdom and with your heart and do the PONO thing for our small island..

We need open space and parks along with affordable homes in the right areas on the west side and elsewhere .

What is not needed is more multimillion dollar homes that will be bought as second homes by offshore investors...

The Makila project is NOT a step in the right direction. It's contains too much of what we don't need.

Our main focus should be on building only affordable quality homes mingled with parks and open space..perhaps county owned land.

We are at a critical crossroad now...

It's NOT too late to save Maui from becoming another Honolulu.

But it's up to YOU, our Representatives, people in power, the Affordable Housing Commission, the County Council, etc. to listen to the community and to act with wisdom and with your heart.

Any further development should be ONLY truly affordable housing done in the right areas.

Hawaiians and Haloes agree that Launipoko is not the right location for this big Makila project...We can do better and be smarter!

Let's set a great example for the world and be the island that provided homes for its people, protected its coral reefs, reduced traffic gridlock and did not SELL OUT to developers!

Mahalo and Aloha.

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