

AH Committee

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I cannot be at your Wednesday meeting because of other commitments. However, I want to share a few concerns about these proposals. The most obvious one is the water issue. We cannot approve projects that do not show where the water is coming from for the housing they plan to build.

Secondly, we cannot continue planning to meet our affordable housing crisis with 201H projects. I do not blame the developers who are making these proposals because they are trying to meet the need. When I was on the General Plan Advisory Committee, we proposed housing for Kahului, Kihei, and Lahaina, but those proposals were for large land tracts that would produce hundreds of homes. If we continue with a small projects here or there, we will never meet our housing crisis. Further, I believe the referenced proposed projects are not close to the utilities needed, does not meet our goal for complete streets (integrated communities with parks, stores, walking trails, sidewalks, etc., and could be costly to maintain because of the need for County services - fire, police, ambulance services, refuse collection, etc.

Thirdly, I have not heard that the community of Lahaina had an opportunity to share their thoughts about these proposed developments. Those who did come to the first meeting was mostly against the project than for it. When developers do not listen to the community, we get bad projects. I remember Jeff Gilbreath of Hawaiian Community Assets saying that, when he was bidding to develop an affordable housing plan for the County of Maui, he asked Mike White and Stacy Crivello about holding public meetings. Jeff said that they both assured him that they knew the will of the people and therefor no public meetings would be required. We need to stop this practice of excluding the general public who are impacted by these developments.

In summary, I know it is not ease to turn down "affordable housing" proposals, but I believe you should say no to these two proposed developments.

Thanks for your caring,

Stan Franco