

AH Committee

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To: AH Committee
Subject: AH-17(11) Hale Kaiola Project
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Aloha, Chair Kama and Committee Members:

I hope you will consider the Hale Kaiola Project in a favorable light as it will deliver 40 affordable homes (duplexes) for Maui's working families.

Mahalo,

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Subject: Support AH-17(11) Hale Kaiola Project

Aloha Chair Kama and Committee Members:

I write in support of Hale Kaiola, a 100% Affordable and attainable infill project located in Kihei. This creative and innovative project will provide 40 for-sale duplex units on 3 acres of land at Ohukai Road and Kaiola Place. The Ohukai/Pi'ilani Highway intersection is signalized, easing traffic flow into and out of the project.

Infill projects cost less to develop. The public infrastructure - roadways, water, sewer, power, etc. - are already in place, significantly reducing offsite costs, resulting in more affordable prices to income qualified homeowners.

Twenty-two of the homes will be sold to income-qualified families earning between 80-120% of Area Median Income (AMI), and 8 units for those earning from 120-140% AMI. In other words, these are critically needed homes for our workforce.

I understand that Hale Kaiola meets existing requirements under the State, Maui Island- and Kihei-Makena Community Plans and is currently zoned R-2. Further, that Hale Kaiola has a long development process to manage, including but not limited to zoning to allow duplexes, Shoreline Management Area (SMA) permits, as well as all the County required permits.

Hale Kaiola is an opportunity to create 40 affordable homes for our workforce families; to help 40 island families to live, work and raise their children in their community. They simply want to have an opportunity to have a truly affordable home. It doesn't have to be perfect; it just has to be home. Affordable homes immediately lower the cost of living, making it possible to meet other pressing needs such as nutritious food, medical needs, education and even saving for retirement.

Together, we can make affordable housing projects work; making truly affordable housing possible for island families. You can make it happen by supporting and approving Hale Kaiola and similar affordable, workforce housing projects in Maui County as they work through the development process,

Mahalo,



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