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Subject: Affordable housing Hana Maui

Aloha kakou,

My name is Blair Goldberg and I've been blessed to live in Hana for 19 years. One of the most consistent issues we face as a community is housing, mostly lack of it. If there is anything our County of Maui can do to help provide affordable housing for the Hana area, please do it.

Hana is like an island on an island, we are that isolated. We cant even properly house our current population, so when our children go away for higher education and they want to return home to contribute their skills and live here, they have nowhere to go. We cannot attract the professionals we need because they will have no where to live. Entire families are living in a room in their parents or grandparents home. Our subdivision is over crowded and even when houses go up for sale most of us cannot afford the half a million minimum it takes to buy one.

Another major issue in Hana is greedy developers and the super rich buying up large tracks of land and developing it or making it inaccessible to the community. Keeping our pristine Hana Coastline as a conservation area safe from development, privatization and accessible to sustenance living is so very much in the hearts and minds of the entire community. By purchasing Mokae the County of Maui insures a bright future to the whole of Maui and all the visitors who will come. Protecting our natural resources will only become more important as we face the effects of global warming and overpopulation. We cannot underestimate the value of a healthy coastline. We must do as much as we can to protect our reefs as their destruction and loss is estimated to cost the state of Hawaii billions in the future.

Do your part now, purchase Mokae, add funding to get an affordable housing project started, make conservation of a pristine and large undeveloped area and Hana's housing issue a priority.

Our community is full of sustenance farmers and traditional hunter gathers. We live close to nature and rely on her bounty to survive. We have many hard working families living in sub-standard conditions, waiting for a chance to make their lives better. I am one of those families, living in single room raising 3 kids. Please help us.

Mahalo,
Blair

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