

AH Committee

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Aloha,

Please see attached testimony for the meeting on January 8th regarding the Keawe Street Apartments from Maui Chamber President Pamela Tumpap.

Mahalo,



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AH-1(5)

**Keawe Street Apartments—Affordable Housing Projects
Wednesday, January 8, 2020**

Dear Chair Kama, Vice-Chair Molina and
Members of the Affordable Housing Committee,

The Maui Chamber of Commerce strongly supports the Keawe Street Apartments development by Ikaika Ohana.

This development is extremely important as it serves our Westside community and would provide 200 affordable housing units for individuals earning 60% or below AMI. In the Maui Nui Attainable Housing Forum, we learned that it is especially difficult to build units for those below 80% AMI and there is a big shortage of units in the AMI tier. We also worked closely with Doug Bigley of Ikaika Ohana for the forum, who was a speaker and participated in the developer showcase. He is dedicated to getting housing built and has been active in the community.

At a time when we are in desperate need for affordable rentals, we ask that you approve this development to get these needed units built.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap
President

To advance and promote a healthy economic environment for business, advocating for a responsive government and quality education, while preserving Maui's unique community characteristics.