

LU Committee

From: Joan Nielsen <beherejoan@gmail.com>
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To: LU Committee
Subject: Paia Courtyard project comment

Dear Maui Council Members,

Thank-you for your service to the people of Maui. This letter's purpose is to express my concern for the proposed Paia Courtyard project. I have lived in Paia for 7 years and have watched the traffic increase yearly. I must schedule appointments appropriately for fear of being late because of the bottleneck of traffic which backs up for a long distance on Baldwin Avenue, especially at certain times of the day. I walk down town regularly to tutor a child in town and to shop at Mana, so I am aware of the empty buildings where vagrants gather, and the amount of people making u-turns in the middle of Baldwin looking for the few parking places. I cannot see that adding another retail space is appropriate for Paia with such terrible traffic issues. We who live here, have no place to park and we deal with the traffic just to perform our normal daily commutes. I believe that senior housing is needed, but this seems like a ruse to get the project approved. Senior housing could be provided in a much better place. Paia is a tourist town. There is not even a pharmacy in our town now. Ideally senior housing should be in areas where facilities and shops are easy to walk to. This will not be the case in Paia. We need a better traffic flow and adequate parking before any new developments are permitted. Mahalo for your attention to this and for asking for resident input.

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