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Subject:

Re: PSLU 56 Zoning Change

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Revised testimony ...

On Jun 2, 2020, at 10:45 AM, Bill Curtis < bc96768@gmail.com > wrote:

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To:

Planning and Sustainable Land Use Committee

Via Email:

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Regarding:

PSLU -56 Zoning Change

Kilohana Makai Workforce Housing

Lehua Builders has a recent track record of executing affordable housing with their Kaiaulu at Kaanapali project and we support them continuing to create affordable housing in a very difficult environment.

In the late 1980's and early 1990's the company I worked for at the time (JDH Construction) was able to create many units of affordable housing (Paukukalo, Lanai City and Kapaa, Kauai are some examples), but as the years have gone by it has been more and more difficult to build homes for the average working family. The major reason for this is the amount of time and effort it takes to get new projects approved. Due to the time and effort involved, most projects end up being high end developments.

I support this workforce project as it is within an infill area, is next to existing infrastructure, and it is close to many work opportunities.

Both of our children that were born on Maui have moved to the mainland. One is currently in the process of selling an apartment and purchasing a single family home at the age of 29. I was fortunate to be able to purchase a single family home in Makawao at the age of 27. The passing of this zoning change would allow 28 new families the same opportunity.

Mahalo,

Bill Curtis