

PSLU Committee

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Tamara Paltin
Chairperson
Planning and Sustainable Land Use Committee

Dear Tamara,

My name is Anna Enomoto, born and raised on Maui. I grew up in Pā'ia with familial ties throughout the island. My late grandfather, G.N. Toshi Enomoto worked as the County Clerk and many of my Enomoto and Sniffen 'ohana have serviced our communities for generations.

I grew up in a time where we lived in smaller communities. Everyone looked out for each other. We went fishing, hunting, camping, hiking and enjoyed our island home. So much have changed with luxury homes, excessive commercial space, vast amounts of resorts, unregulated VRBO/Air BNB etc. and the ever increasing real estate prices. This has lead to a tremendous strain on our infrastructures, roadways, resources and most importantly, have driven our local families out of their 'Aina hānau just to be able to survive.

I too left Maui in the early 90's to pursue my education, gain experience and explore the U.S. continent before returning home after almost 10 years to take care of my kuleana, my 'ohana and specifically my mom who had a terminal illness. It is through our culture, values and a deep connection to our sense of place that we are unlike anywhere else in the world. He Hawai'i Au!!

With all that is going on in the world, we are at a pivotal point. We need to have the foresight of our ancestors and bring our kaiaulu (communities) back together by creating much needed affordable housing and diversified farming so we are more self-sustaining rather than rely on tourism to support our economy.

I mahalo Aina Lani Pacific and their Workforce Housing project, I highly doubt that I be a homeowner today, much less an owner of a BRAND NEW home. It was made by local people, for local people. The craftsmanship, quality of the appliances, cabinetry and overall construction was done well.

I am blessed to have piece of paradise with an amazing view of Ka'anapali.

I am in full support the Kilohana Makai project and I humbly ask for your committee's consideration of this project.

With Aloha 🌺 and Gratitude 🤝

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