

PSLU Committee

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Aloha,

My name is Marlayna Gomes. I work for the contractor Lehua Builders and have known Sandy Duvauchelle for 20+ years. I needed to say that because I know many of you will be saying "Oh of course she works for the builder"... But no. Today I am writing personally, as part of the working class local people of Maui. How sad that this has already reached this level of scrutiny. **WAKE UP! It is 100% workforce! HOW and WHY** this is not a huge priority for you folks is mind boggling to me. **You** are the ones who have the power to MAKE IT A REALITY! Do you represent us or not? How come at election time - affordable housing is one of the first on the list of promises - but then here comes the next election year and you can't even count on one hand the affordable projects that have been approved, let alone built. **SO SHAME!** Don't listen to the guys who have their million dollar homes above concerned about their property values and their walking path to the beach. That's all Manini stuff. And sea-level rise? BS. It's all a smoke screen because the reality is THEY DON'T WANT AFFORDABLE NEAR THEM. Their concerns are MANINI compared to the need for affordable housing.

I paid rent for various places since the age of 18. I would still be renting now (almost 30 years later) if I wasn't given the opportunity to buy my grandparent's house. So yes I 1000% support this change in zoning! I support the project they are building. I support everything they are about. Why? **Because I seen with my own eyes how this team has addressed the housing need!** They've now built two communities now which are 100% workforce.

Please council members! Please **allow** this change in zoning. Don't shoot this down. Don't overanalyze and waste time when it comes to 100% workforce. So many families are struggling right now. When the economy slowly becomes strong again, and our people can feel a sense of stability under them, this project needs to be available to them! Make haste and get this thing moving...

Save all your scrutiny and opposition for projects like the Wailuku hotel or the bad developers who want something before they will even **consider** building affordable. Tighten the reigns on them! Not these guys.

In closing, I would like to clarify for other people reading or testifying... **THIS PARCEL OF LAND IS NOT OPEN SPACE.** So much testimony about the land being open space. Probably on purpose, since that tends to hit a nerve with people. Don't believe FALSE information.

Mahalo,
Marlayna Gomes

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