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**From:** Tamara A. Paltin  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 18, 2020 11:03 AM  
**To:** PSLU Committee  
**Subject:** Fwd: we need truly affordable housing on Maui not housing affordable to the rich

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**From:** Mary Trotto <Mary.Trotto@liu.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 18, 2020 11:02:11 AM  
**To:** Tamara A. Paltin <Tamara.Paltin@mauicounty.us>  
**Subject:** we need truly affordable housing on Maui not housing affordable to the rich

Aloha Tamara,

You are considering changing zoning from open space in Kihei to residential so that you can build affordable housing. Sound like a good tradeoff since we are in desperate need of low income affordable housing on Maui. However, building homes for almost a half million dollars or more is not affordable housing.

This is just a trick to make us believe this type of housing is what is needed. It is not! We need truly affordable housing but we also need our open space land. For the protection of our near shore waters and to provide drainage for run off, open space is a very precious commodity that we must cherish and preserve. Please reconsider that this plan for building ½ million dollar homes in a place that should be preserved for our future generations as open space should be rejected.

I am the first to advocate for affordable housing, I see the homeless each day as a volunteer for Hale Kau Kau. I hear what they say, they can cut down on food bills and save money in many ways but they really need affordable housing.

Affordable housing should follow the guidelines based on cost vs earnings and should be affordable in perpetuity. I have heard developers who want to build affordable units in other places in Kihei and all of them will be affordable for 62 years. What? So we only care about this generation and not the next?

**Please do not approve the change in zoning from Open Space to residential for this project in South Kihei.**

With warmest aloha,

Dr. Mary  
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