

HFC Committee

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Aloha HFC Committee Chair & Committee,

cc: Affordable Housing Committee

I am compelled to share an idea that many have contributed to regarding housing during this strange and sensitive time of pandemic alarm. Please afford me some patience and guidance as I present a concept that I and others believe deserves consideration. Maui County Council participation will strengthen the continued collective work.

Attached please find a proposal in draft form. I invite input from all the committees at large and will send all council members progress on the project and grant(s) moving forward.

I appreciate the recommendation from Chair Hokama to include Affordable Housing Committee, I have included this committee and Environmental, Agriculture and Cultural Preservation Committee, for reasons stated within the proposal document and for the additional reason that Chair Sinenci happens to have experience with traditional Hawaiian housing building.

Mahalo, Faith Chase



Maui HaleVersity

A temporary, transitional housing proof of concept project for Maui's four island County.

In light of Maui's present day unsheltered population, the housing shortage and the growing need due to a pandemic, this collective housing idea is compiled from the greater multi-island county organizations and communities.

WHEREAS the **Maui County Healthy Families and Communities Committee** has entertained and introduced the item from Maui County Council Chair Alice Lee titled, Effects of the Coronavirus Pandemic and Related Issues Under the Healthy Families and Communities Committee's authority;

WHEREAS the **Maui County Affordable Housing Committee** finds itself at important crossroads with the introduction of a Commission on Healing Solutions for Homelessness and a recently suggested and failed proposal of bifurcating the Maui County Department of Housing and Human Concerns due to the present day pressures of department deliverables;

WHEREAS the **Maui County Environmental, Agriculture and Cultural Preservation Committee** has researched and conducted in-the-field observation of a dominant Hawaiian population of houseless, homeless and unsheltered in which affects the environment, and finding that many desire farm housing options, and the unfortunate absence of the ability to rightfully conduct cultural practices;

WHEREAS the **Maui County Council 2016 Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee** adopted a resolution approving the inclusion in the 2017 Maui County Legislative Package recognizing and celebrating the historical recognition of independence of the Kingdom of Hawaii;

WHEREAS the **Allodial title is namely stewarded by Kekauonohi in the Wailuku Ahupuaa, in the Moku Puali Komohana, in the general area known as Stable Road**, and has been identified on local records as the tax map key reference as Parcel Number(s): 380020100000 (1.5 Acre), 380950200000 (18.133 Acres) and where the heirs have offered this 'aina to serve Maui residents who have suffered displacement, discrimination, harassment and abandonment;

WHEREAS the well documented housing crisis over the last ten years and the dire need, desire and drive to serve this population by cooperating agencies, organizations and faith-based groups;

WHEREAS the declaration of a pandemic by multiple nations has been made and that wherein this warrants emergency attention to the less fortunate and unsheltered specifically;

IT IS HEREBY PROPOSED that the County of Maui Healthy Families and Communities (HFCC) supports, a proof of concept transitional, temporary housing project titled HaleVersity, using

traditional building methods and training those able, in need, and those interested and invested in creating safe living spaces while Maui County works on county wide housing solutions, by placing this as an item on the HFCC agenda with referral to the Maui County Affordable Housing Committee and moreover may also include the Environmental, Agriculture and Cultural Preservation Committee.

This proposal compliments that matching grant request specific to this HaleVersity project and expected in the Office of Economic Development application queue. Notwithstanding, that Community Investment Projects historically served by the Department of Hawaiian Homelands may lend support to this project and efforts by monetary, fiscal sponsorship and in-kind administrative support.

IT BE UNDERSTOOD that this proposed temporary transitional housing solution may serve as an example, the first or not, of how existing Maui County government can effectively operate as an intermediary and intergovernmental partnership with allodial land commission awardees and land stewards asserting indigenous rights as the representing Hawaiian kingdom government transitions to one that is wholly recognized as one or more, of official capacity in due time.

Footnote: The term HaleVersity was coined by Hana, Maui master traditional hale maker, Francis Sinenci and no ownership to this term has been trademarked or secured.



Ako 'e ka hale a pa'a,
a i ke komo ana mai o ka ho'oilo,
'a'ole e kulu I ka ua o Hilinehu.

*Thatch the house beforehand so
when winter comes it will not
leak in the shower of Hilinehu.*

Do not procrastinate; make preparations
for the future now.

100, 'Olelo No'eau
Mary Kawena Pukui

