

AH Committee

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Subject: DENY Lihau'ula Project

I urge the county council to DENY approval of the proposed 201H housing development Lihau'ula Project in Olowalu.

This is NOT affordable! I urge the county council to start looking at what is truly affordable for their residents. By grouping a population together, AMI ignores disparities that have resulted from housing and economic discrimination against minorities and poor people. Especially in this time of COVID, many families have lost their jobs and are currently on unemployment. With COVID and prior to COVID speaking with the Community of Maui County you will constantly hear everyone "gasp" in anger as they hear and read what Developers are pricing affordable housing. Using AMI as a measurement to determine housing affordability obscures the real needs of our County's most vulnerable populations leaving them behind. I repeat this housing development is NOT affordable!

In addition schools in Lahaina are crowded. Medical facilities are lacking and residents have to cross the Pali to get medical attention in Central Maui. This location is Inadequate, lacking infrastructure! Also, the State has not decided on a location for the realignment of Honoapi'ilani and this area could be a potential route. Allowing a development to be built knowing we don't have a satisfactory road infrastructure at the location of the development will cause an after the fact burden on the State for highway improvements. Then does the State take eminent domain for a highway at the new owners expense? Why would the County allow a potential lawsuit on behalf of the owners, should eminent domain occur because the County approved the housing project.

Mahalo for your time,
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