

AH Committee

From: maria.bacalso@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 7:57 PM
To: AH Committee
Subject: Please OPPOSE the Lihau'ula 201H Workforce Housing project in Olowalu.

Aloha,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed Lihau'ula 201H Workforce Housing project in Olowalu.

It is absolutely appalling that they have the audacity to try and push this through as an affordable housing project when the starting prices are over half a million dollars, with only two homes that are even at that absurd price point, the rest being listed much higher. In no universe does half a million dollars qualify under the real definition of affordable. Just because you try to slap an affordable title on it or list it in a 201H application, doesn't some how magically make the absurd price point become something the struggling members of our community can actually afford. It's a slap in the face to our community who is struggling now more than ever to purchase housing.

Our community needs you, the members of the council, to advocate on our behalf and fight against projects like these that are obviously not affordable and simply trying to pull a fast one on us all to gain exemptions meant for actually affordable homes.

It's exhausting how we are constantly having to fight against these "affordable" and "workforce housing" projects that never are truly affordable or something our workforce can obtain.

We are desperate for real affordable housing. Our workforce desperately needs homes that are in a price range the can actually afford to purchase.

Please take a stand and start fighting for us. The people of Maui are counting on you to help us. Now is the time to redefine affordable to something that actual members of our community can afford.

Thank you in advance for opposing this project and taking a stand for our community.

Thank you for your time.

Warmest Aloha,

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