

AH Committee

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To: AH Committee
Cc: Tamara A. Paltin
Subject: Oppose 201H project Lihau'ulu in Olowalu

Aloha members of the Affordable Housing committee,

Please oppose the 201H project Lihau'ula in Olowalu.

Development in Olowalu is like a zombie: no matter how many times the community tries to kill it, it keeps rising from the grave.

As a member of the West Maui CPAC, Olowalu was one of the areas we heard the most testimony about. Because Olowalu has a lot of history, a beautiful 1000 acre reef, insufficient water, and a lack of infrastructure, most of that testimony (other than what was solicited by the developer) was against development. For these reasons it was not included in the growth boundaries for the West Maui CPAC recommended maps.

Some of the testimonies that really struck me regarding Olowalu were from current landowners, who had purchased property in Olowalu from the developer with the intent of farming. The testimonies say there is not only insufficient agriculture water, there is not even enough potable water. (February 25, 2020, West Maui CPAC meeting materials <https://wearemaui.konveio.com/past-meetings>). Where is the water for more people and more development going to come from?

There is not a sewer system out there. It is far away from infrastructure so I wonder where the sewage will be going.

Olowalu is also prone to fires. There has been a large fire there at least 7 times in the last 10 years. Developing in a dry fire prone area, with lack of water and infrastructure seems like it will cost the county and the residents in the long run.

Peter Martin says he wants to build affordable and workforce housing. If this is truly his desire the area of Lahaina Town South, which he also owns, would be great place to begin. Lahaina Town South is included in the West Maui CPAC draft plan, with the footprint the developer requested.

Please do NOT allow the 201H project Lihau'ula to be developed in Olowalu.

Thank you for your time,
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