

AH Committee

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Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 7:47 AM
To: AH Committee; Tamara A. Paltin
Subject: Lihau'ula development in Olowalu

Aloha, Committee members,

I am writing in opposition to the Lihau'ula project.

There are many problems with the proposal, but I'll confine my comments to three areas: the what, where, and how of this project.

What:

- a relatively dense residential neighborhood, 59 lots, all of them on septic systems, which
- purports to offer 40 "affordable" houses, not actually affordable to most people with prices ranging from \$506k to \$815k

Where:

- directly across the highway from one of the most unique and sensitive coral reef systems in the state; also,
- in an area of extreme fire risk; also,
- in an existing ag-zoned area that would need to be re-zoned urban; also,
- in an area that the updated West Maui Community Plan urges to be preserved as-is; also
- at a significant distance from county infrastructure, including fire stations, schools, water and sewer systems

How:

- using the 201h fast track procedure that asks for multiple exemptions, which
- evades the requirement for an EIS report, needed to properly evaluate these concerns and many others that deserve attention.

This should be an easy call for you. Please reject this project.

Sincerely,

Gordon Firestein