

## AH Committee

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Aloha,

We would like the Maui County Affordable Housing Committee to vote NO to allow a major subdivision in Olowalu.

### Our testimony from 2/23/2020:

As long time Maui residents, since 1987, we are opposed to this development because of these reasons:

1. NOT enough water (we now live in Olowalu Mauka and we do NOT have adequate water, both potable and AG)
2. Impacts on traffic on the West side. Already the traffic is horrific! Only one way in and one way out!!!
3. No infra structure - sewer, roads, bus system, mail delivery, water, fire.
4. Fires (we just experienced another fire nearby our homes).
5. Schools
6. No Hospitals and medical facilities
7. Nothing within walking distance: no schools, churches, shops, etc.
8. The reef

We have lived in Kihei, Wailea, Makena, Napili and now Olowalu Mauka, where we purchased this property in 2002. We have watched the population of Maui increase dramatically with more tourists and with more development of homes and resorts but with NO definite planning with no increase in roads and infra structure.

Please vote NO!!! at least until there is a remedy to the water and traffic problems already present.

9/22/20 Today: Our testimony today with additional items of concerns as noted below:

On Wednesday, 23 September 2020, the Maui County Affordable Housing Committee is once again going to vote on a Peter Martin Olowalu development.

What has changed since it was overwhelmingly rejected by the Maui community? Nothing, but by once again applying for 201-H Fastracking, he knows it doesn't matter what the community wants, if it violates the West Maui Community Plan, if it violates the agriculture zoning, that is goes against the most important premise of "smart growth" which is to build near existing infrastructure in order to prevent sprawl and protect what is left of agriculture lands and open space. What matters is that he only has to convince 5 of the 9 Maui County Council members to ignore the zoning, the community plan and most importantly, the overwhelming voice of the community.

Yes, we absolutely need "true" affordable housing and we can build it in Lahaina where existing lands are available without adding more sprawl, traffic and threatening the Olowalu reef.

70% of these "affordable homes" will be over \$600K. Residents will require a car to drive to school, to work and to get supplies. They will each have to pay to maintain expensive, private water treatment systems. This is not affordable living. These systems are often unmaintained turning into septic systems, threatening our most precious coral reef, just a few hundred yards downhill. This reef is critical habitat to over 400 manta rays, the largest known population in the United States, some of which belong to the endangered pelagic species.

Let's remind our Maui County Council Members that they represent the people of Maui of whom the overwhelming majority have clearly expressed, time and time again, they don't want high density growth at Olowalu, they support smart growth, they want to protect Olowalu reef, so please deny this project.

In addition:

Lihau'ula development at Olowalu will be heard before the affordable housing committee on Wednesday, 9-23-2020 at 1:30pm on Bluejeans. Meeting ID #798-867-277 please submit written testimony to [AH.committee@mauicounty.us](mailto:AH.committee@mauicounty.us) Please Share!

Particularly concerning is the Developers correspondence with the State of Hawaii, Department of Health:

-They urge the developer to contact the Department of Health, Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response Office at (808) 586-4249 for these former sugarcane lands. No evidence in the application that this has been done.

-The developer is proposing 59 lots (49 - 10,000 square foot lots and 10 - one acre lots)

The rules are: The total development of an area shall not exceed 50 single family residential lots or exceed 50 dwelling units except for developments consisting of one dwelling unit per acre or greater. A private wastewater treatment plant or connection to the county sewer system is required for the wastewater disposal method. No individual wastewater systems are allowed.

The developer tries to defend their single 201H application for this project by saying that only 49 of the lots are less than one acre, the other 10 are on one acre but the entire project covered by this application is 27.99 acres. The subject parcel is also known as Lot 20 of the Olowalu Mauka subdivision.

**Please do NOT vote to approve this development!!!! THANK YOU! VOTE NO!!!!**

Thank you.

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