

AH Committee

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Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 11:14 AM
To: AH Committee
Cc: Steve
Subject: Approving the Lihau'ula workforce Housing Project

To: Honorable Council Chair Tasha Kama

CC: Other voting members of the County Council

I am STONGLY in favor of this housing project.

Key issues:

We need housing. We have built over 150 homes in the last few years for Maui people. These people are MAUI people buying their first homes. The Communities we have built are filled with local families that continue to thank us for providing homes for providing them this opportunity.

My roots growing up in the 6th increment, with my Aikau and DePonte Ohana makes me so thankful that I am able to give back to the community that I was raised. But, it is also with much frustration because the Council has not been there for our people to give them way more than we have to date.

The only thing that has stopped us from providing 200 more homes during this time frame has been the politics of a few Council members. These 200 more homes would have provided homes for our young people along with 120 more jobs for our workforce during this pandemic. So, this is a huge loss during this crucial year from a couple of large reasons.

Thank you and shout out to Tasha, Alice and Yuki who have been the ONLY advocates to help keep our housing being built for our community and to keep our families out of rentals.

The rest of you have done nothing but throw out crumbs and say you are supporting housing. Now is your chance to vote for what you promised, housing.

This is a final opportunity before elections for those other Council Members to do the right thing. Do something real! Vote yes for a project that will build a solid community like the others that have been built in Kahoma, Pauwela, Haiku Towne, Waiale, and Maui Lani.

Vote yes on an issue you have ALL recognized and said you support but your voting record is blank after 2 years.

Support housing as you ALL promised but only a few have the backbone to vote YES!

Stephen "Smitty" Smith