

AH Committee

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Aloha Chair Kama and members of the affordable housing committee,

I am writing to voice my strong support for this project. Our community is in desperate need of more housing opportunities and this is a great project. I am a full time resident of Olowalu and am raising my three children here. I live within walking distance of this proposed addition to the Olowalu community. I take my children swimming in the ocean directly makai from this site multiple times per week. I STRONGLY support this project and I believe Olowalu can be a wonderful place where more Maui families should live.

I grew up in Lahaina and graduated from Lahainaluna High School in 2003. In the last 17 years I have sadly seen too many of my peers and classmates have to move away from Maui because they cannot find housing that is affordable. More projects like Lihau'ula can help provide homes so that our best and brightest don't have to leave Maui in search of housing opportunities.

I work for West Maui Land as part of the real estate division and have had the privilege of assisting homebuyers during the purchase process on some of the other projects that the principals in Lihau'ula have been involved in. Since 2017 our group has built and provided approximately 200 homes to Maui families. We have built homes in the communities of Lahaina (Kahoma Residential), Haiku (Pauwela Homes and Haiku Town) Waikapu (Waiale Elua) and Maui Lani. I am attaching photos of some of our past projects so that you can see what we do. I can recall countless stories of families who never thought they would have the opportunity to own a home until they learned about one of our projects. I would encourage you to drive through any of these neighborhoods so you can see firsthand how each of these places have become vibrant communities of homeowners who are raising their families and contributing to the community around them.

We are about providing homes for Maui families. I can't think of any other organization who has done more toward this end in the last five years. I would humbly ask that you allow for this same process and blessing to occur in Olowalu so I can have more of my peers and classmates as neighbors.

Thank you,
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