

AH Committee

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Aloha,

My name is Jina Miyamoto and I am writing to you in regards to the Lihau'ula Affordable Housing Project. Being born and raised in Lahaina, I understand the struggle of finding affordable housing on Maui. Having safe, healthy, and affordable housing options is integral to ensuring low-income families have access to sustainable livelihoods, quality education, and health care. In fact, in a Forbes article, there is research showing that areas that combine middle-class income, job growth, ALONG WITH affordable housing, are poised to do best. This is especially true with millennial buyers looking for a place where they can settle down and start raising families. I know this to be true as I am one of those millennials, searching for affordable housing for my family and I. The last thing I want to do is move my family to the "mainland" due to cheaper housing options.

I believe this would be a great project for Lahaina and Maui County's growth. Anything to help us locals stay on Maui would be a blessing. Let's strive to support our people!

Mahalo,

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