

AH Committee

From: Anne Rillero <annerillero@gmail.com>
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To: AH Committee
Subject: Disapprove the LIHAU'ULA HOUSING PROJECT

Dear Committee Members,

I support “**DISAPPROVING** THE INDEPENDENT DEVELOPMENT OF THE LIHAU'ULA WORKFORCE HOUSING PROJECT PURSUANT TO SECTION 201H-38, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES.” (The purpose of the proposed resolution is to disapprove the proposed project.)

The residents of these homes would need to drive on the already congested Honoapi'ilani Highway to travel to work, shopping, school, plus hospital and medical care. Adding housing that could easily result in 100 or more cars each day entering and departing from the highway in Olowalu will only compound the traffic issues and compromise safety in this area. Affordable housing should be built closer to the existing towns of Lahaina to encourage more sustainable, car-free modes of travel.

In addition, dense housing should not be built along the Honoapi'ilani Highway between Ukumehame and Olowalu due to the frequency of coastal flooding of the highway and resulting debris overtopping of the road. With climate change and rising sea level rise, this regular flooding is occurring more frequently. This highway between Ukumehame and Olowalu is forecast to be inundated by frequent flooding by 2030, with just a projected .5 feet of sea level rise. (PacIOOS Hawaii Sea Level Rise Viewer).

For the safety of the residents of West Maui, whose access to critical infrastructure (hospital, airport, harbor and stores) when the Honoapi'ilani Highway floods, the Maui County Council and the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation needs to first finalize plans for how and where the Honoapi'ilani Highway would be moved inland before any development occurs in this corridor between the ocean and the mountains.

Please vote AGAINST this housing development in this fragile area.

Thank you.
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