

## AH Committee

---

**From:** County Clerk  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 23, 2020 9:14 AM  
**To:** AH Committee  
**Subject:** FW: Testimony for 09/23 @ 1:30pm Affordable Housing Committee  
**Attachments:** 2020.09.23 Wildberger Testimony Affordable Housing.pdf

---

**From:** Natalia Hussey-Burdick <n.hussey@capitol.hawaii.gov> **On Behalf Of** Rep. Tina Wildberger  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 23, 2020 9:07 AM  
**To:** AH Committee <AH.Committee@mauicounty.us>  
**Cc:** County Clerk <County.Clerk@mauicounty.us>  
**Subject:** Testimony for 09/23 @ 1:30pm Affordable Housing Committee

Aloha,

Please confirm receipt of Representative Wildberger's testimony (attached) opposing  
09/23 Agenda item AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS (CHAPTER 201H, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES)  
INDEPENDENT DEVELOPMENT OF LIHAU'ULA WORKFORCE HOUSING PROJECT (LOWALU) (AH-1(7))

Mahalo nui,

*Natalia Hussey-Burdick*

Office Manager

Office of Representative Tina Wildberger, 11th District

Hawaii State Capitol

415 S. Beretania Street, Room 327

Honolulu, HI 96813

(808) 586-8525

[n.hussey@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:n.hussey@capitol.hawaii.gov)



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

STATE OF HAWAII  
STATE CAPITOL  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

September 23, 2020

**Maui County Council Affordable Housing Committee**

Honorable Tasha Kama, Chair  
Honorable Michael J. Molina, Vice Chair  
Honorable Riki Hokama  
Honorable Kelly Takaya King  
Honorable Alice L. Lee

Honorable Tamara Paltin  
Honorable Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez  
Honorable Shane M. Sinenci  
Honorable Yuki Lei K. Sugimura

Re: Agenda item AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS (CHAPTER 201H, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES) INDEPENDENT DEVELOPMENT OF LIHAU'ULA WORKFORCE HOUSING PROJECT (OLOWALU) (AH-1(7))

Aloha Chair Kama, Vice Chair Molina, & Committee Members

Please accept this correspondence as testimony in opposition to developing Mauka of our Mother Reef at Olowalu. Olowalu Reef spawns all of the coral in our county. We must do everything we can to protect it in this time of climate crisis and sea level rise. With no wastewater infrastructure in this location, with no services in the area, with fire risk, this area should not be considered for development.

Discussion about whether the area is appropriate for 'affordable' housing for which this development does not qualify, is immaterial. Developing this parcel is not in accordance with Lahaina's recently updated community plan. Please, I implore you, to consider our community plans and stop allowing developers to call the shots and ruin our valuable natural resources that protect our shoreline.

Please don't be complicit in sacrificing our near shore reefs for the benefit of developers that want to extract profits from our āina.

Yes, we need housing. But we don't need housing there, in that place. We have community plans. It's time to follow them. We must start planning infrastructure where we want to develop.

**Office of Representative Tina Wildberger**

*Proudly serving the 11<sup>th</sup> House District*

415 S. Beretania St. Honolulu, HI 96813, Room 327

Phone: 808.586.8525 | Fax: 808.586.8529 | email: repwildberger@capitol.hawaii.gov

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tina Wildberger". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tina" being more prominent than the last name.

Representative Tina Wildberger  
House District 11 - South Maui  
Kīhei · Wailea · Mākena

**Office of Representative Tina Wildberger**

*Proudly serving the 11<sup>th</sup> House District*

415 S. Beretania St. Honolulu, HI 96813, Room 327

Phone: 808.586.8525 | Fax: 808.586.8529 | email: [repwildberger@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:repwildberger@capitol.hawaii.gov)