

# Affordable Housing Committee (2021) on 2021-09-27 1:30 PM

Meeting Time: 09-27-21 13:30

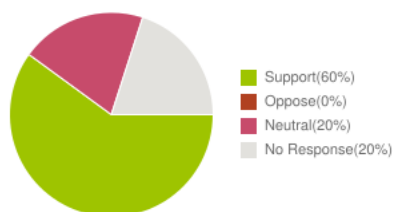
## eComments Report

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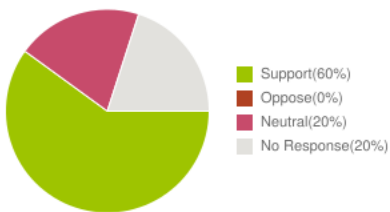
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A G E N D A	2	1	0	1
AH-2(1) Direct Referral HOUSING PROJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 2.97, MAUI COUNTY CODE: HALE PILINA RENTAL HOUSING PROJECT (KAHULUI) (AH-2(1))	3	2	0	0

### Sentiments for All Agenda Items

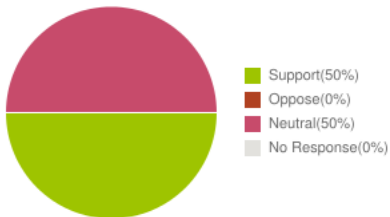
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#### Agenda Item: eComments for A G E N D A

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### Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 2:08pm 09-26-21

Aloha

This project is much needed on Maui. Affordable housing which is truly affordable for our residents is long overdue. It is my hope that all of these units will be available to those on Maui who have been long waiting for a place to live. I hope the bill to develop a list of qualified Maui residents will be in place when the time comes to assign the apartments. Hopefully those who are permanent full time residents with the greatest need will be those chosen for these homes. Lets not delay, but assist the developers in completing this project as quickly as possible.

Thank you

With Aloha, Dr Mary Trotto resident of Kihei

Mtrotto@Liu.edu

## Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 3:09pm 09-23-21

My name is Kahala Johnson, I am from N\_ Wai \_Eh\_ on Maui, I am a Political Science Ph.D. candidate and Woman Studies graduate from UH M\_noa here to testify on Agenda Item #4. I am also here as a previous resident of Pu\_uhonua o Pu\_uhuluhulu, the sanctuary established in 2019 to protect Mauna Kea. Today, I want to speak in solidarity with the unhoused residents and allies of Pu\_uhonua o Kanah\_ and Amala who were evicted this week by a traumatizing collaboration between Mayor Victorino and the Maui Police Department.

Mayor Victorino, Maui Police Department, and Maui County must be held accountable for executing houseless evictions against Center for Disease Control Covid-19 recommendations. The CDC Covid-19 guidelines are exceptionally clear and unequivocal on the issue of removing homeless persons from encampments stating: "If individual housing options are not available, allow people who are living unsheltered or in encampments to remain where they are. Clearing encampments can cause people to disperse throughout the community and break connections with service providers. This increases the potential for infectious disease spread".

By directly ignoring these clear and unequivocal guidelines, Mayor Victorino's poor decisions have endangered the health and safety of our community, both the housed and the unhoused. Medical and healthcare facilities on Maui are already overwhelmed by the surge in hospitalized Covid-19 cases and clearing Pu\_uhonua o Kanah\_ risks exacerbating this precarious situation. Furthermore, Victorino actions have provoked an already volatile environment of distrust created by government officials and police enforcement through their traumatizing interactions with the unhoused community, unnecessarily increasing the relational labor of service providers who will have to restore the lost faith and confidence.

In order to begin a process of restorative justice and accountability, I suggest the following:

#1. In alignment with updated and current CDC Covid-19 guidelines, the county needs to pass and maintain a moratorium ceasing all present and future plans to evict, sweep, clear, and disperse the unhoused as long as the pandemic continues to remain a global threat to the safety and health of county residents.

#1. In alignment with "Building Bridges Not Walking on Backs: Feminist Recovery Plan for Covid-19" adopted by Maui County in June 2020, elected officials have a responsibility to attend to the immediate economic and material needs of the houseless evicted from Pu\_uhonua o Kanah\_. As Lisa Darcy and Share Your Mana has continuously affirmed, the quickest way to build or restore trust and motivation is to secure quick effective results for the unhoused. Currently, the housed community and unhoused advocates are scrambling to secure safe spaces and materials to help our houseless \_ohana survive and recover from their trauma. I want to emphasize here with no amount of irony that the people at the front of this recovery effort are Unhoused, Hawaiian, Black, and Haole women, the very people the Feminist Recovery Plan for Covid-19 was created for to alleviate the difficulties women experience during the pandemic.

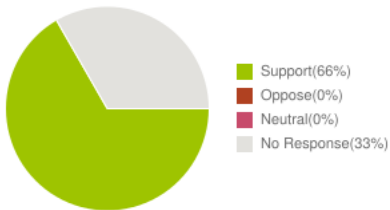
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Mahalo committee for your time

Agenda Item: eComments for AH-2(1) Direct Referral HOUSING PROJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 2.97, MAUI COUNTY CODE: HALE PILINA RENTAL HOUSING PROJECT (KAHULUI) (AH-2(1))

#### Overall Sentiment



#### Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 2:05pm 09-27-21

Date: September 27, 2021

To: Maui County Council  
Affordable Housing Committee  
Gabe Johnson, Chair  
Michael Molina, Vice Chair

From: Rhonda Alexander-Monkres, Program Manager  
Hawaiian Community Assets

Subject: Housing Project under Chapter 2.97, Maui County  
Hale Pilina Rental Housing Project in Kahului

Aloha k\_kou,

I am submitting this testimony in support of the Hale Pilina project. The need and demand for affordable rentals are critical and especially for Maui residents earning 60% and below AMI. The need is immediate and I ask that the Council approve this project and allow the planning team to move forward. Catholic Charities have stepped forward to lead this project and deserve your full support.

Owning or renting something affordable on Maui is tough for local residents. Our team fields many inquiries from clients who are challenged with finding affordable options and work hard towards being more financially prepared. Please approve this project to provide an option for these types of residents.

Mahalo piha,

Rhonda

#### Todd Apo

Location:

Submitted At: 8:24am 09-27-21

Attached is testimony from Hawaii Community Foundation in support of this project. Mahalo.

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Submitted At: 6:02pm 09-23-21

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To: Maui County Affordable Housing Committee  
Gabe Johnson, Chair  
Michael Molina, Vice Chair

From: Todd Apo, Vice President Community Partnerships & Public Affairs  
Hawai'i Community Foundation

Re: Testimony for Hale Pilina Rental Housing Project (Kahului)

Date: Monday, September 27, 2021, 1:30 P.M.

Dear Chair Johnson, Vice-Chair Molina and Committee Members,

On behalf of the Hawai'i Community Foundation ("HCF") and our House Maui Initiative, I am submitting this testimony in support of the Hale Pilina project. The need and demand are well established for these 178 rental homes for Maui residents earning 60% and below AMI. As your committee has recognized, the need is immediate, and we ask that the Council move forward expeditiously in approving this project.

We appreciate the partnered effort by landowner A&B Properties and Catholic Charities to bring additional housing units to Central Maui, close to the retail, services, employment opportunities and community facilities.

While your committee continues to tackle the larger policy setting efforts that are necessary to provide true housing solutions, projects like these that can be achieved through the 2.97 process are an important part of solving housing demands across the spectrum of need in the County.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.