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Maui County Council
200 S. High Street
Wailuku, HI 96793

Re: Grant of 19 Lots in Central Maui to Housing and Land Enterprise of Maui, dba Na Hale O Maui
Resolution 22-84

Dear Honorable Council,

We ask that you support Na Hale O Maui's request for the Grant of 19 lots in Central Maui, for the purpose of building homes for low- and moderate-income workforce households who have completed the Na Hale O Maui 4 Step Program.

I have been in Maui for 30 years, I have tried with my wife to buy a home here and at one point it was possible, but then the recession came, we lost our home, car, we ended in debt and with bad credit, we had no choice but to be renters living in overcrowded and overpriced conditions, paying more than 50% of our income for housing costs. The median income household cannot qualify for or afford a median priced home because the current median house price is over a million dollars.

We would like to have another opportunity to own a home, that is why it is very important that we have more affordable housing. Na Hale O Maui has given us hope, that is why I ask to please consider their request for the grant.

Having more prospects for affordable housing on Maui makes it possible for not only us ordinary people but also those that give a lot to the community like teachers, police, firefighters, and other members of the workforce to attain their dream of homeownership:

- Own a home at a truly affordable price;
- Live near their workplace;
- Have their children attend school closer to home;
- Stop the migration of family and friends who are forced to move to the mainland for a lifestyle and housing that is more affordable.

Na Hale O Maui (NHOM) successfully completed the construction of 12 beautiful new houses in Lahaina in 2020, placing 12 families into their own homes. It will change the life of island families to be part of the NHOM 'ohana. We have our own dream of owning one of these homes. Your support will help make our dream and our kids dreams of home ownership attainable.

Thank you for your help,

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