

March 10, 2022

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

Re: Grant of 18 Lots in Central Maui to Housing and Land Enterprise of Maui, dba Na Hale O Maui

Aloha Maui County Council,

I am writing in support of Na Hale O Maui. NHOM is an applicant for 18 lots in central Maui, in order to build brand new affordable homes. NHOM is truly deserving of these grant funds and homes as NHOM is the prime example of affordable housing on the island.

Na Hale O Maui helps families obtain homes in a truly affordable way. These homes, built with the help of grants are some local families' only way to obtain the dream of home ownership. These homes are affordable to buy and unlike most affordable housing projects, these homes remain affordable for all future buyers. They are affordability in perpetuity. Na Hale O Maui helps families obtain family homes, not investment homes. There are many community land trust projects like Na Hale O Maui that are thriving on the mainland. This project is doing so well here on Maui. Give them this grant of 18 lots and help support local families.

I have been blessed to call Maui my home for almost 20 years. I have two young children in Lahaina schools. I house and care for my permanently disabled mother. I very much had the drive and desire to be a homeowner on my island home of Maui.

On July 15, 2020, our family's dreams were realized. We closed on our very own Na Hale O Maui home, in Lahaina!! My home is one of the 12 beautiful new, well built homes in the Kahoma Homes subdivision. I am still in disbelief of how blessed we truly are. My neighbors who also acquired NHOM homes include firefighters, teachers and hospitality employees. We are able to live close to our jobs and our kids are close to their schools. I had applied for many workforce home projects in the past many years and it was Na Hale O Maui that made our dreams of home ownership come true.

I have personally been witness to acquaintances and friends who have acquired new affordable, workforce homes on Maui. After 10-30 years, they plan to make an astronomical profit after selling at market rate. These so-called affordable homes are only affordable to the first home buyers and there is so much wrong with that! What about the future generations of Maui? How will your children and grandchildren afford to buy a home here on Maui? Most future generations won't be able to stay here on their island home, considering most work workforce, affordable homes, will be priced at market rate once they are ready to buy a home. Na Hale O Maui changes that dynamic with homes that are affordable in perpetuity.

Na Hale O Maui has stepped up with the desire to help the Maui community. NHOM has acquired many homes, rebuilt them and sold them at truly affordable prices. They have recently built 12 beautiful new homes in my amazing new neighborhood, Kahoma Homes, in Lahaina. They sold these homes at truly affordable prices. These NHOM homes, my NHOM home, will remain affordable for all future generations. Na Hale O Maui is an affordable home organization that makes sense!

This wonderful organization relies on donations and grants. They need and deserve this grant of 18 lots in central Maui. They are trying so hard to help their island community. Let's help support this wonderful organization. Na Hale O Maui is a success story for so many families upcountry, west side, south side and central. My family is a success story because of Na Hale O Maui! They want to help the entire island of Maui. Help your constituents by supporting a truly affordable home project. NHOM wishes to build homes that will be affordable for all generations here on Maui, present and future. Please grant them this opportunity to do that.

I am very much in support of giving Na Hale O Maui a grant of 18 lots in central Maui to help fund truly affordable homes on Maui. Local families are depending on these homes. We are depending on you! Mahalo for your time.

Regards,

Amy Kurisko Chadwick
Lahaina