

March 17, 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, Na Hale O Maui

Dear Honorable Council,

I ask that you support Na Hale O Maui's request for the Grant of 18 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.

My family was saved by Na Hale O Maui in 2018, when I was once again dealing with a serious rental problem and deeply concerned that I would not be able to provide my young son a safe home. At the time, I was finishing my 12th year teaching on Maui but thought we would have to leave just to make ends meet. Fortunately, that was not the case and my son and I are only a few minutes from the school that we both go to daily. We are in a safe, family oriented neighborhood and able to go to sleep at night not anxious about the possibility of having our home taken away.

In the past couple years, since we moved into our Na Hale home, I've said good-bye to numerous teaching friends and local students who've moved off island to be able to afford housing. In the past 15 years, I've said good-bye to many incredibly talented residents, who have had to leave because there is no chance for them on Maui. The brain and culture drain is real. Without affordable housing, families who make Maui the wonderful place it is will have no other choice but to leave.

More families deserve the possibility of owning an affordable home on Maui, and NHOM makes it possible for teachers, police, firefighters, and other members of the workforce to attain their dream of homeownership.

Stop the migration of family and friends who are forced to move to the mainland for a lifestyle and housing that is more affordable.

Sincerely,

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