

To whom it may concern,

My name is Joanna Kusunoki, a first time home owner made only possible through the Na Hale 'O Maui (NHOM) program! My husband and I became homeowners 4 years ago. It was only through this 4 step program that we were able to obtain a home. Owning a home here in Maui was a far fetched dream of ours. It was something we could only think and dream about knowing there was no way it would've ever happened. The other option we had as being part Hawaiian was getting on the ever growing waiting list for Hawaiian homelands. But that too was never promising because our own folks in their mid 70s are still on that list. I stumbled upon a small ad in the Maui News years ago about this NHOM program and decided to look into it. I'm soooooo glad that I did because here we are today, homeowners of a beautiful, affordable 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath home in Wailuku, Maui. After landing this home, we made a lot of our family and friends believe that if we can own a home, they sure as heck can too! Having shared all of this, I would love for the County of Maui to consider granting NHOM these 18 lots in central Maui for future 1st home buyers like us to finally have a place of their own to call their forever home!

With Much Aloha,
Joanna & Jonathan Kusunoki