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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

Dear Honorable Council,

We 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.

Many renters live in overcrowded and overpriced conditions, often paying more than 50% of their income for housing costs. With the current median house price over a million dollars, the median income household cannot qualify for or afford a median priced home.

Having more prospects for affordable housing on Maui makes it possible for 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.

I am a teacher for the Hawaii Department of Education. With the current median housing prices, owning a home on Maui is near impossible for me. If you grant NHOM the 18 lots, people like me have a chance of being home owners. I, like many other kama'āina live in multi-generational houses. We need more affordable housing.

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 of home ownership attainable.

Thank you for your help,

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