

March 14, 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

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.

My husband and I, as well as our two children, live in overcrowded and overpriced conditions. Between my husband and I, we work four jobs. We pay more than 50% of our income for housing costs and each year, our rent keeps increasing. We have moved 5 times in the past 4 years. With the current median house price over a million dollars, our median income household cannot qualify for or afford a median priced home. We need more affordable housing.

We have considered moving to the mainland many times but we would like to stay here. This is where we were born. This is where we were raised. This is where our families are. We have our roots here and we would like to raise our children here and show them where they come from.

Having more prospects for affordable housing on Maui makes it possible for hardworking people, like ourselves and other members of the workforce to attain their dream of homeownership:

- Own a home at a truly affordable price;
- Live near our workplace;
- Have our 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 18 homes. Your support will help make our dream of home ownership attainable.

Thank you for your help,

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