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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

Aloha Honorable Council,

Our plea is for your support of 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 already completed the Na Hale O Maui 4 Step Program.

Renters such as myself will settle for the older broken down home mainly because that's the only place I can afford. We live in overcrowded and/or overpriced conditions, often paying more than 50% of our income for housing costs. With the current median house price being over a million dollars, not even the median income household can qualify for, or afford median priced homes. We NEED more affordable housing.

Having more prospects for affordable housing on Maui makes it possible for teachers, police, and firefighters. But what about the single parents, and other workforce members struggling, even with 2 to 3 jobs, just to have a roof over their heads. We ALL wish to attain our dreams of homeownership?

- Owning a home at a truly affordable price;
- Live near our workplace;
- Having our children attend schools 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 in the Central Maui area to also be part of the NHOM 'ohana. We too have our own dream of owning one of these 18 homes. And your support will help make our dream of home ownership attainable.

Olu'olu (Please)

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