

**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,**

**My family and 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.**

**Affordable housing is very important to me and my family especially with the rising cost of homes here on Maui. We are a household with a moderate-income, where we don't qualify for any government assistance and with the rising cost of homes still can't afford a home for our family. We have lived with family and are now renting. With homes, my family's future of being homeowners one day seemed unrealistic with median houses priced over a million dollars. Also with overpricing conditions with rent, we end up paying the majority of our income towards it.**

**When my family heard about Na Hale O Maui and how they help families like ours to become homeowners, we couldn't believe it and signed up as soon as we could. We believe having more affordable housing on Maui makes it more possible for families like ours, members of the workforce and local community to obtain their dreams of homeownership. We truly feel Maui is an amazing place to raise our family, like we have been and our kupuna have before us.**

**Na Hale O Maui has helped 12 families into their own homes in Lahaina in 2020. My family has our own dreams of owning one of these homes as well. Your support for this grant will help make our dream of homeownership a reality!**

**Mahalo for your time and help,**

**Stacey Planas**

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