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Chair Keani Rawlins-Fernandez  
Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee  
Maui County Council

**Subject: Resolution 22-84 and 22-85 Disposition of Real Property to Housing Land Enterprise, DBA Na Hale O Maui and Maui Health Foundation and for Waiver of Outstanding Real Property Taxes (BFED-102) (BEFD-103)**

Chair Rawlins-Fernandez and Committee members,

Sharing Connexion-Hawai'i (SCH) is a non-profit corporation focused upon providing real estate solutions for philanthropy and social service providers. A primary goal of SCH is in support of workforce housing, either as a financial partner or engaging as project developer.

I'm writing today in support of Resolution 22-84 and 22-85 for the Disposition of Real Property to Na Hale O Maui and the Maui Health Foundation with a waiver of outstanding real property taxes.

I believe the disposition of these properties is in the best interest of Maui County, in that it will utilize non-performing County assets to provide another step forward in providing for necessary workforce housing. Adequate housing is essential to all levels of the workforce with the lack thereof impacting essential aspects of the regional economy.

Additionally, these lots have impacted the local neighborhood in a negative manner due to lack of significant activity. Providing title to Na Hale O Maui and the Maui Health Foundation should act as a catalyst for developing a conduit for communication regarding the development of this first phase of homes and the ultimate disposition of the Phase 2 lots, which have become controversial.

Your support of Resolution 22-84 and Resolution 22-85 will provide the opportunity to not only provide necessary housing but allow the neighborhood to be heard as the process moves forward.

Best Regards

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