EXHIBIT 15
Affordable Housing Committee (2021) on 2021-08-02 1:30 PM
Meeting Time: 08-02-21 13:30

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- Support (75%)
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- No Response (17%)
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#### Sentiments for All Agenda Items

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#### Overall Sentiment

![Overall Sentiment Graph](chart.png)

- **Support (71%)**
- **Oppose (14%)**
- **Neutral (9%)**
- **No Response (7%)**

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#### Guest User

**Location:**
- Submitted At: 11:31am 08-02-21

Charles H. Palumbo  
PO Box 631702  
Lanai City, HI 96763  
(808) 563-0036

**August 2, 2021**  
Maui County Council  
By email: county.clerk@maucounty.us  
RE: Affordable Housing on L_na_i: Support for the Hokua’o Project

Aloha Chair Lee and Councilmembers,
I am writing today in support of Pulama Lana'i's Hokua'o Project:

Lana'i has a severe shortage of housing to support our economy and community.

1. There are over 100 open positions on island due to lack of workforce housing
2. Two and three families are presently living together due to the housing shortage
3. Hokua'o is intended to address the need for more workforce housing, not speculative vacation rentals and homes for "snowbirds".
4. The proposed development is high quality and unlike any other affordable housing product here in Maui County and the State
5. Please get started on the Maui County Affordable Housing project! Lana'i needs affordable homes for sale AND rent. The proposed Hokua'o project will add 150 much needed rental units to the Lana'i home inventory. These homes will be unlike any others in Maui County. Solid wood construction (less chance of mold and less interstitial wall space for pest infestation and toxins to be released into the home environment). Hokua'o will feature Tesla roof tiles and back-up battery power. Each home will be situated on a minimum of 8,000 SF lots, larger than any other 201H single family development ever built in the County. Hokua'o will be a walkable community with close access to work, school and market.

Councilmembers, please get started on development of for-sale product on the 100+ acres given to the County over 30 years ago. We need affordable for sale product also to compliment the proposed Hokua'o workforce rental inventory. The developers of Hokua'o are willing to greatly reduce the infrastructure of the County affordable for-sale project by stubbing out utilities close to the proposed County project thereby saving millions in infrastructure costs. Please get moving on the County project and fulfill the promises made over 30 years ago to develop affordable homes for sale! Pulama Lana'i has expressed and interest in helping the County with developing the 100 acre parcel and is ready to assist!

Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,

Charles H. Palumbo

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**Guest User**

Location: 
Submitted At: 7:26am 08-02-21

I'm the Guest User who submitted a comment on Aug 2 at 6:55 am.
Deborah dela Cruz, Un-Tech Savvy Lanai Resident

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**Guest User**

Location: 
Submitted At: 5:06pm 07-30-21

Aloha - I just submitted my comment beginning with "The island lifestyle has changed.....please note my name as I forgot to include Dorothy E/HARIS Yoza
Thank you

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**Roger Alconcel**

Location: 
Submitted At: 3:04pm 07-30-21

Attached 17 signatures supporting this project.

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**Bradley Russell**

Location: 
Submitted At: 11:56am 07-29-21

Aloha Chair Johnson and Council Members,
As a member of the Lana`i community and an employee of Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts here in Lana`i, I would strongly support the H_k ao Rental Project. The limited amount of housing opportunities on island creates undue strain on its residents and the success of the businesses here in Lana`i. Due to limited housing, we suffer from lack of staff to assist us in doing our jobs. Additionally, we are having to have multiple family members residing in the current housing we have on island, thus creating uncomfortable living conditions. Lack of housing is one of the most concerning challenges that we have here in Lana`i and feel that a viable solution to the housing crisis is your support on the H_k ao 201H Residential Project, which will create 150 new homes, 51% of which will be affordable housing. That’s 76 affordable homes. The H_k ao Rental Project is a taxpayer benefit, since it will be 100% financed by P_lama L_na`i, and no public or grant funding will be required. Affordable units will also remain in perpetuity.

Mahalo for your consideration,
The undersigned employees of Four Seasons Resort Lana`i

David Emig
Location:  
Submitted At:  2:36pm 07-28-21
Aloha,

I am writing in support of the Hokuao housing project. Housing is sorely needed on Lana`i and this project will help to alleviate pressure brought on by minimal housing.

Attached for your records are my personal testimony in support of the project as well as an attachment with 47 testimonies of support from work colleagues.

Thanks you for your time and consideration.

David Emig

Guest User
Location:  
Submitted At:  4:38pm 07-27-21
Aloha Maui County,

I’m writing this letter in support of the H_k ao 201H Housing Development. We are in desperate need of housing on L_na`i. I live and work here and know of families that are crammed into 1-bedroom homes with as many as 8 members of the household. It would be great if everyone could live comfortably on the Island.

Without housing we can’t grow our economy and support the community and business around the island.

Please vote to support this housing project.

Mahalo,

Dennis Hoekstra
As you consider Hₖₐ:o Housing Project (Lₙ₋ₐ'i City) (AH-1(1)) I would like to make the following observations in support of the project:

1. The County of Maui has an asset on Lₙ₋ₐ'i they are not using. They own more than 100 acres of undevelopable land (the Maui County Land) that has been there for approximately 30 years.

2. As most of you know, the Maui County Land, in large part, remains undeveloped because of the high cost of infrastructure on Lₙ₋ₐ'i.

3. The County of Maui is in a unique position today because the developer of the Hₖₐ:o Housing Project (“Hₖₐ:o”) desires to develop a project adjacent to the County of Maui site on Lₙ₋ₐ'i and their site will require the development of a significant amount of backbone infrastructure that will cost millions of dollars. The County of Maui Land could significantly benefit from the development of that infrastructure by allowing the Hₖₐ:o to move forward. If upgrades are needed to the infrastructure to accommodate the Maui County Land it will be more reasonable if done in conjunction with the development of the Hₖₐ:o. Just as important, the developer of the Hōkₐ:o has the unique expertise to complete the necessary infrastructure.

4. All developers have their limits as I am sure those developing the Hₖₐ:o Housing Project do. I have no misconception that the project they are proposing is, in-part, something they need to carry-out their own mission, but my plea here today is to encourage you to let them move forward under their proposed plan as quickly as possible and focus your energy on obtaining the critical spillover benefits necessary to activate the County of Maui Land. I know that their proposed project likely falls short of the project the County of Maui would prefer, but if the County of Maui and the developer could work together the County of Maui could put themselves in a position to more directly control the amount, timing, and type of housing that the community desires because those units would be built upon the land that the County of Maui owns. They could develop both rentals and for-sale and could tailor the delivery to the Area Medium Incomes within the community.

5. From a timing perspective if the County of Maui lets Hₖₐ:o move forward then another project on the County of Maui land may not be far behind if the Federal and State funding is available.

6. As a side note, the Hₖₐ:o Housing Project will be offering, within their own development, units that are becoming the most difficult to develop. Developing projects below 80% of AMI have access to Federal and State subsidies, but units between 80% AMI and 120% AMI will become the most underserved segment of housing because those tenants and owners can still not afford the housing and do not qualify for the significant amount of federal subsidies that exist below 80% of AMI.

In conclusion, it is my belief that the County of Maui should focus on making their own land on Lₙ₋ₐ'i developable by obtaining the spillover benefits the Hₖₐ:o Housing Project will provide.

Douglas Bigley
President
Ikaika Ohana
Wendy Kaopuiki  
Location:  
Submitted At: 1:49pm 08-02-21  
Housing is needed on Lana’i, the last project for residents was Olopua which was in 1992. I support the efforts of Pulama Lana’i, we have many residents crowding in homes with parents and grandparents. This project would relieve that stress. Mahalo

Kili Namauu  
Location:  
Submitted At: 12:36pm 08-02-21  
As the Maui County representative for the Board of Education, I am well aware of the great need for teacher housing on the island of Lana’i. For example the State Department of Education has been unable to attract teachers for language arts and math at the Middle School at Lana’i school due to the lack of housing on the island. We are doing a disservice to the keiki there when we are unable to fill qualified teacher positions because we cannot provide basic needs and services for them. I am in support of Pulama Lana’i’s application to build additional housing on the island. They have been very generous in offering housing to our teachers but there are limited supplies and more housing is needed. Please offer your support for this project and allow it to move forward.
_O wau me ka_oia_i_o,  
Kili Namau_u

Guest User  
Location:  
Submitted At: 10:59am 08-02-21  
I support the Hokuao project, Lanai has a desperate need for housing and this project provides affordable housing to many people who are living in conditions where 6 or 8 people are living in very small plantation home. We need housing now, please support Hokuao!  
Mahalo!

Guest User  
Location:  
Submitted At: 10:55am 08-02-21  
Good morning Affordable Housing Committee,  
On the proposed development on Lanai, I suggest that you weigh the merits of the proposal in light of Comprehensive Affordable Housing Plan. For example, the affordable homes proposed to be built for those with household incomes from 80% to 140%. The Plan says the need is for homes within the 60% to 100% AMI range. I have not read the proposal so I will leave my comment to that for now. Thanks.

Stan Franco

Edwin Magaoay  
Location:  
Submitted At: 7:24am 08-02-21  
We support this housing project. Please see attached.

Guest User  
Location:  
Submitted At: 6:55am 08-02-21  
I support the concept of more housing on Lanai but have concerns about two aspects of this project. Since the Plantation days, employees of “The Company” and their families have been hesitant to speak out against a Company position regardless of who the Company is. I have heard concerns about the project and am therefore passing them on since I’m independent.  
Regarding location, the project is in close proximity to our sewage treatment plant. The Company did a 60-day air quality study; however, was the study about whether or not the air would be healthy or also about unpleasant odors? Did the study look at wind direction for the prior year to get an idea of how often odors would blow
towards the project? The project is relatively close to stores and restaurants, but this proximity isn’t a major issue as most people aside from students don’t walk. The project could be sited elsewhere that wouldn’t involve a longer walk for students than for students from other housing areas such as Lalakoa I, II and III. The second concern is that homes would only be available for rent. Lanai hasn’t had a single family dwelling project with homes for sale for almost 30 years. I recognize that the project is a sizable investment for the Company and therefore should benefit it. Most potential renters would either be Company employees or people who benefit those employees or the community such as education, health and utility company workers. Offering some homes for sale would give people the opportunity to experience the satisfaction of home ownership and the chance to build generational wealth. The Company could retain control over a portion of the homes but sell some as a trade-off for the 201H authorization.

Guest User
Location:
Submitted At: 6:20am 08-02-21
I support this housing project. There’s a need for housing on our island. Please don’t let this opportunity pass us by.
Jonathan Preza

Kealapono Richardson
Location:
Submitted At: 12:06pm 08-01-21
Aloha Committee Chair Johnson and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony. I am neither in support or opposition of the planned rental development on L_na'i. Instead, I would like to comment on my observations made over my short time living on the island and speaking with people in the community.

Please see attached PDF with comments. Mahalo!

Linda Okamoto
Location:
Submitted At: 5:03pm 07-31-21
I totally support this project. My testimony is attached.

Guest User
Location:
Submitted At: 8:42am 07-31-21
I sold everything on the mainland and moved to Lana'i in December of 2020. It took about 2 months to get housing. My family had a place to stay during that time. Had I needed to bring them with me immediately to Lana'i, I would not have had a place for them to live. Housing was by far my largest concern moving here. I believe that in order sustain the growing community, more house is desperately needed. I fully support the affordable housing project.

Guest User
Location:
Submitted At: 5:19pm 07-30-21
Aloha Councilmember Gabe Johnson & Committee Members:

While I don’t live on Lanai, I work there and I support the Hokuao affordable housing project as it will help the economy as well as the community on the island.

Being the first affordable housing project on the island, it gives people the ability to move out of crowded/multigenerational housing to have the ability to grow and mature without having the leave the island to do so. The expanded housing will also benefit the work force increasing the ability to bring badly needed talent to the island, now having a place to call home. Finally, the technological and efficient design of the houses will lessens the carbon footprint and generally lighten the use of the current overtaxed utilities on the island.
The added housing will benefit all in multiple ways as well as helping extend the life and the community of the island with not only parks and a community center, bringing the community even closer together.

Please vote in favor of the Hokuau 201H Residential Housing Project as I fully support this economic and island community wide vision.

With much gratitude,

Todd Ogi

Guest User
Location: 
Submitted At: 5:03pm 07-30-21

The island life has changed but many families still maintain their original homes. Their children want to return to Lana'i to work and raise a family here. However there are no affordable rental properties for the families who wish to return. It's hard having two or more families living in a two or three bedroom house and sharing ONE bathroom. Lani needs more affordable rental properties. The island has many job opportunities for the children to return home who work, raise their families and to enjoy the wonders of our beautiful island. (Many of them were born and raised here). Please I strongly support to have affordable housing rental properties on Lana'i. Our community is growing and we need to know that there will be a place where we may be able to live within our needs. We need a home to feel safe and secure.

Guest User
Location:
Submitted At: 3:42pm 07-30-21

I write to you in support of the H_k_ao 201H Housing Development.

We are in desperate need of additional housing here on L_na'i. I've seen first hand how multigenerational families are crammed into one home not by choice, but because of no housing available. This project would solve not only a general housing problem we have, but also a lack of affordable housing.

Please vote to support and approve this much needed housing project.

Robert and Alicia Bennett

Leinani Zablan
Location: 
Submitted At: 3:36pm 07-30-21

Please see attachment

AJ Vergara
Location: 
Submitted At: 3:23pm 07-30-21

Aloha! We fully in favor of the Hokuau Housing project. Attached is a letter for our acknowledgment of support. Please support our future. Thank you for your time. AJ Vergara

Roger Alconcel
Location: 
Submitted At: 2:34pm 07-30-21

Hi I am in support of Hokuao Housing project on Lanai. Please support this project. I also have attached list of names and signed by residents of Lana'i who are in support of this Housing project. Aloha, Roger Alconcel
Amanda Andrade  
Location:  
Submitted At:  2:09pm 07-30-21  

Thank you for allowing us a chance to support an import project for our Island, please see attached letters in support of the H_k_ao 201H Residential Project.

Guest User  
Location:  
Submitted At:  1:46pm 07-30-21  

My name is Noemi Barbadillo and I was raised here on L_na’i. I left L_na’i for a few years and returned home 8 years ago.

I want to testify in support of the H_k_ao housing project.

When I returned home in 2005 to work for the Lanai Resorts, which later became Four Season, I was in need of housing. At that time I was offered a small 2 bedroom 1 bath small plantation house. I remember that I did not want that house and asked for another house – and after waiting for a bit, I was offered a slightly bigger, more modern house.

I left in 2006 and then returned home in 2013. When I returned, I did not ask for housing because I knew then that housing was tight. I was fortunate that we could move in to our family home and live with my parents.

Housing was tight in 2013 and here we are 2021. There are lot more businesses here, the hotels need a lot more employees than they needed in 2013, there are more teachers needing housing, there are people who want to return home and are not as lucky as me, who had the choice to move into our family home with my parents. The home they grew up in no longer exists.

I hear and see it every day in my personal life as well as my work life – L_na’i needs housing. I am not testifying as an employee of Plama L_na’i, but as a resident of L_na’i. This is a wonderful thing that the landowner is doing for the current and future residents of L_na’i. Building H_k_ao will not only increase the housing market, but will give people a chance to move into a beautiful home. I have seen a home similar to what will be built – and if I were to come home today, I would definitely choose to live in H_k_ao. While it may not be for everyone, it will be for some, and for those who are currently in housing that choose to move to H_k_ao, that will open housing that may be more suitable for others.

Please approve the H_k_ao project. This project will allow families to “breathe” as they will have the option to move into their own space and not have to live in generational housing. This will give residents of L_na’i a chance enjoy living in a home that we would not have a chance to live in unless we moved to a bigger city or to the mainland. H_k_ao will make coming home a much more pleasant experience for everyone – whether they chose to live there, or because another unit opened up for them to move into, or because this is how they want to live.

Kdeshotelsmoore Deshotels-Moore  
Location:  
Submitted At:  12:28pm 07-30-21  

Please see attached.

Eric Hamblen  
Location:  
Submitted At:  11:39am 07-30-21  

To whom it concerns. Diane Preza came to the Lanai Adventure Park and spoke to my staff about the Affordable Housing Project.

I was able to connect with my staff after her presentation to see how they felt about the project. Everyone on my staff (13 strong) was in favor of the program. At least half of my staff were planning to apply for housing through this program. Their questions and concerns were addressed by Diane. In addition to the plethora of positive comments there was one comment made that I felt was worthy of sharing. The term "affordable housing" has a
bit of a negative connotation directed towards the renter. A more favorable term was "rent control" creates and/or maintains a positive connotation towards the renter.

Mahalo for seeking and receiving this input to what could be a very positive addition to life here Lana’i.

**Guest User**
Location:  
Submitted At: 10:18am 07-30-21

Exhibit A should probable request an exemption from Chapter 2.80B is requested to permit the project to proceed without obtaining an amendment to the Lana’i Community Plan instead of the West Maui Community Plan

**Levina Inaba**
Location:  
Submitted At:  7:55am 07-30-21

Aloha Councilmember Gabe Johnson & Committee Members:

Please review the attached letters in great support of the H_k_ao 201H Residential Project.

We thank you for your time and consideration.

Mahalo,

L. Inaba

**Alastair McAlpine**
Location:  
Submitted At:  3:59pm 07-29-21

I am writing today in support of the proposed H_k_ao 201H Residential Project, which will provide affordable workforce housing for the residents in our community who choose to call Maui County home as they work, live and even raise families.

Please accept my testimony as a current L_na’i City resident and General Manager of Four Seasons Resorts Lanai. Tourism is an integral part of L_na’i’s economy and our two properties - Four Seasons Resort L_na’i and Sensei L_na’i, A Four Seasons Resort - directly employ over 800 people, a significantly large segment of the local community. The vast majority of our workforce lives on L_na’i. This number does not include the supporting elements of local business owners and tour operators that play an active role as ambassadors to everyone that visits our beautiful island as well as the many other members of the community that choose to make L_na’i home.

It is vital for projects like this to move forward, so our residents, and those who would like the opportunity to live in the community, have access to a choice of available housing.

The proposed development would add 150 new single-family homes for lease with just over half the units set aside as affordable units, allowing for a variety of pricing options to accommodate a range of residents, no matter where they are on their life path. The additional elements of a Community center with parking, a park, and pocket parks along the south border will serve to enhance the overall project.

I thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective as you gather the viewpoints of the various stakeholders - from county officials, community members, neighborhood homeowner's associations, local business and immediate neighbors and know that we all are working towards making Maui County, our home, the best it can be for us all.

Once again, please accept this in FULL support for the H_k_ao 201H Residential Project.

Alastair McAlpine

**Guest User**
Location:  
Submitted At:  1:31pm 07-29-21
Dear Committee Chair Johnson and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in support of the Hokuao housing development on Lanai.

We have created over 50 jobs since we started Sensei Farm on Lanai and, every day, I am so proud of the wide variety of people who make up our employee pool.

What I have noticed – particularly since I moved on island in June with my own family – is that for all of our families, the tight housing market is a serious concern. Young people, as they start their own families, really want their own space and our older folk worry about the tensions of too many living under the same roof. Our agriculture jobs not only add food security for the island but also grow talent for these ag jobs of the future, and the lack of suitable housing is a constraint on the growth of this important capability on Lanai.

As ever, I’m available to discuss any of these specific issues in more detail and thank you in advance for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

Sonia Lo
CEO
Sensei Farms
Sensei Ag

Sarah Simmons
Location: Submitted At: 1:00pm 07-29-21
Aloha,

Please see attached letter in support of the H_k_ao project. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Sarah

Alberto Gonzalez
Location: Submitted At: 12:59pm 07-29-21
Aloha,

Please see the attached letter and signatures in support from residents of Iwi’ole and K_nepu’u.

Mahalo,

Bradley Russell
Location: Submitted At: 11:56am 07-29-21
Aloha Chair Johnson and Council Members,

As a member of the Lana‘i community and an employee of Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts here in Lana‘i, I would strongly support the H_k_ao Rental Project. The limited amount of housing opportunities on island creates undue strain on its residents and the success of the businesses here in Lana‘i. Due to limited housing, we suffer from lack of staff to assist us in doing our jobs. Additionally, we are having to have multiple family members residing in the current housing we have on island, thus creating uncomfortable living conditions. Lack of housing is one of the most concerning challenges that we have here in Lana‘i and feel that a viable solution to the housing crisis is your support on the H_k_ao 201H Residential Project, which will create 150 new homes, 51% of which will be affordable housing. That’s 76 affordable homes. The H_k_ao Rental Project is a taxpayer benefit, since it will be 100% financed by P_lama L_na’i, and no public or grant funding will be required.
Affordable units will also remain in perpetuity.
Mahalo for your consideration,
The undersigned employees of Four Seasons Resort Lana‘i

Ben Sheets
Location:
Submitted At: 7:20pm 07-28-21
Please see the attached letter and signatures in support from the Members and Friends of Lana‘i Union Church.

Guest User
Location:
Submitted At: 2:36pm 07-28-21
To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the Hokuao Affordable Rental Housing Development project on Lanai. My name is Alice Granito and I have been a resident of Lanai since 2003. I worked at the only licensed preschool on the island for 14 years. Currently, I work for the State of Hawaii - Child Welfare Services. When I first moved here, I was ok with living with my significant other and his family. As time went on, more family members joined the household. With 8 people, we live in an old plantation home with one bathroom. Usually, this living situation is interesting to say the least, but during this pandemic it has been difficult living in a multi-generational home with one bathroom. We have all had to make extra sacrifices to care for everyone in our household. With only one bathroom there is no option for isolation in the event anyone was to get sick, so we are extra diligent with our contact with people outside of the home. During my time here I’ve applied for housing through Castle and Cooke and then Pulama Lanai at various times. The first time I applied, I was called for housing, but at the time I was unable to afford living expenses plus the higher rent on my own versus living at home. Most recently, I applied for housing with Pulama Lanai and my application was accepted. I waited two months for a response before I was finally notified that they were unable to offer me housing. The notice also stated that Pulama Lanai was not accepting any applications until further notice. This was a letdown as it is difficult to live on your own here with limited resources for housing. Private rentals are expensive and limited, adding to the housing shortage on Lanai. Off-island contractors can pay higher than market rent. I don’t blame private homeowners for wanting to take advantage of the extra income, but I would never be able to compete with the off-island contractors that are able to pay thousands of dollars a month for rent. These factors make it extremely frustrating to live here. I’ve come to love Lanai and would love to enjoy my life here, but the lack of housing options has me considering life elsewhere. The Hokuao Affordable Rental Housing Development gives me hope for the future. This will ease stress to families living in multi-generational and multi-family homes. I personally look forward to having the option to move into a single-family home on my own.

Thank you,
Alice Granito

Guest User
Location:
Submitted At: 10:11am 07-28-21
Aloha Maui County,

I’m writing this letter in support of the H_k_ao 201H Housing Development.

We are in desperate need of housing on L_na‘i. I live and work here and know of families that are crammed into small homes with as generations of family members of the household. Not because of inability to afford housing but because of lack of housing available on the island new low income housing hasn’t been built in decades. It would be great if all families could live comfortably on the island.

Please vote to support and approve this much needed housing project.

Mahalo,
Philo Sowers

Guest User
Location: Aloha Maui County,
Submitted At: 4:36pm 07-27-21
Aloha Maui County,
I’m writing this letter in support of the H_k_ao 201H Housing Development.
We are in desperate need of housing to be added to the available inventory on L_na’i. I live and work here and know of families that are crammed into 1-bedroom homes with as many as 8 members of the household. This is not an uncommon issue.

Our island and community are growing for the good of our economy; however our housing shortage prevents us from expanding the workforce needed to supply these operations. The local independent businesses are short-handed, as well as the Four Seasons Hotels, Sensei Operations, and Pulama L_na’i.

Please vote to support and approve this much needed housing project.

Mahalo,
Matt Abrams

Guest User
Location: To whom it may concern.
Submitted At: 4:33pm 07-27-21
To whom it may concern.

I’m writing this letter in support of the H_k_ao 201H Housing Development.
We are in desperate need of housing to be added on L_na’i. I live and work here and know of multigenerational families that are crammed into one home not because of lack of income but because of lack of available housing.

in order for our economy to grow, we need more housing shortage prevents us from expanding the workforce needed to staff the The local independent businesses are short-handed, as well as the Four Seasons Hotels, Sensei Operations, and Pulama L_na’i.

Please vote to support and approve this much needed housing project.

Mahalo,
Sylvana Valeri
July 26, 2021

RE: Affordable Housing Need on Lāna'i

Dear Chair Johnson and Council Members,

I write this letter of testimony in support of the Hōkūao 201H Residential Project.

Since moving to Lāna'i in 2018 I have witnessed, and experienced first-hand, challenges brought on by an insufficient amount of housing on island.

I am employed as the Resort Manager for Sensei Lāna'i, a Four Seasons Resort. In this capacity I have been entrusted to effectively operate and maintain the resort and the biggest hurdle in achieving these ends is staffing. We have several vacant positions which are critical to running a resort. We actively recruit locally but the vacant positions outnumber the amount of applicants we receive so recruit off island as well but this is not easy. Because housing is so limited employees that relocate to Lāna'i are left with no option other than residing in the resort, often for several months, before housing can be secured. Once housing does become available there tends to be no choice in size, location, amenities or budget. It is difficult to attract applicants when there is uncertainty around their finding a home.

Another aspect of the housing challenge that affects the Lāna'i community is that several people reside in multi-family or multi-generation homes where space is limited and results in uncomfortable living conditions. In my short three years on island I have known multiple people who could be grouped in this category and who have left Lāna'i in pursuit of a more comfortable quality of life. While I cannot say with certainty that housing options alone would provide the desired quality of life I am confident that it would not hurt.

The Hōkūao 201H Residential Project will address several housing challenges on Lāna'i. It will provide residents 150 homes, 51% of them designated as affordable housing, and it will ease housing demands for the community. I support this project and I ask for your support as well.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

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The LFCC committee would like to thank Pulama Lāna‘i for presenting their housing plan for review. We believe that the additional housing, most importantly affordable, is our priority for the sustainability of our small community. Having additional housing can enhance the quality of life by not having to live in homes that are already over-crowded. Lack of affordable housing has been a hindrance for the growth of our community; therefore, this project will help lessen that and support the need for housing units.

Although the specific details of occupancy, rules, and regulations have not yet been determined, we have great hopes that the management will take the island’s cultural practices into consideration when the project reaches that stage. On behalf of the LFCC, we support in principle the Hōkūao housing project here on Lāna‘i.

Maraming salamat
Thank you very much

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Hōkūao 201H Housing Project  
August 2, 2021  

Re: Letter of Support

Aloha,

We write this letter in support of the Hōkūao 201H Housing Development. We are in desperate need of more housing on Lanai for our residents and for our future residents. We need new affordable housing for our future and current employees and to ensure the continued success of Pulama Lanai and Four Seasons Resorts.

It will help create needed economic opportunities for the island and help strengthen the entire community.

I hope that you will come to fully appreciate the value that this project will bring to Lanai, and that you reach a decision to support this important project.

Mahalo,

Pulama Lanai  
Koele Park Maintenance  
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3. Christopher Quindiagan
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1 Aug 2021

TO: Maui Affordable Housing Committee
RE: Hōkūao 201H Residential Project

Aloha Committee Chair Johnson and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony. I am neither in support or opposition of the planned rental development on Lānaʻi. Instead, I would like to comment on my observations made over my short time living on the island and speaking with people in the community.

These are some of my recapitulated thoughts:

(1) Clear Need: Lānaʻi needs housing for its people and for those looking to return. Due to lack of housing:
   (a) Employees must live at their place of employment.
   (b) School has had difficulty hiring teachers.
   (c) Families must live with family.
   (d) More than 30 years since last housing project.

(2) Ownership: Rental project does not provide pathway for community to purchase affordable homes. Can be an opportunity to shift ownership paradigm from “power-over others” (i.e. plantation model, landlord-tenant model, etc.) to “power-with” by introducing regenerative models of home ownership.
   (a) Lease-to-Purchase affordable housing option as part of the percentage of homes designated as affordable housing.
   (b) Shared Equity Homeownership, i.e. Limited Equity Co-operative Housing (Co-ops), Community Land Trusts (CLTs), etc.
   (c) Many other win-win solutions to be envisioned.

(3) Money & Lifestyle: Privately funded homes and development with solar tech, modern amenities, and spacious lots. Community center and parks with native plantings. Sounds like a great place to live with the exception of (4).

(4) Location: Logistically makes sense but who wants to live next to the sewage treatment plant?
   (a) High costs of water and sewage lines to service development elsewhere stalled prior development.
   (b) Pūlama has tested the area to show levels of airborne toxicity remained below DOH standards.
      (A) On windy days neighboring residents to the reclamation center reportedly smell foul odor in the air.
   (c) Common sense says: not the best place to build homes.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Kealapono Richardson
My name is Linda Kay Okamoto and I am the Broker Owner for Okamoto Realty LLC. I have lived on Lanai for over 50 years and have been in the real estate business since 1988. I would like to testify in support of the Hōkūao Affordable Housing project. Lanai is in desperate need of housing for our residents. I do handle some rentals in town and have never seen as many people desperately looking for housing as in these past couple of years. Many families are living with relatives making overcrowding a huge problem for our community. Young married couples who want to start their own lives together are having to live with parents and other siblings. School children are suffering as they have no space for studying or even quiet time.

I don’t understand why this project would not be immediately approved and moved forward. We are getting much needed housing at no cost to the tax payers. That is almost unheard of. The houses themselves are of good size and the lots give space between the houses. Yes, I would like to see housing available for purchase, but that is another issue to be addressed after we are able to provide for those who need a place to live NOW. We have to get this housing built in record time. As council members, you need to support this project and move it along as quickly and smoothly as possible.
To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing to you to express our support for Hōkūao Housing Project here on Lānaʻi. As the Facilities Department with Pūlama Lānaʻi, we are faced with continuous request or plead for the community for Housing. This has certainly been an issue for years that we have not been able to control or fix in the past, until now. With this Housing Project, it will allow our Community to thrive without having to figure out the Housing shortage.

As visitors continue to make their way to the island, we are need to expanding our workforce, but have been unable to do that due to the lack of housing. Hōkūao will provide stability and integrity of our little community, which has been waiting to share its little piece of paradise with the visitors.

We humbly ask that you approve this project and thank you for your time.

Mahalo, Facilities Management Team
Pūlama Lānaʻi
July 27, 2019

Hokuao 201H Housing project

Re: Letter of support

Aloha,

I am writing to you to ask your support of the Hokuao Project 201H Housing Development. We are in dire need of affordable housing for the local workers who are forced to live in overcrowded homes. Your support of this project is critically needed to help correct the current imbalance between jobs and housing.

The housing project will provide job opportunities and boost the economy on Lanai. Our children will be able to return to Lanai and will provide our next generation a better future for our island that we called home. We believe that by approving this project, it will free up the probability of buying our own home.

Please support this project and your approval for this housing project.

Mahalo,

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Re: Hokuao 201H Housing Project – Letter of Support

To: Whom it may concern,

Please accept this letter as my support for the Hokuao 201H Housing Project. I am a resident of Lanai and I work here. The island is in need of more housing. As I drive around even up my own street, I find it hard to navigate between all of the parked vehicles on the street because there is no room for the multitude of residents in one home to park in their driveway. I love our community and I am aware of multiple families that share their homes because there just isn’t anywhere else to go.

We are a growing community with exciting things taking place. We will need to have more housing to accommodate the growing need to add employment and to help reduce the current overcrowding. Please vote to approve and support this housing project.

Thank you for your time,

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