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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support of A21-810 Pūlama Lānaʻi-Hōkūao 201H Housing Project on Lānaʻi

Aloha LUC Commissioners,

I'm writing you today to ask for your support of A21-810 Pulama Lanai- Hokuao 201H Housing Project on Lanai. Lanai is in desperate need of housing for our work force. While we are fortunate to have an amazing golf course here on Lanai, our biggest struggle is finding and keeping labor. It breaks my heart to see many of our locals from Lanai that have worked for me having to leave due to no housing available for them or their families. It's also been extremely difficult to hire people from Off Island due to the uncertainty of housing as well. Many other departments and businesses on Lanai have been in the same challenging situation.

We need this housing desperately for the future success of Lanai and I humbly ask for your support.

Mahalo,
Scott

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November 2, 2021

Land Use Commission
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Re: Support of A21-810 Pūlama Lāna'i-Hōkūao 201H Housing Project on Lāna'i

Dear Land Use Commissioners:

I am writing today in support of the proposed Hōkūao 201H Housing 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 Lāna'i City resident and General Manager of Four Seasons Resorts Lanai. Tourism is an integral part of Lāna'i's economy and our two properties - Four Seasons Resort Lāna'i and Sensei Lāna'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 Lāna'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 Lāna'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 letter in support for the Hōkūao 201H Housing Project.

Alastair McAlpine, General Manager
Four Seasons Resorts Lāna'i

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From: DBEDT LUC
Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2021 8:39 AM
To: Quinones, Natasha A
Subject: FW: written testimony for A21-801 Pūlama Lāna'i-Hōkūao 201H Project
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From: Nelinia Cabiles <ncabiles@lanaitoday.com>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] written testimony for A21-801 Pūlama Lāna'i-Hōkūao 201H Project

Aloha,

Attached please find the above-referenced doc.

Thank you for allowing written testimony.

Mahalo,
Nelinia Cabiles

November 9, 2021

Re: A21-810 Pūlama Lāna‘i-Hōkūao 201H Project (Lāna‘i)

Dear members of the Land Use Commission:

Thank you for taking written testimony re Pūlama Lāna‘i’s Hōkūao 201H Project. I am not a lobbyist; I am writing on my own behalf, as a resident of Lāna‘i.

I grew up on Lāna‘i, back in the late seventies to early eighties, and housing on the island then – let alone affordable housing – was scarce. I cannot speak to the situation on other islands in our state, but I am aware that affordable housing is an issue there, as it is here.

The inventory of homes to rent and/or buy on Lāna‘i has always been scarce. There have always been young families arriving from somewhere else, in this case, from the Philippines, and needing to rely on the kindness of their in-laws or relatives fortunate enough to have a home, into whose rooms these families were crammed, while they waited for a house to become available to rent. I was part of that young family from the Philippines. It was a narrative that was as commonplace as it was inescapable.

The housing crisis, the lack of housing, remains the same, then, as now. What has changed is the make-up and skill set of the workforce. Gone are laborers called to Lāna‘i to work in the pineapple fields. Now Lāna‘i’s workforce is comprised of teachers and construction crews, new hires for the island’s resorts. It is a housing crisis that affects hundreds of individuals and families on this island. The narrative remains largely the same.

But now before you is an opportunity to change the narrative, for our island and its residents.

I fully support the Hōkūao affordable housing project. I fully support amending the agriculture land use district boundaries into the urban land use district for roughly seventy-six acres of land. I cannot think of a better use of land than for constructing affordable homes to rent for our growing workforce. Passage of the Hōkūao affordable housing project would free up other rental units. Approving Hōkūao would mean significantly improving the quality of life for families and couples and individuals who see enough promise and potential to want to settle on Lāna‘i and call this place home.

I wish you all clarity of mind as you discuss and weigh and read testimonies and consider housing and the future of Lāna‘i’s residents.

Thank you for your consideration and time.

Nelinia Cabiles
Lāna‘i, Hawai‘i



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From: Alice Granito <Alice_Granito@hotmail.com>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support of A21-810 Pūlama Lānaʻi-Hōkūao 201H Housing Project on Lānaʻi

Dear LUC Commissioners,

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. I admit that I haven't been aggressive in my search for housing, but when I did, I was left discouraged. 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