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Aloha,

Please see attached testimony from Councilmember Tom Cook.

Thank you,
Stacy

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October 17, 2023

Honorable Dan Giovanni, Chair
and Members of the Land Use Commission
State Land Use Commission
P.O. Box 2359
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Via e-mail: dbedt.luc.web@hawaii.gov

Dear Chair Giovanni and Commissioners:

**SUBJECT: WAIKAPU DEVELOPMENT VENTURE'S ("WDV")
MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMPLETE
PROJECT AND NOTIFICATION OF AMENDMENT TO
HRS 201H WAIKAPU AFFORDABLE HOUSING
PROJECT (A07-773)**

I am writing to express my **strong support** for WDV's motion for extension of time to complete project and notification of amendment to HRS 201H Waikapu Affordable Housing Project.

During the Fiscal Year 2024 budget session, I introduced a proposal for an appropriation of \$10,650,000 for WDV from the Affordable Housing Fund. The funding was approved by the Maui County Council and has been included in the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Ordinance.

Our County, and our State, is in desperate need of affordable housing. Many of our residents have been forced to move to the mainland due to soaring prices and limited inventory. During the COVID-19 pandemic, there were unexpected delays, limited supplies and resources, and increased costs, which hindered construction projects. And now, after the devastating wildfire event that destroyed Lahaina and Kula, our housing crisis has been further exacerbated.

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I respectfully request the approval of this motion. Our County's goal is to increase the affordable housing inventory. We need to take action in making this goal a reality. Therefore, let's work together in moving this project forward, without further delay.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office at (808) 270-7108 or by e-mail at Thomas.Cook@mauicounty.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas M. Cook". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T".

THOMAS M. COOK
Councilmember