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Aloha,

I have attached my support letter for Waikapu Development Ventures who will go before the LUC tomorrow.

Please feel free to contact me if there are any questions.

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Via email to: State of Hawaii Land Use Commission

State of Hawai'i
Land Use Commission
Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism
P.O. Box 2359
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96804-2359

SUBJECT: Waikapu Development Ventures

Dear Land Use Commission Board Members,

I am submitting written testimony to express my **unwavering support for Waikapu Development Ventures** and their housing project on Waiale Road.

I have worked for eight years on Maui to bring 324 rental apartments to the people of Maui. The challenges Maui faces to develop housing for its locals faces many barriers compared to many other islands. Having worked on Oahu, Hawaii Island, Kauai, and Maui, I have found Maui to be the most difficult in moving housing projects forward to fruition. Waikapu Development Ventures is our neighbor, and we support their effort to bring workforce housing to the community. We know the demand is great and with events in Lahaina the crisis has deepened. We have had approximately 3,000 applications for our project (Kaulana Mahina) distributed for only 195 affordable rental units. That's more than 15:1. We need more housing of all income levels and types. Waikapu Development Ventures will bring the opportunity for home ownership to local residents and help to alleviate Maui's housing crisis.

Thank you again for the opportunity to submit this proposal. If there are any questions, or if additional information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me at (808)428-8717.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda Schatz".

Linda Schatz
Principal