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Aloha,
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BUILD BEYOND BARRIERS WORKING GROUP MEETING Relating to Agenda Item III.A

Department of Hawaiian Home Land's (DHHL) request for the Lead Housing Officer's determination to develop the following for beneficiaries: 1) Honokōwai Water System, including source and transmission to support housing in the Villages of Leiali'i and DHHL property in Honokowai; 2) Villages in Leiali'i; 3) Wailuku Single-Family Residential homestead; and 3) Waiehu Mauka Homestead in response to an increased need for housing on the island of Maui due to the wildfires.

August 29, 2023

9:30 am

State Capitol Conf. Room 329

The Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation (“NHLC”) offers the following comments on Agenda Item III.A of the August 29, 2023 Build Beyond Barriers Working Group (“Working Group”) meeting, which seeks approval of exemption and a determination that three Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (“DHHL”) Maui-based housing projects in Lāhainā, Wailuku, and Wai‘ehu and a water project in Honokōwai to service homestead housing on Maui¹ can proceed under the Governor’s July 17, 2023 Emergency Proclamation Related to Housing (“Housing Proclamation”). NHLC objects to the Working Group taking any action under the Rules Related to Project Certification. At minimum, NHLC urges deferral of decision-making to allow for more community input and fact-gathering related to the proposed projects and for the Working Group to complete a *Ka Pa‘akai* analysis as required by Article XII, Section 7 of the Hawai‘i Constitution.

NHLC agrees that housing is one of the most pressing issues facing the state, along with many other socioeconomic issues of concern. And as advocates for beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Lands trust, NHLC strongly supports efforts to provide housing to native Hawaiians and implement the terms of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act. However, NHLC is also equally committed to upholding the legal rights and interests of Native Hawaiians by ensuring compliance with the constitutional/statutory provisions and legal processes that protect the very essence of Hawaiian identity and culture and, ultimately, what makes Hawai‘i Hawai‘i. Wholesale exemption from those laws—including the state’s environmental and

¹ Specifically, the projects include development of: Villages of Leiali'i, Village 1B homestead; Wailuku Single-Family Residential homestead; Wai‘ehu Mauka Homestead; and Honokowai Water System.

historic property review processes²—is not the answer, especially where, as here, decision-making lacks transparency and opportunity for public scrutiny.

Opportunity for Public Comment Severely Restricted by Insufficient Notice.

The public lacked a meaningful opportunity to weigh in on these projects, which are among the first to test the Housing Proclamation’s certification process.

Information related to agenda items for this meeting were not made available to the public until well after the close of business on Friday, August 25th, severely limiting the time for public review and comment by the 9:30 a.m. testimony deadline on Monday, August 28th. The links in the Working Group’s meeting packet were also broken (at least initially), making it difficult to navigate project details and to confirm within the extremely limited timeframe whether all application requirements have been met.

Significantly, the community members with the most intimate knowledge of these project areas are the same people who are struggling to recover from the Lāhainā wildfires. It is unreasonable to expect that they have the capacity—let alone the technological access and ability—to monitor and search for last minute notices about development projects being fast-tracked in their own backyard. The Working Group meeting packet does not indicate whether any consultation about these projects took place let alone who was consulted (Lāhainā residents? Hawaiian Homes Commission? DHHL beneficiaries?) and what information, if any, was provided prior to making these proposals. Meaningful and current consultation with community must occur, particularly in light of Governor Green’s statements that the Housing Proclamation “only will lead to reconstruction based on desires from the Lahaina community” and that “[t]he local community will guide us on what they’d like to build and how they want to do it[.]”³ In light of these promises and changes in circumstances since these projects were first conceived, the state cannot rely on outdated discussions with community to meet its duty to the public. The community deserves better.

The Irreversible and Irretrievable Impacts on Resources Are Unclear.

Given the short notice to the public regarding the details of the proposed projects, the current situation in Lāhainā, and the Housing Proclamation’s free pass to developers to sidestep legal requirements meant to protect important social, environmental, and cultural values, deferring decision-making on these project proposals is imperative to ensure that the impacts on resources are thoroughly and comprehensively evaluated.

Although the Housing Proclamation significantly and improperly deregulates housing development, the Rules Relating to Project Certification provides that a project is only eligible for certification if the Working Group finds, among other things, that “the project is unlikely to result in the irreversible and irretrievable commitments of

² See Hawai‘i Revised Statutes (“HRS”) chapters 343 and 6E.

³ Dan Nakaso, *Green Says Fatalities May Have Peaked As Official List Of Missing Well Below Estimates*, STAR-ADVERTISER (Aug. 25, 2023), available at <https://www.staradvertiser.com/2023/08/25/hawaii-news/maui-officials-release-388-names-of-the-missing/>.

significant environmental or cultural resources, including to impacts to traditional or customary practices, that cannot be mitigated.” Rules Relating to Project Certification § 6.A.4.⁴ Consistent with Article XII, Section 7 of the Hawai‘i Constitution, in evaluating the impacts to traditional or customary practices, the Working Group must make specific findings and conclusions as to (1) the identity and scope of “valued cultural, historical, or natural resources” in the area, including the extent to which traditional and customary native Hawaiian rights are exercised, (2) the extent to which those resources—including traditional and customary practices—will be affected or impaired by the proposed projects; and (3) the feasible action, if any, to be taken by to reasonably protect native Hawaiian rights if they are found to exist.⁵ Only then should a project even be considered to move forward under these rules.

Cultural Resources

Much has been written about the rich history and cultural significance of Lāhainā, which was the seat of rule of the Kingdom of Hawai‘i until the mid-1800’s and, given its natural abundance and rich resources, housed a population in the thousands. The abundance of freshwater provided continuous water resources to support this healthy population. Informed by this significant history, it is imperative for projects to proceed judiciously, with HRS chapter 6E protections, to assess, protect, and preserve historic, cultural, and archaeological resources within project areas. This is true not only for Lāhainā specifically but also for Maui projects generally during this sensitive time.

Project proponents request that development of their projects proceed as “projects in nominally sensitive areas,”⁶ which would authorize them to begin construction, including ground-disturbing activities, without first determining whether Native Hawaiian burials or culturally significant sites are present. “Nominally sensitive areas” are defined as locations known to include a low density of historic, cultural, or archaeological resources. See Rules Relating to Project Certification § 9.A.3. In other words, under the Housing Proclamation, a project can avoid an archaeological inventory survey and further review so long as the project site is not located in the vicinity of documented historic properties, Native Hawaiian burials, or any other culturally significant resource, including natural elements that support cultural practices, such as water.

More information is needed in advance of the Working Group meeting, with sufficient time for review, to determine whether the projects are located within a “nominally

⁴ Article XII, § 7 imposes upon the state an “affirmative duty” to “protect these rights and to prevent any interference with the exercise of these rights” and prohibits the state from acting “without independently considering the effect of their actions on Hawaiian traditions and practices.” *Ka Pa‘akai O Ka ‘Āina v. Land Use Commission*, 94 Hawai‘i 31, 45-46, 7 P.3d 1068, 1082-83 (2000).

⁵ *Id.* at 47, 7 P.3d at 1084.

⁶ The Housing Proclamation suspends HRS chapter 6E (Historic Preservation) protections “to the extent necessary to expedite the provision of certified housing project” and, instead, imposes a new historic preservation process for all certified projects. These rules were created without review through the legislative process and without an opportunity for community input under HRS chapter 91.

sensitive area” and to indicate where the projects are in terms of archaeological assessment and state of development. Currently, the record is devoid of sufficient information to support that certification or application of the Housing Proclamation’s relaxed historic property rules is appropriate for the proposed projects.

Allowing a project to proceed without Chapter 6E protection and under the “nominally sensitive area” standard means that developers have a blank check to “discover” Native Hawaiian burials by backhoe during construction rather than through a thoughtful, pre-development review of the intended project site. This will undoubtedly lead to the destruction and removal of any iwi kūpuna that may be present with no opportunity to meaningfully advocate for the redesign of the project to avoid unearthing burials from their intended final resting place. This backwards practice also impacts the traditional and customary practices of those who engage in mālama iwi kūpuna and whose ultimate goal is always to preserve iwi in place. Irreversible and irretrievable impacts on these resources is certainly not unlikely.

Water

The laws and constitution of Hawai‘i require that the state protect and manage water resources properly to ensure its availability for the benefit of present and future generations.⁷ In furtherance of its constitutional kuleana to protect the public trust, the Commission on Water Resource Management has formally recognized that water in Maui Komohana should be subject to more state oversight and public scrutiny when it designated the Lāhainā Aquifer Sector as a Surface Water and Ground Water Management Area over a year ago. In light of this significant acknowledgment, the approval of any new well in Honokōwai—where water allocations are already over the sustainable yield—and the necessary balancing of interests required to reallocate those resources is something that must be carefully considered and not fast tracked by a group lacking specific water expertise.

Additionally, Honokōwai wells are already known to have increasing chlorides. What effect will new wells have on the chloride levels? How will the well’s placement impact the freshwater lens? What is known about potential contaminants from the recent wildfires and their potential impact on the water? Will this water be safe for human consumption? Without more information, the Working Group simply cannot conclude that irreversible and irretrievable impacts are unlikely nor can it determine whether this infrastructure will actually support the purported goals of the Housing Proclamation in the long term. This uncertainty counsels against committing the resource at this time.⁸

⁷ See Haw. Const. Art. XI, §§ 1 & 7; *In re Waiāhole Combined Contested Case Hearing* (“Waiāhole I”), 94 Hawai‘i 97, 132, 9 P.3d 409, 444 (2000); see also *id.* at 141, 9 P.3d at 453 (recognizing the state’s “affirmative duty to take the public trust into account in the planning and allocation of water resources, and to protect public trust uses whenever feasible.”).

⁸ See, e.g., *id.* at 154, 9 P.3d at 466 (“[W]here there are present or potential threats of serious damage, lack of full scientific certainty should not be a basis for postponing effective measures to prevent environmental degradation. . . . In addition, where uncertainty exists, a trustee’s duty to protect the resource mitigates in favor of choosing presumptions that also protect the resource.”).

Deferring Decision-Making on these Project Proposals is Appropriate.

It is important to acknowledge that, as the Working Group considers these proposed projects, kupa ‘āina and residents of Maui Komohana are grieving the tragic loss of their loved ones and their homes in the Maui wildfires that swept through Lāhainā on August 8, 2023. The full extent of the devastation has yet to be fully realized, but it has been confirmed that at least 115 lives have been lost and 2,200 structures destroyed in the blaze, 90% of them residences.⁹ Still, the communities in Lāhainā have demonstrated extraordinary resiliency, resourcefulness, and courage in the face of destruction and continued displays of disaster capitalism.

The proposed projects have no expressed benefit to these unhoused victims of the wildfires. In fact, the material provided in support of agenda item III.A. does not mention the Maui wildfires at all.¹⁰ Now more than ever, Maui as a whole, but especially the Lāhainā community, needs transparency, accountability, and opportunities to be heard and meaningfully participate in important decisions being made about how their communities will move forward in light of the recent tragedies.

For all of these reasons, the Working Group should refrain from taking any action under the Housing Proclamation’s illegal processes. At the very least, decision-making must be deferred for these projects to give the community ample opportunity to review project details and provide substantive input and ensure that the Working Group has addressed traditional and customary practices via a *Ka Pa‘akai* analysis.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.



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⁹ Christie Wilson, *Names of Lahaina’s Fire Victims Reflect Town’s Character*, STAR-ADVERTISER (Aug. 27, 2023), available at <https://www.staradvertiser.com/2023/08/27/hawaii-news/names-of-lahainas-fire-victims-reflect-towns-character/>.

¹⁰ The meeting material supporting Working Group agenda item III.A. consists of an August 22, 2023 letter from DHHL to the State of Hawai‘i Chief Housing Officer requesting certification of the four proposed projects under the Housing Proclamation for a number of reasons but does not state that the projects will benefit victims of the Maui wildfires nor does it justify the need for further fast-tracking development based on a wildfire response.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 9:30:45 AM

Aloha,

As the BBB begins its work, I'd like to offer the following testimony. The housing needs of displaced families in Lahaina should be the top priority for all related state entities right now. But addressing these needs must not only include, but be led by the Lahaina community - and at a pace they find appropriate. What is the BBB doing to facilitate meaningful engagement with Lahaina community leaders about housing?

Suspending sunshine law keeps those most impacted by the housing crisis at a distance. It serves to preclude those most impacted by housing issues from participating in solution building. At this time, this especially marginalizes the Lahaina community, which is flat wrong. I urge the Governor to reinstate sunshine law for all matters pertaining to the BBB.

It's important to share that there is substantial community support behind the community of Lahaina. I stand with Nā 'Ohana o Lele and I stand by their testimony for the 8/29 BBB meeting.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for BBWG 8/29 meeting
Date: Friday, August 25, 2023 1:58:56 PM

1. IF the EP applies only to new residential homes that are either owner-occupied (for five years) or occupied by a resident renter (for five years), then doesn't that mean the EP's bypassing of environmental and other regulations will not be available to any housing project under 2.96 or 201H that does not contain a deed restriction requirement for all market rate homes that imposes that owner-occupied or resident-tenant-occupied condition? This means the EP does not apply to the Maui R&T Park's project, nor to Wailea 670, nor even to Paul Cheng's Pulelehua project, because they all intend to sell many homes at market without an Owner-occupied, Resident-tenant-occupied deed restriction.
2. Has the Build Beyond Barriers Working Group drafted that deed restriction language?

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] BBBWG Meeting 8/29 testimony Agenda Item III. A
Date: Saturday, August 26, 2023 11:09:13 AM

I'm a concerned Hawaii resident opposed to the lack of detail and clarity in the DHHL request. The request groups four (4) projects into a single request with ten (10) exemptions requested for the entire group. It's not clear how each project will utilize the set of requested exemptions and how specifically an exemption would apply for each case. I'd suggest that the BBBWG require a format more similar to a 201H resolution, where each exemption has specifics, and it's one request per project.

I am especially concerned with the HRS 343 exemption request (Item J). As written, it sounds like a blanket approval for DHHL to self-determine impacts of their own projects. Not only is this a potential conflict of interest, but it removes any checks and balances, even oversight from the BBBWG itself. Similar in theme from above, how specifically will DHHL determine the merit of suspension of HRS 343, and for which parts of the four (4) projects referenced?

I went through trying to figure out which project specifically might need this suspension of HRS343. Most sections already had FEAs with FONSI findings. But one was just in a Draft EA state, with no Final EA mentioned:

https://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/erp/Doc_Library/2022-12-23-MA-DEA-DHHL-Villages-of-Leialii-Village-1-B.pdf

So one might assume that DHHL is planning to use their own discretion to just say the Draft EA's AFONSI finding is "close enough" to FONSI to just continue. It's curious, because the DEA was published back in December 2022, and would have been open to public comment for 30 days, though no public comments or responses were referenced in this request to the BBBWG, so the Working Group doesn't know what the public thought of the DEA. Furthermore, if no substantive comments were received from the DEA, why would it take over six months to just submit the AFONSI DEA as a FEA for FONSI determination?

I believe that the BBBWG needs these details to make an informed decision. It's also valuable to have specific details on the current "sticking points" that are keeping these projects from moving forward, so the BBBWG can make suggestions on process improvements that could be codified into future policy.

Thank you for your [REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment on Governor's 7/17 Emergency Proclamation
Date: Saturday, August 26, 2023 6:57:16 PM

Aloha Governor Green,

Please accept this Testimony on behalf of our non-profit organization, Friends of Maha`ulepu. We are a large community based organization with membership statewide. We are very concerned about the [Emergency Housing Proclamation](#) you signed July 17, 2023. There is no question Hawaii is a resort based visitor destination and we attract affluent retirees and others desiring to reside in and enjoy our beauty by living in Hawaii. As our agricultural economy shifted to tourism, more and more luxury homes and resorts were developed. Unfortunately, the risk of suspending State and County Laws to encourage housing is far too great. It gives developers and infrastructure that supports development a 60 day moratorium on regulations that protect drainage to and contamination of our reefs and oceans, while departing from the normal requirements to consider impacts to traffic, density, water, waste water, solid waste and preservation of historic and archeologically significant features. We do firmly support housing for Hawaiians and our workforce. Rather than suspend the Laws developed to protect and preserve our people and our resources, the State should address ongoing development that is permitted while watering down and inadequately enforcing workforce housing requirements. All too often, developers are allowed to pay counties a fee that the developers and county staff agree on in lieu of building housing that Hawaiians can afford. The developers workforce housing fee is too minimal and rarely comes even close to developing the 20% workforce housing required in most resort communities. The Emergency Housing Proclamation relieves developers of any workforce housing requirement and needs to be revoked.

Our members, many of whom are lineal descendants, are strongly opposed to the July 17th Emergency Proclamation. If developers of resort or housing communities were actually required to build a percentage of affordable homes in return for their development entitlements, such a practice has proven to be the most effective means of achieving affordability for the workforce that serve those who visit destination areas.

We strongly believe that a true enforcement of the workforce housing requirement would result in a long term correction of the housing shortage much more effectively than a 60 day moratorium giving developers and infrastructure that supports housing a right to develop without a period of expiration if the application submitted within the 60 day window is approved.

We appreciate the opportunity to address this issue. We strongly encourage revocation of the EP. Our housing shortage needs to be addressed but it is not an emergency and requires a more comprehensive and long term fix.

Mahalo nui loa,

Bridget Hammerquist, President
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[EXTERNAL] testimony/ BBBWG Aug 29/ all agenda items

Sunday, August 27, 2023 11:50:31 AM

comments on all agenda items
for Build Beyond Barriers Working Group (BBBWG)
9:30 - 11:30 AM, Tuesday, August 29, 2023, State Capitol Conference Room 329 and online
<https://www.facebook.com/GovernorHawaii>
<https://www.facebook.com/olelocommunity>
from Cory Harden, Hilo

Over one hundred people just died by fire on Maui. And the rest of us will be dealing with the aftermath for decades to come.

The fire was preventable. It was caused by short-sighted decisions that drained Lāhainā of water, let invasive fire-prone grasses grow, neglected leaning power poles with bare wires, and caused deadly traffic gridlock on an escape route.

What are you doing in response? Plowing forward on more short-sighted decisions.

The housing proclamation cavalierly tosses out a long list of laws. But there were good reasons why those laws were written. If you ignore those laws, sooner or later, the consequences will remind you of the reasons.

For today, at a minimum, I urge you to specify how public notice will be given for each project.

“...applicants must include a plan to make at least one public presentation about their project, which could include a neighborhood board meeting or an agency hearing” and requires that “a public notice soliciting written comments and accepting comments for at least 30 days be widely circulated.”

<https://www.staradvertiser.com/2023/07/26/hawaii-news/gov-greens-emergency-order-is-under-scrutiny/>

And don't call the sheriffs on Dave Henkin again.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony: Governor's black mark--Build Beyond Barriers Working Group (BBBWG)
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 2:09:19 PM
Importance: High

Re: Build Beyond Barriers Working Group (BBBWG)
9:30 - 11:30 AM, Tuesday, August 29, 2023, State Capitol Conference Room 329

Aloha,

The governor's development proclamation is a black mark on his administration and a danger to all of our islands' people and the resources upon which they depend. The Build Beyond Barriers Working Group is apparently willing to take us all (except possibly the unspeakably rich) to the dark destiny mapped out by the governor.

There are so many things wrong with the proclamation, starting with its false introduction as a tool to increase affordable housing. Then there was what feels to many residents as the shamelessness of that group meeting for the first time while the burning, maiming, and killing were still going on in Lahaina. Then there was kicking Earthjustice lawyer, David Henkin, out of the meeting and not allowing any other members of the public to listen in to the working group's meetings. Back room dealing by any other name...

But all of that pales in comparison with the proclamation itself and the future it will bring including irreparable environmental, cultural and social damage to our lands and people.

The governor's proclamation is an affront to democratic process. Having been involved in Hawai'i County's Kona Community Development Plan (KDCP) since its inception, I recognize this proclamation as a death knell to almost 2 decades of community diligence and hard work in the North and South Kona regions as well as others where similar land use planning and community mapping have taken root. The vision and guidance that lives in those plans are *law*, and would remain so if not for the governor's shortsightedness and, perhaps, willingness to listen only to those whose pocketbooks are more important than protecting our residents or their Public Trust resources.

And that's not to mention climate change.

I ask that you realize these dangers before we all see the predictable results. The governor's approach undermines all sensible land use planning and the will of the People. Our island stakeholders are unable — and unwilling— to continue pay the costs of walking through the governor's avoidable fire.

Mahalo and sincerely,
Janice Palma-Glennie
Kailua-Kona

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony BBBWG
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 2:29:24 PM

Aloha,

The governor's working group will spell more disaster for our island communities. It undermines decades of protective laws meant to prevent calamities like Lahaina's fire. It will prevent our communities from using more protective land use planning that would otherwise help preserve the beauty and livability of Hawaii including helping us to not run out of water.

Please don't follow the governor's lead on this extremely dangerous mission. Even developers, whose pockets will be lined by abusing this selfish proclamation in the short term, will lose in the end.

Mahalo for considering my views on this most critical matter.

Sincerely,

Alastair [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RESIDENT TESTIMONY RE 7/17/23 EP
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 2:39:07 PM

Dear Governor Green,
Hawai'i State Government,

Regarding the recent Housing Emergency declaration July 17, 2023:

I do not support overriding previous rules for developers, who are not honoring workers housing requirements. There are already too many luxury resorts and super mansions in Hawai'i. This housing issue for the residents of the state has been going on for a long time. It is especially egregious that Native Hawaiian people find it very difficult to stay on their ancestral lands, even to rent here and have been leaving Hawai'i for decades, seeking homes on the mainland.

Now we have this Lahiana tragedy of lost human lives and property and deep grief and anguish shroud the island. All the islands, because the islands are connected... Maui has lost even more homes and businesses in an already messed up economy post pandemic lockdowns.

“Affordable” housing is needed across the state much much more than more hotels and resorts. Why are developers being allowed more permits and not complying with requirements for affordable workforce housing?? Why Mr. Govenor Green?? Especially when tourist industry workers usually don't make adequate wages to meet the high standard of living in Hawai'i.

I live on Kaua'i and the housing costs have skyrocketed in the 30 years since I have lived here. We also have tremendous unhoused, many are Hawaiians.

Governor, I think you should know that Emergency Proclamations should be saved for true emergencies. This affordable housing issue has been going on for many many years. No need to suspend the rules that will help alleviate the situation.

I have copied Kaua'i Attorney Bridgette Hammerquist's words: This explains how I am viewing this July 17, 2023 Emergency proclamation.

Thank you for considering,

Karen Joy Backinoff
Kaua'i resident

.....we need to stay strong and prevent unregulated development grabs. Even before the August 8th fire on Maui, a true emergency, Governor Green signed an Emergency Housing Proclamation to address the statewide housing shortage. The housing shortage, however, is

something that has been developing over the past 25 to 30 years. This is not an emergency.

Rather, the State needs to address ongoing development that is permitted while watering down and inadequately enforcing workforce housing requirements. Developers are allowed to pay counties a fee that the developers and county staff agree on in lieu of building any workforce housing in Hawaii. The fee is way minimal and rarely comes even close to developing the 20% workforce housing required in most resort communities. The Emergency Housing Proclamation relieves developers of any workforce housing requirement. Luxury homes and investor properties bring more property tax to the counties and is more lucrative for the developer. Meanwhile, over the years no matter how many luxury homes are built, it has done nothing for Hawaii's workforce or our local Hawaiians. On July 17th, as explained below, the Governor signed an Emergency Housing Proclamation suspending State and County laws for 60 days that deal with the development or the infrastructure that supports housing. The Governor plans to address this issue Tuesday morning at a public hearing and the attached flyer gives information on where you can submit a comment because no public input will be allowed Tuesday. As explained below, when the Governor, the Executive branch, signs an Emergency Proclamation suspending State and County laws, that usurps and undermines the State and County Legislative branches. We are concerned that the result will be a developer/infrastructure grab for an opportunity to develop without any effective regulation. [July 17, 2023 Housing Proclamation](#). Governor, I think you should know that Emergency Proclamations should be saved for true emergencies.

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023, 2:43:14 PM
re: July 17, 2023 Emergency Housing Proclamation

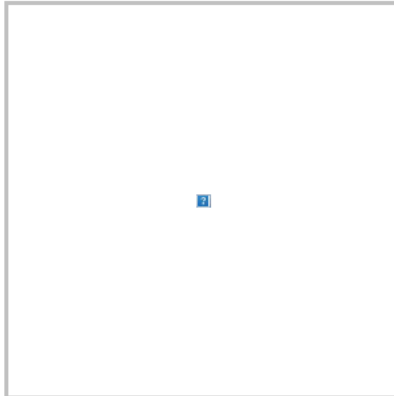
Hello, Governor Green,

I agree with this and not with your proclamation of July 17, 2023. This is why. I have also sent in my own words.

Thank you

Karen Joy Backinoff
Kaua i Resident

Date: August 27, 2023 at 8:16:59 AM HST
To: <kjoyback@hawaiiantele.net>
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Aloha All,

Just received an emergency call that Maui has fires again near Ka'anapali with an order to evacuate. It is hard to appreciate the enormity of the loss on Maui. We are keeping them in our prayers and hoping that this latest fire is successfully stopped.

At the same time, however, we need to stay strong and prevent unregulated development grabs. Even before the August 8th fire on Maui, a true emergency, Governor Green signed an Emergency Housing Proclamation to address the statewide housing shortage. The housing shortage, however, is something that has been developing over the past 25 to 30 years. This is not an emergency. Rather, the State needs to address ongoing development that is permitted while watering down and inadequately enforcing workforce housing requirements. Developers are allowed to pay counties a fee that the developers and county staff agree on in lieu of building any workforce housing in Hawaii. The fee is way minimal and rarely comes even close to developing the 20% workforce housing required in most resort communities. The Emergency Housing Proclamation relieves developers of any workforce housing requirement. Luxury homes and investor properties bring more property tax to the counties and is more lucrative for the developer. Meanwhile, over the years no matter how many luxury homes are built, it has done nothing for Hawaii's workforce or our local Hawaiians. On July 17th, as explained below, the Governor signed an Emergency Housing Proclamation suspending State and County laws for 60 days that deal with the development or the infrastructure that supports housing. The Governor plans to address this issue Tuesday morning at a public hearing and the attached flyer gives information on where you can submit a comment because no public input will be allowed Tuesday. As explained below, when the Governor, the Executive branch, signs an Emergency Proclamation suspending State and County laws, that usurps and undermines the State and County Legislative branches. We are concerned that the result will be a developer/infrastructure grab for an opportunity to develop without any effective regulation. Please see [this flyer](#) for where you can comment - send testimony by 9:00 am Monday morning. [July 17, 2023 Housing Proclamation](#). Please take the time to let the Governor know that Emergency Proclamations should be saved for true emergencies.

Aloha,

On July 17, 2023, Governor Green supported the Housing Director on Oahu and signed an Emergency Proclamation (EP) relieving builders/developers/and all industries that support housing (power, waste water etc) from compliance with the Hawaii Environmental Protection Act and all State and County Ordinances that apply to housing construction or housing developments. The EP contends that they need to suspend all applicable rules and regulations for a 60 day interval to encourage housing construction by suspending environment statutes, ordinances and planning regulations with permit approval transferred from counties to a 22 person appointed Board.

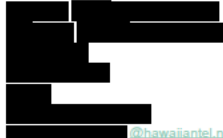
Under the EP, any applications filed to construct housing and/or any applications from infrastructure operators that support housing construction, that is received within the 60 day interval following the July 17, 2023 EP, will have the right to develop for an open ended duration as there is no cut off on time requirements for when the approved application needs to be completed.

Friends of Mahaulepu are gathering a group of representative plaintiffs to challenge the constitutionality of the Governor's July 17, 2023 EP. One of the biggest failings of the EP is that our statewide housing shortage is not due to an emergency. Rather, it has been 25-30 years in the making and throwing out all of the Laws of the State for 60 days is not going to correct the housing shortage. The EP that we feel must be challenged, has nothing to do with Maui. An EP for Maui is appropriate. Elsewhere, however, it is likely to give rise to development without any constraints. What happened on Maui is a true emergency and emergency proclamations are applicable when there is a true emergency.

Our roads and all of our other infrastructure need the protections afforded by State and County Regulations. While there is a genuine need for housing for Hawaiians and our workforce, it is not constitutional for the Governor and the Executive Branch to undercut the Legislative Branch by suspending State Statutes and Regulations related to the development of housing. Builders and industries that support construction would have an unlimited period of time to complete their building entitlement that if they obtained approval for the application they submitted in the 60 day EP interval. Let's let the Governor know that we support the construction of affordable housing for Hawaiians and our workforce, however, not at the expense of giving developers, builders and infrastructure operators a free hand to do whatever they intend, needing only to persuade a Governor selected 22 member Board.

Mahalo nui,

Bridget Hammerquist, President



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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BBBWG Redevelopment of Lāhainā
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 3:20:28 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a resident of Wailuku, Maui and am writing to you today in request of inviting Lāhainā community leaders (example- Archie Kalepa, Tiare Lawrence, etc) and cultural practitioners in your future meetings of the redevelopment of Lāhainā town. Working together, being transparent with your agenda, and including the voice of the community is pivotal in moving forward. Nothing can replace the old Lāhainā town, but working TOGETHER with the community can help lessen the heartache and frustration.

I have hope that events in the future will be done the PONO way.

Mahalo for your time,
Carly Ambrose

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTAMONY
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 7:07:49 PM

As a former resident of Hawaii, I support the following proclamations:

1. Affordable housing offered through the DHHL programs should go FIRST to Lahaina residents, second to current Maui residents and lastly to anyone else.
2. The minimum average median income to obtain affordable housing should be at 50% and nothing higher.
3. Ensure water management protection, IIFS to remain in place, along with all other environmental protections.
4. Ensure that Sunshine Law within the Emergency Proclamation be held if not at least considered.

Thank you for hearing my testament for the People of Hawai'i.
Heidi Edwards

From:

Subject:

Date:

[REDACTED]
[EXTERNAL] testimony for affordable housing in hawaiian homelands

Sunday, August 27, 2023 7:30:08 PM

i offer my conditional support for affordable housing with the following conditions.

1. give preference to lahaina residents on wait list and then maui residents
2. make it truly affordable at 50% median income
3. follow all water codes
4. amend proclamation to include sunshine laws

john carty

[REDACTED]

From:

Subject:

Date:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[EXTERNAL] Housing

Sunday, August 27, 2023 7:45:18 PM

Aloha, I am providing testimony of conditional support in reference to the devastating Maui fires and the situations that the kanaka maoli, local people and residents are being forced to deal with at this time while they are grieving and struggling with the loss of their family members, communities and the homeland that they cherish.

These are the points that I am addressing in my testimony:

- A. Preference of DHHL lands to Lahaina residents first, then people of Maui.
- B. Ensure housing is truly affordable, minimum 50% average median income otherwise there will be no way that our people will be able to afford housing and living in Lahaina and Kula again.
- C. Ensure that the water management areas environmental protections referred as IIFS remain in place during this time.
- D. Amend emergency proclamation to include the sunshine law,

In conclusion, this community has faced unfathomable loss, devastation and hardship that no one ever should. Caring for our communities and ensuring that everything be done in complete transparency and compassion is vital at this time. Every decision must be carefully made with the affected communities at the forefront. The voices of the kanaka maoli of those lands must be heard. Please dont put them in the position to have to confront the government. The communities must have a voice and I will stand in solidarity and support with the people of Maui.

Pua Case
Moku o Keawe

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for Housing
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 7:48:05 PM

I support the housing effort with the following conditions:

1. Ensure housing is truly affordable, that the minimum income should be 50% average median income.
2. Ensure water management areas and interim instream standards IIFS remain in place.
3. Amend emergency proclamation to include sunshine law

Mahalo piha,

Ana-Melissa Kawehionalani Kea-Scott



Subject:
Date:



[EXTERNAL] Testimony for Lahaina Housing
Sunday, August 27, 2023 7:57:02 PM

Aloha Housing Committee;

I humbly submit my support with the following conditions:

1. Requesting that DHHL give preference to the Lahaina people first, Maui next than other islands.
2. Requesting the committee ensures housing is truly affordable for the Lahaina and Maui people dropping the median income to 50%. Anything higher will make it unaffordable for them to purchase and stay in Lahaina.
3. Please ensure water management IIFS remains in place. Lahaina was a source of water that was cut off years ago, restore what is theirs.
4. We strongly urge that the Emergency Proclamation for affordable housing and all other matters include the Sunshine Law to ensure that the community is able to be a part of the decision making.

I am a former Maui Resident of 21 years and my Mom who lived in Puamana lost her car, home, Hale Pule Waiola Church and the community she called home for over 40+ years. We want to ensure the people affected can return to their town. Lahaina Strong! Maui Strong! Maui No Ka Oi!

May God provide favor in your decision making and may we all Malama Maui!

Mahalo,

Cory M. Nojima



From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional support
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 6:16:17 PM

Please choose your preference in housing with Lahina first Maui second and Hawai'i third.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional Support for Affordable Housing
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 8:50:06 PM

Aloha,

I support and understand the urgency that the Working Group has to increase housing access. However, more consideration should be given to rebuilding correctly and efficiently in a way that benefits the people and environment of Lahaina.

I offer my conditional support for affordable housing with the following conditions:

1. Lahaina residents on the waitlist for Hawaiian homes should be given first priority. Second would be other Maui residents on the waitlist, Third would be all other Maui Residents (if non-DHHL land).
2. Make it truly affordable to at least 50% median income. I would prefer it be set at whatever a full-time minimum wage income is.
3. Follow all environmental protections, especially water codes. I enthusiastically support any attempts to regrow native plants and rebuild in a way to closer represent the wetland that Lahaina is meant to be.
4. Amend the proclamation to reinstate all of the protections in the Sunshine Law and require the approval of Lahaina's representatives (elected and from the community) for any new projects.

This is a big and important job you have ahead of you. We are all are depending on you to think creatively, make the right decisions, and be transparent about the actions of this group. I offer a few ideas that I welcome you to explore:

- Seek to purchase/acquire current or former hotels, inns, and short-term vacation rentals that could be remodeled to exist as apartments or condos.
- Invest in the community. Hire locally owned businesses for construction projects, developing ecotourism, and managing visitor volunteers for cleanup projects.
- Design a clear evacuation route. Consider easy public transportation options for visitors (less cars and parking needed).
- Take the time to survey verified Lahaina residents about their wants/needs as we rebuild their community.

Mahalo for your kokua,
Stacey

Stacey Alapai
[REDACTED]

I apologize for any spelling or grammar errors. I wrote this quickly due to the short deadline for testimony.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony with Conditional Support
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 8:58:02 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

I am submitting testimony with conditional support with regards to items II and III on the Tuesday, August 29, 2023 Agenda. The four conditions are as follows:

ONE: For DHHL, please give preference to Lahaina residents first, then Maui residents.

TWO: Ensure housing is truly affordable, and make the minimum 50% average median income, not 140%.

THREE: Ensure water management area and interim entry flow standards remain in place.

FOUR: Amending the emergency proclamation to include The Sunshine Law for affordable housing and disaster recovery and rebuilding, to allow the community to have a voice before a project gets approved.

Hawai'i is only Hawai'i because of its people. Lāhainā holds the spirit of the rich culture, history and families that have lived there and contributed to the 'Āina for generations.

The working group has the immense power to steer the future of Maui and its people. While the lure of immediate monetary inflows from outside investors, corporations and hotels may seem appealing from a funds perspective, the working group also holds a deeper responsibility to the people of Hawai'i.

The spirit of the Hawaiian people makes Hawaii special as a community. That spirit can only truly thrive generation after generation and endure changing headwinds if the people and most vulnerable communities are provided with long-term resources they need to survive as individuals, families and communities.

The Hawaiian economy has been fueled by tourism and outside investment, but the people of Maui need your help. With your great power and responsibility, I hope you can all take the time to reflect on Queen Lili'uokalani's quote: "I could not turn back time for the political change, but there is still time to save our heritage. You must remember never cease to act because you fear you may fail."

We cannot turn back time. We cannot undo the massive tragedy that has scorched the land, displaced families, and taken the lives of those who should be with us today. While there may be economic fears in going down a path that prioritizes families over outside investors, I have faith that the working group with its expertise and knowledge will find a way to prioritize the people by incorporating the four conditions above. I hope your love for the Hawaiian people and understanding the inherent worth of the community gives each of you the strength to pave a future where Maui lands stay in Maui hands and integrate the aforementioned conditions.

Mahalo nui for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Christina

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for August 29th meeting
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 9:20:43 PM

Aloha,

To whom it may concern:

I would like it to be known that I am in support of affordable housing here on Maui and believe we need solutions. I also believe we need some solid conditions to the emergency proclamation (the first emergency proclamation that was ever made without an actual emergency?) like the following:

1. All affordable housing on Maui (DHHL included) needs to prioritize Lahaina and Maui residents.
2. Housing needs to actually be affordable at a 50% median income to ensure those in need are actually able to realistically get the loan they need and not default on their payments down the road
3. The IFFS urgently need to remain in place.
4. The sunshine law needs to be kept in effect and the community needs to be involved to prevent more disaster from happening. Greedy developers are not the best advocates for our island and our community.
5. Prioritize the environment, keep housing in residential zones. Just like affordable housing is an urgent need, so is agriculture and self sustainability of our islands as well as a healthy balance between development and nature to not create more terrible disasters like Lahaina in the near and far future.

Please think ahead, please be smart, please think with your hearts and make the right decisions for our islands and the people.

Please put people before profits.

Mahalo,

Kristin Solbach

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional Support for Affordable Housing in Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 9:20:49 PM

Aloha mai,

My name is Kamāhie Baricuatro, I am from Lahaina, I was raised there and have been there my whole life. I am currently displaced and staying with my fiancé's family on Moloka'i. The home I lost to the fire is the only home I've ever known. All I ask is that preference is given to Lahiana families who lost their homes in the fire, then to Maui families. Make the housing troy affordable at 50% median income and follow all water codes. I also demand that the proclamation be amended to include sunshine laws, and the development done in Lahaina must be voted on by the public.

My name is Kamahie Baricuatro, Lahaina, [REDACTED]



Date:

[Redacted]
Sunday, August 27, 2023 9:31:13 PM

Barriers Working Group, Tue August 29, 2023

Aloha Nani Medeiros,

I am writing in opposition to Governor Greens Emergency Proclamation. The housing issue is dire in Hawai'i and those with the most at stake are not being served by the Proclamation. This Build Beyond Barriers Working Group is a sham and a disgrace to the intelligence of our Islands. The false premise of "build beyond barriers" is in direct contradiction to protecting our lands from developments and contractors that will rape and pillage the land, that they are commandeering. The lack of transparency and support for the people is mind blowing. This meeting was put out to the public in a shady manner, and does not allow for a study of the properties that are being jammed down the throats of the people of Maui. Cease and desist the land grab.

With my deepest respect for the people of Hawai'i,

Susan RobertsEmery
Co-chair Green Party of Hawai'i

Sent from my iPad

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Emergency Proclamation
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 9:50:26 AM

This is terrible. This is a long standing problem due to corruption. We support the construction of affordable housing for Hawaiians and our workforce, however, not at the expense of giving developers, builders and infrastructure operators a free hand to do whatever they intend, needing only to persuade a Governor selected 22 member Board. It may be appropriate short term for Maui BUT this is not appropriate for Kauai!

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support For Fordable Housing in Hawaiian Homes
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 9:56:48 PM

To Whom it May Concern,

Affordable housing should be a human right. In light of this Lahaina residents should be a priority on the wait list. Followed by Maui residents. Minimum wage in Hawai'i is not enough to keep up with the current cost of living. In terms of price, the housing cost should be 50% of the median income.

All safety water codes and laws shall be upheld for the health and safety of the community. As well have the sunshine law set in place.

Quincee Tanaka
[REDACTED]
Kihei

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Deeply concerned about the Emergency Proclamation suspending State and County laws
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 4:25:49 PM
Importance: High

Aloha Governor,

When you, the Executive branch signs an Emergency Proclamation suspending State and County laws, that usurps and undermines the State and County Legislative branches.

I am one of many who are concerned that the result will be a developer/infrastructure grab for an opportunity to develop without any effective regulation.

Your proclamation of “no land grabs in Lahaina” needs to be proclaimed and enacted all over Hawaii starting now.

Please do the right thing.

Mary Lu Kelley

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CONCERNED TESTIMONY re: Build Beyond Barriers Working Group
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 10:04:07 PM

I am submitting testimony of **conditional support** for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) proposals for Maui.

The number one priority **MUST** be displaced Lahaina families. Any future plan must be led, in pacing and in substance, by those families and **MUST** restore the ecological wellbeing of West Maui to address the climate crisis and systemic corporate exploitation of the working class. Transparency **MUST** be upheld through sunshine laws so that no further marginalization or bypassing of Hawaiians and the larger Lahaina community can continue unchecked.

I stand with Nā 'Ohana o Lele, and I stand by their testimony.

Please do the right thing and put people/aina over profit!

Emily Kandagawa
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY: Conditional Support for Affordable Housing in Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 9:58:51 PM

Aloha!

First and foremost, I'd like to request that all future meetings regarding Maui, and specifically West Maui (Lahaina, 96761) that advanced proper notification be provided to us residents. The only reason I even know about this meeting is because of Social Media Platforms. That's inappropriate. If there's an official list to add my email to for professional notice, please add this email to that list. Mahalo!

The purpose of this email is to provide my CONDITIONAL support for affordable housing. Please note the following stipulations:

1. Provide preference to Lahaina Residents currently on the wait list. Then extend to all Maui Residents thereafter.
2. Make it truly affordable for our local residents at 50%.
3. Keep and follow current/existing water codes at this time. No changes.
4. Amend the Governor's Emergency Proclamation to include the Sunshine Law. This should be no problem since Governor Green and President Biden both said they will support the rebuild of Lahaina how the people of Lahaina want it rebuilt.
5. Give preference of all steps in the rebuild opportunities to Lahaina Businesses and their local employees first. Then extend to all Maui businesses/employees. Then extend to outer islands. Then, create and execute a task force dedicated to training Hawai'i Residents. Then and only then extend opportunity to anyone on the Continent.

Please seriously consider my conditions above as the voice of Lahaina. I cannot stress enough how important it is to include the Sunshine Law as part of the Proclamation because WE THE PEOPLE deserve to have this information + our voices heard. As elected offices, I would expect that to be a welcomed invitation.

Mahalo for taking the time to read my written testimony.

God Bless,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY: Conditional Support for Affordable Housing in Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 10:07:58 PM

Aloha!

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4. Amend the Governor's Emergency Proclamation to include the Sunshine Law. This should be no problem since Governor Green and President Biden both said they will support the rebuild of Lahaina how the people of Lahaina want it rebuilt.
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Mahalo for taking the time to read my written testimony.

God Bless,

Gale Pederson
[REDACTED]
Lahaina Resident

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony Conditional Support for Affordable Housing in Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 10:11:09 PM

Aloha,

I offer my conditional support for affordable housing with the following conditions

give preference to Lahaina residence first, then Maui residence

The medium income should be 50%

Follow the water codes.

Amend the proclamation to include the Sunshine Laws

Warm Regards,

Nicole Wood

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 10:02:45 PM

Aloha, My name is Chelsie DeMello . I would like to submit a testimony in regards to the Governor's Emergency Proclamation for Affordable Housing. I do support this Proclamation - HOWEVER, with the following amendments or stipulations. Please consider the following conditions:

- 1.) Please give preference to Lahaina residence FIRST, then Maui residence. Because of the wildfires on Maui, mainly Lahaina - there are thousands of families that are displaced. There is not enough housing for everyone that resides here on Maui with all of those homes that were lost in the Lahaina area.
- 2.) Please make these "Affordable" housing truly affordable! Buying a home is already challenging for working families. This will be more likely for all of the families that lost their home in Lahaina. Please consider the cost of these affordable homes to be at the most 50% average median income.
- 3.) Please ensure the water management in Lahaina. Please be sure to keep ALL environmental protections in place for water management for the sake of the health of groundwater and streams.
- 4.) And last but definitely not least, please include the Sunshine Law. The community's voice is crucial. Our community has voted for our elected officials trusting you folks to have the best interest of our people. PLEASE PLEASE include us when it comes to making important decisions that will mainly affect us!

Mahalo for taking the time to accept my testimony. Our community is relying on our government to make the right decisions especially during these difficult times.

Mahalo,
Chelsie DeMello
Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 10:25:50 PM

I support the emergency proclamation WITH conditions
Amend the proclamation to include sunshine law
Kimberly Fletcher

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Affordable Housing in Hawaiian Lands
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 10:29:37 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I have lived and owned a business in Lahaina for 21 years. I have been blessed to be a guest resident here. I have seen over the years, the gradual displacement of many local residents as a result of mass growth, disproportionately focused towards higher wealth demographic outsiders. I've also been concerned about water issue rights, from way back in the day when I volunteered with Save Honolulu Coalition to preserve Lipoa point.

I hereby offer my conditional support for affordable housing with the following conditions:

1. Give preference to Lahaina residents on wait lists and then to Maui residents.
2. Make it truly affordable at 50% median income.
3. Follow all water codes.
4. Amend the proclamation to include sunshine laws.

Very sincerely,

Melissa Bundek

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony- Agenda Item III
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 10:39:40 PM

Aloha,

In light of the recent tragedy in Lahaina I am writing to offer conditional support for the State's intent to, as stated, "develop the following for beneficiaries: 1) Honokowai Water System, including source and transmission to support housing in the Villages of Leiali'i and DHHL property in Honokowai; 2) Villages in Leiali'i; 3) Wailuku Single-Family Residential homestead; and 3) Waiehu Mauka Homestead in response to an increased need for housing on the island of Maui"

However, this support is contingent on the following actions by this body:

- 1) Give immediate preference to families displaced by the Lāhainā wildfires, followed by Maui residents more broadly, so that those directly impacted by the disaster benefit from this effort rather than off-island or out-of-state residents,
- 2) Ensure that an affordability standard of 50% AMI is set, rather than the existing 140%, so that these homes are actually and realistically affordable,
- 3) Adhere to existing water codes so that the mismanagement of precious water supplies which contributed to this crisis are not repeated,
- 4) Return the of water to Lahaina to recharge the natural water flows and safeguard the long-term health of the West Maui aquifers and stream systems upon which all life in West Maui depends.

I also urge the BBB Working Group to use its authority and influence to reinstate the water management area designation for Maui Komohana and the related interim inflow stream standards and reinstate Kaleo Manuel in his CWRM Deputy position to implement these matters and future water management issues across our pae 'āina.

We find ourselves at a critical juncture in history, one where it is incumbent upon you to act in good faith toward those who are now most vulnerable to exploitation and further displacement by already severe housing and water crises.

Mahalo,
Pua'ena Ahn,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for conditional DHHO support
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 10:48:45 PM

Hi Gov. housing
Conditions are as follows

1. Please give preference to Lahaina residents first then Maui people on the waiting list.
2. To ensure housing is truly affordable at 50% average medium income.
3. Insure current water management protection and IIIF remain in place.
4. Amend proclamation to include sunshine so the community can have a voice in these areas.

Thank you
Yuki Ushimaru

Aloha e Build Beyond Barriers Working Group & members of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands,

My name is Kamakanimaikalani Albano. I am a Kanaka Maoli resident from Kalihiliholaumiha, O‘ahu. I am writing to submit testimony regarding Item III.A. in *conditional support*.

I stand in strong support of Nā ‘Ohana o Lele and the testimony they submitted, outlining the importance of committing to providing preference to current Maui residents, that the housing developments proposed are truly affordable, using R-1 recycled wastewater, and returning water to Lāhainā. Please take the time to think and listen critically to their voices.

Now more than ever, it is critically important and obvious that the housing needs of displaced families in Maui are to be the top priority for the state. This means you must not only commit to prioritizing Lāhainā families, but also to committing that the decisions are led by the people of Maui, especially Kānaka Maoli. We must allow them to take the lead; not a top-down approach to so-called “affordable housing.” And the state must provide them with a pace that is appropriate for them.

There are many issues I have with the Governor’s Emergency Proclamation on “Affordable Housing,” including the suspension of key environmental protection and historic preservation laws & preventing collective bargaining for public sector employees.

Regarding this item, the suspension of the Sunshine Law outlined in the emergency proclamation serves to silence the voices of the people, especially those most impacted by housing issues, as it prevents them from participating in solutions that they have the right to be a part of. The fact that there were no materials made available to the public is deeply concerning. This promotes the harm of lack of government accountability and informed government decision making that the people deserve to be aware of and participate in. The Sunshine Law must be reinstated.

The DHHL must make “affordable housing” more accessible by lowering the affordable standard and returning water back to Lāhainā. The wildfires are linked to the impacts on lands and water resources, which stem from the violent systems made by settler businessmen directly tied to the illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom, so the DHHL has a responsibility to ensuring that water is returned and water resource management is accessible - this includes through actions such as reinstating Kaleo Manuel to his CWRM Deputy position.

I conditionally support this line item, so long as the people of Lāhainā and Maui are directly involved and leading in these decisions that impact their community. Community-driven, -led, and -approved plans must be prioritized in the EHP process. The Governor promised to follow the lead of the Lāhainā community, and you must ensure that the promise is kept and also follow through as such. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Ke aloha ‘āina,
Kamakanimaikalani Albano

From:

To:

[Gov.Housing](#)

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] testimony Build Beyond Barriers Working Group (BBBWG) agenda III

Date:

Sunday, August 27, 2023 11:12:25 PM

Aloha,

I stand with Nā ‘Ohana O Lele,

The housing needs of displaced families in Lahaina should be the top priority for all related state entities right now.

This priority must not only include, but be led by the Lahaina community - and at a pace they find appropriate.

The suspension of sunshine law serves to preclude those most impacted by housing issues from participating in solution building. At this time, this especially marginalizes the Lahaina community, which is flat wrong.

Reinstate sunshine law. I stand with Nā ‘Ohana o Lele. I stand by their testimony.

na‘u,

na Grace Bezilla

Keaukaha, Hilo, Hawai‘i

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF NĀ 'OHANA O LELE TESTIMONY
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 11:20:47 PM

O Maile Lavea-Malloe kou inoa. O Puualala, Pepekeo, Hamakua, Moku O Keawe noho mai au. My Ohana of 6 (Myself, J. Malloe Jr., Anela Lavea-Malloe, Laakea Lavea, Kaimana Lavea-Malloe, and Kilinoe Lavea-Malloe) stand in full support of the testimony provided by Na Ohana o Lele. We also deeply appreciate the efforts of our local leadership and community members working in tandem with the County, State, Federal, and NGO's to provide services and aide to our Maui families in their time of dire need. Our prayers continue to strengthen and surround these beautiful ohana and lost loved ones.

Me ke aloha wale,
Maile Lavea-Malloe

**Testimony presented to the Build Beyond Barriers Working
Group
Lead Housing Officer Nani Medeiros
August 29, 2023**

**Submitted by
Nā 'Ohana o Lele**

Aloha nō, members of the Build Beyond Barriers Working Group (BBB Working Group) and leaders of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony for Item III.A of your agenda regarding 1) the Honokōwai Water System, including source and transmission to support housing in the Villages of Leiali'i and the DHHL property in Honokōwai; 2) Villages of Leiali'i; 3) Wailuku Single-Family Residential homestead; and 4) Waiehu Mauka Homestead.

We are Nā 'Ohana o Lele, a coalition of community members who have been taking action to care for our beloved 'ohana, friends, and community in the wake of the Lahaina fires and who have for decades worked to support the needs of our Lahaina community.

We would first wish to note that there were no materials made available to the public for us to review regarding DHHL's proposed Maui projects. We continue to reaffirm our demand that the BBB Working Group reinstate Sunshine Law in its proceedings. Regardless, based on our current awareness of the DHHL projects, and what we believe are crucial requirements under any scenario, we offer the testimony below.

We submit this testimony of **conditional support** for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) proposals for Maui. We believe these proposals have the potential to benefit our community, but **only if the proposals focus on supporting Maui working ‘ohana on the DHHL waitlists and only if the proposals are implemented responsibly and sustainably**. Specifically, we urge the DHHL to:

- Ensure that **preference is given to current Maui residents**. The Lahaina fires have displaced many people, and we need to make sure that the new housing will release pressure on the island for affordable homes. Giving preference to current Maui residents will help to ensure that the housing developed will create that positive impact. If preference for Maui residents is not applied, the proposal could do the opposite by drawing new residents to Maui from other islands, placing greater strains on our resources.
- Ensure that the housing developed is **truly affordable**. The Emergency Housing Proclamation (EHP) sets a minimum affordability standard of 140% of the average median income (AMI). We believe that this standard is too high and that it will only benefit affluent families that can already afford homes. We urge the DHHL to set a lower affordability standard, such as **50% AMI**, so that the housing is truly accessible to working families.
- Ensure that the proposed Lahaina developments—to the highest degree possible— **will use R-1 recycled wastewater** that is oxidized, filtered and disinfected **for agriculture and other non-consumption purposes**.
- **Join us in seeking the return of water to Lahaina to recharge the natural water flows and safeguard the long-term health of the West Maui aquifers and stream systems** upon which all life in West Maui depends.

Beyond the above conditions, we urge the BBB Working Group to use its authority and influence to **reinstate the water management area designation for Maui Komohana** and the related **interim inflow stream standards** and **reinstate Kaleo Manuel in his CWRM Deputy position** to implement these matters and future water management issues across our pae ‘āina.

We are at a moment of huluhia in Hawai‘i, a crossroads and tipping point that will determine the very nature of Lahaina, Hawai‘i, and even how we here can influence changes needed worldwide.

We can either go about our normal paths and follow the old and worn ways that have led us to the situation we find ourselves in or we can boldly take new paths that create healthier and long lasting positive results for future generations.

Nā ‘Ohana o Lele seeks to lead this change in restoring and regrowing Lahaina in ways that

mālama 'āina and the families of this 'āina. We believe such approaches that place at the forefront the voices of those who know 'āina and communities as leaders and decision makers will create a stronger and brighter future for all of us.

We urge the DHHL to engage us in its plans for Lahaina and to engage the communities of Wailuku and Waiehu regarding the plans there so each community can be involved in detailing how the DHHL might meet the above outlined conditions.

We urge the BBB Working Group to **conditionally approve the DHHL's proposals contingent upon their fulfillment of the above community guidance.** We further implore the BBB Working Group and Governor Green's administration to ensure that **only community-driven and community-approved plans are forwarded and prioritized through the EHP process,** consistent with the **governor's promise to follow the lead of the Lahaina community.**



Subject:



[EXTERNAL] Build Beyond Barriers Working Group Meeting Testimony, Agenda items II and III

Date:

Sunday, August 27, 2023 11:28:49 PM

Attachments:

[Build Beyond Barriers Working Group Meeting Testimony, Agenda items II and III.pdf](#)

Build Beyond Barriers Working Group Meeting Testimony, Agenda items II and III

The emergency proclamation of July 17, 2023 that allows Governor Josh Green and his new group BBBWG to “rebuild Lahaina” is unconstitutional and a very dangerous precedent for the governor to exercise his powers beyond the scope of his authority.

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The suspension of chapter 343 HRS is a dangerous precedent allowing anything creating environmental and cultural impacts to evade public review. The elimination of due process is in violation of the 14th amendment of the US Constitution.

The suspension of land use commission section 205-3.1(a) and 205-4(a) introduces non-conforming uses to districts of land that will invite spot zoning which will cause further displacement of Hawaiians.

The suspension of laws to allow Josh Greene and BBBWG complete authority goes against Article 12 section 7 of the Hawai'i State Constitution provision that protects Native Hawaiian rights, resources, cultural traditions, and subsistence activities.

The governor exercising his executive authority goes too far and can never be constitutional. The legislative and executive branches cannot violate the Constitution.

Without any hearings or public review EIS law is negated and public trust and Native Hawaiian rights are violated. The Constitution is supposed to protect the public trust.

Suspending public agency meetings and records violates Chapter 92 under the Sunshine Law and violates the due process rights that are protected under the 5th amendment of the US Constitution

To suspend these laws gives the governor carte blanche akin to Marshall Law. This is not a dictatorship. We are supposed to be in a democracy with legally upheld checks and balances.

Lahaina has legitimate concerns for displacement and has asked us to be patient while they mourn and properly locate and bury their loved ones as is their Native right. It is not the onus of Governor Green and his newly created group to dictate how Lahaina and Native Hawaiians wish to move forward to address the ongoing issue of displacement. It is the development itself that is causing the mass exodus of Native Hawaiians. More development by government-created and outside investors will not fix issues of displacement nor environmental impacts causing mass deaths of our people. In light of the worst disaster in modern Hawaiian history just a few weeks after an unprecedented emergency proclamation giving ultimate authority to one branch of government without due process or checks and balances, any decision making concerning Governor Green's agenda should be suspended. Leaders in Lahaina have asked for a seat at the table, as have Hawaiian leaders since the illegal overthrow of our queen. We call for the dismantling of the Build Beyond Barriers Working Group and instead call for Josh Green and other government authorities to keep their promise and work with the community leaders of Lahaina to plan and build their own lands as they see fit.

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[EXTERNAL] testimony for agenda III of the Build Beyond barriers Working Group
Sunday, August 27, 2023 11:35:12 PM

Aloha, I want to testify that I disagree about suspending laws such as chapter 343 and chapter 6E relating to EIS and cultural and burial sites in order to expedite projects. I would like to urge that instead we expedite projects by incorporating long time native residents and cultural historical experts of Lahaina in the development processes. EIS do take a while but that's because they are done by outsiders and they interview the people who should be making the actual decisions at this difficult time. They can help expedite things! If laws could be revised to give the native peoples more power in Hawaii's future I think that would be best for all the people and families.

I also urge to consider an alternative to the development in Kea'au for fire victims that would keep them in Maui. There must be a way to keep the community together. There are many unoccupied homes in Maui owned by people who aren't here. I'm suggesting eminent domain or striking a deal - Any means necessary to keep the community together. The victims that lost everything deserve true justice and care, and displacement is the opposite of that and further fragmentation of people's lives and identities and communities that are so precious and important at this time.

Thank you for considering,
Charles Simeona

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony 8.28.23
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 11:43:33 PM

Aloha,

My testimony is In regards to Lahaina, Maui. Due to the major devastation that has happened to our hometown, I think ANY and ALL projects that are proposed to take place be discussed in an open environment where the COMMUNITY of Lahaina should partake. We should also have a say on what will and is proposed to happen in our hometown.

Please do not make decisions of OUR homelands without letting us be apart of it, especially if you are not from this Moku. We are the people, and we have a voice and we will not stop.

Mahalo,
Tiffany Teruya
Lahaina Resident

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Lahaina Wildfires
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 11:57:19 PM

I support with conditions:

1. Prioritize preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in DHHL, Department of Hawaiian Homelands.
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income 50% of average median income not 140%
3. Ensure our water management and the interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.

Sincerely, Cameron Golis-Bautista, Pearl City resident

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Lahaina TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 12:05:04 AM

Aloha kakou,

My name is Blythe and I'm a young adult living in the Kaka'ako area. **I support the emergency proclamation with conditions.**

- There must be a prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents.

- The residents of Lahaina, particularly the Native Hawaiian community leaders of Lahaina, must be included in the decision makings between the state and the developers.

Remember that the greater Hawai'i isn't in a housing shortage— we're in an *affordable* housing shortage. New housing in Lahaina must be accessible and actually affordable by making the minimum income requirement 50% AMI. Not 140%.

Mahalo for taking the time to read this testimony.

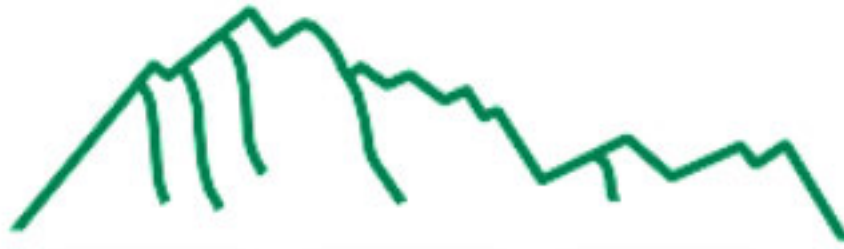
Aloha,
Blythe Yoshikane

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 12:47:59 AM

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Sincerely, Dorian Golis-Bautista Pearl City resident or registered Hawaii voter



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TESTIMONY

Build Beyond Barriers Working Group (BBBWG)
Tuesday August 29, 2023
9:30 AM - 11:30 A.M.
Physical Location: State Capitol Conference Room 329
415 South Beretania Street Honolulu HI 96813

From: Choon James [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Aloha!

I have several concerns and questions relating to this meeting's public information and participation.

1. <https://calendar.ehawaii.gov/calendar/attachment/111281639/2023-08-29%20Agenda%20-%20Final.pdf>

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NANI MEDEIROS
LEAD HOUSING OFFICER

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1. <https://www.facebook.com/GovernorHawaii>
2. <https://www.facebook.com/olelocommunity>
3. Cable television: OIelo, channel 49
4. In person at the physical location stated above

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Meeting materials are available at: <https://governor.hawaii.gov/chiefhousingofficer/emergency-proclamation-relating-to-housing/>

Testimony:

Interested persons can submit written testimony in advance of the meeting, which will be distributed to the working group members before the meeting. Written testimony should be submitted no later than 24 hours before the meeting to allow members to review it in advance. Late written testimony will be retained as part of the record and will be distributed to the working group members as soon as practicable, but we cannot ensure they will receive it in sufficient time to review it before the agenda item goes into decision making.

Oral testimony will not be accepted.

Submit written testimony:

Via U.S. Postal Mail: Nani Medeiros, Lead Housing Officer, 415 South Beretania Street, Room 415 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813; or

Via Email to: gov.housing@hawaii.gov. Include the word "testimony" in the subject line and reference the agenda item that your testimony relates to.

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2. Where would the minutes for this meeting as well as the written testimonies for these meetings be located so the public can have easy access to the proceedings?

3. I could not locate the Facebook proceeding of the first BBBWG. Perhaps I was not looking at the right site? <https://www.facebook.com/GovernorHawaii>

Any assistance to make these meetings as public friendly as possible will be appreciated. Mahalo!

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony >I support the emergency proclamation with conditions.
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Sign, Milton Akiona Sr.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] testimony - agenda item III. A
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 1:34:04 AM

Aloha, members of the Build Beyond Barriers Working Group (BBB Working Group) and leaders of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony for Item III.A of your agenda and the opportunity to express my support of **Na Ohana o Lele** and their call to **Let Lahaina lead**.

My name is Corey Asano, I am 47 years old, Oahu born and raised. currently reside in Kaneohe. I am employed as a Data/Community organizer for Unite Here Local 5 (Hawaii's Hotel, Food Service and Medical workers Union), and I am also a member and officer of the Ka Ahahui Hawaii Aloha Aina often commonly known as the Hui Aloha Aina or The Hawaiian Patriotic League, an organization founded in 1893, reconstituted in 1999 and again in 2016 which continues to organize and support Kanaka in struggle till today.

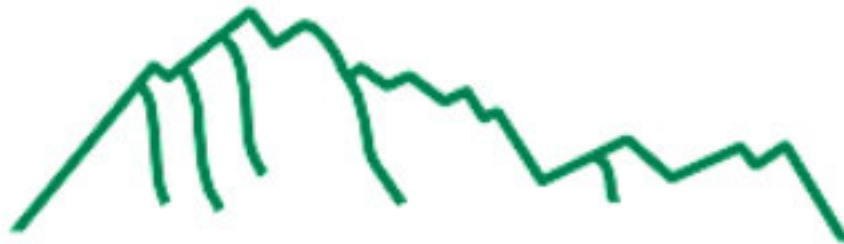
In the wake of the Lahaina fires community leaders such as those of **Na Ohana o Lele** have been taking action to provide aid, relief, support, and care for the community of Lahaina. Many of them have dedicated decades of their lives in support of Lahaina, with a commitment to the betterment of the greater collective. My experience working at Unite Here Local 5 had taught me that those closest to the problem often have the most insight resulting in the best solutions. In addition, my work with the Hawaiian Patriotic League has helped me to realize that everyone needs to have the chance to participate in their own liberation. In other words, having a **voice** and a **choice** is paramount in recognizing each other's humanity. People have been heavily impacted and have lost everything, let them decide how best to rebuild, heal, and support their community at a pace that they see fit.

In addition to my support of **Na Ohana o Lele** and their testimony, I also urge the BBB working group and DHHL that:

- Addressing the needs of displaced families in Lahaina should be a top priority for all related state entities right now.
- Reinstating the sunshine law must be done immediately.

There is an opportunity here to do things differently. It is time to **Let Lahaina Lead**.

In conclusion I Corey Asano submit this testimony in **strong support** of **Na Ohana o Lele** and the support of **Maui's working-class people**.



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From: Choon James [REDACTED]
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Aloha!

AGENDA

- I. Call to order

- II. **Lead Housing Officer's (LHO) opening remarks to the BBBWG, providing an updated perspective on the working group's role in the context of housing and the redevelopment of Lahaina.**

COMMENTS: The public remarks about moratorium and such made by the Governor relating to the Lahaina Fire Devastation have been very alarming and disconcerting. Whether those remarks were “fog of war” moments or trying to appease the social media or to calm rumours, we must have the calm hand and assurances from any Governor of a State that **PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS** under the Hawaii State Constitution and the US Constitution remains.

The county of Maui and the State of Hawaii must unequivocally respect and uphold the private property rights of the affected Lahaina residents, whether it be residential or commercial or so forth. **Private Property Rights** do not do up in smoke because of a fire.

It's no secret that Lahaina, like most of Hawaii, has been gentrified and has many out-of-state owners as well as local owners. Just because an improvement on a property has been burnt down does not mean that the property rights of the owner is also burnt down to nothing.

The governor has no right to impose on a private property owner who they can sell to or who they cannot sell to. The private property owner must have the Free Agency and civil right to make choices of their own. Big Brother or the strong arm of the government infringing on the rights of private property owners cannot be entertained or tolerated. Even the powers of "eminent domain" must only be sparingly implemented as the last resort for the public good.

The good people of Lahaina must have the rights and privileges to come together and decide what they wish for themselves and their community. The residents of Lahaina must have ample seats at the table should there be any other ideas or plans that are different than theirs. They must have the last say as they are the most affected parties.

Reference:

"[Hawaii](#) Governor Josh Green wants to ban out-of-state investors from buying cheap land and damaged property on the earth-scorched island of Maui. Mr Green ordered Attorney General of Hawaii Anne E Lopez to consider a moratorium on the sale of damaged properties after [wildfires](#) raged through the historic town of Lahaina.

The proposed moratorium would ban the sale of properties and land damaged in the wildfires in an effort to stop developers from cashing in on the catastrophe.

More than 2,200 buildings were destroyed by the blazes and a further 3,000 were damaged by smoke. Around 2,100 acres of land have been scorched."

<https://www.the-express.com/news/us-news/108889/hawaii-governor-ban-property-sales-wildfires>

NO COMMENTS because we could not open the link provided on the public announcement relating to meeting materials.

III. Project Proposals to the Lead Housing Officer

A. Department of Hawaiian Home Land's (DHHL) request for the LHO's determination to develop the following for beneficiaries: 1) Honokawai Water System, including source and transmission to support housing in the Villages of Leiali'i and DHHL property in Honakawai; 2) Villages in Leiali'i; 3) Wailuku Single-Family Residential homestead; and 3) Waiehu Mauka Homestead in response to an increased need for housing on the island of Maui due to the wildfires.

- 1. Summary of the proposal*
- 2. BBBWG member comments*

B. Hawaii Public Housing Authority's request for the LHO's determination to proceed in hiring qualified personnel for public housing construction, renovations in compliance with the National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate (NSPIRE) standards, vacancy management, accommodations for individuals with disabilities, housing vouchers, inspections, and staff recruitment.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] "Testimony in Regards to Maui Fires Project Proposals to the Lead Housing Officer"
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 2:14:35 AM

To: Lead Housing Officer

Re: Maui Fires Project Proposals

Aloha,

I am writing to provide my testimony on the Department of Hawaiian Home Land's (DHHL) and Hawaii Public Housing Authority's recent proposals concerning housing and infrastructure development in the wake of the Maui wildfires. I support the proposal with the following conditions:

1. Summary of the Proposal

DHHL's initiative seeks the LHO's approval to:

1. Develop the Honokawai Water System, ensuring water source and transmission to support housing projects in the Villages of Leiali'i and DHHL property in Honakawai.
2. Construct villages in Leiali'i.
3. Develop the Wailuku Single-Family Residential homestead.
4. Undertake the development of Waiehu Mauka Homestead.

These endeavors have been proposed in response to the pressing need for housing on the island of Maui, exacerbated by the recent wildfires.

Concurrently, the Hawaii Public Housing Authority is requesting the LHO's determination to:

1. Hire qualified personnel for various tasks, including public housing construction, renovations in line with the NSPIRE standards, vacancy management, accommodation provisions for disabled individuals, housing vouchers, inspections, and staff recruitment.

2. BBBWG Member Comments

Having thoroughly reviewed the proposals and after deliberation with my fellow BBBWG members, we find these initiatives commendable, particularly in the face of the housing crisis intensified by the wildfires. However, we believe certain conditions should be incorporated to ensure the well-being and rights of the existing Maui residents:

a) Preference Policy: For the proposed housing, especially that in West Maui, priority should be accorded first to the displaced residents or families of Lahaina. Once their needs are met, then to Maui residents or families residing on the island of Maui, followed by the broader Hawaii population.

b) Affordability: The housing must be genuinely affordable. Using Maui County's guidelines, the pricing should be pegged at 50% of the median income, guaranteeing that actual residents can comfortably afford these homes.

c) Environmental Protection: It is imperative to uphold and maintain the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IFS) for the district. The natural resources and ecosystems of Maui are invaluable, and every development project must respect and preserve them.

d) Transparency and Accountability: Amend the governor's proclamation to incorporate the sunshine law chapter 92 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes regarding Public Agency Meetings and Records. This ensures transparency and public participation in decisions that will reshape our island.

e) Employment Opportunities: Given the socio-economic impacts of the wildfires, preference regarding jobs, employment, and contracts should be given firstly to displaced residents of Lahaina, followed by Maui residents, and then the broader Hawaiian population.

Mahalo for your attention to these concerns. Together, we can rebuild Maui while ensuring it remains a haven for its residents.

Warm regards,
Germaine L. Balino



“Building with righteousness, measuring with holiness”

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Rushed meeting/Housing/Conditional support.
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 2:36:08 AM

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am writing, off island, to criticize the rushed nature of the meeting being held this morning at 9am regarding the affordability crisis on the islands, but also to state my conditional support for Governor Green's proposal. Something clearly must be done to end the unsustainable housing policies now operating. But it is critical that the following conditions also be met:

1. Lahaina residents should have priority on any wait list for the state/county, and then Maui county residents.
2. The housing must actually be affordable in point of fact, not in theoretical discussion. Fifty percent of median income seems fair.
3. The environment must be protected. This is why the fires occurred on Maui in the first place - the environment has not been respected. Follow the water codes. This is a minimum step.
4. Absolutely require that the state sunshine laws be adhered to. Amend the initial call or proclamation.

Sincerely,
Herman Prager III, Ph.D.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Herman Prager III, Ph.D.
Adjunct Professor of Government,
Austin Community College
Austin, Tx.
USA

"For the great enemy of the truth is very often not the lie - deliberate, contrived, and dishonest - but the myth - persistent, persuasive, and unrealistic. Too often we hold fast to the cliches of our forebears. We subject all facts to a prefabricated set of interpretations. We enjoy the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought ... Mythology distracts us everywhere ..." John F. Kennedy. Commencement Address at Yale, June 11, 1962.

"He ali'i ka 'aina, he kauwa ke kanaka." The Land is a chief, the person is the servant.

"The future is in the hands of God and better than that it could not be." Pier Giorgio Frassati.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 3:25:48 AM

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH the following conditions:

1. Prioritize preference to Lahaina residents; then Maui residents for housing in DHHL
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement 50.% of average median income and NOT 140%.
3. Ensure our water management and the interim Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. AMEND the proclamation to include SUNSHINE LAW.

Thank you,
Lory Medearis

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to Build Beyond Barriers Working Group August 29, 2023
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 3:59:20 AM

Aloha members of the Build Beyond Barriers Working Group (BBBWG) and leaders of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL),

As someone whose family has been directly impacted by the fires in Lahaina and as a member of Hui Aloha 'Āina, I appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in regards to item III.A 1) the Honokōwai Water System, including source and transmission to support housing in the Villages of Leialī'i and the DHHL property in Honokōwai; 2) Villages of Leialī'i; 3) Wailuku Single-Family Residential homestead; and 4) Waiehu Mauka Homestead.

The lack of transparency in this process raises many concerns. This process demands the reinstatement of the sunshine law, to prevent any further alienation of the Lahaina community. I am writing in support of Nā 'Ōhana o Lele's call to **let Lahaina lead**. Decisions should be made by the Lahaina community at a pace they deem appropriate, not at the rate that developers desire. Rushing to redevelop while the community remains in deep mourning demonstrates a deep lack of respect for those most impacted. Do not turn this moment into a land and water grab, but instead live up to the governor's declaration for providing true affordable housing. Lahaina will never be the same, but much can be restored by allowing the waters of Lahaina to return to its "natural water flows and safeguard the long-term health of the West Maui aquifers and stream systems upon which all life in West Maui depends."

We are at a tipping point, do not repeat the mistakes of the past by prioritizing unchecked and reckless development. This approach laid the foundations for these fires. Deregulation laid the foundations for these fires. This is an opportunity to be an example to the world by rebuilding in a way that demonstrates that Hawai'i takes the climate crisis seriously, cares for its communities and plans for future generations. Please be accountable to Maui and her people.

I stand with Nā 'Ōhana o Lele and I stand with their testimony.

Mahalo nui loa,

Joy Lehuanani Enomoto
Hui Aloha 'Āina o Honolulu

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony Conditionally support DHHL's and the state's emergency proclamation
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 4:03:44 AM

Aloha,

1. For DHHL, please give preference to Lahaina residents first, then Maui residents.
2. Ensure housing is affordable, consider 50% average median income.
3. Ensure the water management area and interim entry flow standards remain in place.
4. Consider amending the emergency proclamation to include The Sunshine Law for both affordable housing and the Lahaina fire disaster recovery and rebuild

Mahalo,

Jen J.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony presented to the Build Beyond Barriers Working Group Lead Housing Officer Nani Medeiros
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 5:17:02 AM

Aloha,

Please support the DHHL proposals for Maui in accordance with Nā ‘Ohana o Lele's conditions to ensure Lāhainā's future is sustainable, resilient, and community-led.

Sincerely,

Christina

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony re: Emergency Proclamation
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 5:21:29 AM

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH the following conditions:

1. Prioritize preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents for housing in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands).
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement 50% of average median income, and not 140%.
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place. Island of Maui
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.

Thank you for your time and consideration

Aylinn Inmon

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 12:01:21 AM

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH conditions:

1. Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in DHHL (Department of Hawaii Home Lands).
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement: 50% of average median income, and not 140%.
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend to Proclamation to include Sunshine Law.
5. Ensure the residents of Lāhainā are the ones making the decisions about the development, and NOT Nani Medeiros who was NOT ELECTED.

Thank you

Lilliam Gonzalez

On Mon, Aug 28, 2023, 5:51 AM Lilliam Gonzalez <[REDACTED]> wrote:

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH conditions:

1. Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in DHHL (Department of Hawaii Home Lands).
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement: 50% of average median income, and not 140%.
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend to Proclamation to include Sunshine Law.

Thank you

Lilliam Gonzalez

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 5:51:17 AM

On Mon, Aug 28, 2023 at 8:48 AM Kamaili Robles <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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From: Kamaili Robles <[REDACTED]>
Date: Mon, Aug 28, 2023 at 8:47 AM
Subject: Testimony
To: <gov.housing@hawaii.gov>

- 1) prioritized preference to Lahaina residents then maui residents in DHHL
- 2) Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum requirement 50% of average medium income not 140%.
- 3) Ensure out of water management and interim instream flow standards remain in place
- 4) Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine law

Thankyou, Mario Phillip robles

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional support for affordable housing in Hawaii homelands
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 5:54:03 AM

I'd very much like to offer my support to an affordable housing initiative that takes care of our long time residents. Please give preference to our highly valued but dwindling Hawaiian population. Especially those who have lost homes on that terrible day. Please provide for the families who have been here for generations FIRST. You must make this housing beautiful structurally sound to give our beloved Kanaka dignity. They are the ones who teach the us Aloha and stewardship. This is the reason we have tourism in the first place and the reason we could preserve and maintain this paradise for generations to come.

Next we need extra consideration for single mother's, we need to invest in our future by eliminating a portion of their struggle.

Housing must be truly affordable, at least 50% of the median income.

Please work to ensure there is full disclosure for the public. We don't need uncertainty to create fuel for conspiracies. In this day and age nothing should be hidden. Amend the proclamation to include sunshine laws.

Please consult to ensure that water laws are followed and proper infrastructure secured.

Finally, I would ask that green spaces and gathering spaces be included in any new development.

Mahalo for your swift planning and Aloha for the future.

Jacoba Samari

[REDACTED]
Lahaina HI

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony: Agenda item III. 8/29 BBB meeting.
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 6:07:08 AM

Aloha,

As the BBB begins its work, I'd like to offer the following testimony. The housing needs of displaced families in Lahaina should be the top priority for all related state entities right now. But addressing these needs must not only include, but be led by the Lahaina community - and at a pace they find appropriate. What is the BBB doing to facilitate meaningful engagement with Lahaina community leaders about housing?

Suspending sunshine law keeps those most impacted by the housing crisis at a distance. It serves to preclude those most impacted by housing issues from participating in solution building. At this time, this especially marginalizes the Lahaina community, which is flat wrong. I urge the Governor to reinstate sunshine law for all matters pertaining to the BBB.

It's important to share that there is substantial community support behind the community of Lahaina. I stand with Nā 'Ohana o Lele and I stand by their testimony for the 8/29 BBB meeting.

Mahalo,
Ilima Long

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Na ohana o lele
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 6:13:33 AM

Aloha, I'm Kelley Porter, writing in testimony on item III.A.

I stand by Nā 'Ohana o Lele and their testimony.

It is of the greatest importance that the planning of Lahaina's future be led by the Lahaina community.

The housing needs of displaced families in Lahaina should be the top priority for all related state entities right now.

This priority must not only include, but be led by the Lahaina community - and at a pace they find appropriate.

The suspension of sunshine law serves to preclude those most impacted by housing issues from participating in solution building. At this time, this especially marginalizes the Lahaina community, which is flat wrong. Reinstate sunshine law.

We stand with Nā 'Ohana o Lele.

We stand by their testimony.

Mahalo,

Kelley Porter

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Build Beyond Barriers- Testimony is Support if Nā 'Ohana Leo
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 6:20:23 AM

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in support of Nā 'Ohana Lele's testimony submitted to the Build Beyond Barriers working group regarding the future of Lahaina.

It is crucial that the Lahaina community decide what will come next for them after such a devastating tragedy. It is essential that the State's governing bodies head the community's call to make housing displaced families the top priority and that the pace of decision making regarding these issues be one that is respectful of how much loss has been suffered and how many years of mismanagement has occurred.

The state must not further marginalize the community from participating and leading by suspending things like sunshine laws or having meetings like this one which exclude community voices. These tactics create further distrust and divide the collective- like the state's unilateral decision to remove an important voice for all especially Native Hawaiians from the Water Commission- Kaleo Manual.

I stand with Nā 'Ohana Lele. Doing right by them is doing right by us all!

Kū'e Lahaina!

Noel Shaw
Community Organizer, 4th Generation Hawaiian Homesteader and Mother
of 3

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony agenda item III-A
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 6:25:24 AM

Aloha mai e BBBWG,

The Lahaina/Kaua‘ula Valley residents recently held an impassioned media conference to implore officials to give them input in the plan/design of the West Maui rebuild.

In outrigger paddling, world-class competitors say, “Go slow to go fast.” Likewise, one should do the plan/design w/intention, deliberation and community involvement to accomplish the rebuild most effectively and efficiently.

This is an opportunity for the County of Maui to START planning, creatively designing and overhauling an islandwide water-transmission system to replace 19th-century-plantation water infrastructure that is handcuffing Maui, where water is foundational to all homebuilding.

Lastly, on behalf of two Hawaiian homelands entities that I lead — the 18-entity Maui/Lanai‘i Mokupuni Council, and Pa‘upena Community Development Inc., I urge BBBWG to make a presentation to the Hawaiian Homes Commission and to engage and involve Maui homelands beneficiaries in the all plan/design of a projected 2,251 Maui homestead homes, including at:

- . Pu‘unani — 161 units*
- . Honokowai — 1,100*
- . Leali‘i 1-B — 250*
- . Waiohuli undivided — 144*
- . Everett Dowling — 207- and 389-unit subdivisions.

These totals on two islands would accommodate nearly 8 percent of the beneficiary waitlist.

Mahalo to Gov. Green and the BBBWG for your work to address the wildfires fallout,
-Kekoa Enomoto

. *Act 279 \$600 million.

Kekoa Enomoto
Chairwoman of the board,
Pa‘upena Community Development Inc.
(808) 276-2713

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimonial
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 6:32:47 AM

For Maui I stand for the rights of the indigenous people of Hawaii.

1. Priority should be given to Lahaina residents and then Maui residents in DHHL.
2. The housing must be truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement 50% of the average median income.
3. The sacred lands must be protected.
4. The people should be able to speak at meetings - Sunshine Law.
5. The full time residents must be protected.
6. The people of Maui, particularly now in Lahaina, must be shielded from any attempt at land grabbing.

Please give the land back to the native Hawaiians. Protect their land, their home, and them.

Thank you,

Marilee Bridges Hazen

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for Support for affordable housing initiative(resent to clarify testimony)
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 6:40:00 AM

In reference to agenda item III. A and C

I'd very much like to offer my testimony of support to an affordable housing initiative that takes care of our long time residents. Please give preference to our highly valued but dwindling Hawaiian population. Especially those who have lost homes on that terrible day. Please provide for the families who have been here for generations FIRST. You must make this housing beautiful structurally sound to give our beloved Kanaka dignity. They are the ones who teach the us Aloha and stewardship. This is the reason we have tourism in the first place and the reason we could preserve and maintain this paradise for generations to come.

I am greatly disappointed and concerned that suggestions for housing for displaced residents are being suggested for outside of Lahaina and even Maui. Please consider fast tracking local developments such as Pulelehua in Kahana. They have lost their homes please don't take away their island as well.

Please also give extra consideration for single mother's, we need to invest in our future by eliminating a portion of their struggle.

Housing must be truly affordable, at least 50% of the median income. Please work to ensure there is full disclosure for the public. We don't need uncertainty to create fuel for conspiracies. In this day and age nothing should be hidden. Amend the proclamation to include sunshine laws.

Please consult to ensure that water laws are followed and proper infrastructure secured.

Finally, I would ask that green spaces and gathering spaces be included in any new development.

Mahalo for your swift planning and Aloha for the future.

Jacoba Samari

[REDACTED]
Lahaina HI

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY: Agenda Items - BBBWG Role in Rebuilding Lahaina and DHHL Plan for Honokawai
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 6:40:34 AM

Aloha,

With the recent tragedies that took place in Lahaina and Kula I humbly ask that the BBBWG allow time for the residents of Maui (especially West Maui) to mourn. The people are still hurting as identifications of those who passed are continuing to be announced on a daily basis. Our community is in pain, sadness, and depression will soon set in if it hasn't already happened.

In addition we ask for members of the board, especially Chief Housing Officer Nani Mederios to visit Lahaina (if she hasn't already) and speak directly to community leaders and understand their perspective and concerns. In this digital age of social media there are multiple narratives going around that are looking to disrupt the process and break any trust between community and government, let's be proactive and address the communities in a compassionate manner and hear (not just listen) to their concerns.

Lastly we ask that any future agenda items specific to Lahaina or that will directly or indirectly impact the Lahaina community be open to have at least one appointed representative from the Lahaina community to attend and listen in.

The purpose of this email is to provide our rejection to any development plans for Lahaina or plans that will directly or indirectly impact lands within Lahaina discussed during the August, 29th, 2023 BBBWG meeting until further community outreach has been completed.

Mahalo,
The Butteling Ohana (represented by Bryan Butteling)
[REDACTED]
Lahaina, Maui

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Written Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 6:52:41 AM

Attn:
Nani Medeiros & BBBWG
Planning Meeting scheduled for Tuesday Aug 29th, 2023
State capital, Honolulu HI

Ryan Jackson
[REDACTED]

I am submitting a testimony of conditional support of certain projects listed on your agenda, on behalf of close family friends who are from & reside in Lāhainā as well as West Maui who have been drastically impacted by the deadly disaster that occurred on Aug 8th 2023.

The conditions are as follows:

1. For DHHL, preference to Lahaina residents first, then Maui residents should be given.
2. Ensure housing is affordable, consider a exemption of 50% minimum for average median income to the housing program for members of the Lahaina community that lost property to the fire.
3. Ensure the designation of water management area for west Maui and interim entry flow standards remain in place. And not be superseded by the governor executive proclamations. See to it that corporate & foreign influence do not bypass the recently established protections for water use for the future generations.
4. Consider amending the emergency proclamation to include The Sunshine Law for both affordable housing and the Lahaina fire disaster recovery and rebuild without fast tracking the process to avoid environmental consequences & the consent of the people(s).

I'd also like to state a few additional points of order for the record:

I) The emergency proclamation of July 17, 2023 made by Governor Josh Green and his appointment of the BBBWG to "rebuild Lahaina" is unconstitutional and a very dangerous precedent for the governor to exercise his powers beyond the scope of his authority.

II) The suspension of chapter 6E HRS will leave way for cultural and historic sites to be destroyed and would evade review from The State Historic Preservation Division. These laws also include the protection of Native Hawaiian burials and treatment plans and buffers.

III) The suspension of chapter 343 HRS is a dangerous precedent allowing anything creating environmental and cultural impacts to evade public review. The elimination of due process is in violation of the 14th amendment of the US Constitution.

IV) The suspension of land use commission section 205-3.1 (a) and 205-4(a) introduces non-

conforming uses to districts of land that will invite spot zoning which will cause further displacement of Hawaiians.

V) The suspension of laws by Josh Greene and illicit BBBWG false-authority goes against Article 12 section 7 of the Hawaii State Constitution provision that protects Native Hawaiian rights, resources, cultural traditions, and subsistence activities. The legislative and executive branches cannot violate the Constitution.

VI) Without any hearings or public review EIS law is negated and public trust and Native Hawaiian rights are violated. The Constitution is supposed to protect the public trust of the people. Suspending public agency meetings and records violates Chapter 92 under the Sunshine Law and violates the due process rights that are protected under the 5th amendment of the US Constitution

Despite the illegal occupation of the Hawaiian kingdom; as citizens of a constitutional republic with legally upheld checks and balances you need to act in good faith for your constituents. Lahaina has legitimate concerns for displacement and has asked of state officials & authorities to be patient while they mourn and properly locate and bury their loved ones as is their Native right. It is not Governor Green and the State of Hawai'i purview to dictate how Lahaina and Native Hawaiians wish to move forward to address the ongoing issue of displacement. In light of the deadliest disaster in modern Hawaiian history 1000s of children perished presumed missing. Only few weeks after an unprecedented emergency proclamation giving ultimate authority to one branch of government without due process or checks and balances. Any decision making concerning Governor Green's agenda must be suspended. Any member of Build Beyond Barriers Working Group participating with other government authorities must be liable to the unlawful decisions made state officials.

Respectfully,

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony- Build Beyond Barriers Working Group (BBBWG)
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 6:54:35 AM

Agenda Items II and III

- The emergency proclamation of July 17th, 2023 that allows Governor Josh Green and his new group BBBWG to "rebuild" Lahaina is unconstitutional and a very dangerous precedent for the governor to exercise his powers beyond the scope of his authority.
- The suspension of chapter 6E HRS will leave way for cultural and historic sites to be destroyed and would evade review from The State Historic Preservation. These also include the protection of Native Hawaiian burials and treatment plans and buffers.
- The suspension of land use commission section 205-3 1(a) and 205-4(a) introduces non-conforming uses to districts of land that will invite spot zoning which will cause further displacement of Hawaiians.
- The suspension of laws to allow Josh Greene and BBBWG complete authority goes against Article 12 sections 7 of the Hawai'i State Constitution provision that protects Native Hawaiian rights, resources, cultural traditions, and subsistence activities.
- Suspending public agency meetings and records violate Chapter 92 under the Sunshine Law and violates the due process rights that are protected under the 5th amendment of the US constitution.
- Lahaina has legitimate concerns for displacement and has asked us to be patient while they mourn and properly locate and bury their loved ones as is their Native right. It is not the onus of Governor Green and his newly created group to dictate how Lahaina and Native Hawaiians wish to move forward to address the ongoing issue of displacement. It is the development itself that is causing the mass exodus of Native Hawaiians. More development by government-created and outside investors will not fix issues of displacement nor environmental impacts causing mass deaths of our people. In light of the worst disaster in modern Hawaiian history just a few weeks after an unprecedented emergency proclamation giving ultimate authority to one branch of government without due process or checks and balances, any decision making concerning Governor Green's agenda should be suspended. Leaders in Lahaina have asked for a seat at the table, as have Hawaiian leaders since the illegal overthrow of our queen. We call for the dismantling of the Build Beyond Barriers Working Group and instead call for Josh Green and other government authorities to keep their promise and work with the community leaders of Lahaina to plan and build their own lands as they see fit.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Lahaina BBB Working Group // Testimony in support of Nā 'Ohana o Lele
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 6:55:57 AM

Aloha Build Beyond Barriers Working Group:

Out of the devastating fire comes a tremendous opportunity to reshape how Lahaina gets rebuilt.

Who will rebuild it?

Who will it be rebuilt for?

Which values will govern the rebuilding?

Which values will a rebuilt Lahaina reflect?

Josh Green has already gone from saying the Lahaina community should be behind the rebuild, to now saying Maui should be behind the rebuild, and as someone who knows how to read between the lines, and how to read what is NOT being said, I have deep concerns that the community that matters the most, which Green never mentions by name, will be left behind and left out.

So I write to say that I fully stand behind Nā 'Ohana o Lele (the coalition that spoke at the 8/18 press conference) and their call to **let Lahaina lead, and to reinstate Kaleo Manuel.**

I will keep this brief, however will note that the world is watching.

Will you honor the people of this land and those who have been here for generations? Will you hear them? Will you see them?

Or will you pander to foreign interests in the name of profit?

How will history look at your actions?

Sincerely,

Lelaine

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony - Affordable Housing Lahaina
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:02:13 AM

I support the intent but with reservations. There are four areas that need to be updated in light of the tragedy:

The housing should be truly affordable. Most displaced residents cannot afford the buy under the current median income level of 140%. To ensure Lahaina residents can afford to move back - which you promised you would facilitate- that number is best set at 50 and first preference should be given to Lahaina residents. Maui residents would come second, then neighbor island. This is important to keep your promise.

The IIFS should remain in place.

Amend the EP to include the Sunshine Law to ensure open communication about the future and include Lahaina/ Maui residents in your proceedings.

Thank you,
Michelle Cabalse

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony...
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:04:20 AM

I, Patrick Downes, support with conditions:

1. DHHL PRIORITIZATION GIVEN TO VICTIMS-

Preference to displaced Lahaina and Kula residents first. Then all other Maui families. This will keep Lahaina community as close to their burned-down homes in Lahaina, while their properties are made safe for rebuilding

2. MAKE AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ACTUALLY AFFORDABLE -

Ensure housing is truly affordable. Lower the minimum to 50k average median income (from current 140k average). The government knows the people of Lahaina are working class. Please ask yourself where are they working... in the hotels/restaurants/stores. And they have a right as taxpayers to be able to "afford" their "affordable housing" options.

3. FOLLOW ALL WATER CODES-

Ensure our water management and interim entry flow standards (IIFS) remain in place and are protected. This is directly to help prevent further wildfire disasters and secure the safety of the community.

4. AMEND THE PROCLAMATIONS* TO INCLUDE SUNSHINE LAW -

*both affordable housing emergency proclamation AND the emergency proclamation for the fires

This is so the local community and knowledgeable Hawaiian leaders can testify. It is our right as tax payers. Suspending this law frankly promotes distrust in the government. Which I believe it's in the best interest of the state's efforts to hold the community's trust as a TOP PRIORITY while we rebuild together. The community IS Hawaii's greatest most precious resource. We are the people that make the tourism possible AKA bring in the revenue. We cater to the visitors. We work in the stores and restaurants. We show them the aloha that makes Maui a world class destination. We must be legally protected to have a say in what the county/state are doing - VIA the Sunshine Law. Please add it back on the emergency proclamations. This is the most critical piece to Maui's recovery!!

Mahalo for your time and accepting my testimony.

With Aloha
Patrick Downes
[REDACTED]
Haiku Hawaii

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:04:26 AM

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From: **Hannah Collins-Doijode** <[REDACTED]>
Date: Mon, Aug 28, 2023 at 7:03 AM
Subject: TESTIMONY
To: <gov.housing@hawaii.com>

I support the emergency proclamation WITH conditions:

1. Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands).
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement: 50% of average median income, not 140%.
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include the Sunshine Law.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Hannah Collins-Doijode

Aloha mai kākou,

My name is Kama Moiha. As a Native Hawaiian with deep roots on Maui, my family has been a part of this 'āina for generations. As a cultural practitioner, my understanding and respect for our traditions, our history, and our people is both personal and profound. My testimony today stems not only from the love I have for my community but also from the responsibility I feel towards ensuring its well-being.

I wish to address the emergency proclamation on "affordable housing" and the formation of the BBB Working Group. I support Nā 'Ōhana o Lele, the coalition that spoke up for our community at the 8/18 press conference. Their call to "let Lahaina lead" resonates deeply with me and many others.

The fires that have recently swept through Lahaina have displaced countless families, and their urgent housing needs should be the top priority for all state entities involved. These aren't just numbers on a spreadsheet; they are our friends, our families, our neighbors. We are a resilient community, but resilience does not negate the need for appropriate action and support.

We strongly urge that the approach taken to address this housing crisis is not just inclusive of, but led by the Lahaina community. The voice of the Lahaina community should guide the speed, direction, and method of solutions, rather than being sidelined in the decision-making processes. The guidance of the community ensures that solutions are both culturally sensitive and directly address the specific needs and challenges of Lahaina.

Furthermore, I'd like to express deep concern over the suspension of sunshine laws Governor Green. The very essence of these laws was to provide transparency and facilitate participation. By suspending them, we risk excluding those most impacted by housing issues, and currently, this means the Lahaina community is marginalized. It's not right. We must reinstate the sunshine law to provide an avenue for everyone, especially the most affected, to be involved in the construction of solutions.

In conclusion, I humbly request that this working group and all related entities recognize the vital importance of involving Lahaina in all decisions regarding our housing crisis. Let Lahaina lead; it's our right, our duty, and the best path forward.

Mahalo nui loa for your time and consideration.

Me ke aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Kama Moiha". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

J. Kama Moiha

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY: Conditional Support for Affordable Housing in Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:06:05 AM

Aloha!

First and foremost, I like to thank our Heavenly Father for guiding and supporting us through these rough times and to continue being with us especially our leaders to make the right decisions for us. I'd like to request that all future meetings regarding Maui, and specifically West Maui (Lahaina, 96761) that advanced proper notification be provided to us residents. The only reason I even know about this meeting is because my friend saw something about it on a Social Media Platform. That's not official notice to the public. If there's an official list to add my email to for legitimate notice, please add this email to that list. Mahalo! The purpose of this email is to provide my **CONDITIONAL** support for affordable housing. Please note the following stipulations: 1. Provide preference to Lahaina Residents currently on the wait list. Then extend to all Maui Residents thereafter. 2. Make it truly affordable for our local residents at 50%. 3. Keep and follow current/existing water codes at this time. No changes. 4. Amend the Governor's Emergency Proclamation to include the Sunshine Law. This should be no problem since Governor Green and President Biden both said they will support the rebuild of Lahaina how the people of Lahaina want it rebuilt. 5. Give preference of all steps in the rebuild opportunities to Lahaina Businesses and their local employees first. Then extend to all Maui businesses/employees. Then extend to outer islands. Then, create and execute a task force dedicated to training Hawai'i Residents. Then and only then extend opportunity to anyone on the Continent. Please seriously consider my conditions above as the voice of Lahaina. I cannot stress enough how important it is to include the Sunshine Law as part of the Proclamation because **WE THE PEOPLE** deserve to have this information + our voices heard. As elected offices, I would expect that to be a welcomed invitation. Mahalo for taking the time to read my written testimony.

God Bless,

Felili Mendoza

[REDACTED]
Lahaina Resident

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:11:12 AM

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH the following conditions:

1. Prioritize presence to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents for housing in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands).
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirements 50% of average median income, and NOT 140%.
3. Ensure water management and the interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.

Thank you,
Rachel Gamez

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:15:39 AM

I support the emergency PROCLAMATION with the following conditions only.

1 Prioritize preference to Lahaina residents for housing in DHHL.

2 Ensuring housing is truly affordable by making the minimum requirement 50% of the average median income. Not 140%.

3 ensure our water management and the interim I stream flow standards remain in place

4 include sunshine law, and let the Lahaina community have a say in all that happens in THEIR community.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony: Conditional Support For Affordable Housing
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:18:24 AM

Aloha!

First and foremost, I'd like to request that all future meetings regarding Maui, and specifically West Maui (Lahaina, 96761) that advanced proper notification be provided to us residents. The only reason I even know about this meeting is because of Social Media Platforms. That's inappropriate. If there's an official list to add my email to for professional notice, please add this email to that list. Mahalo!

The purpose of this email is to provide my CONDITIONAL support for affordable housing. Please note the following stipulations:

1. Provide preference to Lahaina Residents currently on the wait list. Then extend to all Maui Residents thereafter.
2. Make it truly affordable for our local residents at 50%.
3. Keep and follow current/existing water codes at this time. No changes.
4. Amend the Governor's Emergency Proclamation to include the Sunshine Law. This should be no problem since Governor Green and President Biden both said they will support the rebuild of Lahaina how the people of Lahaina want it rebuilt.
5. Give preference of all steps in the rebuild opportunities to Lahaina Businesses and their local employees first. Then extend to all Maui businesses/employees. Then extend to outer islands. Then, create and execute a task force dedicated to training Hawai'i Residents. Then and only then extend opportunity to anyone on the Continent.

Please seriously consider my conditions above as the voice of Lahaina. I cannot stress enough how important it is to include the Sunshine Law as part of the Proclamation because WE THE PEOPLE deserve to have this information + our voices heard. As elected offices, I would expect that to be a welcomed invitation.

Mahalo for taking the time to read my written testimony.

Stephanie Espiritu



Lahaina Resident
Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional Support for Affordable Housing in Hawaiian Homelands.
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:33:50 AM

Aloha

I wish to offer my conditional support for affordable housing with the following conditions:

1. Preference is going to Lahaina residents on wait list and then Maui residents.
2. It needs to be truly affordable at 50% median income.
3. Follow all water codes.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Laws.

Mahalo.
Michelle Crompton
Haiku, Maui, Hawaii.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony - Agenda III
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:35:30 AM

Aloha Nani Medeiros and Build Beyond Barriers Working Group,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. In light of the recent wildfire devastation on Maui, trust and transparency are crucial in the response, relief, and long-term recovery. All decision-making processes must center on the community most impacted and protect land, waters, and the overall environment.

That is why I support affordable housing with the following conditions:

- For DHHL, preference for housing in Lāhainā is given first and foremost to the local Lāhainā residents, and secondly to Maui residents. Give preference to lineal descendants of the proposed project area who can trace their genealogy to that place and then Maui residents. This request is for all Maui projects.
- Ensure housing is truly affordable for local Lāhainā residents meaning, the average median income is considered at 50%. Not 140% to ensure equitable access to housing for historically divested communities.
- Ensure that the Lāhainā water management area and interim instream flow standards are protected and remain in place. This means the environmental protections for Lāhainā and the health of aquifers, groundwater, and streams remain fully and completely protected during the duration of any project and rebuild.
- Amend the Emergency Proclamation for affordable housing and any subject matter concerning the fire and rebuilding Lāhainā to include the Sunshine Law, which ensures that local Lāhainā and Maui community members have a voice in the rebuild, and are able to testify. No project should be passed in Lahaina without the local Hawaiian and Lāhainā community members' voices and input.

Sincerely,
Ashley Galacgac

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony Place
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:35:40 AM

To who it may concern, These are my conditions for the affordable housing project in Lahaina. I only support this project under the following four conditions: 1. Preference for housing in Lahaina is given first and foremost to the local Lahaina residence, and secondly to Maui residence. 2. The Housing is ensured to be truly affordable for local Lahaina residence meaning, the average median income is considered at 50%. Not 140%. 3. You ensure that the Lahaina water management and IIFS is protected and remains in place. Meaning the environmental protections for Lahaina and health of aquifers, ground water and streams remains fully and completely protected during the duration of any project and rebuild. 4. The emergency proclamation for affordable housing and any subject matter concerning the fire and rebuilding Lahaina, is amended to include the "Sunshine Law", which ensures that local Lahaina and Maui community members have a voice in any rebuild, and are able to testify if needed. No project should be passed in Lahaina without the local Hawaiian and Lahaina community member voices and input. Thank you,

Carolina Grace

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With Love,

Carolina Grace Lorenzo, MA, MeD, RYT

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Lahaina
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:36:49 AM

Aloha!

First and foremost, I'd like to request that all future meetings regarding Maui, and specifically West Maui (Lahaina, 96761) that advanced proper notification be provided to us residents. The only reason I even know about this meeting is because of Social Media Platforms. That's inappropriate. If there's an official list to add my email to for professional notice, please add this email to that list. Mahalo!

The purpose of this email is to provide my CONDITIONAL support for affordable housing. Please note the following stipulations:

1. Provide preference to Lahaina Residents currently on the wait list. Then extend to all Maui Residents thereafter.
2. Make it truly affordable for our local residents at 50%.
3. Keep and follow current/existing water codes at this time. No changes.
4. Amend the Governor's Emergency Proclamation to include the Sunshine Law. This should be no problem since Governor Green and President Biden both said they will support the rebuild of Lahaina how the people of Lahaina want it rebuilt.
5. Give preference of all steps in the rebuild opportunities to Lahaina Businesses and their local employees first. Then extend to all Maui businesses/employees. Then extend to outer islands. Then, create and execute a task force dedicated to training Hawai'i Residents. Then and only then extend opportunity to anyone on the Continent.

Please seriously consider my conditions above as the voice of Lahaina. I cannot stress enough how important it is to include the Sunshine Law as part of the Proclamation because WE THE PEOPLE deserve to have this information + our voices heard. As elected offices, I would expect that to be a welcomed invitation.

Mahalo for taking the time to read my written testimony.

Sent from my iPhone
Melanie Gillcoat

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony - Jaime Tourin, Maui Tempeh, 8/28/23
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:40:12 AM

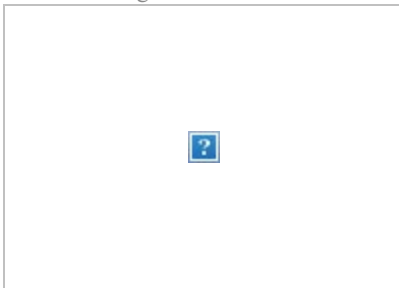
Aloha Hawaii officials,
I am submitting testimony with conditional support.
The conditions are as follows:

1. For DHHL, please give preference first to Lahaina residents and then Maui residents.
2. Ensure housing is affordable, consider 50% average median income.
3. Ensure the water management area and interim entry flow standards remain in place.
4. Consider amending the emergency proclamation to include the Sunshine Law for both affordable housing and a Lahaina fire disaster recovery and build.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,
Jaime Tourin

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Aloha,
Jaime Tourin
CEO & Manager



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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for Emergency Proclamation Meeting Tomorrow August 29 2023
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:40:23 AM

Aloha Please Accept my Support with the following Conditions:

1. SUNSHINE LAW must be followed for this Proclamation and every other Hawaii Meeting. We the public need to be involved with our local government decisions that affect us.
2. Lahaina Residence should have first opportunity to be accepted into housing.
 - 2b. Victims of all disasters should be moved to the top of the list if their family is displaced suddenly and unexpectedly.
3. Housing must be affordable to this demographic, no more than 50% of their medium income should be utilized for housing, all subsidies need to come from taxes not the landlords or owners.
4. IIFS must remain in place.

Mahalo Nui Loa for your consideration during these unprecedented times.

Aloha,

Kailika Hall

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY for Lahaina and Maui Emergency Proclamation conditions and requests
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:40:38 AM

I support the Emergency Proclamation with the following conditions...

1. Lahaina residents #1 priority, Maui residents have #2 priority with DHHH
2. Ensure housing is affordable with 50% median income requirement not 140% median income.
3. Ensure water management and IIFS remain in place.
4. Amend the emergency proclamation to include the Sunshine Law.

Best Regards,
Sherri Kamaka

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Emergency PROCLAMATION TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:44:30 AM

Aloha,

My name is Pi'ilani Akina, I am a Kanaka Maoli and resident of Hawai'i. I reside on the island of O'ahu. I am in conditional support of the Emergency PROCLAMATION with the following conditions only.

- 1 Prioritize preference to Lahaina residents for housing in DHHL.
- 2 Ensuring housing is truly affordable by making the minimum requirement 50% of the average median income. Not 140%.
- 3 Ensure our water management and the interim I stream flow standards remain in place.
- 4 Include sunshine law, and let the Lahaina community have a say in all that happens in THIER community.

Mahalo for your time and consideration on this matter. It is urgent that we do things differently going forward. The Kanaka Maoli and Local people need to be heard in order to help them go forward in the best way possible.

Kind Regards,

Pi'ilani Akina

[REDACTED]

Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Emergency Housing Proclamation
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 4:07:32 PM

Aloha Governor Green,

When the Executive branch, signs an Emergency Proclamation suspending State and County laws, that usurps and undermines the State and County Legislative branches. I am concerned that the result will be a developer/infrastructure grab for an opportunity to develop without any effective regulation.

Emergency Proclamations should be saved for true emergencies.

Patricia Davis, Kauai

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Emergency Housing Proclamation
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 6:26:44 AM

Dear honorable Josh Green,

I was shocked to learn about the emergency housing proclamation that was approved a few weeks ago. I applaud the idea behind this order, but am appalled at the delivery. This order opens up the doors for over development of Hawaii's scarce open spaces to greedy developers to continue the cycle of greed by making expensive housing units. How is that helping the local people, born and raised in Hawaii who earn meager wages as they are enslaved to the tourism industry that pays them pathetic wages while the parent hotel organizations earn astronomical profits. This proclamation erases the protections of environmental laws to keep the Aina in the hands of local farmers and those THAT WANT TO BE FARMERS but cannot afford prime ag lands that are owned by greedy developers who have purchased them, and who have been waiting patiently for just an order to develop.

Hawaii is a beautiful state and if the beauty of the state IS NOT PROTECTED, prime ag lands should REMAIN Ag AND BE FORCED TO BE FARMED to reduce Hawaii's dependency on shipped in food.

The emergency proclamation should be shifted to have those large private land owners, like the ones in Lahaina who own millions of acres of ag land and water rights to farm or invest in true development zoned lands, and stop stealing Hawaii's resources, prime Ag And water rights. Those LAHAINA land owners own 75% of Lahaina's water yet THEY ARE NOT CONNECTED TO THE WATER HYDRANTS? WHY? Is that HECO'S fault or is it our state and counties fault that so many people died because the firemen had dry hoses just so these RICH land owners and future developers can continue to dry out the state and turn it into isolated pockets of tourist paradise for the world's rich and famous, meanwhile native Hawaiian's have little to zero water to even bathe their babies in a bucket. This Lahaina fire has brought out the truth of the lack of oversight by our state and counties of Hawaii's resources.

I am hoping that you amend the emergency proclamation to restart from scratch Hawaii's development processes and work with the local communities, non-profits like Sierra club and native Hawaiian groups to create a new development standard that the entire state can trust to do the right thing: pono.

Mahalo nui and with high respect for your position,

Kathren Rosales

[REDACTED]
Wailuku, HI 96793

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Emergency Housing Proclamation
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:46:17 AM

Dear honorable Josh Green,

Please look at the Big Picture of our islands so that you can do what is pono. We can have good housing for all but it must be planned with the good of all our citizens in mind. That means taking into consideration our natural beauty, our farmers and their ability to give us food sustainability, our Native Hawaiians and their need to have a state that reflects their (and our) values.

Our Nagasako family lost 9 houses in the fires and nearly 80 people are thus displaced. So we are definitely all for good housing for all. But please don't rush into giving developers our ag land and water and instead, plan for a community that works for all.

Mahalo,
Gail Nagasako

[REDACTED]
Wailuku, HI
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for Agenda Item II. and III
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:48:41 AM

Aloha Build Beyond Barriers Working Group Members,

My name is Kristy Taylor and I am from Lahaina, Maui.

I understand that your position is to move forward and make a plan to help with this complete devastation. I just can't understand how you are already moving on this housing, our people are still in shock, still grieving and surviving after losing our whole entire town. We haven't even been able to go in to where our houses were and process it. The heart and soul of Maui, not just a few houses, not just a few businesses. THE WHOLE ENTIRE TOWN, down to the harbor full of boats. I can't understand how you're not on your knees weeping with us in devastation over this...

These are my conditions to in order to support any affordable housing project in Lahaina. I only support under the following conditions:

- 1) Preference for housing in Lahaina is given first and foremost to the local Lahaina residents and secondly to Maui residents.
- 2) The housing is ensured to be truly affordable for local Lahaina residents, meaning the average median income is considered at 50% NOT 140%.
- 3) Ensure that the Lahaina water management area and interim in stream flow standards (IIFS) are protected and remain in place. Meaning that environmental protections for Lahaina and the health of the aquifers, ground water and streams remain fully and completely protected during the duration of any project and rebuild.
- 4) The emergency proclamation for housing and any subject matter concerning the fire and rebuilding Lahaina is amended to include the Sunshine Law, which ensures that local Lahaina and Maui community members have a voice in the rebuild and are able to testify if needed. NO project should be passed in Lahaina without the local Lahaina and Hawaiian community members voices and input.

Mahalo,
Kristy Taylor

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Lahaina affordable housing
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:50:44 AM

I am signing and forwarding the following email in stopper of my Lahaina friends and family.
Thank you.

To who it may concern,

These are my conditions for the affordable housing project in Lahaina. I only support this project under the following four conditions:

1. Preference for housing in Lahaina is given first and foremost to the local Lahaina residence, and secondly to Maui residence.
2. The Housing is ensured to be truly affordable for local Lahaina residence meaning, the average median income is considered at 50%. Not 140%.
3. You ensure that the Lahaina water management and IIFS is protected and remains in place. Meaning the environmental protections for Lahaina and health of aquifers, ground water and streams remains fully and completely protected during the duration of any project and rebuild.
4. The emergency proclamation for affordable housing and any subject matter concerning the fire and rebuilding Lahaina, is amended to include the "Sunshine Law", which ensures that local Lahaina and Maui community members have a voice in any rebuild, and are able to testify if needed. No project should be passed in Lahaina without the local Hawaiian and Lahaina community member voices and input.

Thank you,

Allegra di Carpegna
Soul Alchemy coach &
Art therapist
LMHC
(505)946-7785

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony III.A
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 10:48:44 PM

Aloha,

My name is K. Puaokamele Dizon. I'm writing to submit testimony on Item III.A. I am a board member of Hui Aloha Aina o Lahaina, a kanaka-maoli led, grassroots, movement building organization based in Lahaina. I am also a Hawaiian-immersion public school teacher who taught in Lahaina last year. This year I teach at another Maui Hawaiian-immersion school currently hosting dozens of displaced Lahaina keiki. I have numerous family members, colleagues, and dear friends who were impacted by the Lahaina fire. It is from this context that I testify today.

First, I stand firmly behind Nā 'Ohana o Lele and their testimony. It is of the greatest importance that the planning of Lahaina's future be led by the Lahaina community. Next, the top priority must be the needs of the displaced Lahaina community. Finally, sunshine law must be reinstated to prevent further marginalization of the Lahaina community.

Na'u me ka mahalo,

Puaokamele Dizon

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony III.A
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:53:31 AM

Aloha,

My name is Dayle Tanaka. I'm writing this written testimony on Item III.A. I am a community member, although I live on O'ahu I have 'ohana that live in Lāhainā and other parts of Maui. Lahaina is especially dear to me because my grandfather who had passed grew up there. I also have 'ohana and dear friends who have been impacted by this Lāhainā fire.

Which is why I am testifying today to stand beside my 'ohana and dear friends on this matter. I stand firmly behind Nā 'Ohana o Lele and their testimony. I feel it is of great importance that the planning of Lāhainā's future be led by the Lāhainā community. And it should be made a high priority to meet the needs of the displaced Lāhainā community. And lastly, the sunshine law must be reinstated to prevent further marginalization of the Lahaina community.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Dayle Tanaka

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Housing Petition
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:53:34 AM

Aloha Hawaii officials,

I am submitting testimony with conditional support.

The conditions are as follows:

1. For DHHL, please give preference first to Lahaina residents and then Maui residents.
2. Ensure housing is affordable, consider 50% average median income.
3. Ensure the water management area and interim entry flow standards remain in place.
4. Consider amending the emergency proclamation to include the Sunshine Law for both affordable housing and a Lahaina fire disaster recovery and build.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Alex Gabriel

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony agenda item III.A
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:55:20 AM

Aloha e Nani Medeiros,

My name is Dylan Pilger and I am writing to you regarding agenda item "III.A Department of Hawaiian Home Land's (DHHL) request for the LHO's determination to develop the following for beneficiaries: 1) Honokawai Water System, including source and transmission to support housing in the Villages of Leiali'i and DHHL property in Honakawai; 2) Villages in Leiali'i; 3) Wailuku Single-Family Residential homestead; and 3) Waiehu Mauka Homestead in response to an increased need for housing on the island of Maui due to the wildfires" for the BBBWG meeting on August 29th.

I will keep my comments brief and would simply like to state the following: 1) All related state entities MUST put the housing needs of displaced Lahaina residents first. 2) This process must be led by the Lahaina community at the pace that they determine to be appropriate. 3) I ask that sunshine law be reinstated. The current suspension of sunshine law excludes the Lahaina community, those most impacted by housing issues, from participating in the development of community-led solutions. This is deeply wrong and can only be addressed by reinstating sunshine law. 4) I stand firmly behind Nā 'Ohana o Lele and the points laid out in their testimony.

Thank you,
Dylan Pilger

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](mailto:Gov.Housing@hawaii.gov)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony Conditional Support and Urgent Attention Needed for Housing Matters in Maui
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:55:57 AM

To the Concerned Authorities at Gov.Housing@hawaii.gov,

Aloha,

I am writing to submit a testimony expressing my conditional support for the housing initiatives under consideration. While I am in favor of these initiatives, my support comes with specific conditions that I believe are crucial for the successful implementation and positive impact of these efforts. I respectfully request your immediate attention to these matters and your kind consideration of the following conditions, which hold great significance to me, the Maui and Hawaii communities, as well as a global community of interest:

1. Priority for Lahaina and Maui Residents: I urge you to prioritize Lahaina residents on the housing waitlist, followed by Maui residents. The need for housing in Maui, especially and immediately for Lahaina residents, is pressing, and I believe that allocating housing resources accordingly would serve the community's best interests.
2. Ensuring True Affordability: It is of utmost importance that the housing provided in Maui is genuinely affordable for the residents. I strongly recommend that the criteria for affordability be set at a minimum of 50% average median income, rather than the higher 140% median income. This adjustment will ensure that housing remains accessible to those who truly need it.
3. Preserving Environmental Protections: I implore you to maintain the integrity of Maui's water management area and its Important Agricultural Lands (IAL) through the Maui Invasive Species Committee (MISC) and the Interim Invasive Species Rule (IIFS). These environmental safeguards are essential to uphold the ecological balance of the region and safeguard its unique natural heritage.
4. Inclusion of Community Input: As part of the emergency proclamation for affordable housing and fire-related matters, I urge you to consider incorporating the principles of the Sunshine Law. This would provide the community with a platform to actively participate in the formulation and implementation of rules, regulations, and laws. Transparent and inclusive decision-making processes are vital to foster community engagement and ensure a harmonious outcome.

I appreciate your time and attention to these conditions that I hold close to my heart. Your dedication to addressing these issues will undoubtedly contribute to the betterment of the community and the preservation of Maui's unique qualities.

Mahalo nui,

[REDACTED] mon Former Maui Resident, Currently Residing in North Carolina Phone: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Lahaina BBB Working Group // Testimony in support of Nā 'Ohana o Lele Inbox
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:58:28 AM

(Lelaine is submitting this testimony for Jeanett Eli-wils, who is unable to access wifi today, but she is cc'd on this email.)

As a Kanaka Maoli woman, I stand behind and support SOLELY, the calls from Na Ohana O Lele to LET LAHAINA LEAD.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] "testimony"
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:59:41 AM

Aloha,

TK for Big Island Thieves Media? In my testimony is a few questions?

No low income families were displaced as a result of fires from hurricane Dora on the big island. So why are you building a facility to help house them? Is this a ploy to move low income families to our island from Maui? Are you planning to make them move to the big island? Do you have plans for jobs or other services for our services can not support the population we already have.

Why is there a limited amount of options for testimony? In these options, there is no way for the public to hear the other people of the publics opinions?

Will testimony be available for views for the general public?

As a government agency. All meetings concerning public funds or funds from disasters should be available to the public.

As government employees you are public servants. Are you not?

As I'm sure most of these opportunities are more of an illusion then an actual chance for REAL public input. I'm sure none of this will be addressed.

But this email is a record that a message/testimony from the public was made.

BITM ~ TK

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Housing - Maui - Emergency
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:03:02 AM

Dear Governor Green,

Considering the fires, and the previous declared housing emergency. The fastest way to deal with housing is by building where infrastructure is already in or easily accessible. In Central Maui that is "CENTRAL." Additionally, apartment style buildings near transportation and shopping is the only tried and true way municipalities across the world have housed large numbers of people in a short time. There is ample land and possible warehouse conversions that will be much faster to build .

There are proposals for development in the Waiehu/Waihee area that infrastructure is far lacking. That area has been designated as prime ag land and both Hawaiian culture as well as long researched and extensively documented plans to maintain these ag lands are important to sustainability. Please do not bulldoze over prime ag land and allow developers to bypass centuries of planning for an emergency that can be best dealt with in Central Maui.

Thank you,

David Hoffman

[REDACTED]
Wailuku, HI 96793

Office: [REDACTED]

Cell/text: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony DHHL and Affordable Housing
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:05:52 AM

Aloha,

My name is Naki'iaweawe A. Kanekoa. I have support for the proposed DHHL and Lahaina Disaster relief Housing upon the following conditions:

1. For DHHL to give preference to Lahaina residents first, Maui residents following- specific to lineal descendants.
2. Lower Average Median Income from 140% to 50% to ensure attainable affordable housing.
3. Ensure water management area and interim entry flow standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend Emergency Proclamation to include the Sunshine Law.

Mahalo,
Naki'iaweawe Kanekoa

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Nā 'Ohana Lele
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:09:47 AM

Helo,

My name is Nanea Lo. I'm born and raised here in the Hawaiian Kingdom as a Kanaka Maoli.

I'm writing in support of these things:

-
- The housing needs of displaced families in Lahaina should be the top priority for all related state entities right now.
- This priority must not only include, but be led by the Lahaina community - and at a pace they find appropriate.
- The suspension of sunshine law serves to preclude those most impacted by housing issues from participating in solution building. At this time, this especially marginalizes the Lahaina community, which is flat wrong. Reinstate sunshine law.
- We stand with Nā 'Ohana o Lele.
- We stand by Nā 'Ohana o Lele and their testimony.

Me ke aloha 'āina,

Nanea Lo (*she/they/'o ia*) | Micro-influencer

Admin & Program Coordinator | [HAPA](#)

Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action 5013-c

Board Member | [Hawai'i Worker's Center](#)

Granter | [Hawai'i People's Fund](#)

Kona Representative | [O'ahu Island Burial Council](#)

Commissioner | [O'ahu Historic Preservation Commission](#)

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"Some people say that Hawai'i will be a better place when Hawaiians no longer stand in the way of progress. But even these people must know that at this point, this will no longer be Hawai'i."- Jonathan Kay Kamakawiwo'ole Osorio. The Value of Hawai'i

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Build Beyond Barriers Working Group meeting 8/29/23
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:10:18 AM

Aloha Mai,

I am a former resident of Lāhainā, being born and raised there, who now lives in kula but has been on the west side almost everyday since the fire on August 8, 2023, searching for loved ones, aiding in supply drops and doing door-to-door wellness checks long before the governments stepped in.

I implore you, who are not kama`āina to Maui Komohana (nor possibly even to Maui itself) to involve the community of the west side in any considerations about “building back” Maui Komohana.

There are so many things to say about how questionable the activity, decision making and reporting back to the public are, for this group.

BEFORE you flood Maui with YOUR ideas of what we need, consider what WE are saying that we need and want. Consider the voices of those whose `ohana perished, before you decide to place substandard housing on their `āina.

Consider those who are generational `ohana to the west side, before expanding business and hotel interests.

Consider MAUI before you look to its profitability for this governor, yourself and your friends.

Here are a few starting points for discussion that don't include new development proposals:

- 1) expedite Kaiaulu o Kupuohi and allow it to rebuild the burned units and finish the project.
- 2) The next phases of the DHHL Leiali`i project should be expedited to help Lāhainā beneficiaries.
- 3) Pulelehua project: which would provide 800 units

Considering brand new development for fast tracking through your approval does not only seem extremely opportunistic, but also gravely dismissive of those who have to live with your decisions.

Mahalo,
Trinette Furtado

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kōkua Lahaina Testimony - Shondell Dabis
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:14:26 AM

Testimony - Shondell Dabis

I Support the Emergency Proclamation with Conditions.

- 1) Prioritize Preference to Lahaina Residents in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
- 2) Ensure Housing is Truly Affordable by Making the Minimum Income Requirement, 50 Percent of the Average Median Income and NOT 140 Percent or More.
- 3) Ensure Our Water Management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) Remain in Place.
- 4) Amend the Proclamation to Include Sunshine Law (The Sunshine Law is Hawai'i Open Meeting Law)

Mahalo,
Shondell Dabis

Sent from my iPhone

August 27, 2023

VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMITTAL

Build Beyond Barriers Working Group
Attn: Nani Medeiros, Lead Housing Officer
State Capitol Conference Room 329
415 South Beretania St.
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813
E: gov.housing@hawaii.gov

Testimony in Strong Opposition to Agenda Item III.A, DHHL's Request for Lead Housing Officer Determination to Develop: (1) Honokōwai Water System; (2) Villages in Leiali'i; (3) Wailuku Single Family Homes; and (4) Waiehu Mauka Homestead.

Aloha mai kākou:

My name is Archie Kalepa and I am a kupa of Lahaina. My people have stewarded this 'āina since time immemorial, and that is a kuleana that I proudly 'auamo. We have felt the brunt of the struggle for water in my family for more than 130 years. Our ancestral lo'i in Kahoma was dry for that duration and has only been brought back in the last 10 years. Many know me as a waterman, Polynesian voyager, and OluKai ambassador. But I come before you today, as a Hawaiian Homes beneficiary and proud resident of Leiali'i.

I am not someone who regularly testifies before boards and commissions or at the legislature. I prefer to be a man of action and lead by example, which is why I focused on gathering and distributing aid for my community after the fires on August 8. **But, I humbly come before you now because agenda item IIIA will have profound consequences for my community ā mau loa aku (forever).** As someone who has spent perhaps more time in the water than on land in this life, this is the best way that I can describe what happened to Maui on August 8: our wa'a crashed. And now, we need a new sail plan to rebuild our island, and Maui Komohana in particular. In crafting this plan, we must consider all 32 points of our star compass, which I liken to all of the interests in our community from local people, to Hawaiian Homesteaders, to business interests, tourists, and more. We must put all of those 'ohana on one canoe, from the oldest to the youngest, and sail forward together, as a community. The only way to do that is to strip away our personal gains and do what is pono. Our sail plan, and the rebuilding of Lahaina, must be grounded in Native Hawaiian values and aloha 'āina in particular for the benefit of everyone who calls Lahaina home. If we love and protect our land, and love and protect our water, and love and protect our family and larger community, we can do this.

It is impossible for me to put into words the degree to which our community is struggling right now. For those of us who survived the fires, people have only begun to process the trauma and are literally sifting

through rubble and still looking for 'ohana. To notice this meeting now, given all that we are dealing with, is insensitive at best. And that is being extremely polite. Others would not be so generous. Moreover, to post the materials a day or two before testimony is due, and then not allow folks to testify orally, further compounds the burden on our community. To even expect us to respond and engage during this time of tragedy is too much, but then to add additional hurdles is deeply insulting. Perhaps those who noticed this meeting are not concerned each day about electricity, wifi access, clean water, food, a place to sleep, when their kids can go back to school, and if their neighbors are ok, and so you failed to consider what you are putting our community through. You are now on notice, and I implore you to be more mindful in the future when taking any action impacting our community. We are still in disaster recovery mode and need time to heal before we can engage on complex issues like this.

After reviewing the materials and talking with thought leaders in Maui Komohana and Leiali'i in particular, I have no option but to oppose agenda item IIIA. I want to start with my long standing support for beneficiaries of Hawaiian Homes and my recognition that we need more affordable housing not just for Hawaiian Homes beneficiaries, but for so many in Lahaina and on Maui who have lost everything. But this is not the way to do it. The materials for this meeting only became available on Saturday and, to be honest, the amount of material referenced was overwhelming and impossible for me to review thoroughly given my limited time and wifi access. But based on my understanding of the four proposed projects for Hawaiian Homes, I have significant concerns about each one of them. While I have supported the expansion of Leiali'i, I worry about moving forward under this Emergency Proclamation and have concerns about our water resources in particular. Our Honokōwai aquifer has been strained for some time now, with rising chlorides in existing wells. I am concerned about adding additional stressors to this important resource, especially at a time when we are grappling with potential contamination of our ground water both from the fire and also from pineapple cultivation in years past. Although I am less familiar with the projects proposed for Wailuku and Waiehu, I worry about impacts to iwi kūpuna given the information provided in the submittal that there is a high probability of burials. This is not the time to waive the burial law in Hawai'i Revised Statutes 6E, this is the time to do an Archaeological Inventory Survey.

Another significant concern for me is why DHHL is seeking this determination given how far along each of these projects are with respect to permitting and other approvals. While we all recognize the significant needs facing DHHL beneficiaries and so many others, it is vital that we move forward with these developments in a pono way, grounded in Hawaiian values such as aloha 'āina, and in compliance with the letter and spirit of the laws that protect our resources such as iwi kūpuna and fresh water – even if the governor tries to waive them with his Emergency Proclamation -- that is the only way.

Ms. Medeiros, please do not use DHHL as a guinea pig or a brown shield for this Emergency Proclamation. We have almost completed the permitting and approvals for the four projects you are considering today and would prefer to stay the course. That is our sail plan. To rebuild our community in a way that is pono, to make decisions grounded in Hawaiian values such as aloha 'āina, and to bring everyone along with us – not cut in line. We have to work through issues, such as iwi kūpuna and water, as a community, even if that takes longer and is complicated. Moving forward with your approval of

these projects under the Emergency Proclamation ignores the challenges that our planet is facing – the same ones that created the conditions for these catastrophic fires in the first place. Water is the most important resource for Lahaina, for Maui and for the entire Pae ‘āina. We have to get this right and it starts with the values of how we embrace this resource. Please deny this request for determination. If you really want to support Hawaiian Homes, reinstate the Water Code, as that is the best way to protect and implement Hawaiian Homes’ water reservations.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Me ka ha‘aha‘a,

Archie Kalepa

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony in SUPPORT of Nā 'Ohana o Lele - Build Beyond Barriers
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:27:11 AM

Aloha,

I am submitting testimony in SUPPORT of the testimony that Nā 'Ohana o Lele submitted to the Build Beyond Barriers working group. I echo the following:

“We submit this testimony of **conditional support** for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) proposals for Maui. We believe these proposals have the potential to benefit our community, but **only if the proposals focus on supporting Maui working 'ohana on the DHHL waitlists and only if the proposals are implemented responsibly and sustainably.** Specifically, we urge the DHHL to:

- Ensure that **preference is given to current Maui residents.** The Lahaina fires have displaced many people, and we need to make sure that the new housing will release pressure on the island for affordable homes. Giving preference to current Maui residents will help to ensure that the housing developed will create that positive impact. If preference for Maui residents is not applied, the proposal could do the opposite by drawing new residents to Maui from other islands, placing greater strains on our resources.
- Ensure that the housing developed is **truly affordable.** The Emergency Housing Proclamation (EHP) sets a minimum affordability standard of 140% of the average median income (AMI). We believe that this standard is too high and that it will only benefit affluent families that can already afford homes. We urge the DHHL to set a lower affordability standard, such as **50% AMI**, so that the housing is truly accessible to working families.
- Ensure that the proposed Lahaina developments—to the highest degree possible— **will use R-1 recycled wastewater** that is oxidized, filtered and disinfected **for agriculture and other non-consumption purposes.**
- **Join us in seeking the return of water to Lahaina to recharge the natural water flows and safeguard the long-term health of the West Maui aquifers and stream systems** upon which all life in West Maui depends.

Beyond the above conditions, we urge the BBB Working Group to use its authority

and influence to **reinstate the water management area designation for Maui Komohana** and the related **interim inflow stream standards** and **reinstate Kaleo Manuel in his CWRM Deputy position** to implement these matters and future water management issues across our pae 'āina.

We are at a moment of huluhia in Hawai'i, a crossroads and tipping point that will determine the very nature of Lahaina, Hawai'i, and even how we here can influence changes needed worldwide.


We can either go about our normal paths and follow the old and worn ways that have led us to the situation we find ourselves in or we can boldly take new paths that create healthier and long lasting positive results for future generations.

Nā 'Ohana o Lele seeks to lead this change in restoring and regrowing Lahaina in ways that mālama 'āina and the families of this 'āina. We believe such approaches that place at the forefront the voices of those who know 'āina and communities as leaders and decision makers will create a stronger and brighter future for all of us.

We urge the DHHL to engage us in its plans for Lahaina and to engage the communities of Wailuku and Waiehu regarding the plans there so each community can be involved in detailing how the DHHL might meet the above outlined conditions.

We urge the BBB Working Group to **conditionally approve the DHHL's proposals contingent upon their fulfillment of the above community guidance.** We further implore the BBB Working Group and Governor Green's administration to ensure that **only community-driven and community-approved plans are forwarded and prioritized through the EHP process,** consistent with the **governor's promise to follow the lead of the Lahaina community."**

Aloha,
Leimaile Barrett

From: 
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional support for affordable housing
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:29:52 AM

Aloha,

I offer my conditional support for affordable housing with the following conditions:

- Give preference to Lahaina residents on wait list
- Make it truly affordable at 50% median income
- Follow all water codes
- Amend the proclamation to include sunshine laws

Mahalo,

Jennifer Williams



Lahaina, HI

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional Support for Affordable Housing with the following conditions. . .
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:32:15 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Aloha. My wife and I founded the Maui based non-profit, Rebuild Maui.Org. We are focused on creating rent-free, semi-permanent homes for families displaced by the Maui fires.

We have 5 kids. We lost our home, 3 businesses, and all of our possessions in the fire. The only thing that wasn't destroyed was a 2.5 acre piece of ag land that we own in the west Maui mountains. We've donated that land to our non-profit to further our cause.

We plan to construct large geodesic dome homes that go up in less than a day and can withstand almost any extreme weather conditions and they're really attractive and extremely affordable.

We would like to partner with the state and the county in order to work together and providing homes for the survivors of the fire.

Please contact me below.

Sincerely,

Alfy Basurto, Founder
1201 Aina Mahiai Street
Lahaina, Hawaii 96761
Cell: (808)283-4100
Email: alfy@RebuildMaui.Org
Web: www.RebuildMaui.Org



From:

Subject:

Date:

[EXTERNAL] Testimony in support of Nā 'Ohana o Lele

Monday, August 28, 2023 8:32:16 AM

Aloha,

To the members of the BBB Working Group and leaders of DHHL, mahalo for taking the time to allow for public testimony and for taking the time to read mine.

First off I would like to send my deepest love and prayers to all affected by the devastating fires that broke out in Maui. There are tremendous opportunity to reshape how Lahaina gets rebuilt, and write to say I stand in strong support of Nā 'Ohana o Lele (the coalition that spoke at the 8/18/2023 press conference) and I stand behind their testimony.

To keep my testimony brief I have a few points I would like to state for the record:

- The housing needs of displaced families in Lahaina should be the top priority for all related state entities right now.
- This priority must not only include, but be led by the Lahaina community - and at a pace they find appropriate.
- The suspension of sunshine law serves to preclude those most impacted by housing issues from participating in solution building. At this time, this especially marginalizes the Lahaina community, which is flat wrong. Reinstate sunshine law.

I truly believe working with the community leaders, and the community in a whole, is the best path forward. Let Lahaina lead!

Mahalo for your time,

-Kara Kelai

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony on the Emergency Proclamation
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:33:42 AM

Realizing you are having a meeting about this new Proclamation I feel a deep need to let my feelings be known.

If you seriously plan to continue with this, It Is Time NOW to do a few things.....

- 1) REMOVE The Lack Of Transparency! The Sunshine Law MUST APPLY.
- 2) Lift the “Suspension of Law” regarding ‘Historic’
- 3) In dealing with ANY building in Lahaina, INCLUDE THE LAHAINA COMMUNITY (Maybe a few chosen spokespeople.)
- 4) Be Specific about Who this Proclamation is For... Not Just ‘Hawaii Resident’. Anyone who comes here and gets a State ID is considered a ‘Hawaii Resident’/

To Be Clear, The State and the County of Maui are looking very suspect, with this Emergency Proclamation coming out BEFORE an Emergency that more than likely took almost 1000 lives. Not quite sure how, but there is an appearance of something premeditated and Lahaina became an inferno that basically instantly cremated almost 1000 Citizens of Hawaii.

BE VERY VERY CAREFUL HOW YOU PROCEED as this Proclamation could Backfire and Bankrupt the State of Many Levels.

Cynthia Rubinstein
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony Item III.A
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:34:49 AM

Aloha mai,

My name is Lillian Keakamai Awa and I'm writing to submit testimony on Item III.A. I'm a product of diaspora, after graduating from Kamehameha Schools in 1998 I left the islands to attend college on the mainland and since then have never been able to find my way back home. As a single working mother of 2 living thousands of miles away, I'm writing this email to do what little I can do to show my unwavering support and aloha to the people of Maui.

I believe what Lahaina needs from all of us right now is to listen to the kanaka-led organizations that are speaking on behalf of their community, to allow them to lead the efforts in recovering and eventually rebuilding Lahaina, and to ensure that leadership is respected and retained indefinitely. I stand firm behind Nā 'Ohana o Lele and their testimony. I support prioritizing the needs of the displaced Lahaina community above all others. I request the sunshine law be reinstated immediately.

Mahalo for your time,
Lillian Keakamai Awa

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony- Conditional support for affordable housing in Hawaiian homelands
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:36:47 AM

Please include this testimony:

I offer my conditional support for affordable housing in Hawaiian homelands with the following conditions:

1. preference to Lahaina residents on wait list and then Maui residents.
2. make the homes truly affordable (50% of the median income)
3. Follow all water codes
4. Amend the proclamation to include sunshine laws.

Julie Shoup, 808-214-8420, Kihei, Maui, HI

Julie Shoup, LCSW

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional support for affordable housing in Hawaiian homelands
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 10:14:27 PM

Aloha,

My name is Cassie Coonrad. I'm a teacher at King Kamehameha iii elementary school. We need your kokua! I offer my conditional support for affordable housing in Hawaiian homelands with a few conditions. We ask that you give preference to Lahaina residents on a wait list then to the rest of Maui's residents. Please make it truly affordable with 50% median income. Follow all water codes please. We need safe water for everyone. We need you to amend the proclamation to include sunshine laws. Aloha and thank you for putting the people first.

Cassie coonradt

[REDACTED]
Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii
Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional support for affordable housing in Hawaiian homelands
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:48:57 AM

I offer my conditional support for affordable housing with the following conditions:

- 1) give preference to Lahaina residents on the waitlist and then maui residents
- 2) make it truly affordable at 50% median income
- 3) follow all water codes
- 4) amend the proclamation to include sunshine laws

Thank you,

Summer Dien

[REDACTED]
Wailuku, Hawaii

Sent from the land of fairies

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional support for affordable housing in Hawaiian homelands
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:03:30 AM

Aloha!

First and foremost, I'd like to request that all future meetings regarding Maui, and specifically West Maui (Lahaina, 96761) that advanced proper notification be provided to us residents. The only reason I even know about this meeting is because of Social Media Platforms. That's inappropriate. If there's an official list to add my email to for professional notice, please add this email to that list. Mahalo!

The purpose of this email is to provide my CONDITIONAL support for affordable housing. Please note the following stipulations:

1. Provide preference to Lahaina Residents currently on the wait list. Then extend to all Maui Residents thereafter.
2. Make it truly affordable for our local residents at 50%.
3. Keep and follow current/existing water codes at this time. No changes.
4. Amend the Governor's Emergency Proclamation to include the Sunshine Law. This should be no problem since Governor Green and President Biden both said they will support the rebuild of Lahaina how the people of Lahaina want it rebuilt.
5. Give preference of all steps in the rebuild opportunities to Lahaina Businesses and their local employees first. Then extend to all Maui businesses/employees. Then extend to outer islands. Then, create and execute a task force dedicated to training Hawai'i Residents. Then and only then extend opportunity to anyone on the Continent.

Please seriously consider my conditions above as the voice of Lahaina. I cannot stress enough how important it is to include the Sunshine Law as part of the Proclamation because WE THE PEOPLE deserve to have this information + our voices heard. As elected offices, I would expect that to be a welcomed invitation.

Mahalo for taking the time to read my written testimony.

With aloha
Bena Basurto
[REDACTED]
Lahaina, hi

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional Support for affordable housing in Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:37:04 AM

I offer my conditional support for affordable housing with the following conditions:

- 1- That preference is given to the residents of Lahaina and then Maui residents.
- 2-Allow this housing to be affordable at 50% of median income
- 3- Follow the water codes and allow water to be accessible to residents.
- 4- Amend the proclamation to include the sunshine laws.

Kaikaina kenike allen

[REDACTED]
Ewa Beach

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Affordable housing
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:37:39 AM

Aloha,

I offer my conditional support for affordable housing with the following conditions:

1. Give preference to lahaina residents then to Maui residents
2. Make it truly affordable at 50% median
3. Follow the water code
- 4 amend the proclamation to include sunshine laws

Mikela Saili, [REDACTED], Kihei 96753

Mahalo,

Mikela Saili

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony is support of Nā 'Ohana o Lele
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:38:43 AM

Aloha BBB Working Group and Leaders of DHHL,

I want to state that I stand in full support for Nā 'Ohana o Lele (the coalition that spoke at the 8/18/2023 press conference) and I stand by their testimony.

My deepest prayers and love to all those affected by the devastating fires, and I truly believe that working with these community leaders is the best path forward for all.

Let Lahaina lead!

Mahalo,

-Kiana Kelai

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony re: Agenda Item III.A
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:42:55 AM
Attachments: [2023-8-28 BBBWG Testimony.pdf](#)

Aloha:

Attached please find Testimony in Strong Opposition to Agenda Item III.A, DHHL's Request for Lead Housing Officer Determination to Develop: (1) Honokōwai Water System; (2) Villages in Leiali'i; (3) Wailuku Single Family Homes; and (3)(sic) Waiehu Mauka Homestead.

Thank you.

Julie Parks
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August 28, 2023

Via Electronic Mail

Nani Medeiros, Lead Housing Officer
Build Beyond Barriers Working Group
Gov.Housing@hawaii.gov

Re: Testimony in Strong Opposition to Agenda Item III.A, DHHL's Request for Lead Housing Officer Determination to Develop: (1) Honokōwai Water System; (2) Villages in Leiali'i; (3) Wailuku Single Family Homes; and (3)(sic) Waiehu Mauka Homestead.

Dear Ms. Medeiros and Working Group members,

The July 17, 2023, Emergency Proclamation Related to Housing ("Emergency Proclamation") and related Rules Related to Project Certification ("Certification Rules") are illegal and, accordingly, neither the State Lead Housing Officer nor the Build Beyond Barriers Working Group have any legal right to exist, much less exempt any project from statutory requirements lawfully enacted by the Hawai'i State Legislature. Earthjustice submits these comments under protest and urges you to refrain from taking any action on any item on the agenda for the August 29, 2023, meeting.

We particularly object strongly to your consideration of any of the projects listed under Item III.A, which propose development in Lahaina. The local families of Lahaina have asked for our kōkua in giving them time to grieve the immense loss they have suffered. They are obviously in no position to provide any input at this time on projects proposed for their community. Respecting their wishes is the only reasonable, and most compassionate next step. Correcting the fundamental process failures underpinning this meeting will also give time for this Working Group to better understand the long-lasting ramifications of the choices offered for decision making at this meeting. The approval to install a new well in the Honokōwai groundwater source risks permanently destroying this source of water for everyone who relies on it.

I. FAST-TRACKED PROCESS FAILS TO ENSURE MINIMUM TRANSPARENCY AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Unfair Location

This meeting fails to meet even the most basic expectations for public notice and participation in government decision-making. This meeting is being held in Honolulu, when the projects being discussed are all situated on the island of Maui. This is a basic failure to center the local families

most directly affected by this disaster. Locating this meeting at the State Capitol, instead of on Maui where all the projects in Item III.A are situated, violates the minimum required by law (which is not relevant because the Emergency Proclamation on Housing purports to suspend the statues requiring a public meeting be held in the vicinity of the proposed project), and basic fairness to those most directly affected by the decisions before you today.

B. Lack of Adequate Notice

This Working Group failed to give the general public, but more importantly the people of Lahaina, adequate time to review the materials and reflect on the choices to be made at this meeting. The agenda for the August 29, 2023, meeting was time-stamped at 9:09 a.m. on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, yet the State Lead Housing Officer did not make the extensive materials for this meeting available to the public on the Emergency Proclamation website until around 8 p.m. on Friday, August 25, 2023, three working days later. Even assuming that a member of the public was able to check the Emergency Proclamation website constantly, so they would be aware the instant that the materials finally were posted (a completely unreasonable assumption for anyone, particularly in Lahaina's devastated community), they still would have barely two days to digest thousands of pages of documents before the deadline to submit timely written testimony. Additionally, all the background materials were delivered via hyperlink, yet the majority of the links provided failed to function properly. To understand the implications of the decisions before this Working Group today, one would have to already know where to look to find the relevant information.

These obstacles to public awareness and involvement in the decisions affecting their lives are too high during times of relatively low crisis, but for the State Lead Housing Officer to do this to Lahaina's residents after the trauma they have suffered is abhorrent.

C. Verbal Testimony Prohibited

This working group is accepting only written testimony. No verbal testimony of any length can be offered in-person or online, even though video conference equipment is being used to connect the Working Group members to this very meeting. Verbal testimony is a standard public meeting format for all agencies and the Legislature, and is a very accessible form of testimony for many people. Accepting only written testimony favors those with the privilege of easy access to a computer and email. For the local families who lost everything in the wildfire disaster, this type of favoritism is grossly unfair, silencing those who will be most affected by the proposed projects.

The fundamental inadequacy and unfairness of this process is rendered all the more unfortunate and disappointing when it is understood in the context of Governor Green's pledge to listen to the local families of Lahaina in the decisions to be made about the recovery of their

community.¹ How can the Green Administration, the State Lead Housing Officer, or this Working Group claim to be listening to the working families of Lahaina in these conditions? Indeed, Lahaina community leaders hosted a press conference² just last week to ensure that it was widely known that they need time and space to grieve so that they may find closure with the past before confronting major decisions about how to rebuild their community. This level of disregard for the families most directly affected by this disaster is unconscionable, cruel, and fundamentally undemocratic.

II. THERE IS NO NEED TO EXEMPT PROJECTS FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Governor Green clearly hopes to capitalize on the tragedy in Lahaina to justify the issuance of his Emergency Proclamation, which illegally suspended laws that the Hawai'i State Legislature enacted to protect the environment and to ensure open government and public participation. If anything, however, the projects included in Item III.A illustrate that the alleged "barriers" to housing development from the environmental review laws are illusory.

According to the document list that the Department of Hawaiian Homelands ("DHHL") provided in its August 22, 2023, letter, two of the proposed housing projects—Kuikahi Village Project and Waiehu Mauka Homestead—already have final environmental assessments, each of which was completed over a year ago. If these projects have not moved forward in the meantime, the requirement to comply with environmental review under HRS Chapter 343 is not to blame. There is no basis for DHHL's request to exempt these projects from HRS Chapter 343.

Furthermore, in December 2022, DHHL completed a draft environmental assessment for the third proposed housing project, the Villages in Leiali'i, and the public comment period closed on January 23, 2023.³ DHHL has had plenty of time to finalize its environmental review and comply with HRS Chapter 343. It should not be granted an exemption as a reward for failing to do its job.

¹ See Chad Blair, *Hawai'i Governor Commits To Rebuild Lahaina For Local Residents First*, CIVILBEAT, Aug. 17, 2023, <https://www.civilbeat.org/2023/08/hawaii-governor-commits-to-rebuild-lahaina-for-local-residents-first/>.

² See Bobby Calvan, *et al.*, *Native Hawaiian Lahaina Residents Ask for Time to Grieve, Slower Rebuild*, HONOLULU STAR-ADVERTISER, Aug. 27, 2023, <https://www.staradvertiser.com/2023/08/18/breaking-news/lahaina-residents-who-fled-fire-ask-for-time-to-grieve-slower-rebuild/>.

³ See The Environmental Notice (Dec. 23, 2022) at 4. https://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/erp/The_Environmental_Notice/2022-12-23-TEN.pdf.

III. HONOKŌWAI AQUIFER IS BEYOND ITS SUSTAINABLE YIELD

The first project proposed in Agenda Item III.A asks this Working Group to decide whether to risk the future viability of the entire Honokowai Aquifer for everyone who relies on this freshwater resource. The agenda item irresponsibly proposes to install a new drinking water well in a groundwater source that is already being pumped beyond its sustainable yield.

The sustainable yield of a water source is the amount of water that can be safely withdrawn from that source without impairing or undermining its quality. According to the extensive studies by the Water Commission, the sustainable yield for the Honokōwai source is 6 million gallons of water per day (MGD). The combined withdrawal of all wells on this aquifer, however, is over 6.5 MGD. This means that the Honokōwai Aquifer is already at grave risk of becoming too salty to be useful. In June 2022, the staff submitted this chart to the Water Commission as it considered whether to designate the Maui Komohana water management area.⁴

Table 13. Current (December 2021) 12-month Moving Average (MAV)

Includes reported pumpage and for aquifer systems in the Lahaina Aquifer Sector. development tunnel discharge and existing entitled/authorized planned use (APU) [million gallons per day, mgd] Aquifer System

	SY	2020 12- MAV	2021 12- MAV	Develop. tunnel discharge	APU*	total existing + APU	% SY	other perm. well capacity	total incl. other perm. well capacity	% SY
Ukumehame	2	0.042	0.065	0	1.08	1.145	57%	0	1.145	57%
Olowalu	2	0.082	0.069	0.1	0.003	0.167	8%	0.065	0.167	8%
Launiupoko	7	1.637	1.303	3.91	1.036	6.249	89%	1.433	7.682	110%
Honokōwai	6	3.48	4.008	2.5	2.533	9.041	151%	0	9.041	151%
Honolulu	8	2.131	2.534	0	1.969	4.503	56%	0	4.503	56%
Honokōhau	9	0	0	3.75	0.001	3.751	42%	0	3.751	42%

To add another well to this fleet of wells guarantees there will be conflict between the various entities that rely on water from this resource. The various users of this resource include other households on Native Hawaiian homestead lands, hotels, and luxury subdivisions.

The Water Commission already decided last year that the Honokōwai groundwater source required designation to protect the source from saltwater inundation. The Water Commission reached this conclusion after 18 years of data gathering, research, and public hearings. For the State Lead Housing Officer and this Working Group to now substitute their barely aware judgement of these circumstances for that of the Water Commission is outrageously offensive to

⁴ *In re Chairperson Recommendation to designate Lahaina Aquifer Sector Area as Surface and Ground Water Mgmt. Areas, Comm'n on Water Res. Mgmt. Findings of Fact Report (June 8, 2022) at 4, table 13, available at https://files.hawaii.gov/dlnr/cwrm/gwma/lahaina/20220608_Lahaina_FinalFOF.pdf.*

the local families and Native Hawaiians of Lahaina who patiently participated in the process required by law to protect their water sources. We urge you to reject this proposal.

Please note that, even under the illegal rules created by the Emergency Proclamation, this project cannot be exempted from compliance with HRS Chapter 343, as DHHL requests. Whether the exemption is granted unilaterally by the Lead State Housing Officer or via certification from the Working Group, the Certification Rules limit exemption from Chapter 343 to “projects found to likely not be significant in its impact,” either individually or cumulatively. Certification Rules § 9.G.2. It is impossible to make such a finding given the threat to the Honokōwai source that this project poses. Consequently, DHHL must “be required to go through the Hawaii Environmental Review Process under chapter 343, HRS.” *Id.* § 9.G.3.

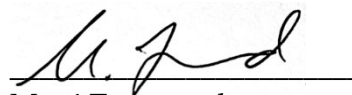
IV. FAST-TRACKING THREATENS IRREPARABLE HARM TO IWI KŪPUNA

The meeting materials do not reveal where DHHL’s proposed projects stand with respect to compliance with HRS Chapter 6E, which evaluates the impacts of proposed projects on Native Hawaiian burials and culturally significant historic sites. We strongly urge the State Lead Housing Officer and this Working Group to refuse to exempt DHHL from complying fully with Chapter 6E to ensure that desperately needed housing for Native Hawaiian families is not constructed on the burial grounds of their ancestors.

V. CONCLUSION

We strongly urge the Lead Housing Officer and the Working Group to refrain from exempting any projects pursuant to the Emergency Proclamation’s illegal process. We particularly hope that you will defer any decisions on DHHL’s proposed projects (Item III.A), giving the Lahaina community the time it needs to grieve and recover from the wildfires. As discussed above, none of these projects merits fast-tracking, even if that were otherwise lawful.

Me ke aloha ‘āina,



Marti Townsend

Elena Bryant

David L. Henkin

EARTHJUSTICE

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional Support for Affordable Housing in Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:13:46 AM

To whom it may concern,

While I appreciate the speed at which the attempts to drive rebuild are being made, it is imperative that any development of Lahaina, be it commercial or residential, be done in the best interests of the people who resided in Lahaina before the fire. The opportunity for outsiders to swoop in and take advantage of this tragedy is too great and, while I want a rebuild to be as quick as possible, there are certain conditions that I insist on being met.

1. Existing residents of the affected Lahaina areas be given priority to purchase or rent any newly built residential or commercial property. These properties should then be offered to Maui residents outside of Lahaina *before* being available to anyone off-island
2. Do not be seduced by a promise of "affordable" housing that is anything but affordable. Please ensure that affordable housing is available to those earning 50% of the islands median income so that Lahaina can stay with the people who lived there pre-fire.
3. A return to all water codes, in addition to improvements to fire prevention infrastructure to, at the very least, reduce the risk of a tragedy like this ever reoccurring.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Laws. It is imperative, particularly at times of rapid and widespread development, that our procedures are transparent and open to observation and critique by the local population.

Lastly, please consider the volume of testimony to be impacted by the fact that many on the West Side are still without internet connection. While I appreciate the attempts to make quick progress, this cannot be done at the cost of the people. Access to meetings like this is critical if we are to build back Lahaina for the people who lived there.

Thankyou for your time and please consider the responsibility to the people that rests on your shoulder.

Regards,
Michael Griffiths
Lahaina Resident

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional Support for Affordable Housing in Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:44:58 AM

I am in favor of conditional support for affordable housing with the following conditions met:

1. Give preference to Lahaina residents on wait list and then Maui residents.
2. Make it truly affordable at 50% median income
3. Follow and adhere to all water codes
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Laws

Mahalo,
Kristin Fernandez
Makawao
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:45:31 AM

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH conditions:

1. Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in DHHL. (Dept. of Hawaiian Home Lands)
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement: 50% of average median income and NOT 140%.
3. Ensure our water management and the interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include the Sunshine Law. (The Sunshine Law is Hawaii's open meetings law)

I hope the Governor will consider these conditions and agree to them for everyone's benefit. The victims of the fires have lost so much and most if not all cannot afford a new mortgage because they are retirement age. This fire devastated Lahaina & it's people please give them a chance to go home to rebuild what is theirs!

Mahalo
Dwayna Kaluapakohana Green

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for Agenda Item II. and III.
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:50:50 AM

Aloha Build Beyond Barriers Working Group Members,

My name is Elena Dominguez and I live in Makawao, Hi.

The people of Lahaina are still in shock, they have hardly had time to grieve and THEY are the ones who need to lead the reconstruction of Lahaina.

These are my conditions in order to support any affordable housing project in Lahaina. I only support under the following conditions:

1. Preference for housing in Lahaina is given first and foremost to the local Lahaina residents and secondly to Maui residents.
2. The housing is ensured to be truly affordable for local Lahaina residents, meaning the average median income is considered at 50% NOT 140%.
3. Ensure that the Lahaina water management area and interim in stream flow standards (IIFS) are protected and remain in place. Meaning that environmental protections for Lahaina and the health of the aquifers, ground water and streams remain fully and completely protected during the duration of any project and rebuild.
4. The emergency proclamation for housing and any subject matter concerning the fire and rebuilding Lahaina is amended to include the Sunshine Law, which ensures that local Lahaina and Maui community members have a voice in the rebuild and are able to testify if needed. NO project should be passed in Lahaina without the local Lahaina and Hawaiian community member's voices and input.

Mahalo,

Elena

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Subject: Conditional Support for Affordable Housing in Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:52:43 AM

I offer my conditional support for affordable housing with the following conditions.

It is important to keep Lahaina residents together rather than disperse them throughout Maui Nui. Give preference to Lahaina residents on the wait list and then next Maui residents

2. Make it truly affordable at 50% median income
3. Follow all water codes.
4. Amend the proclamation to include the Sunshine Laws. Otherwise people will think that something isn't right and there will be distrust against anything done.

Mahalo Nui Loa
pat Gotschalk

[REDACTED]

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Pat Maluhialani Gotschalk

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony HLU-(3(5)) Conditional Support for Affordable Housing in Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:56:38 AM

Aloha,

I offer my conditional support for affordable housing with the following conditions.

1. Give preference to Lahaina residents on wait list and then Maui residents
2. Make it truly affordable at lower pricing for working class
3. Follow all water codes
4. Amend the proclamation to include sunshine laws

Mahalo,
Zoe Chesson
[REDACTED]
Lahaina, Maui

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] testimony
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 9:03:19 PM

I support with 4 conditions.

1. Preference for Lahaina residents then Maui residents.
2. ensure housing is based on the 50% average income.
- 3.IIFS remain in place
4. Amend the proclamation to include sunshine law.

Kyla Schwartz
LMT & Certified yoga instructor

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] testimony
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 11:32:11 PM

I support WITH CONDITIONS:

1. Prioritize preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in DHHL, Department of Hawaiian Homelands.
 2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income 50% of average median income not 140%
 3. Ensure our water management and the interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
- Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.

Sincerely,
Cecilia Golis Bautista
Pearl City, Oahu

"Happiness is always just a thought away."

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 4:06:11 AM

I am submitting testimony with the following conditions.

The conditions are:

1. For DHHL please give priority to Lahaina residents first, then Maui residents.
2. Ensure housing is affordable. Consider 50% median income.
3. Ensure the water management area and interim entry flow standards remain in place.
4. Consider amending the emergency proclamation to include The Sunshine Law for both affordable housing and the Lahaina fire disaster recovery and rebuild.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Katherine Horn

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Cc: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 4:21:37 AM

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH conditions:

1. Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income I requirement: 50% of average median income, and not 140%
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law. & kakoo_haleakala The Sunshine Law is Hawaii's open meetings law)

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 4:26:15 AM

I SUPPORT THE EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

1. Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents, the Maui residents in DHHL
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement with 50% of the average median income, not 140%
3. Ensure the water management and the IIFS remains in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 6:43:17 AM
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I was born and raised in Hawaii and currently live in Texas.

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH conditions:

1. Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement: 50% of average median income, and not 140%.
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law. (The Hawaii open meetings law).

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Best Regards,

Jennifer



Jennifer Ondreyka

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:41:08 AM

•I support the
Emergency Proclamation
WITH conditions:

1. Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui I residents in DHHL Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income
• requirement:
50% of average median income, and not 140%
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.
(The Sunshine Law is Hawaii's open meetings law)

Sincerely, Erin Pugh

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:59:03 AM

I support with the following conditions

1. Preference to Lahaina residents, Then Maui residents in DHHL
2. Ensuring Affordable by making minimum income requirements at 50% of average median income not 140%
3. Ensure our water management and the interim streams flow standards IIFS remain in place
4. Amend the proclamation to include sunshine law. Lahaina residents need to have a say in land development not corporations, not real estate investors and not the state.

THE LAHAINA COMMUNITY NEEDS TO HAVE A VOICE IN THE REBUILD PROCESS!!

Leinani Mahoe

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:33:16 AM

I support the Emergency Proclamation with the following conditions:

1. Prioritize preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents for housing in DHHL.
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement 50% of the average median income and NOT 140%.
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.

Thank You,

Diane Wong

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:59:04 AM

I am submitting testimony with conditional support. The conditions are as follows.

1. For DHHL, please give preference to Lahaina residents first, then Maui residents.
2. Ensure housing is affordable consider 50%average median income.
3. Ensure water management area and interim entry flow standards remain in place.
4. Consider amending the emergency proclamation to include The Sunshine Law for both affordable housing and the Lahaina fire disaster recovery and rebuild.

Mahalo,
Jennifer Van GiesonTESTIMONY

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN HAWAIIAN HOMELANDS
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:59:09 AM

Aloha,

My name is Jill Kanahale. I currently reside in Hawaiian Homelands in Waiehu. My address is 44 Kaulana Na Pua Pl, Wailuku, HI 96793. My phone # is 808-357-8428

I would like to provide my conditional support for affordable housing, so long as the following stipulations are included:

In light of the horrific disaster in Lahaina this month, Lahaina residents on the wait list should be given preference, followed by Maui residents on the wait list.

The "affordable" housing hasn't necessarily been affordable, so that needs to be realistic.

There should be NO CHANGES to the current/existing water codes.

The Governor's Emergency Proclamation MUST include the Sunshine Law. Let the Lahaina business owners and residents decide what's best for their community! This disaster should NOT allow outsiders (outer islanders, Mainlanders, Foreigners) to snatch up property and rebuild the community to meet their own greedy designs. The Hawaiian people lost our lands to foreigners through deception in the name of progress and religion when we know it was greed and evil. Let's prevent this from happening again.

Let the insurance companies pay the non-Hawaiian landowners for their properties, then give preference to the Hawaiian people to decide what's best for their community. What a wonderful opportunity the government has to fix the crimes of the past. Do the right thing and consider the Native Hawaiians, specifically those in Lahaina, secondly those in other areas of Maui to be given back their lands. There are enough tourist spots in Lahaina to support tourism.

Mahalo,

Mahalo
Jill Kanahale
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] LAHAINA
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:59:14 AM

Aloha!

First and foremost, I'd like to request that all future meetings regarding Maui, and specifically West Maui (Lahaina, 96761) that advanced proper notification be provided to us residents. The only reason I even know about this meeting is because of Social Media Platforms. That's inappropriate. If there's an official list to add my email to for professional notice, please add this email to that list. Mahalo!

The purpose of this email is to provide my CONDITIONAL support for affordable housing. Please note the following stipulations:

1. Provide preference to Lahaina Residents currently on the wait list. Then extend to all Maui Residents thereafter.
2. Make it truly affordable for our local residents at 50%.
3. Keep and follow current/existing water codes at this time. No changes.
4. Amend the Governor's Emergency Proclamation to include the Sunshine Law. This should be no problem since Governor Green and President Biden both said they will support the rebuild of Lahaina how the people of Lahaina want it rebuilt.
5. Give preference of all steps in the rebuild opportunities to Lahaina Businesses and their local employees first. Then extend to all Maui businesses/employees. Then extend to outer islands. Then, create and execute a task force dedicated to training Hawai'i Residents. Then and only then extend opportunity to anyone on the Continent.

Please seriously consider my conditions above as the voice of Lahaina. I cannot stress enough how important it is to include the Sunshine Law as part of the Proclamation because WE THE PEOPLE deserve to have this information + our voices heard. As elected offices, I would expect that to be a welcomed invitation.

Mahalo for taking the time to read my written testimony.

Frank Violi Jr
Lahaina Resident
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Affordable housing in Lahaina, Maui
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:59:35 AM

Aloha State of Hawaii,

I offer my conditional support for affordable housing with the following conditions:

1. Give preference to Lahaina residents on wait list and then Maui residents
2. Make it truly affordable at 50% median income
3. Follow all water codes
4. Amend the proclamation to include sunshine law.

Sincerely,
Shayna Esteban

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional support for affordable housing in Hawaiian homelands
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 8:54:50 PM

I offer support for affordable housing with the following conditions

Give preference to Lahaina residents then other Maui residents

Follow all water codes

Amend proclamation to include sunshine laws

Steve O'Brien

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional Support For Affordable Housing In Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 9:41:12 PM

Aloha,

I offer my conditional support for affordable housing, with the following conditions:

1. Give preference to the Lahaina residents on the waitlist, then to Maui residents.
2. Make it truly affordable at 50% median income.
3. Follow all water codes.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine laws.

Mahalo,
Tim Flood

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional support for affordable housing in Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 9:56:00 PM

I offer my support for affordable housing with the following conditions...

- 1) give preference to Lahaina residents on wait list at this time then the rest of Maui residents.
- 2) make it affordable 50% median income
- 3) FOLLOW ALL WATER CODE AND PROTECT OUR NATURAL STREAM FLOW
- 4) included the sunshine law by amending the proclamation

Hiialoakahekili palakiko,

[REDACTED]
Lahaina, Maui

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional Support for Affordable Housing in Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 9:56:56 PM

Aloha e Kakou,

Thank you for the opportunity to express an opinion on, as this topic is of the greatest importance to the residents of Hawaii and especially those of Hawaiian descent.

I offer my conditional support for affordable housing with the following conditions:

1. Given the nature of this emergency, please give preference to those Hawaiians who reside in the Lahaina area before any others.
2. Make it truly affordable at 50% median income.
3. Follow all water codes.
4. Amend the proclamation to include sunshine laws.

Mahalo piha,

Michelle Mazzetti

[REDACTED]
Kamuela 96743

From:

[REDACTED]
[Gov.Housing](#)

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] Conditional Support for Affordable Housing in Hawaiian Homelands

Date:

Sunday, August 27, 2023 9:58:18 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

Following the recent events and catastrophes, I would like it to be known that I offer my conditional support or affordable housing with the following conditions.

1. Give preference to Lahaina residents on the wait list and then Maui residents
2. Make it truly affordable at 50% median income
3. Follow all water codes
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Laws.

Mahalo,

Chelsea Kinch

[REDACTED]
Haiku, Hi

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional Support for Affordable Housing in Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 10:17:06 PM

I offer my conditional support for affordable housing with the following conditions.

1. Give preference to Lahaina residents on wait list and then Maui residents
2. Make it truly affordable at 50% median income
3. Follow all water codes
4. Amend the proclamation to include sunshine laws

Carson Chihara

[REDACTED]
Kahului

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional Support for Affordable housing in Hawaiian homelands
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 10:32:56 PM

I offer my conditional support for affordable housing with the following conditions:

1. Give preference to Lahaina residents on wait list and then Maui residents
2. Make it truly affordable at 50% median income
3. Follow all water codes
4. Amend the proclamation to include sunshine laws

And lastly schedule majority of meetings regarding housing and reconstruction of Lahaina town with more than a weeks notice in order for persons to make accommodations for attendance.

Dr. Heather Regan

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional Support for Affordable Housing in Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 10:34:43 PM

To: gov.housing@hawaii.gov
Subject: Conditional Support for Affordable Housing in Hawaiian Homelands

I offer my conditional support for affordable housing with the following conditions.

1. Give preference to Lahaina residents on wait list and then Maui residents
2. Make it truly affordable at 50% median income
3. Follow all water codes
4. Amend the proclamation to include sunshine laws.

Jennifer [REDACTED], makawao

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional Support for Affordable Housing in Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 12:02:17 AM

I am writing to you today to offer my conditional support for affordable housing in Lahaina. I believe that affordable housing is essential for the community, and as much as its needed it must be nrought forth in a pono way.

I have a few conditions that must be met in order for me to fully support this project. First, preference must be given to Lahaina residents who are on the waiting. Second, the homes must be truly affordable, at 50% of the median income. Third, all water codes must be followed. Fourth, the proclamation must be amended to include sunshine laws.

I believe that these conditions are reasonable and necessary to ensure that this project is successful.

Mahalo,

[REDACTED]

Lahaina, HI

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional Support for Affordable Housing in Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 2:20:09 AM

Aloha,

In fact, I STRONGLY OPPOSE ANY AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN HAWAIIAN HOMELANDS THAT ISN'T SPECIFICALLY FOR KANAKA MAOLI!!

Otherwise, i call for Hawaiian community engagement in any and all discussions about Hawaiian Homelands, and that they meet the expectations of said community. I demand that Kanaka Maoli decide how all matters of Hawaiian Homelands proceed, ESPECIALLY IN LAHAINA!

Mahalo,

C. Rose Reilly

Ha'iku, Hi

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional Support for Affordable Housing in Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 3:51:52 AM

Aloha nō,

I am writing to offer my **CONDITIONAL** support of the development of affordable housing provided that:

1. Preference is given to Lāhainā and Kula residents following the fires on Maui.
2. The cost is **TRULY** affordable at 50% median income.
3. **ALL** water codes are followed.
4. The proclamation is amended to **INCLUDE** Sunshine Laws.

Mahalo nō,
Kalikoonāmaukūpuna Kalāhiki
[REDACTED]
Kailua, O'ahu

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional Support for Affordable Housing in Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 5:37:03 AM

Aloha & Good morning,

I am writing to express my conditional support for the development of affordable housing in Hawaiian Homelands. I believe that providing these housing opportunities is crucial for the well-being and prosperity of our community.

However, I kindly request that the following conditions be considered:

1. Preference for Lahaina Residents: I urge you to prioritize Lahaina residents who are currently on the waitlist for affordable housing. By giving them priority, we can address the housing needs of the local community effectively. Following that, Maui residents should also be given consideration.
2. Truly Affordable Housing: It is essential that the affordability of these homes is maintained at 50% of the median income. This ensures that the housing remains accessible to those who need it most, allowing individuals and families to thrive in a secure and stable environment.
3. Compliance with Water Codes: I strongly emphasize the need to strictly adhere to all water codes and regulations during the planning and construction of these housing projects. Preserving and managing our water resources responsibly is vital for the sustainability of our communities and the environment.
4. Inclusion of Sunshine Laws: I kindly request that the proclamation be amended to include sunshine laws. Transparency and open communication are critical for fostering trust and accountability in the decision-making process. By embracing sunshine laws, we can ensure that the development of affordable housing is carried out in a transparent and inclusive manner.

Please find my contact information below: Name: Nani Dapitan-Haake
Phone: (808) 446-0030
City: Lāhainā, Maui

Thank you for considering my input. I believe that by implementing these conditions, we can make significant progress in addressing the affordable housing crisis in our state while ensuring fairness and sustainability.

Sincerely,

Nani Dapitan-Haake

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Nani Dapitan-Haake Sent from Gmail iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional Support for Affordable Housing in Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 5:59:19 AM

Aloha e kāua,

I offer my conditional support for affordable housing with the following conditions:

1. Give preference to Lahaina residents on the wait list and then Maui residents.
2. Make it truly affordable at 50% the median income.
3. Follow all water and environmental codes.
4. Amend the proclamation to restore sunshine laws.

Mahalo,

Malialani Dullanty

[REDACTED]
Laupahoehoe, Hawai'i

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional Support for Affordable Housing in Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 6:12:39 AM

I offer my conditional support for affordable housing with the following conditions.

1. Give preference to Native Hawaiian residents on wait list and then maui residents
2. Make it truly affordable at 50% median income
3. Follow all water codes
4. Amend the proclamation to include sunshine laws

Mahalo,
Samantha Higbee
[REDACTED]
Pā'ia, Hawai'i

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional Support for Affordable Housing in Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 6:58:31 AM

Aloha,

I offer my conditional support for affordable housing with the following conditions.

1. Give preference to Lahaina residents on wait-list, and then Maui residents.
2. Make it truly affordable at 50% median income.
3. Follow all water codes.
4. Amend the proclamation to include sunshine laws.

My name is Charlize Gaudiello, my phone number is ([REDACTED]), and I live in Honolulu.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:42:43 AM

I would like to submit my testimony for DHHR with conditional support. My conditions are as follows

1. Give preference to Lāhaina residence first, then to Maui residents as listed
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable. I ask that you PLEASE CONSIDER 50% median income, NOT 140%.
3. Ensure water management area and interim entry flow standards remain in place; keep environmental protections in place for water management area.
4. I'd like to ask that you consider amending the proclamation for affordable housing and amend it to INCLUDE the Sunshine Law

Mahalo,
Summer Manumā

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:43:51 AM

1. For DHHL and all upcoming housing projects, please give preference to Lahaina residents first, then Maui residents.
2. Ensure housing is affordable, consider 50% average median income.
3. Ensure the water management area and entry flow standards remain in place.
4. Consider amending the emergency proclamation to include The Sunshine Law for both affordable housing and Lahaina fire disaster and rebuild.
5. Restore Mokuhinia pond and Moku'ula island and all natural water resources of Lahaina to Lahaina.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:47:43 AM

1. Give preference to Lāhaina residence first, then to Maui residents as listed
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable. I ask that you PLEASE CONSIDER 50% median income, NOT 140%.
3. Ensure water management area and interum entry flow standards remain in place; keep environmental protections in place for water management area.
4. I'd like to ask that you consider amending the proclamation for affordable housing and ammend it to INCLUDE the Sunshine Law

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:48:10 AM

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH the following conditions:

1. Prioritize preference to Lāhainā residents, then Maui residents for housing in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement 50% of average median income, and not 140%.
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.
5. Ensure the residents of Lāhainā are the ones making the decisions about the development, and NOT Nani Medeiros who was NOT ELECTED.

Signed,
Audyn Stanton
Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:49:04 AM

Aloha,

My family are residents of Lahaina, Maui. I am submitting testimony with conditional support.

The conditions are as follows:

1. For DHHL, please give preference to Lahaina residents FIRST, then Maui residents.
2. Ensure housing is TRULY affordable, consider 50% average median income and not what is being proposed... that is not realistic.
3. Ensure the water management area and interim entry flow standards remain in place.
4. Consider amending the emergency proclamation to include The Sunshine Law for both affordable housing and the Lahaina fire disaster recovery and rebuild.

Markdean Kawaiola Kalalalu Jr.
Lahaina Wildfire Survivor
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:51:44 AM

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH conditions:

1. Prioritizing preference to Lāhainā residents, then Maui residence in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement: 50% average median income, and not 140%
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law. (The Sunshine Law is Hawaii's open meetings law)

I pray to God that you will not dismiss this testimony but listen to it and make the correct changes and do the right thing.

Mahalo,
Haunani Torres-Kauli'a

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:52:22 AM

To whom it may concern and to Governor Green,

I am writing to conditionally support the working group efforts to provide affordable housing in West Maui dependent on the following stipulations. Only if the following stipulations are met would I support the affordable housing project[s] in Lahaina.

- 1) All DHHL projects should give preference to lineal descendants of the proposed project area first who have the required quantum, then lineal descendants of the area of the proposed project who can trace their genealogy to that place, then Native Hawaiians of Maui, then residents of Maui. On the same line of reasoning non-DHHL projects should go to Lahaina residents first and then Maui residents thereafter.
- 2) Fully reinstate and abide by the Sunshine laws. The voices of the people would be heard, taken into account and listened to. It is critical to allow community voices in the process if things are to be done in a pono and just way. The Emergency Proclamation for affordable housing and any subject matter concerning the fire and rebuilding Lahaina is amended to include the Sunshine Law, to ensure that the local Lahaina and Maui community members have a voice and are able to testify to guide the process to what they want and need. No project should be passed without the local Hawaiian and Lahaina community members' voices and input.
- 3) Natural stream flows must be restored back to their original flows. The injustices of the past, the stealing of water, the theft of water rights and the silencing of voices who are trying to protect our most important natural resource must be paramount. Equally important in the returning of the stream flows to West Maui is the necessary quest for bringing back the water is to prevent future catastrophic wildfires by restoring balance back to the ecosystem and allowing more agroforestry and indigenous food production back onto the land. Furthermore, please ensure that Lahaina water management area and IIFS is protected and remains in place. The environmental protections for Lahaina and the health of the aquifers, ground water, streams remains fully and completely protected during the duration of any project and rebuild.
- 4) If the goal is to provide truly affordable housing the income requirements must be changed to 140% of the average median income to 50% of the average median income.

Thank you very much in advance for doing the right thing and doing right by the people of Maui and Lahaina. They deserve only the best and most pono, and most just treatment and the government, especially Governor Green, must put people over profits and serve the people they are elected to serve and protect.

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Jessica A. dos Santos
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:53:16 AM

I would like to submit my testimony for DHHR with conditional support. My conditions are as follows

1. Give preference to Lāhaina residence first, then to Maui residents as listed
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable. I ask that you PLEASE CONSIDER 50% median income, NOT 140%.
3. Ensure water management area and interum entry flow standards remain in place; keep environmental protections in place for water management area.
4. I'd like to ask that you consider amending the proclamation for affordable housing and ammend it to INCLUDE the Sunshine Law

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:53:31 AM

I am submitting testimony with conditional support. The conditions are as follows:

- For DHHL, please give preference to Lahaina residents first, then Maui residents.
- Ensure housing is affordable, consider 50% average median income.
- Ensure the water management area and interim entry flow standards remain in place.
- Consider amending the emergency proclamation to include The Sunshine Law for both affordable housing and the Lahaina fire disaster recovery and rebuild

Mahalo!

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EPIC EXPERIENCE MAUI



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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional Support for Affordable Housing in Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:10:46 AM

Good morning -

First, it is shameful that these meetings continue to happen last minute, without widespread notice to the people of Lāhainā and the people of Maui, so that we have ample time to prepare and submit testimony.

Second, why are these meetings being held behind closed doors, without video or in person testimony? This is something that affects the PEOPLE of Maui, and the PEOPLE should be given a voice, a seat at the table, and respect. This is not the way to conduct yourselves, and I hope that you take this message to heart and change the way things are done go forward.

People have barely been given time to grieve, barely been given the level of support they truly need given the magnitude of this disaster, we don't have time or energy for these kinds of rushed, secret meetings. We barely have cell phone service! I'm getting my news from social media - and not hearing the half of it even at that.

Onto the point.

I offer my support for affordable SO LONG AS the following conditions are met:

- 1) Preference is given first to Lāhainā residents and then to Maui residents.
- 2) There is no provision for off-island residents - the people are being pushed out as it is, make the housing for the people of Maui, full-stop.
- 3) it must be made TRULY affordable in perpetuity, at 50% median income with no change to the percentage one or three or ten years down the road. It must STAY affordable at these rates.
- 4) Follow all water codes.
- 5) Amend the proclamation to include sunshine laws.

Sincerely,

Alicia Rietzel
[REDACTED]
Kula resident

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional Support for Affordable Housing in Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:16:33 AM

Aloha, I conditionally support affordable housing in Hawaiian Homelands. Please consider giving Lahaina residents priority on wait lists. This housing must be affordable and no more than 50% of median income. I implore you to follow all water codes and amend the proclamation to include sunshine laws.

Mahalo for your consideration and let's #LiftUpLahaina!

Sincerely,

L. David Whitmire
[REDACTED]
Temecula CA

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional Support for Affordable Housing in Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:41:31 AM

Aloha,

I offer my conditional support for affordable housing with the following conditions.

1. Give preference to Lāhaina residents on the Hawaiian homestead waitlist, and then the other Māui residents
2. Make it truly affordable at 50% median income
3. Follow all water codes
4. Amend the proclamation to include sunshine laws

Mahalo me ke aloha ‘āina,

Kī

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KianaRose Dulan

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional Support for Affordable Housing in Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:46:52 AM

Aloha!

First and foremost, I'd like to request that all future meetings regarding Maui, and specifically West Maui (Lahaina, 96761) that advanced proper notification be provided to us residents. The only reason I even know about this meeting is because of Social Media Platforms. That's inappropriate. If there's an official list to add my email to for professional notice, please add this email to that list. Mahalo!

The purpose of this email is to provide my CONDITIONAL support for affordable housing. Please note the following stipulations:

1. Provide preference to Lahaina Residents currently on the wait list. Then extend to all Maui Residents thereafter.
2. Make it truly affordable for our local residents at 50%.
3. Keep and follow current/existing water codes at this time. No changes.
4. Amend the Governor's Emergency Proclamation to include the Sunshine Law. This should be no problem since Governor Green and President Biden both said they will support the rebuild of Lahaina how the people of Lahaina want it rebuilt.
5. Give preference of all steps in the rebuild opportunities to Lahaina Businesses and their local employees first. Then extend to all Maui businesses/employees. Then extend to outer islands. Then, create and execute a task force dedicated to training Hawai'i Residents. Then and only then extend opportunity to anyone on the Continent.

Please seriously consider my conditions above as the voice of Lahaina. I cannot stress enough how important it is to include the Sunshine Law as part of the Proclamation because WE THE PEOPLE deserve to have this information + our voices heard. As elected offices, I would expect that to be a welcomed invitation.

Mahalo for taking the time to read my written testimony.

Aleksandra McGreavy, Lahaina, HI 96761
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional Support for Affordable Housing in Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:48:25 AM

To Whom it Concerns,

I offer my conditional support for the creation of affordable housing in Hawaiian Homelands with the following conditions: first, give preference to Lahaina residents already on the waitlist then to other Maui residents; second, make it truly affordable with rents at 50% the median income of potential residents; third, follow all water codes; fourth, to amend the proclamation to include sunshine laws.

Mahalo for your time,
Brailey Hirose-Hulbert, Manoa, Oahu

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional Support for Affordable Housing in Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:55:07 AM

Aloha State of Hawaii,

I offer my conditional support for affordable housing with the following conditions:

1. Give preference to Lahaina residents on wait list and then Maui residents
2. Make it truly affordable at 50% median income
3. Follow all water codes
4. Amend the proclamation to include sunshine law.

Bo Kim, [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional Support for Affordable Housing in Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:57:30 AM

Hello,

I am in full support of affordable housing being built in Maui, however, I have many concerns regarding the building and housing processes.

For this to be done in a way that actually benefits the Maui community, Lāhainā residents (preferably Kānaka 'Oiwi) must be prioritized before the rest of Maui residents in regards to the waitlist.

The housing needs to be actually affordable at the 50% medium income of residents; not wealthy foreign land owners.

Water codes must be strictly followed and we must amend the proclamation to include sunshine laws.

Sincerely,
Brigitte Leilani Axelrode
[REDACTED]
Honolulu

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional support for affordable housing in Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:00:20 AM

I am in support of affordable housing in Hawaiian Homelands with the following conditions:

1. It is truly affordable. at 50% the median income.
2. Preference is given to Hawaiians of Lahaina that are already on the waitlist
3. Amend the proclamation to include sunshine laws

Mahalo,
Courtney O'Kief

[REDACTED]
Lahaina

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional support for affordable housing in Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:01:07 AM

Aloha mai kākou,

I am sending this email to state that I offer my conditional support for affordable with the following conditions.

1. Prioritize Lahaina residents on the wait list and then Maui residents.
2. Truly affordable housing. 50% median income.
3. All water codes to be followed.
4. Amend the proclamation to include sunshine laws.

Thank you for your time in reading. My name is Manuel Diaz Jr, my number is 808-286-9157 and I live in Pearl City.

Kind regards,
Manuel Diaz.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional Support for Affordable Housing in Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:02:31 AM

Aloha!

First and foremost, I'd like to request that all future meetings regarding Maui, and specifically West Maui (Lahaina, 96761) that advanced proper notification be provided to us residents. The only reason I even know about this meeting is because of Social Media Platforms. That's inappropriate. If there's an official list to add my email to for professional notice, please add this email to that list. Mahalo!

The purpose of this email is to provide my CONDITIONAL support for affordable housing. Please note the following stipulations:

1. Provide preference to Lahaina Residents currently on the wait list. Then extend to all Maui Residents thereafter.
2. Make it truly affordable for our local residents at 50%.
3. Keep and follow current/existing water codes at this time. No changes.
4. Amend the Governor's Emergency Proclamation to include the Sunshine Law. This should be no problem since Governor Green and President Biden both said they will support the rebuild of Lahaina how the people of Lahaina want it rebuilt.
5. Give preference of all steps in the rebuild opportunities to Lahaina Businesses and their local employees first. Then extend to all Maui businesses/employees. Then extend to outer islands. Then, create and execute a task force dedicated to training Hawai'i Residents. Then and only then extend opportunity to anyone on the Continent.

Please seriously consider my conditions above as the voice of Lahaina. I cannot stress enough how important it is to include the Sunshine Law as part of the Proclamation because WE THE PEOPLE deserve to have this information + our voices heard. As elected offices, I would expect that to be a welcomed invitation.

Mahalo for taking the time to read my written testimony.

Rachael meirovitz
Lahaina
[REDACTED]

MAHALO

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional Support for Affordable Housing in Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:12:58 AM

Aloha,

I offer my conditional support for affordable housing with the following conditions.

1. Give preference to Lahaina residents on wait list and then Maui residents
2. Make it truly affordable at 50% median income
3. Follow all water codes
4. Amend the proclamation to include sunshine laws
5. Cannot be built on land previously recognized as historic/commercial

Toni Colombo

[REDACTED]

Lahaina, Maui

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional Support for Affordable Housing in Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:13:34 AM

Aloha,

My name is Kanani Higbee. I would like to offer my conditional support for affordable housing on Hawaiian Homelands.

1. Due to so many Lahaina residents who have become homeless, I ask that Dept of Hawaiian Homes builds Leialii 1B immediately for Native Hawaiians to get on the land. I know most people who will live there will be from Lahaina and are likely homeless or displaced and cannot inhabit their home because it's too damaged. My home is standing, but the entire complex was burned out so likely my apartment manager will wipe it clean and start new.

2. Make these houses truly affordable with a hatching down payment program and allow the leasee to build their own either with Habitat for Humanity for allowing them to hire their own team, which is likely family like in my case. A home is affordable if it costs \$150,000 for a 2 bedroom or \$250,000 for a 4 bedroom.

3. Honor water codes.

4. Include sunshine laws.

Mahalo,
Kanani Higbee
(waitlist for Maui, specifically Leialii 1B and displaced Lahaina Resident)

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional Support for Affordable housing in Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:18:22 AM

Aloha!

My name is Hema Kealohanuikaiama Watsonm and I am a Native Hawaiian. I live Ka'imukī, Honolulu and my phone number is [REDACTED]. I want to offer my conditional support for affordable housing but would like to see a few things incorporated.

- 1) Please give preference to Lāhainā residents on the waitlist and then Maui residents after them. We need to ensure that we take care of our local people and not foreign investors or wannabe residents.
- 2) We must make these homes truly affordable and so I ask my cap these homes at 50% of Maui median income or lower.
- 3) Please ensure the homes follow all water codes and regulations!
- 4) Amend the proclamation so that the **Sunshine Law** is included. Transparency is a must in our situation and we cannot act without oversight.

I hope this finds you well and you all take this into consideration.
Me ka pono, Hema K. Watson

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional Support for Affordable Housing in Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:19:42 AM

I offer my conditional support for affordable housing with the following conditions.

1. Give preference to Lahaina residents on wait list and then Maui residents
2. Make it truly affordable at 50% median income with provision for loss of employment resulting from fire
3. Follow all water codes
4. Amend the proclamation to include sunshine laws

Mahalo

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional Support for Affordable Housing in Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:29:01 AM

I offer my conditional support for affordable housing with the following conditions:

1. Give preference to Lahaina residents on waitlist and then Maui residents.
2. Make it TRULY AFFORDABLE. 50% median income at most.
3. Follow ALL water codes.
4. Amend the proclamation to include sunshine laws.

Kano Watanabe

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional Support for affordable housing in Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:30:40 AM

I offer my conditional support with the following conditions.

1. Give Preference to Lahaina residents on the wait list and then Maui residents.
2. Price this housing at %50 the annual median income.

Mahalo,
Justin McMahon

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional Support for Affordable Housing in Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:32:19 AM

Aloha!

Firstly, I'd like to request that all future meetings regarding Maui, and specifically West Maui (Lahaina, 96761) that advanced proper notification be provided to us residents. The only reason I even know about this meeting is because of Social Media Platforms. That's inappropriate. If there's an official list to add my email to for professional notice, please add this email to that list. Mahalo!

The purpose of this email is to provide my CONDITIONAL support for affordable housing. Please note the following stipulations:

1. Provide preference to Lahaina Residents currently on the waitlist. Then extend to all Maui Residents thereafter.
2. Make it truly affordable for our local residents at 50%.
3. Keep and follow current/existing water codes at this time. No changes.
4. Amend the Governor's Emergency Proclamation to include the Sunshine Law. This should be no problem since Governor Green and President Biden both said they will support the rebuilding of Lahaina how the people of Lahaina want it rebuilt.
5. Give preference of all steps in the rebuild opportunities to Lahaina Businesses and their local employees first. Then extend to all Maui businesses/employees. Then extend to outer islands. Then, create and execute a task force dedicated to training Hawaii Residents. Then and only then extend opportunity to anyone on the Continent.

Please seriously consider my conditions above as the voice of Lahaina. I cannot stress enough how important it is to include the Sunshine Law as part of the Proclamation because WE THE PEOPLE deserve to have this information + our voices heard. As elected offices, I would expect that to be a welcomed invitation.

Mahalo for taking the time to read my written testimony.

Cindy Tervola
Lahaina
[REDACTED]

Mahalo ,

Cindy Tervola

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional Support for Affordable Housing in Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:47:17 AM

Aloha e,

I offer my conditional support for affordable housing with the following conditions.

1. Give preference to Lahaina residents on wait list and then Maui residents
2. Make it truly affordable at 50% median income
3. Follow all water codes
4. Amend the proclamation to include sunshine laws

Mahalo,

Amelia Laborte, [REDACTED], Lahaina

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional Support for Affordable Housing in Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:49:16 AM

I offer my conditional support for affordable housing with the following conditions.

1. Give preference to Lahaina residents on wait list and then Maui residents
2. Make it truly affordable at 50% median income
3. Follow all water codes
4. Amend the proclamation to include sunshine laws

Michelle Fallon

[REDACTED]
Lahaina, Hi

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional Support for Affordable Housing in Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:53:17 AM

Aloha,

I offer my conditional support for affordable housing with the following conditions: give preference to Lahaina residents on wait list and then Maui residents, make it truly affordable at 50% median income, follow all water codes, amend the proclamation to include sunshine laws.

Scott McCrary

[REDACTED]

Kihei

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional Support for Affordable Housing in Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:58:43 AM

I offer my conditional support for affordable housing with the following conditions.

1. Give preference to Lahaina residents on wait list and then Maui residents
2. Make it truly affordable at 50% median income
3. Follow all water codes
4. Amend the proclamation to include sunshine laws

Stephanie Fitzgerald Salt Lake City, Utah

Mahalo for your support!

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Conditional Support for Affordable Housing in Hawaiian Homelands
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:59:37 AM

I offer my conditional support for affordable housing with the following conditions.

1. Give preference to Lahaina residents on wait list and then Maui residents
2. Make it truly affordable at 50% median income
3. Follow all water codes
4. Amend the proclamation to include sunshine laws
5. Help all hawaii islands with valuable resources for struggling, low-income or homeless families [free bi-weekly courses business, financial, Health care, real-estate and how to better ones life no matter the current conditions].

luka akui

Big island, Hawaii

[REDACTED]

Mahalo for your support!

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Written testimony for Build Beyond Barriers Working Group Meeting Agenda
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 9:02:08 AM

Aloha, members of the Build Beyond Barriers Working Group (BBB Working Group) and leaders of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

I am writing this testimony to support and stand with Nā 'Ōhana o Lele.

BBB Working Group and all related state entities must prioritize the housing needs of displaced families in Lahaina as a top priority and these efforts must be led by the Lahaina community. The suspension of sunshine law precludes those most impacted by housing issues from participating in solution building. The Sunshine Law must be reinstated. The foundation of Lahaina is the community and it remains in the truth of the people of the place.

Mahalo nui for leading the government of the people, for the people, and by the people.

Hideki Kimukai

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony - Conditional Support - Let Lāhainā Lead!
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 9:03:55 AM

Aloha mai,

My name is Jasmine Slovak, I'm a resident of O'ahu. However, recognize that some of our biggest kuleana is to support our sister communities in their leadership, knowledge, and rootedness. I stand with Nā 'Ohana o Lele. I stand by their testimony.

I echo their conditional support for Item III. A of your agenda regarding 1) the Honokōwai Water System, including source and transmission to support housing in the Villages of Leiali'i and the DHHL property in Honokōwai; 2) Villages of Leiali'i; 3) Wailuku Single-Family Residential homestead; and 4) Waiehu Mauka Homestead.

In addition, I urge the consideration of the consequences this emergency will set in precedence, by supporting the following points.

- The housing needs of displaced families in Lahaina should be the top priority for all related state entities right now.
- This priority must not only include but be led by the Lahaina community - and at a pace they find appropriate.
- The suspension of sunshine law serves to preclude those most impacted by housing issues from participating in solution building. At this time, this especially marginalizes the Lahaina community, which is flat wrong. Reinstate sunshine law

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify and for your consideration.

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Ē mālama pono,

Jasmine Slovak
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 8:53:45 PM

Prioritizing preferences to the Lahana residence mathematics Maui residence in Dhhl department of Hawaii
homeland

[REDACTED]

Sent from Aka Rah Rasheeda Middling

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 9:42:40 PM

Aloha,

I am sending in testimony of conditional support.

The conditions are as follows:

1. Please give preference to Lahaina residents on the wait list and then to Maui residents second. We are in dire need for housing on Maui.
2. Please insure that housing is truly affordable. Please consider that the minimum is 50% average (not 140%) median income.
3. Please insure that our water management area and IIFS stay in place.
4. Please amend the emergency proclamation for affording housing and for the fire to include the Sunshine Law. It is so important that the community has a say in what happens in its own back yard.

Mahalo nui,
Erika Lechuga Disalvo
Maui Resident
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 3:10:51 AM

I am submitting testimony with these conditions for support

1. DHHH,

(For ALL projects) give preference to lineal descendants of each proposed project area first who have required quantum, then lineal descendants of the area of the proposed project who can trace their genealogy to that place, then Maui residents.

2. Ensure housing is affordable by considering 50% average median income.

3. Ensure the water management area and interim entry flow standards remain in place.

4. Consideration to amend the emergency proclamation to include The Sunshine Law for both affordable housing and the Lahaina fire disaster recovery and rebuild.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 3:15:23 AM

I am submitting testimony with these conditions for support

1. DHHL,

(For ALL projects) give preference to lineal descendants of each proposed project area first who have required quantum, then lineal descendants of the area of the proposed project who can trace their genealogy to that place, then Maui residents.

2. Ensure housing is affordable by considering 50% average median income.

3. Ensure the water management area and interim entry flow standards remain in place.

4. Consideration to amend the emergency proclamation to include The Sunshine Law for both affordable housing and the Lahaina fire disaster recovery and rebuild.

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 3:15:23 AM

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3. Ensure the water management area and interim entry flow standards remain in place.

4. Consideration to amend the emergency proclamation to include The Sunshine Law for both affordable housing and the Lahaina fire disaster recovery and rebuild.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 3:57:53 AM

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH conditions:

1. Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income I requirement: 50% of average median income, and not 140%
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law. & kakoo_haleakala The Sunshine Law is Hawaii's open meetings law)

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 3:58:23 AM

I support the emergency proclamation with conditions:

1. Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in DHHL. (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making minimum income requirements: 50% of average medium income ,not 140%!
3. Ensure our water management and the Internal Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include the Sunshine Law.

Thank you,
Nathan Nesmith

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 6:50:32 AM

I am submitting testimony with conditional support. The conditions are as follows:

1. For DHHL, please give preference to Lahaina residents first, then Maui residents.
2. Ensure housing is affordable, consider 50% average median income.
3. Ensure the water management area and interim entry flow standards remain in place.
4. Amend the emergency proclamation to include The Sunshine Law for both affordable housing and the Lahaina fire disaster recovery and rebuild

Aloha,
Mahoe

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:28:37 AM

Aloha,

1. Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui
 - residents in DHHL
(Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement: 50% of average median income, and not 140%
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.
& kakoo_haleakala
(The Sunshine Law is Hawaii's open meetings law)

Mahalo,
Leata Kamaunu

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:29:00 AM

Aloha,

1. Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui
 - residents in DHHL
(Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement: 50% of average median income, and not 140%
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.
& kakoo_haleakala
(The Sunshine Law is Hawaii's open meetings law)

Mahalo,
Leata Kamaunu

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:29:51 AM

Aloha,

1. Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui
 - residents in DHHL
(Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
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3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.
& kakoo_haleakala
(The Sunshine Law is Hawaii's open meetings law)

Mahalo,
Leata Kamaunu

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:31:28 AM

Aloha,

1. Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui
 - residents in DHHL
(Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement: 50% of average median income, and not 140%
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.
& kakoo_haleakala
(The Sunshine Law is Hawaii's open meetings law)

Mahalo,
Leata Kamaunu

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:39:01 AM

Aloha Committee Members,

My name is Samantha Kramer and I am a local to Maui Native Hawaiian with roots back to Lahaina's sugar plantation days.

I support the following with conditions:

- 1) Regarding DHHL, due to the circumstances resulting from the wildfires, preference to be given to displaced Lahaina residents, then Maui residents due to the thousands of Lahaina residents being displaced. I've heard of many Lahaina residents who have moved and are moving off island due to inadequate housing. Ohana in Hilo are telling us Lahaina residents are inquiring on rentals in Hilo. We want to keep Lahaina residents on Maui.
- 2) Ensure housing is affordable that the minimum qualifications should be 50% average median income and not 140% AVI. This is to make qualifying affordable to as many local residents as possible. 140% AVI does not reach a broad scope of qualifying applicants.
- 3) Ensure Interim Instream Flow Standards and water management area remain in place for the health of our groundwater and streams. Please environmentally protect our water. Wai to us native Hawaiians is life.
- 4) Please amend the emergency proclamation for affordable housing and the Lahaina fires to include Sunshine Law to allow for community input. Please let the community have a voice.

Mahalo,
Samantha

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:12:26 AM

I, Isabella Perry, support the Emergency Proclamation WITH conditions:

1. Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement: 50% of average median income, and not 140%
3. Ensure our water management and the 599 Interim Instream Flow Standards (IFS) remain in Update.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.& kakoo_haleakala• The Sunshine Law is Hawaii's open meetings law.

Mahalo, Isabella Perry

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:22:17 AM

I offer my support for affordable housing with the following conditions .

1. Give Preference for lahaina residents on wait list. Then Maui residents for Hawaiian homelands

1. Ensure housing actually affordable at minimum 50% average median income

1. Ensure water management in place IIFS remain in place . Follow all water codes.

1. Amend proclamations to include sunshine laws. community needs to have a say!

Thank you for listening,

Perri Ricci
Kihei, HI

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:32:51 AM

I support with conditions

1. Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents. Then Maui residents in DHHL department of Hawaiian Home Lands
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirements. 50% of the average median income and not 140%
3. Ensure our water management and the interim in stream flow standards (IIFS) remain in placē
4. Amend proclamation to include sunshine Hawaiiis open meetings law.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:34:16 AM

I support with conditions

1. Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents. Then Maui residents in DHHL department of Hawaiian Home Lands
1. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirements. 50% of the average median income and not 140%
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1. Amend proclamation to include sunshine Hawaii's open meetings law.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:35:40 AM

I support with conditions

Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents Then Maui residents in DHHL department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirements 50% of the average median income and not 140%

Ensure our water management and the interim in stream flow standards (IIFS) remain in place

Amend proclamation to include sunshine Hawaii's open meetings law

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:49:02 AM

I would like to submit my testimony for DHHR with conditional support. My conditions are as follows

1. Give preference to Lāhaina residence first, then to Maui residents as listed
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable. I ask that you PLEASE CONSIDER 50% median income, NOT 140%.
3. Ensure water management area and interum entry flow standards remain in place; keep environmental protections in place for water management area.
4. I'd like to ask that you consider amending the proclamation for affordable housing and ammend it to INCLUDE the Sunshine Law

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: [Gov.Housing](#)
Date: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Monday, August 28, 2023 8:58:40 AM

I Kelly Gordon offer my conditional support for affordable housing with the following conditions .

1. Give preference to Lahaina Residents on waitlist .
2. Make it truly affordable at 50% median income
3. Follow all water codes.
4. Amend the proclamation to include sunshine laws.

I also request all DHHL projects give preference to lineal descendants of proposed project area first who have required quantum .Then lineal descendants of the area of the proposed project. Who can trace their genealogy to the place . Then Maui Residents.

Mahalo nui

Kelly Gordon
[REDACTED]
Lahaina HI 96761

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 9:05:31 AM

**Testimony presented to the Build Beyond Barriers Working
Group
Lead Housing Officer Nani Medeiros
August 29, 2023**

**Submitted by
Nā ‘Ohana o Lele**

Aloha nō, members of the Build Beyond Barriers Working Group (BBB Working Group) and leaders of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony for Item III.A of your agenda regarding 1) the Honokōwai Water System, including source and transmission to support housing in the Villages of Leiali‘i and the DHHL property in Honokōwai; 2) Villages of Leiali‘i; 3) Wailuku Single-Family Residential homestead; and 4) Waiehu Mauka Homestead.

We are Nā ‘Ohana o Lele, a coalition of community members who have been taking action to care for our beloved ‘ohana, friends, and community in the wake of the Lahaina fires and who have for decades worked to support the needs of our Lahaina community.

We would first wish to note that there were no materials made available to the public for us to review regarding DHHL’s proposed Maui projects. We continue to reaffirm our demand that the BBB Working Group reinstate Sunshine Law in its proceedings. Regardless, based on our current awareness of the DHHL projects, and what we believe are crucial requirements under any scenario, we offer the testimony below.

We would like to convey our **conditional support** for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) proposals for Maui. We believe these proposals have the potential to benefit our community, but **only if the proposals focus on supporting Maui working ‘ohana on the DHHL waitlists and only if the proposals are implemented responsibly and sustainably**. Specifically, we urge the DHHL to:

- Ensure that **preference is given to current Maui residents**. The Lahaina fires have displaced many people, and we need to make sure that the new housing will release pressure on the island for affordable homes. Giving preference to current Maui residents will help to ensure that the housing developed will create

that positive impact. If preference for Maui residents is not applied, the proposal could do the opposite by drawing new residents to Maui from other islands, placing greater strains on our resources.

- Ensure that the housing developed is **truly affordable**. The Emergency Housing Proclamation (EHP) sets a minimum affordability standard of 140% of the average median income (AMI). We believe that this standard is too high and that it will only benefit affluent families that can already afford homes. We urge the DHHL to set a lower affordability standard, such as **50% AMI**, so that the housing is truly accessible to working families.
- Ensure that the proposed Lahaina developments, to the highest degree possible, **will use R-1 recycled wastewater** that is oxidized, filtered and disinfected **for agriculture and other non-consumption purposes**.
- **Join us in seeking the return of water to Lahaina to recharge the natural water flows and safeguard the long-term health of the West Maui aquifers and stream systems** upon which all life in West Maui depends.

Beyond the above conditions, we urge the BBB Working Group to use its authority and influence to **reinstate the water management area designation for Maui Komohana**, along with the related **interim inflow stream standards**, and **reinstate Kaleo Manuel in his CWRM Deputy position** to implement these matters and future water management issues across our pae 'āina.

We are at a moment of huluhia in Hawai'i, a crossroads and tipping point that will determine the very nature of Lahaina, Hawai'i, and even how we here can influence changes needed worldwide.

We can either go about our normal paths and follow old and worn ways that have led us to the situation we find ourselves in, or we can boldly take new paths that create community and 'āina well-being that will generate long lasting positive results for future generations.

Nā 'Ohana o Lele seeks to lead this change in restoring and regrowing Lahaina in ways that mālama 'āina and the families of this 'āina. We believe such approaches—which place those who know 'āina and communities at the forefront as leaders and decision makers—will create a stronger and brighter future for all of us.

We urge the DHHL to engage us in its plans for Lahaina and to engage the communities of

Wailuku and Waiehu regarding the plans in those 'āina so each community can be involved in detailing how the DHHL might meet the above outlined conditions.

We urge the BBB Working Group to **conditionally approve the DHHL's proposals contingent upon their fulfillment of the above community guidance.** We further implore the BBB Working Group and Governor Green's administration to ensure that **only community-driven and community-approved plans are forwarded and prioritized through the EHP process,** consistent with the **governor's promise to follow the lead of the Lahaina community.**

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony - Let Lāhainā Lead!
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 9:07:36 AM

Aloha members of the BBB Working Group and DHHL officials,

I am writing to provide testimony for Item III.A of your agenda regarding 1) the Honokōwai Water System, including source and transmission to support housing in the Villages of Leiali'i and the DHHL property in Honokōwai; 2) Villages of Leiali'i; 3) Wailuku Single-Family Residential homestead; and 4) Waiehu Mauka Homestead.

I am an 'āina steward, steward of Kapuahua, mahi 'ai, member of Hui Aloha 'Āina's Ka Lei 'Āina Ali'i, and father to keiki o ka 'āina ma Kūkaniloko, O'ahunuiala'ila'i. Our 'ohana is deeply saddened by the tragic losses which occurred recently in Lāhianā, Maui, and we extend our aloha and kōkua to the 'ohana who have lost so much and continue to live through these events.

I submit this testimony of **conditional support** for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) proposals for Maui. I believe these proposals have the potential to benefit the community, but **only if the proposals focus on supporting Maui working 'ohana on the DHHL waitlists and only if the proposals are implemented responsibly and sustainably**. Specifically, I urge the DHHL to:

- Ensure that **preference is given to current Maui residents**. The Lāhainā fires have displaced many people, and we need to make sure that the new housing will release pressure on the island for affordable homes. Giving preference to current Maui residents will help to ensure that the housing developed will create that positive impact. If preference for Maui residents is not applied, the proposal could do the opposite by drawing new residents to Maui from other islands, placing greater strains on our resources.
- Ensure that the housing developed is **truly affordable**. The Emergency Housing Proclamation (EHP) sets a minimum affordability standard of 140% of the average median income (AMI). I believe that this standard is too high and that it will only benefit affluent families that can already afford homes. I urge the DHHL to set a lower affordability standard, such as **50% AMI**, so that the housing is truly accessible to working families.
- Ensure that the proposed Lāhainā developments—to the highest degree possible—**will use R-1 recycled wastewater** that is oxidized, filtered and disinfected **for agriculture and other non-consumption purposes**.

Beyond the above conditions, I urge the BBB Working Group to use its authority and

influence to **reinstate the water management area designation for Maui Komohana** and the related **interim inflow stream standards** and **reinstate Kaleo Manuel in his CWRM Deputy position** to implement these matters and future water management issues across our pae 'āina.

This is an opportunity to show the community their needs and wishes are being respected! I have personally been working on the ground in Honokōwai as an EMT, helping Lāhainā 'ohana with medical needs, and after speaking with several residents and witnessing what this has done to the minds, hearts, and spirits of the people, I feel more than ever that this community needs to be respected and placed at the front of all decisions being made regarding the future of rebuilding and living in their ancestral homeland.

Mahalo for your consideration of this testimony.

Me ke aloha pumehana,

Brian "loane" Jahn



From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony - Conditional Support - Let Lāhainā Lead!
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 9:03:55 AM

Aloha mai,

My name is Jasmine Slovak, I'm a resident of O'ahu. However, recognize that some of our biggest kuleana is to support our sister communities in their leadership, knowledge, and rootedness. I stand with Nā 'Ohana o Lele. I stand by their testimony.

I echo their conditional support for Item III. A of your agenda regarding 1) the Honokōwai Water System, including source and transmission to support housing in the Villages of Leiali'i and the DHHL property in Honokōwai; 2) Villages of Leiali'i; 3) Wailuku Single-Family Residential homestead; and 4) Waiehu Mauka Homestead.

In addition, I urge the consideration of the consequences this emergency will set in precedence, by supporting the following points.

- The housing needs of displaced families in Lahaina should be the top priority for all related state entities right now.
- This priority must not only include but be led by the Lahaina community - and at a pace they find appropriate.
- The suspension of sunshine law serves to preclude those most impacted by housing issues from participating in solution building. At this time, this especially marginalizes the Lahaina community, which is flat wrong. Reinstate sunshine law

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify and for your consideration.

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Ē mālama pono,

Jasmine Slovak
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] WRITTEN TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 9:11:07 AM
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Aloha!

My name is Tiara Rivera, a local resident of Maui County.
I am submitting testimony with conditional support.

The Conditions are as follows:

1. The DHHL, please give preference to Lahaina Residents first, then Maui Residents.
2. Ensure housing is affordable consider 50% average median income.
3. Ensure the water management area and interim to restore stream flow for ALL Streams.
4. Amending the emergency proclamation to include The Sunshine Law for both affordable housing and Lahaina fire disaster recovery and rebuild.

Thank you,



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To: [Gov.Housing](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony to the BBBWG Agenda Item III
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 9:22:40 AM

To Lead Housing Officer Nani Medeiros and members of the "Build Back Better Working Group,"

We strongly object to the Governor's Emergency Proclamation on Housing.

Hawai'i has a housing crisis - because developers and landowners have turned our life-giving 'āina and wai into a source of profit, with the complicity of our government and at the expense of kānaka 'ōiwi and all who depend upon the environmental and cultural integrity of our islands.

This was made abundantly clear in the actions of the state and major landowners and developers in Maui Komohana and Maui Hikina, who have exploited the death and destruction that have befallen Lahaina, to roll back water management protections that would uphold the rights of kānaka 'ōiwi, protect the subsistence resources and 'āina that depend upon wai and that we depend upon, and ensure that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands can access wai that they have priority rights to.

For decades these landowners and their ilk have displaced Hawaiian communities, turned agricultural lands into residences for the rich, and fought tirelessly against the few hard-fought legal protections that have been established to defend the rights and interests of 'ōiwi and all who love our Hawai'i nei.

This emergency proclamation now gives these developers and a small handful of government officials the unprecedented power to ignore major environmental, cultural protection, government transparency, fiscal accountability, county home rule, and worker protection laws in housing development projects across every island - without even any affordability requirements.

We refuse to let the death and destruction that we have suffered to now be used to justify such a blatant giveaway of our 'āina and the security of our children and future

generations, to the very developers and landowners who have created our housing crisis, and whose land use and water management practices contributed significantly to our recent tragedy.

Please do the right thing. Demand that the emergency proclamation be rescinded. Tell the Governor to do what he promised, and give the actual people of Lahaina a real voice in the future of this 'āina - and not compound our grief by using us as pawns in this thinly disguised sellout of our beloved home.

Mahalo nui for your consideration of this matter.

Me ka inaina pono,

Kapali Keahi

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony for BBBWG
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 9:25:15 AM

Aloha,

I am writing to submit testimony for consideration by the Build Beyond Barriers Working Group. In the wake of the Lahaina fires, it is inappropriate to rush through development plans that involve the island of Maui. The Lahaina community, and really, the entire Maui community, are under too much stress to adequately participate in public input processes related to the BBB working group, particularly without the full implementation of Sunshine Law.

The housing needs of displaced families in Lahaina should be the top priority for all related state entities right now.

This priority must not only include, but be led by the Lahaina community - and at a pace they find appropriate.

The suspension of sunshine law serves to preclude those most impacted by housing issues from participating in solution building. At this time, this especially marginalizes the Lahaina community, which is flat wrong. Reinstate sunshine law.

We stand with Nā 'Ohana o Lele.

We stand by their testimony.

Mahalo,

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Tina Grandinetti

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 9:26:51 AM


Aloha,

As the BBB begins its work, I'd like to offer the following testimony. The housing needs of displaced families in Lahaina should be the top priority for all related state entities right now. But addressing these needs must not only include, but be led by the Lahaina community - and at a pace they find appropriate. What is the BBB doing to facilitate meaningful engagement with Lahaina community leaders about housing?

Suspending sunshine law keeps those most impacted by the housing crisis at a distance. It serves to preclude those most impacted by housing issues from participating in solution building. At this time, this especially marginalizes the Lahaina community, which is flat wrong. I urge the Governor to reinstate sunshine law for all matters pertaining to the BBB.

It's important to share that there is substantial community support behind the community of Lahaina. I stand with Nā 'Ohana o Lele and I stand by their testimony for the 8/29 BBB meeting.

Aloha aina oiaio,
Alaka'i Kapanui

From: 
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BBBG
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 9:28:42 AM

You are not involving the people of Lahaina in this meeting. This is a violation of their constitutional rights.

Mahalo,
Nilva

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony - Items II & III (BBWG Meeting 8/29/23)
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 9:29:28 AM

Aloha -

Please heed the call of the public and good government advocates to reinstate Ch. 92 and conduct these meetings and the efforts of this working group with the full strength of public participation and transparency that the Governor has repeatedly promised.

Observing the behavior of the Lead Housing Officer (LHO) and her interactions outside of these meetings, attacking critics of the BBWG and even victims of the Lahaina fires by calling them liars and attempting to defame them publicly via social media posts (then deleting them) is below the dignity of the Office and her role as a civil servant. Please be better, do better, and members of the BBWG should demand as much.

To publicly state that she & the BBWG will be "as shiney as possible" is hyperbolic, disingenuous and simply unacceptable. To-date, the management, leadership and public outreach of this expansive and powerful working group has been sub-par at best, especially considering its mandate and mission.

We are all in agreement that these are challenging and unprecedented times, and the BBWG can and should rise to this occasion. The success of this working group and the unilateral decisions of the LHO will not be judged by the number of projects fast-tracked but rather by the actual buy-in from the public and our belief in the legitimacy of the process you are undertaking.

The people of Lahaina should have multiple seats at the BBWG table now that a pivot has occurred, with the full complement of the protections and provisions of the Sunshine Law as its guide, instead of its burden. Many difficult decisions will be made in the coming months and years ahead, but making them in darkness or while disregarding transparency will only further exacerbate deep-seated mistrust in our government and its supposed servant leaders.

Respectfully -
George O. White, Esq.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Emergency proclamation testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 9:23:48 AM

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH the following conditions: 1. Prioritize preference to Lāhainā residents, then Maui residents for housing in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands) 2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement 50% of average median income, and not 140%. 3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place. 4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law. 5. Ensure the residents of Lāhainā are the ones making the decisions about the development, and NOT Nani Medeiros who was NOT ELECTED. Signed,
Tabitha Pulinattu
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 9:01:45 AM

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION TESTIMONY

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH the following conditions:

1. Prioritize preference to Lāhainā residents, then Maui residents for housing in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement 50% of average median income, and not 140%.
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.
5. Ensure the residents of Lāhainā are the ones making the decisions about the development, and NOT Nani Medeiros who was NOT ELECTED.

Signed, Anne Bunker PO Box 6597, Hilo, HI 96720


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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Emergency proclamation testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:43:44 AM

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH the following conditions:

1. Prioritize preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents for housing in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands).
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement 50% of average median income, and not 140%
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.

Mahalo,
Iliana Sarabia

From: 
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Emergency proclamation testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:35:22 AM

I support the Emergency Proclamation only WITH the following conditions:

1. Prioritize preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents for housing in DHHL (Department for Hawaiian Home Lands)
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirements 50% average medium income, not 140%
3. Ensure water management and Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.

Sincerely,
Bhabna

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:27:53 AM

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH the following

1. Prioritize preference to Lahaina residents then Maui residents for housing in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands).
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum incomeAISER requirement 50% of average median income, and not 140%.
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim instream Flow Standards
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.

Thank you

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 6:00:04 AM

Hello,

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH the following conditions:

1. Prioritize preference to Lahaina residents, and then Maui residents for housing in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands).
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement 50% of average median income, and not 140%.
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.

Thank you,
Maya Mistry

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 5:39:17 AM

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH THE FOLLOW CONDITIONS:

1. Prioritize preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents for housing in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands).
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement 50% of the average medium income, not 140%.
3. Ensure that water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include the Sunshine Law.

Thank you,
Analise Castillo

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 3:41:12 AM

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH the following conditions:

Prioritize preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)

Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement: 50% of average median income, and not 140%

Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IFS) remain in place

Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law. (The Sunshine Law Hawaii's open meetings law)

Mahalo piha,
Noelani Beard

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Emergency Proclamation Testimony
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 10:07:10 PM

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH the following conditions:

1. Prioritize preference to Lahaina residence, then Maui residence. for housing in DHHL. (Department of Hawaiian homelands).
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making. Making the minimum income requirement 50% of the average medium income, and not 140%.
3. Ensure that the water management and the interim i stream flow standards (IFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include sunshine law.

Thank you,
Daun Lakefield
West Milford, NJ

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION TESTIMONY
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 9:49:10 PM

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH the following conditions:

1. Prioritize preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents for housing in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands).
2. Ensure housing is genuinely affordable by making the minimum income requirement 50% of the average median income, and not 140%.
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.

Mahalo,
Adriana Jones

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION TESTIMONY
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 8:39:13 PM

Mahalo,
Kaya Givensel

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 9:05:32 PM

To whom it may concern,

I support affordable housing with the following conditions:

1. DHHL land should be offered first to people of Lahaina and Maui residents.
2. Housing needs to actually be affordable and maximum 50% of median income.
3. IIFS must remain in place.
4. Amend proclamation to include sunshine law to keep community involved.

Aloha,
Sky Solbach

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 9:06:15 PM

Aloha,

I am submitting testimony, with conditional support.

The conditions are as follows:

1. For DHHL, please give preference to Lahaina residents, first lineal descendants, of the proposed project area who have required quantum, then lineal descendants of the area of the proposed project who can trace their genealogy to that place, then Maui residents.
2. Ensure housing is affordable, consider 50% average median income.
3. Ensure the water management areas and interim entry flow standards remain in place.
4. Consider amending the emergency proclamation to include the sunshine law for both affordable housing and Lahaina fire disaster recovery and rebuild.

Mahalo,
Jacqueline Chico
Hawaii constituent

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: [Gov.Housing](#)
Date: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Sunday, August 27, 2023 9:06:18 PM

I support the emergency proclamations with condition.

- 1 . Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents, the Maui residents in DHHL.
2. Ensuring that housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement 50% of average median income.
3. Ensure that our water standards and the interim and instream flow standards remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include sunshine law.

Jenny Waikiki

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 9:19:37 PM

I support the Emergency Proclamation with the following conditions;

- Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.)
- Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement: 50% of average median income, and not 40%.
- Ensure our (specifically Maui County) water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
- Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law (The Sunshine Law meaning Hawaii open meetings law.)

Once again I support the Emergency Proclamation with the above listed conditions.

Mahalo Nui,
Ashley K.V. Cho

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 9:21:43 PM

Aloha,

I offer my conditional support for affordable housing with the following conditions. Preference to Lahaina Families first on the waitlist for Hawaiian Homes and then Maui residents. Also to insure that homes are affordable and not 140% but 50%. Must follow all water codes. Let the community especially Lahaina Community have a voice and input. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Brandi Mahuna
Wailuku, Maui

****Lahaina Strong****

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Brandi L Mahuna

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 9:29:07 PM

Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in DH

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 9:41:43 PM

Aloha,

This is my testimony and input regarding the emergency proclamation made by Governor Josh Green. I support the Emergency Proclamation with conditions. Those conditions are as follows:

- 1.) The state and county must prioritize (above all other entities) preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Homelands).
- 2.) Ensuring new housing in Lahaina is affordable by making the minimum income requirement: 50% of the average median income (not 140%). Also that rebuilding costs for residents is affordable.
- 3.) Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
- 4.) Amend the emergency proclamation to include the Sunshine Law. No project (at any stage of the recovery and rebuilding processes of Lahaina) should be approved without first have the consent and input of the Lahaina residents, who were living in Lahaina at the time of the 2023 fire.

With Aloha,
Jamie Klunder | Maui, HI

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 9:45:47 PM

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH conditions:

1. Prioritize preference to Lahina residents, then Maui residents for housing in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands).
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making minimum income requirement 50% average median income, and not 140%.
3. Ensure our water management and Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.

Thank you,

Alice Sato

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 9:46:57 PM

I support the Emergency Proclamation with these conditions:

1. Prioritizing preferences to the Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in DHHL (Department of Hawaii Home Lands)
2. Making sure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirements. 50% of average median income, and not 140%
3. Ensure our water management & interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the Proclamation to include Sunshine Law.

Thank you, Tara Hayes

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To: Gov.Housing
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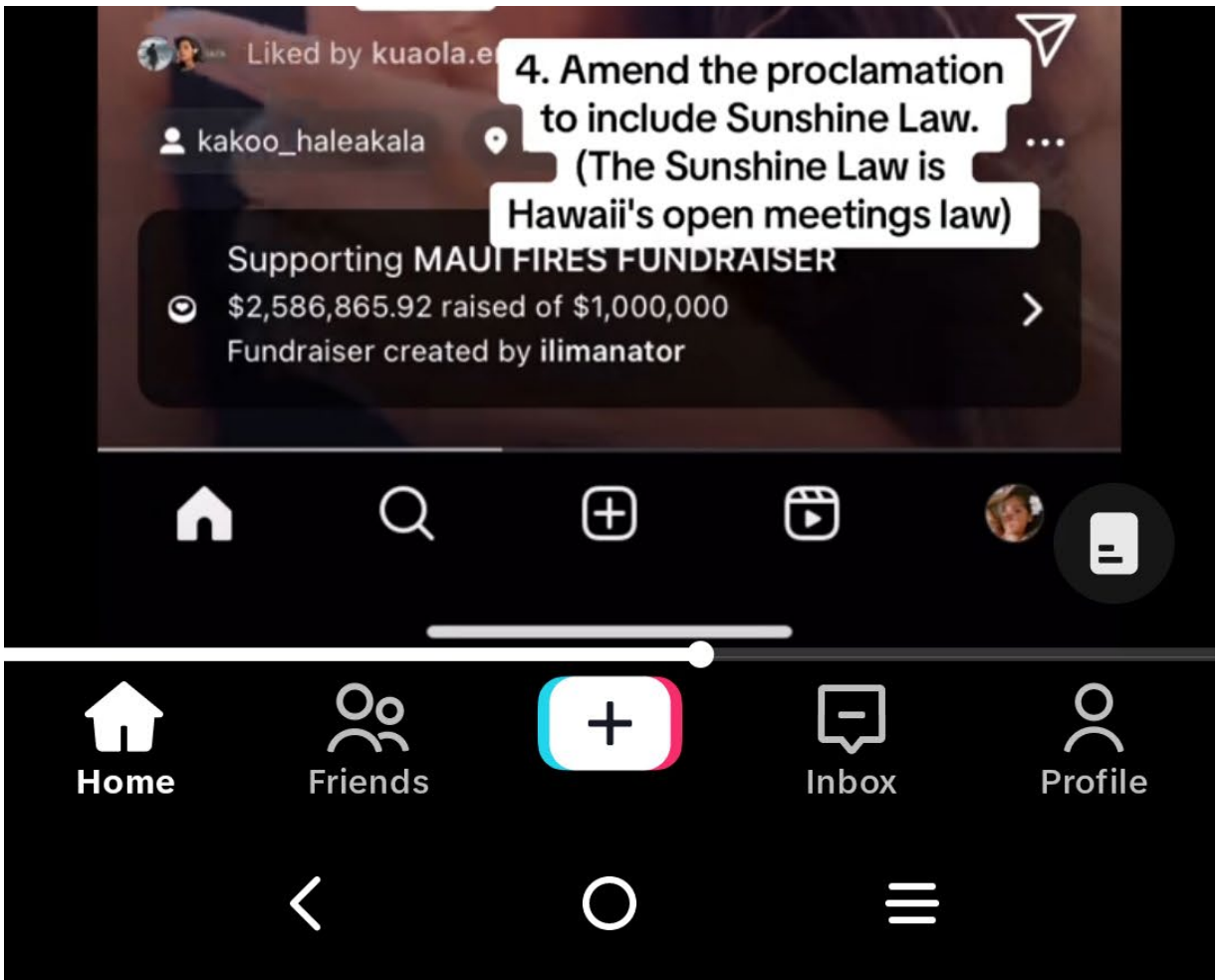
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I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH conditions:

1. Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement: 50% of average median income, and not 140%
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in

Update. Please place testimony 🙏

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I wish to submit my support for the Emergency Proclamation with some conditions:

1. That you prioritize preference to the Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in DHHL.
2. That you ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement 50% of average median income, not 140%
3. Ensure the water management and the interim in-stream flow standards remain in place
4. Amend the proclamation to include the sunshine law.

Regards.

[Redacted signature]

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: [Gov.Housing](#)
Date: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Sunday, August 27, 2023 9:49:44 PM

I support the Emergency Proclamation with these conditions:

1. Prioritizing preferences to the Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in DHHL (Department of Hawaii Home Lands)
2. Making sure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirements. 50% of average median income, and not 140%
3. Ensure our water management & interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the Proclamation to include Sunshine Law.

Thank you
Deanna Charles

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 9:51:06 PM

Aloha nō,

I support the emergency proclamation WITH CONDITIONS as follows:

1. Prioritizing preference to Lāhainā residents, then Maui residents in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Homelands).
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement 50% of average median income, and NOT 140%.
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.

Me ka 'ōia'i'ō,
Maverick Akana
Maui resident

From: [REDACTED]
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I support the Emergency Proclamation with these conditions:

1. Prioritizing preferences to the Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in DHHL (Department of Hawaii Home Lands)
2. Making sure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirements. 50% of average median income, and not 140%
3. Ensure our water management & interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the Proclamation to include Sunshine Law.

Connie Hayes

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 9:52:02 PM

I support the Emergency Proclamation with these conditions:

1. Prioritizing preferences to the Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in DHHL (Department of Hawaii Home Lands)
2. Making sure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirements. 50% of average median income, and not 140%
3. Ensure our water management & interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the Proclamation to include Sunshine Law.

Fred Charles Jr.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 9:56:34 PM

I am submitting testimony with conditional support, the conditions are as follows;

- 1) That the people of Lahaina on the waitlist for Hawaiian homes be given preference first due to the unforeseen fires leaving many Ohana displaced and without a home, and then open up to Maui residents. (DHHL)
- 2) To ensure that housing cost is TRULY affordable that the minimum be 50% average median cost, most Ohana cannot afford 140%.
- 3) That our water management area remain as is and in place and (iifs) interim flow standards remain in place for the health of our ground waters and health of our streams.
- 4) That you please consider amending the emergency proclamation both for affordable housing and for the fire to include the sunshine law.

Mahalo, Kimberli Kaanana

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From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 10:12:18 PM

I am submitting testimony with conditional support.

The conditions are as follows:

1. For DHHL, please give preference to Lahaina residents first, then Maui residents.
2. Ensure housing is affordable, consider 50% average median income.
3. Ensure the water management area and interim entry flow standards remain in place.
4. Consider amending the emergency proclamation to include The Sunshine Law for both affordable housing and the Lahaina fire disaster recovery and rebuild

Nicholas D Jimenez

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 10:29:52 PM

I support the Emergency Proclamation With the following conditions:

1. Prioritize preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents for housing in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands).
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement 50% of average median income, and not 140%
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.

Thank you, Kim Phan

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 10:37:16 PM

I am submitting testimony with conditional support.

The conditions are as follows:

1. For DHHL, please give preference to give preference to lineal descendants of the proposed project area first who have required quantum, THEN lineal descendants of the area of the proposed project who can trace their genealogy to that place, THEN Maui residents.
2. Ensure housing is affordable, consider 50% average median income.
3. Ensure the water management area and interim entry flow standards remain in place.
4. Consider amending the emergency proclamation to include The Sunshine Law for both affordable housing and the Lahaina fire disaster recovery and rebuild.

Mahalo,

Sam Gordon

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 10:38:00 PM

Aloha,

I am submitting testimony with conditional support. The conditions are as follows:

1. For DHHL, please give preference to Lahaina residents first, then Maui residents.
2. Ensure housing is actually affordable to Maui residents. Consider 50% average median income.
3. Ensure the water management area and interim entry flow standards remain in place.
4. Amend the emergency proclamation to include The Sunshine Law for both affordable housing and the Lahaina fire disaster recovery and rebuild.

Mahalo

Rosanne Enoka

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 10:40:22 PM

I support the Emergency Proclamation with the following conditions;

- Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.)
- Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement: 50% of average median income, and not 40%.
- Ensure our (specifically Maui County) water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
- Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law (The Sunshine Law meaning Hawaii open meetings law.)

Once again I support the Emergency Proclamation with the above listed conditions.

Mahalo Nui,
Kauai Cho

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 10:41:19 PM

Aloha

I extend support on affordable housing with the following criteria in this order.

1. Preference/priority is given to displaced Lahaina Residents first, followed by other Maui residents.
2. Affordable should be defined at 50% or lower than the median income.
3. Current water coding should be followed.

Mahalo

Amanda Kuhns

[REDACTED]
Lahaina Hawaii 96761

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 10:43:39 PM

I support the Emergency Proclamation shall the following conditions be met;

- Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.)
- Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement: 50% of average median income, and not 40%.
- Ensure our (specifically Maui County) water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
- Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law (The Sunshine Law meaning Hawaii open meetings law.)

Once again I support the Emergency Proclamation shall the above listed conditions be met.

Mahalo Nui,
Ken Cho

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Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 10:54:22 PM

Governor Josh Green, MD
gov.housing@hawaii.gov

Subject: Testimony re: Lahaina housing

Aloha Governor Green,

I am submitting testimony with CONDITIONAL SUPPORT as follows:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->For DHHL applicants/wait-listers, please give preference to Lahaina residents displaced as a result of the recent calamitous wildfires, and then to Maui residents as a whole.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Please help ensure that housing is AFFORDABLE. Instead of using a measure of 140% of average median income for Hawaii (2022 amounts are \$75,800 for one-earner, \$100,500 for 3-earner households) or \$106,120 for one-earner and \$140,700 for 3-earner households. Please consider a multiplier that will be more realistic and affordable for Lahaina households; I suggest something like FIFTY PERCENT (50%) of average median household income.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Please ensure that WATER MANAGEMENT AREA and INTERIM entry flow standards REMAIN in place. Current levels reflect years of hard-fought gains for farmers and other growers and to reduce these amounts will only add to future hardships for those water-using groups.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Please consider amending the emergency proclamation to include the Sunshine Law for both affordable housing and the Lahaina fire disaster recovery & rebuild. Public testimony is critical in this process whereby the outcomes may determine whether people are able to remain in place and begin the long, slow process of rebuilding and moving past losses, both human and economic, or perhaps be forced to uproot years of attachment to place and relocate as others have done for more than 100 years.

I am not a Maui-island resident however, I've followed the "water fight" that the people of Maui have wages over decades of corporate control over this precious commodity; water really should simply be placed in the public trust, not owned by any legal entities, and certainly should not be part of profit-centered activities of profiteering enterprises.

The recent wildfire disaster and resulting losses has complicated an already contentious and complicated situation. I only ask that your actions in this situation be based on fairness to all, affordability for those incurring the worst losses and mostly, sensitivity to the cultural and social issues at play, now and for the past 100 years.

Malama Pono, Aloha Aina, Aloha nui...

Joel C Kekumuwaimapunaowaiakea Peralto

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#); [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 11:01:52 PM

Aloha Sirs or to whom it may concern:

I am submitting testimony with 'conditional support'.

The conditions are as follows:

1. For DHHL, please give preference to Lahaina residents first, anyone displaced from the Maui Fires, then Maui residents.
2. Ensure that housing is affordable, consider 50% average median income
3. Ensure the water management area and interim entry flow standards remain in place.
4. Consider amending the emergency proclamation to INCLUDE the SUNSHINE LAW for both affordable housing and the Lahaina fire disaster recovery and rebuild.

Mahalo for the opportunity to support our communities and peoples of our Hawaii Nei, Maui Nei, Lahaina Nei

What happens to one, really happens to ALL.

Mahalo in advance for your hopeful support and consideration.

Blessings of ALOHA

signed: Marlene Pilaes
Oahu Nei

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 11:05:17 PM

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH conditions:

1. Prioritizing preference to Lāhainā residents, then Maui residents in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Homelands)
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement: 50% of the average median income, and not 140%.
3. Ensure the water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law. (The Sunshine Law is Hawai‘i’s open meetings law).
5. Ensure the residents of Lāhainā are the ones making the decisions about the development in Lāhainā, and NOT NANI MEDEIROS who is NOT AN ELECTED OFFICIAL.

Mahalo,
Tanya KD Alana

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 11:06:06 PM

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH conditions:

1. Prioritizing preference to Lāhainā residents, then Maui residents in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Homelands)
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement: 50% of the average median income, and not 140%.
3. Ensure the water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law. (The Sunshine Law is Hawai‘i’s open meetings law).
5. Ensure the residents of Lāhainā are the ones making the decisions about the development in Lāhainā, and NOT NANI MEDEIROS who is NOT AN ELECTED OFFICIAL.

Mahalo,
M. Alana

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 11:10:24 PM

Lahaina residents that are rebuilding should be held at 50% median income for Hawaii. This will help keep Kanaka or Kama'aina on island instead of being priced out of paradise.

Via iPhone
Scott Hilbert

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 11:15:49 PM

Aloha,

I am submitting testimony with conditional support. The conditions are as follows:

1. For DHHL, please give preference to Lahaina residents first, then Maui residents.
2. Ensure housing is affordable, consider 50% average median income.
3. Ensure the water management area and interim entry flow standards remain in place.
4. Consider amending the emergency proclamation to include The Sunshine Law for both affordable housing and the Lahaina fire disaster recovery and rebuild

Mahalo,

Cedric

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 11:21:09 PM

Aloha mai kākou,
I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH conditions.

1. Prioritizing preference to Lāhainā residents, then Māui residents to DHHL. (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement 50% of average medium income, and not 140%.
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the Proclamation to include Sunshine Law.

Me ke aloha,
Shayna Noelani Dabis-Tom

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 11:22:39 PM

I support the emergency proclamation WITH conditions:

1. Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in DHHL (Dept. of Hawaiian Home Lands).
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement: 50% of average median income, and not 140%.
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Stabdards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law (The Sunshine Law is Hawaii's open meeting law).

Thank you,
Emily Tam

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 11:37:51 PM

I support the emergency proclamation with conditions:

1. Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents then Maui residents in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Homelands)
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement 50% of average median income and NOT 140%
3. Ensure our water management and the interim instream flow standards (IIFS) remain in place
4. Amend the proclamation to include sunshine law (the sunshine law is Hawaii's open meeting law)

Thank you,
Levenia Mika

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 11:42:55 PM

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION TESTIMONY

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH the following conditions:

1. Prioritize preference to Lāhainā residents, then Maui residents for housing in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement 50% of average median income, and not 140%.
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.
5. Ensure the residents of Lāhainā are the ones making the decisions about the development, and NOT Nani Medeiros who was NOT ELECTED.

Aloha,
Salicia Remington

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 11:47:25 PM

I support with conditions:

1. Prioritize preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in DHHL, Department of Hawaiian Homelands.
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income 50% of average median income not 140%
3. Ensure our water management and the interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.

Douglas Bautista, Jr.
Hawaii Resident

"Happiness is always just a thought away."

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023 11:51:27 PM

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH conditions:

1. Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in DHHL (Department of Hawaii Home Lands).
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement: 50% of average median income, and not 140%.
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend to Proclamation to include Sunshine Law.

Thank you
Lilliam Gonzalez

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 12:02:29 AM

I support the emergency proclamation with conditions.

1. Preference to the Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in DHHL.(department of Hawaii homelands)
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement:50% of median income, not 140%
3. Ensure water managementAnd the interim instream flow standards (IIFS) Remain in place
- 4 Amend the proclamation to include the sunshine law (Open meetings law)

Sean Murphy

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 12:03:30 AM

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH conditions:

1. Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
2. Ensuring housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement: 50% of average median income and not 140%
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.

Thank you,
Caitlin Allen

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 12:07:00 AM

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION TESTIMONY

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH the following conditions:

1. Prioritize preference to Lāhainā residents, then Maui residents for housing in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement 50% of average median income, and not 140%.
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.
5. Ensure the residents of Lāhainā are the ones making the decisions about the development, and NOT Nani Medeiros who was NOT ELECTED.

Signed,
Andrew Berley

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 12:09:28 AM

I want a full investigation into why there were barricades blocking Lahaina residents from leaving, during the fire. I want a full investigation into why Sherriff John Pelletier was hired, disregarding a statute that he must be a Hawaii resident for at least one year prior to being elected to the position. I ask he be removed from office immediately. I ask for a full investigation into the number of complaints Mr. Pelletier has received from staff members who currently work, or worked previously, directly under Pelletier in the local Maui police department. I want the statute that affirms an officer must be an island resident for a minimum year prior to being hired Sherriff, to be upheld and for Pelletier to be removed from office due to being unlawfully hired for the position, as well as his gross negligence to protect lives during the critical hours of the fire, which resulted the loss of hundreds of human lives.

I ask for a full investigation as to the source of the original fire on Lahainaluna Rd, as well as whose decision it was to put out a statement that the fire was 100% contained at 9am on August 8th.

I ask any decision-making process considering rebuilding to be inclusive of Lahaina residents, business-owners, as well as relatives of Lahaina residents and land-owners who are missing and possibly dead.

I ask no building of infrastructure to move forward until Lahaina residents have been allowed back to their properties, and given multiple opportunities to participate in dialogue with government officials as to their desires and needs.

I must reiterate that I request that John Pelletier be removed from office immediately due to his gross negligence, causing innumerable loss of life. He must be replaced by a resident who is locally appointed, by residents, and who has lived as a resident at least one year.

Thanks you for your time,
- Lauren

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 12:13:02 AM

Aloha,

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH conditions:

1. Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in DHHL (Dept of Hawaiian Home Lands).
2. Ensure housing is affordable by making minimum income requirement: 50% of average median income, and not 140%!
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.

Mahalo,
Bobbie Wright

Sent from my iPad

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 12:21:59 AM

I support the emergency proclamation with conditions:

- 1) Prioritize preference to Lāhainā residents then Maui residents for DHHL
- 2) Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement: 50% of average median income and not 140%
- 3) Ensure our water management and the interim instream flow standards (IIFS) remain in place
- 4) Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Laws

Mahalo,
Regina Peterson

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 12:28:24 AM

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION TESTIMONY

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH the following conditions:

1. Prioritize preference to Lāhainā residents, then Maui residents for housing in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement 50% of average median income, and not 140%.
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.
5. Ensure the residents of Lāhainā are the ones making the decisions about the development, and NOT Nani Medeiros who was NOT ELECTED.

Aloha,
Jésus Flores

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 12:31:12 AM

I support the Emergency Proclamation with the following conditions; • Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.) • Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement: 50% of average median income, and not 40%. • Ensure our (specifically Maui County) water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place. • Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law (The Sunshine Law meaning Hawaii open meetings law.) Once again I support the Emergency Proclamation with the above listed conditions.

Mahalo,
Milika Cho

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 12:48:58 AM

I support the emergency proclamation with conditions , these four conditions include :

1. Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui Residents in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirements: 50% or average median income, and not 140%
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) Remain in place
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.

Mahalo

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 1:04:04 AM

I support the emergency proclamation with conditions, these four conditions include :

1. Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui Residents in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirements: 50% or average median income, and not 140%
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) Remain in place
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.

Mahalo

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 1:04:43 AM

I support the emergency proclamation with conditions , these four conditions include :

1. Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui Residents in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirements: 50% or average median income, and not 140%
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) Remain in place
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.

Mahalo

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 1:11:41 AM

Aloha kakou,

I am submitting testimony with conditional support for the following:

- 1.) For DHHL, to give preference for ALL proposed project areas in Maui first to lineal descendants who have required Hawaiian blood quantum, THEN second to lineal descendants of the area of the proposed project who can trace their genealogy to that place, THEN third to Maui residents.
- 2.) Please restore stream flow for ALL streams on Maui.
- 3.) Ensure housing is affordable at 50% average median income..
- 4.) Ensure that water management area and interim entry flow standards remain in place.
- 5.) Amend the emergency proclamation to include the Sunshine Law for both affordable housing and the Lahaina fire disaster recovery and rebuild plans and execution.

Mahalo,

Leilani Makuakane

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 1:22:55 AM

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION TESTIMONY

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH the following conditions:

1. Prioritize preference to Lāhainā residents, then Maui residents for housing in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement 50% of average median income, and not 140%.
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.
5. Ensure the residents of Lāhainā are the ones making the decisions about the development, and NOT Nani Medeiros who was NOT ELECTED.

Signed, Sara Melton

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 1:43:36 AM

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION TESTIMONY

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH the following conditions:

1. Prioritize preference to Lāhainā residents, then Maui residents for housing in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement 50% of average median income, and not 140%.
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.
5. Ensure the residents of Lāhainā are the ones making the decisions about the development, and NOT Nani Medeiros who was NOT ELECTED.

Signed,

Kyla Bell
Kylaa, The Creator Limited Co

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 1:44:51 AM

Aloha,

I am writing to submit my testimony with conditional support, the conditions are as follows:

1. For DHHL, please give preference to the residents of Lahaina, then Maui residents.
2. Please ensure housing is affordable; reconsider the median income to a more realistic 50% average median income.
3. Please ensure the water management and interim entry flow standards remain in place.
4. Please amend the Emergency Proclamation to include the Sunshine Law, as we must have transparency in our government for community members to have a voice for both affordable housing and the Lahaina disaster recovery and rebuilding.

Mahalo,
Shaina Saron

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 2:00:52 AM

I support the Emergency Proclamations WITH conditions:

1. Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands).
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement: 50% of average median income, and not 140%.
3. Ensure the water management and the Interim INstream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 2:31:11 AM

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH the following conditions:

1. Prioritize preference to Lāhainā residents, then Maui residents for housing in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement 50% of average median income, and not 140%.
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.
5. Ensure the residents of Lāhainā are the ones making the decisions about the development.

Mahalo Nui Loa!

Sincerely,
Kaitlyn Kealohapauole Adcock

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 2:38:49 AM

To whom it may concern,

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH the following conditions:

1. Prioritize preference to Lāhainā residents, then Maui residents for housing in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement 50% of average median income, and not 140%.
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.
5. Ensure the residents of Lāhainā are the ones making the decisions about the development, and NOT Nani Medeiros who was NOT ELECTED.

Thank you,
Rachel Quinn

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 2:41:25 AM

Aloha, I wanted to provide a testimony in alignment with that of our local communities. I support the emergency proclamation, but only under the following conditions:

1. Prioritize the people who have been impacted in Lahaina by the devastating fires, then Maui residents in Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).
2. Make housing realistically affordable by making the minimum income requirement 50% of the average median income. 140% is unrealistic, especially for those who need it most.
3. Maintain water management and Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) in its current state.
4. Include Hawaii Sunshine Law in the housing proclamation.

Mahalo for your time. I look forward to seeing the results.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 2:41:59 AM

Testimony for conditional DHHO support.

1. Preference to Lahaina residents first.
2. Insure Housing is truly affordable at 50% average medium income.
3. Insure current water management protection and IIF remain in place.
4. Amend proclamation to include sunshine so the community can have a voice in these areas.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 3:02:59 AM

I would like to have the following items be heard.

I support the emergency proclamation with the following conditions;

1. Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residences and then Maui residence in DHHL.
2. Ensuring housing is truly affordable by making the minimum household income threshold 50% of average median income not 140%.
3. Ensure our water management and IIFS remain in place.
4. Amend the emergency proclamation to include the sunshine law.

I appreciate your consideration to include the four items in the emergency proclamation so that we can start healing and rebuilding Lahaina.

Stephannie Vela
Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 3:04:57 AM

Good morning,

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH conditions:

1. Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents and also the residents of Maui in Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement: 50% of average median income, not 140%
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards remain in place
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law

Thank you for your time,
Kate

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 3:05:02 AM

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!!!! PLEASE READ!!!!
Okay all my beloved friends and supporters!

There is a very very important meeting happening Tuesday at the capital regarding Lāhainā and Maui.

So I'm putting the kāhea* Call out to all you folks and anyone willing to support this literally will only take 5 seconds and make a BIG impact WHEREVER you are from.

Every email must be submitted by tomorrow 9am HST/ 3pm EST/ 12Noon Mst&PST

Please Kōkua Help us send these testimonies out!

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION TESTIMONY

- I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH the following conditions:
1. Prioritize preference to Lāhainā residents, then Maui residents for housing in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
 2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement 50% of average median income, and not 140%.
 3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
 4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.
 5. Ensure the residents of Lāhainā are the ones making the decisions about the development, and NOT Nani Medeiros who was NOT ELECTED.

Signed, your name. Please don't forget this small detail!

Sincerely, Kristal M. Moore

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 3:12:35 AM

Please help Maui lahaina Hawaii
Ty for reading this
I claim as a leader of people in lahaina
To u people who is in charge of lahaina

These are what we need

Testimony it is

Testimony for conditional DHHO support.

1. Preference to Lahaina residents first.
2. Insure Housing is truly affordable at 50% average medium income.
3. Insure current water management protection and IIF remain in place.
4. Amend proclamation to include sunshine so the community can have a voice in these areas.

Mahalo for your support

Aloha

Ohana

H'oponopono

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 3:38:39 AM

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH conditions:

1. Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income I requirement: 50% of average median income, and not 140%
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law. & kakoo_haleakala (The Sunshine Law is Hawaii's open meetings law)

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 3:57:42 AM

I support the emergency proclamation with conditions:

1. Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in DHHL. (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making minimum income requirements: 50% of average medium income ,not 140%!
3. Ensure our water management and the Internal Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include the Sunshine Law.

Thank you,
Sarah Nesmith

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 3:59:59 AM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this email today regarding the future of Lahaina. I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH conditions:

1. Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income I requirement: 50% of average median income, and not 140%
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IFS) remain in place
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law. & kakoo_haleakala The Sunshine Law is Hawaii's open meetings law).

I hope this email finds you well, and is taken into consideration when determining what the future of Lahaina will look like.

Best regards,
Anna Breetz

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 4:02:37 AM

I am submitting testimony with conditional support. The conditions are as follows:

- 1) For DHHL please give preference to Lahaina residents.
- 2) Ensure housing is affordable, consider 50% average median income.
- 3) Ensure the water management area and interim entry flow standards remain in place.
- 4) Consider amending the emergency proclamation to include The Sunshine Law for both affordable housing and the fire disaster recovery and re build.

Submitted on this day

August 28, 2023

Shawn Kanani Kekahio Labrador

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 4:22:06 AM

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH conditions:

1. Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
2. Ensuring housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement: 50% of average median income and not 140%
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.

Thank you,
Caitlin Allen

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 4:23:32 AM

I support WITH conditions :

1. Preference for Lahaina residents first, the Maui residents for DHHO
2. Insure housing is truly affordable
50% average median income minimum
3. Insure IIFF standards remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to INCLUDE sunshine law.

Mahalo for supporting the community.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 4:25:09 AM

I SUPPORT THE EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

1. Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents, the Maui residents in DHHL
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement with 50% of the average median income, not 140%
3. Ensure the water management and the IIFS remains in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 4:29:39 AM

To whom it may concern,

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH conditions:

1. Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income I requirement: 50% of average median income, and not 140%
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.

Thank you for your time,
Emma Breetz

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 4:41:55 AM

Emergency Proclamation Testimony

I support the Emergency Proclamation with the following conditions:

1. Prioritize preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands).
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement: 50% of average median income, and not 140%.
3. Ensure water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.

Thank You,
Carina Conte

From: [REDACTED]
To: Gov.Housing
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 4:42:31 AM

I support the Emergency Proclamation with conditions

Lambert Ahuna Rego



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To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 4:56:24 AM

I support with conditions.

1. Preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents.
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable. Minimum should be 50% average median income.
3. Ensure our water management and IIFS remain in place.
4. To amend the proclamation to include sunshine.

Help the people of Lahaina and Maui!
Thank you.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 5:13:57 AM

I am submitting testimony with conditional support. The conditions are as follows:

1. For DHHL, please give preference to Lahaina residents first, then Maui residents.
2. Ensure housing is affordable; Consider 50 % average median housing income
3. Ensure the water management area and interim entry flow standards remain in place.
4. Ensure consider amending the emergency proclamation to include The Sunshine Law for both affordable housing and the Lahaina fire disaster recovery and rebuild.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 5:40:34 AM

Aloha,

I am submitting testimony with conditional support. The conditions are as follows:

1. For DHHL to give preference to lineal descendents of Lahaina first, then lineal descendents who can trace their genealogy to Lahaina, and then to Maui residents.
2. Ensure housing is affordable, 50% minimum average median income.
3. Ensure the water management area and interim entry flow standards remain in place. Please restore stream flow for ALL streams.
4. Amend the emergency proclamation to include The Sunshine Law for both affordable housing and the Lahaina fire disaster recovery and rebuild. To preserve the Historical land of Lahaina.

Mahalo nui,
Darlene DePonte

[REDACTED] Kapolei, HI 96707

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 5:47:29 AM

I support the Emergency Proclamation with conditions:

1. Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in DHHL.
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement: 50% of average median income, and not 140%
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place
4. amend the proclamation to include sunshine Law.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 5:48:00 AM

- 1) prioritized preference to Lahaina residents then maui residents in DHHL
- 2) Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum requirement 50% of average medium income not 140%.
- 3) Ensure out of water management and interim instream flow standards remain in place
- 4) Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine law

Thankyou, Lydia kealoha kamaile robes

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 5:59:44 AM

I am submitting testimony with conditional support. These conditions are as follows:

1. FOR DHHL, please give preference to Lahaina residents first, then Maui residents. To break this down further, please give preference to lineal descendants of the proposed project area first who have required quantum, then lineal descendants of the area of the proposed project who can trace their genealogy to that place, then Maui residents. This request is for all Maui projects.
2. Ensure housing is affordable, consider 50% average median income.
3. Ensure the water management area and interim entry flow standards remain in place.
4. Consider amending the emergency proclamation to include The Sunshine Law for both affordable housing and the Lahaina fire disaster recovery and rebuild.

Thank you
Safena

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 6:00:28 AM

To who it may concern,

These are my conditions for the affordable housing project in Lahaina. I only support this project under the following four conditions:

1. Preference for housing in Lahaina is given first and foremost to the local Lahaina residence, and secondly to Maui residence.
2. The Housing is ensured to be truly affordable for local Lahaina residence meaning, the average median income is considered at 50%. Not 140%.
3. You ensure that the Lahaina water management and IIFS is protected and remains in place. Meaning the environmental protections for Lahaina and health of aquifers, ground water and streams remains fully and completely protected during the duration of any project and rebuild.
4. The emergency proclamation for affordable housing and any subject matter concerning the fire and rebuilding Lahaina, is amended to include the "Sunshine Law", which ensures that local Lahaina and Maui community members have a voice in any rebuild, and are able to testify if needed. No project should be passed in Lahaina without the local Hawaiian and Lahaina community member voices and input.

Thank you,
Maya Rose Cordova

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 6:12:22 AM

Aloha,

I am submitting testimony with conditional support. The conditions are as follows:

1. For DHHL to give preference to lineal descendants of Lahaina first, then lineal descendants who can trace their genealogy to Lahaina, and then to Maui residents.
2. Ensure housing is affordable, 50% minimum average median income.
3. Ensure the water management area and interim entry flow standards remain in place. Please restore stream flow for ALL streams.
4. Amend the emergency proclamation to include The Sunshine Law for both affordable housing and the Lahaina fire disaster recovery and rebuild. To preserve the Historical land of Lahaina.

Mahalo nui,
Chad DePonte

[REDACTED] Kapolei, HI 96707

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 6:30:49 AM

I, Noël Perry, support the Emergency Proclamation WITH conditions:

1. Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement: 50% of average median income, and not 140%
3. Ensure our water management and the 599 Interim Instream Flow Standards (IFS) remain in Update.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.& kakoo_haleakala• The Sunshine Law is Hawaii's open meetings law.

Mahalo,
Noël Perry

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Cc: [Natasha Gomes](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 6:37:54 AM

Aloha,

My family are residents of Lahaina, Maui. I am submitting testimony with conditional support.

The conditions are as follows:

1. For DHHL, please give preference to Lahaina residents FIRST, then Maui residents.
2. Ensure housing is TRULY affordable, consider 50% average median income and not what is being proposed... that is not realistic.
3. Ensure the water management area and interim entry flow standards remain in place.
4. Consider amending the emergency proclamation to include The Sunshine Law for both affordable housing and the Lahaina fire disaster recovery and rebuild.

Natasha Gomes
Lahaina Wildfire Survivor
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 6:38:46 AM

I am submitting testimony with conditional support. The conditions are as follows:

1. For DHHL, please give preference to Lahaina residents first, then Maui residents.
2. Ensure housing is affordable, consider 50% average median income.
3. Ensure the water management area and interim entry flow standards remain in place.
4. Consider amending the emergency proclamation to include The Sunshine Law for both affordable housing and the Lahaina fire disaster recovery and rebuild

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Bryce Lowe-White | [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 6:39:34 AM

I, Maddie Gregory, support the Emergency Proclamation WITH conditions:

1. Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement: 50% of average median income, and not 140%
3. Ensure our water management and the 599 Interim Instream Flow Standards (IFS) remain in Update.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.& kakoo_haleakala• The Sunshine Law is Hawaii's open meetings law.

Mahalo, Maddie Gregory

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 6:43:12 AM

I, Alexandra Downes, support with conditions:

1. DHHL PRIORITIZATION GIVEN TO VICTIMS-

Preference to displaced Lahaina and Kula residents first. Then all other Maui families. This will keep Lahaina community as close to their burned-down homes in Lahaina, while their properties are made safe for rebuilding

2. MAKE AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ACTUALLY AFFORDABLE -

Ensure housing is truly affordable. Lower the minimum to 50k average median income (from current 140k average). The government knows the people of Lahaina are working class. Please ask yourself where are they working... in the hotels/restaurants/stores. And they have a right as taxpayers to be able to "afford" their "affordable housing" options.

3. FOLLOW ALL WATER CODES-

Ensure our water management and interim entry flow standards (IIFS) remain in place and are protected. This is directly to help prevent further wildfire disasters and secure the safety of the community.

4. AMEND THE PROCLAMATIONS* TO INCLUDE SUNSHINE LAW -

*both affordable housing emergency proclamation AND the emergency proclamation for the fires

This is so the local community and knowledgeable Hawaiian leaders can testify. It is our right as tax payers. Suspending this law frankly promotes distrust in the government. Which I believe it's in the best interest of the state's efforts to hold the community's trust as a TOP PRIORITY while we rebuild together. The community IS Hawaii's greatest most precious resource. We are the people that make the tourism possible AKA bring in the revenue. We cater to the visitors. We work in the stores and restaurants. We show them the aloha that makes Maui a world class destination. We must be legally protected to have a say in what the county/state are doing - VIA the Sunshine Law. Please add it back on the emergency proclamations. This is the most critical piece to Maui's recovery!!

Mahalo for your time and accepting my testimony.

With Aloha
Alexandra Downes "Ali"
[REDACTED]
Haiku Hawaii

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 6:51:30 AM

Aloha,

I support the emergency proclamation with conditions:

1. Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residence then Maui residence in DHHL.
2. Ensure that housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement 50% of average median income.
3. Ensure the water management and interim instream flow standards remain in place as is.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.

Mahalo,

Joshias Keali'i Leatumauga

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 6:52:11 AM

Aloha,

I support the emergency proclamation with conditions:

1. Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residence then Maui residence in DHHL.
2. Ensure that housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement 50% of average median income.
3. Ensure the water management and interim instream flow standards remain in place as is.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.

Mahalo,

Joshias Keali'i Leatumauga

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 6:58:08 AM

Aloha,

I support the Emergency proclamation with conditions:

Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents (Department of Hawaii home lands)

Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement: 50% of average median income, not 140%

Ensure water management and the Interim I stream flow standards remain in place

Amend the proclamation to the sunshine law.

Mahalo for your time,

MJ MacMahon

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:05:54 AM

I support the emergency proclamation with these conditions

1. Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in DHL
2. Ensuring housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement 50% of average median income, and not 140%
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards remain in place
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law

Michael Dominguez

Enviado desde mi iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:22:43 AM

I offer my conditional support for affordable housing with the following conditions.
Give preference to lahaina residents on wait list and then maui residents
Make it truly affordable at 50% median income
Follow all water codes
Amend the proclamation to include sunshine laws

Delta Lapota, 8 [REDACTED], Lahaina


From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:23:15 AM

I support the emergency proclamation with conditions:

1. Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residence, then Maui residence in DHHL
2. And sure housing is truly affordable by the minimum income required – 50% of average medium income, not 140% or any other outrageous percentage.
3. Ensure water management and the flow of interim in stream flow standards remains in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include the Sunshine Law

Mahalo

[REDACTED]

From: 
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:25:03 AM

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH conditions:

- 1) Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in DHHL.
- 2) Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement: 50% of average income, and NOT 140%.
- 3) Ensure out water management and the IIFS remain in place.
- 4) Amend the Proclamation to include Sunshine Law.

I, Tashina, stand by these conditions and we need you to do what's right for the people of Hawai'i.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:33:59 AM

Aloha Kākou,

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH conditions:

1. Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands).

2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement: 50% of average median income, and not 140%

3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.

4. Amend the proclamation to INCLUDE the Sunshine Law.

Please listen to the voices of the people. You must acknowledge that the people have been taking care of the people. Boots on the ground organizations. It's time to restore the 'āina in a pono manner. With healing 'āina will come the healing of our people.

As a leader, sometimes you need to follow in the steps of those that came before you.....way before you, when our islands thrived, when the water flowed and when the people lived in harmony with one another. Kanaka or not. It's time to restore pono to our islands and to Lahaina.

Mahalo,

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:39:10 AM

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH conditions:

1. Prioritize preference to Lahaina Residence, then Maui residence in DHHL.
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement 50% of average median income. Not 140%.
3. Ensure water management and the Interim Stream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include the Sunshine Law.

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony.

-Elizabeth Berry

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:41:15 AM

To who it may concern,

These are my conditions for the affordable housing project in Lahaina. I only support this project under the following four conditions:

1. Preference for housing in Lahaina is given first and foremost to the local Lahaina residence, and secondly to Maui residence.
2. The Housing is ensured to be truly affordable for local Lahaina residence meaning, the average median income is considered at 50%. Not 140%.
3. You ensure that the Lahaina water management and IIFS is protected and remains in place. Meaning the environmental protections for Lahaina and health of aquifers, ground water and streams remains fully and completely protected during the duration of any project and rebuild.
4. The emergency proclamation for affordable housing and any subject matter concerning the fire and rebuilding Lahaina, is amended to include the "Sunshine Law", which ensures that local Lahaina and Maui community members have a voice in any rebuild, and are able to testify if needed. No project should be passed in Lahaina without the local Hawaiian and Lahaina community member voices and input.

Thank you,

Persten Halverson

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Persten Halverson
Transformation Coach • Mover • Musician


From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:41:41 AM

To whom it may concern,

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH the following conditions:

1. Prioritizing housing preference to Lahaina residents, *then* Maui residents for housing in DHHL (department of Hawaiian Home Lands).
2. Ensure that housing is TRULY affordable by making the minimum requirement 50% of average median income, and not 140% or above.
3. Ensure our water management and Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.

Thank you,
Samantha Friend

From: 
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:42:54 AM

For Lahaina Luna, Maui

Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.

& kakoo_haleakala

- The Sunshine Law is
Hawaii's open meetings law)

The people Maui voices are the ones decide. "NOT outsiders"

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:43:12 AM

I support with conditions:

1. Prioritize preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in DHHL, Department of Hawaiian Homelands.
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income 50% of average median income not 140%
3. Ensure our water management and the interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include The Sunshine Law.

Rebeca Magana

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:47:08 AM

I am submitting testimony of conditional support for Lahaina. The conditions are as follows:

1. For DHHL, please give preference to Lahaina residents first, then Maui residents.
2. Ensure housing is affordable, and consider using a 50% average median income.
3. Ensure the water management area and interim entry flow standards remain in place.
4. Consider amending the emergency proclamation to include The Sunshine Law for both affordable housing and the Lahaina fire disaster recovery and rebuild.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:57:21 AM

Aloha

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> I extend support on affordable housing with the following criteria in this order.

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> 1. Preference/priority is given to displaced Lahaina Residents first, followed by other Maui residents.

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> 2. Affordable should be defined at 50% or lower than the median income.

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> 3. Current water coding should be followed.

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> Mahalo

> Nicholas Kuhns

> [REDACTED]

> Lahaina Hawaii 96761

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 7:59:19 AM

I am submitting testimony with the conditional support.

The conditions are as follows:

1. For DHHL, please give preference to Lahaina residents first, then Maui residents.
2. Ensure housing is affordable, consider 50% average median income.
3. Ensure the water management area and interim every flow standards remain in place.
4. Consider amending the emergency proclamation to include THE SUNSHINE LAW for both affordable housing and the Lahaina fire Disaster recovery and rebuild.

I am for the the People of Maui....thank you

Kayden Radhe
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:03:46 AM

To Whom it may concern:

Testimony for conditional DHHO support.

1. Preference to Lahaina residents first.
2. Insure Housing is truly affordable at 50% average medium income.
3. Insure current water management protection and IIIF remain in place.
4. Amend proclamation to include sunshine so the community can have a voice in these areas.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:04:19 AM

I support the emergency proclamation with conditions:

Ensure our water management and the interim instream flow standards(IIFS) remain in place.

Faith Ancog

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:07:45 AM

I am submitting testimony with conditional support. The conditions are as follows:

1. For DHHL, please give preference to Lahaina residents first, then Maui residents.
2. Ensure housing is affordable, consider 50% average median income.
3. Ensure the water management area and interim entry flow standards remain in place.
4. Consider amending the emergency proclamation to include The Sunshine Law for both affordable housing and the Lahaina fire disaster recovery and rebuild.

Respectfully,
Cecilia Ordaz

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:08:44 AM

I am submitting testimony with conditional support. The conditions are as follows:

1. For DHHL, please give preference to Lahaina residents first and then to the residents of other areas of Maui.
2. Ensure housing is affordable, please consider 50% average median income.
3. Ensure the water management area and interim entry flow standards remain in place.
4. Consider amending the emergency proclamation to include "The Sunshine Law" for both affordable housing and the Lahaina fire disaster recovery and rebuild.

Thank you for your considerations,
Janelle Robb

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:13:49 AM

I am submitting testimony with conditional support. The conditions are as follows:

1. For DHHL, please give reference to Lahaina residents first, then Maui residents.
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable, consider 50% average median income.
3. Ensure the water management area and interim entry flow standards remain in place.
4. Consider amending the emergency proclamation to include The Sunshine Law for both affordable housing, schools and the Lahaina fire disaster recover & rebuild.

Thank you
Sarah Jones

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:16:31 AM

Aloha,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony. I would like to see the following conditions met in order for me to support the affordable housing project in Lāhainā.

- 1) Preference for housing is given first and foremost to local Lāhainā residents, with second preference afforded to Maui residents.
- 2) The housing is ensured to be truly affordable for local Lāhainā residents. This means that the average median income is considered at 50%, not 140%.
- 3) That the Lāhainā water management area and IIFS is protected and remains in place. The environmental protections for Lāhainā and the health of aquifers, groundwater and streams remain fully and completely protected during the duration of any project and rebuild.
- 4) The emergency proclamation for affordable housing and any subject matter concerning the fire and rebuilding Lāhainā is amended to include the Sunshine Law, which ensures that local Lāhainā and Maui community members have a voice in the rebuild and are able to testify. No project should be passed in Lāhainā without the voices and input of Native Hawaiian and local Lāhainā community.

Thank you and aloha,
‘Ānela Evans

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:28:44 AM

Emergency Proclamation Testimony

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH the following conditions:

1. Prioritize preference to Lāhainā residents, then Maui residents for housing in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement 50% of average median income, and not 140%.
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.
5. Ensure the residents of Lāhainā are the ones making the decisions about the development and NOT Nani Medeiros who was NOT ELECTED.

Me Ka 'Oia'i'o,
Melissa Manzano
Kahului, Maui

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:31:22 AM

I am submitting testimony with conditional support. The conditions are as follows:

1. For DHHL, please give preference to Lahaina residents first, then Maui residents.
2. Ensure housing is affordable, consider 50% average median income.
3. Ensure the water management area and interim entry flow standards remain in place.
4. Consider amending the emergency proclamation to include The Sunshine Law for both affordable housing and the Lahaina fire disaster recovery and rebuild

Mahalo,
Megan Fox

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:33:51 AM

I support the emergency proclamation WITH conditions.

1. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.
2. Prioritizing preference to Lāhainā residents, then Maui residents in DHHL.
3. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making minimum income requirement: 50% of average median income, and not 140%.
4. Ensure our water management and the interim instream flow standards remain in place.

Mahalo,

Meli King

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:34:16 AM

Emergency Proclamation Testimony

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION TESTIMONY I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH the following conditions: 1. Prioritize preference to Lāhainā residents, then Maui residents for housing in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands) 2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement 50% of average median income, and not 140%. 3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place. 4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law. 5. Ensure the residents of Lāhainā are the ones making the decisions about the development, and NOT Nani Medeiros who was NOT ELECTED. Thank you,
Monica Woller

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:34:45 AM

[REDACTED] 1. Prioritizing preferences to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in DHHL 2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement 50% of average median income, and not 140% 3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards remain in place 4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:36:34 AM

I support with conditions

Prioritizing preference to Lahaina residents. Then Maui residents in DHHL department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirements. 50% of the average median income and not 140%

Ensure our water management and the interim in stream flow standards (IIFS) remain in placē

Amend proclamation to include sunshine Hawaiiis open meetings law.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:39:06 AM

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH conditions.

1. Prioritize preference to Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in DHHL.
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement 50% of average median income and not 140%.
3. Ensure our water management and the IIFS remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.

Mahalo for your time!

Nicole Kamai

concerned citizen and kako‘o of Maui and our Kanaka ‘oiwi.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:53:46 AM

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH conditions:

1. Prioritizing preference to Lāhainā residents, then Maui residence in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement: 50% average median income, and not 140%
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law. (The Sunshine Law is Hawaii's open meetings law)

Julian Kaulia

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:53:57 AM

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION TESTIMONY

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH the following conditions:

1. Prioritize preference to Lāhainā residents, then Maui residents for housing in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement 50% of average median income, and not 140%.
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.
5. Ensure the residents of Lāhainā are the ones making the decisions about the development, and NOT Nani Medeiros who was NOT ELECTED.

Signed, Piilani Schneider

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:54:13 AM

Aloha!

I support the emergency proclamation WITH the following conditions:

1. Prioritizing preference to Lāhaina residents, then Maui residents in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands).
2. Ensuring housing is TRULY affordable by requiring the minimum income requirement 50% of average median income, and NOT 140%.
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Ammend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.

Please acknowledge these items while gathering testimony at today's hearing. It is vital that the government understands it's role in upholding the best interest of the people, places, and resources of Hawai'i. Corruption is in plain sight, as the world centers in on the snowballing effects from the devastations of the fires on August 8th, 2023.

It is time to promote decisions that are pono!

Me ke aloha,

Josephine Ka'iulani Spencer

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:54:48 AM

I am submitting testimony with conditional support. The conditions are as follows:

- For DHHL, please give preference to Lahaina residents first, then Maui residents.
- Ensure housing is affordable, consider 50% average median income.
- Ensure the water management area and interim entry flow standards remain in place.
- Consider amending the emergency proclamation to include The Sunshine Law for both affordable housing and the Lahaina fire disaster recovery and rebuild

Mahalo!

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:54:55 AM

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH conditions:

1. Prioritizing preference to Lāhainā residents, then Maui residence in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement: 50% average median income, and not 140%
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law. (The Sunshine Law is Hawaii's open meetings law)

Pedro Torres-Kauli'a

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:55:36 AM

To whom it may concern:

Below is a conditional support we are requesting for our community.

The conditions are as follows:

- 1) Please give Lahaina residents first priority then maui residents to be placed on waitlist
 - 2) To insure housing is truly affordable please consider 50% average median income
 - 3) To insure our water management area and our interim entry flow standards remain in place.
- Please keep those environmental protections in place for our water management area.

-Portia Marcelo

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:56:11 AM

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH conditions:

1. Prioritizing preference to Lāhainā residents, then Maui residence in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement: 50% average median income, and not 140%
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law. (The Sunshine Law is Hawaii's open meetings law)

Koamalu Igawa

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:57:09 AM

PLS HELP OUR LĀHAINA

I would like to submit my testimony for DHHR with conditional support. My conditions are as follows

1. Give preference to Lāhaina residence first, then to Maui residents as listed
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable. I ask that you PLEASE CONSIDER 50% median income, NOT 140%.
3. Ensure water management area and interum entry flow standards remain in place; keep environmental protections in place for water management area.
4. I'd like to ask that you consider amending the proclamation for affordable housing and ammend it to INCLUDE the Sunshine Law

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:58:31 AM

I am submitting testimony with conditional support. The conditions are as follows:

1. For DHHL, please give preference to Lahaina residents first, then Maui residents.
2. Ensure housing is affordable, consider 50% average median income.
3. Ensure the water management area and interim entry flow standards remain in place.
4. Consider amending the emergency proclamation to include The Sunshine Law for both affordable housing and the Lahaina fire disaster recovery and rebuild.

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Regards,

Chanel H.K. Guzman

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:59:10 AM

Aloha,

I support the Emergency Proclamation with conditions:

- 1) Prioritizing preference to Lāhainā residents (especially ones with lineage to that area), then to Maui residents in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Homelands).
- 2) Ensure housing is truly affordable by making minimum income requirement: 50% average median income, and not 140%.
- 3) Ensure that water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
- 4) Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law (Hawai'i's open meeting law).

Mahalo nunui,

Erin Kaohelauii-Brett

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:59:26 AM

To Whom Ot May Concern:

I am submitting testimony with conditional support. The conditions are as follows:

1. For DHHL, please give preference to Lahaina residents first, then Maui residents, followed by outer island residents and lastly by out of state residents.
2. Ensure housing is affordable, please consider pricing at 50% of the average median income.
3. Ensure the water management area and the interim entry flow.
4. Consider amending the emergency proclamation to include The Sunshine Law for both affordable housing and the Lahaina fire disaster recovery and rebuild.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cecilia Reinig

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 8:59:40 AM

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH conditions:

1. Prioritizing preference to Lāhainā residents, then Maui residence in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement: 50% average median income, and not 140%
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law. (The Sunshine Law is Hawaii's open meetings law)

Waika Igawa

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 9:00:19 AM

Dear Build Beyond Barriers Working Group,

I'd like to express my support with conditions for the new affordable housing developments. While affordable housing is a priority, it must support local families and never happen at the expense of environmental protections. Conditions for my support are as follows:

- Housing should be for Lahaina families first, Maui families second.
- The Maui surface and groundwater management areas and interim instream flow standards should not be suspended. They must be honored to protect the environmental resources on which communities critically depend.
- Sunshine Law should be in place and observed to give us a voice in the process.

Mahalo,
Zena Grecni
Kahalu'u, O'ahu

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 9:00:34 AM

These are my conditions in order to support the affordable housing project in Lahaina I only support under the following 4 conditions:

1. Preference for housing in Lāhainā is given first and foremost to the local Lahaina residents and, secondly, to Maui residents.
2. The housing is ensured to be truly affordable for local Lahaina residents, meaning the average median income is considered at 50%. Not 140%
3. You ensure that the Lahaina water management area and IIFS is protected and remain in place. Meaning the environmental protections for Lahaina and the health of aquifers, ground water, and streams remain fully and completely protected during the duration of any project and rebuild.
4. The emergency proclamation for affordable housing and any subject matter concerning the fire and rebuilding of Lahaina is amended to include the Sunshine Law, which ensures that local Lahaina and Maui community members have a voice in the rebuild and are able to testify if needed. No project should be passed in Lahaina without the local Hawaiian and Lahaina community's voices and input.

Mahalo,
Christina Hartman

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 9:01:09 AM

Aloha,

As a Maui resident, I support the affordable housing project in Lahaina with under the following four conditions:

1. Preference for affordable housing in Lahaina is given first and foremost to the local Lahaina residents, secondly to those who lost housing in the upcountry fires, and thirdly to other Maui residents.
2. The housing is ensured to be truly affordable for local Lahaina and other Maui working class residents meaning, the minimum should be 50% of average median income rather than 140%.
3. Ensure that the Lahaina water management area is protected. Meaning the environmental protections for Lahaina and health of aquifers, ground water and streams remains fully and completely protected during the duration of any project and rebuild.
4. The emergency proclamation for affordable housing and any subject matter concerning the fire and rebuilding Lahaina, is amended to include the Sunshine Law, which ensures that local Lahaina and Maui community members have a voice in the rebuild, and are able to testify if needed. No project proposal should be passed for Lahaina without the local Hawaiian and Lahaina community members' voices and input.

Mahalo nui loa,
Anne-Marie Sternbach
[REDACTED]
Haiku, HI 96708

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 9:01:51 AM

Aloha to whom this may concern,

These are my conditions in order to support the affordable housing project in line. I only support under the following 4 conditions:

1. Preference for housing in Lahaina is given first and foremost to the local Lahaina residents and secondly to Maui residents.
2. The housing is ensured short to be truly affordable for the local Lahaina residence meaning the average median income is considered at 50%, not 140%.
3. You ensure that Lahaina water management area and IIFS is protected and remains in place meaning the environmental protections for Lahaina and health of aquifers, ground water and streams, remains fully and completely protected during the duration of any project and rebuild.
4. The emergency proclamation for affordable housing and any subject matter concerning the fire and rebuilding Lahaina is amended to include the Sunshine law which ensures that local Lahaina and Maui community members have a voice in the rebuild and are able to testify if needed. No project should be passed in Lahaina without the local Hawaiian and Lahaina community members voices and input.

MAHALO,
Ke'alohilani Horiuchi

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 9:05:25 AM

Aloha,

I support with the following conditions:

1. Ensure housing is truly affordable, that the minimum income should be 50% average median income.
2. Ensure water management areas and interim instream standards IIFS remain in place.
3. Amend emergency proclamation to include sunshine law.

Mahalo,
Benjamin Scott

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
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EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION TESTIMONY

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH the following conditions:

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2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement 50% of average median income, and not 140%.
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.
5. Ensure the residents of Lāhainā are the ones making the decisions about the development, and NOT Nani Medeiros who was NOT ELECTED.

SIGNED, Kara Doughty

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
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EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION TESTIMONY

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3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.
5. Ensure the residents of Lāhainā are the ones making the decisions about the development, and NOT Nani Medeiros who was NOT ELECTED.

Signed, Kay Mikaela

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
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EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION TESTIMONY

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH the following conditions:

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3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.
5. Ensure the residents of Lāhainā are the ones making the decisions about the development, and NOT Nani Medeiros who was NOT ELECTED.

Signed, Jedi Ortiz

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 9:09:23 AM

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION TESTIMONY

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH the following conditions:

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2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement 50% of average median income, and not 140%.
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.
5. Ensure the residents of Lāhainā are the ones making the decisions about the development, and NOT Nani Medeiros who was NOT ELECTED.

Signed, KMD

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 9:12:51 AM

I support the Emergency Proclamation with the following conditions:

1. Prioritizing preferences go to the Lahaina residents, then Maui residents in the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.
2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement: 50% of average median income, not 140%.
3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards remain in place.
4. Amend the Proclamation to include Sunshine Laws.

Thank you,

Jasmine Sampson

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Jasmine

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 9:17:19 AM

I would like to submit my testimony for DHHR with conditional support. My conditions are as follows

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2. Ensure housing is truly affordable. I ask that you PLEASE CONSIDER 50% median income, NOT 140%.
3. Ensure water management area and interum entry flow standards remain in place; keep environmental protections in place for water management area.
4. I'd like to ask that you consider amending the proclamation for affordable housing and ammend it to INCLUDE the Sunshine Law

Joshua K. Manumā

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2023 9:17:35 AM

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH the following conditions: 1. Prioritize preference to Lāhainā residents, then Maui residents for housing in DHHL (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands) 2. Ensure housing is truly affordable by making the minimum income requirement 50% of average median income, and not 140%. 3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place. 4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law. 5. Ensure the residents of Lāhainā are the ones making the decisions about the development, and NOT Nani Medeiros who was NOT ELECTED. Signed,
Alison Oftedal

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
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EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION TESTIMONY

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH the following conditions:

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3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.
5. Ensure the residents of Lāhainā are the ones making the decisions about the development, and NOT Nani Medeiros who was NOT ELECTED.

Signed,

Tonua R. Burgess

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EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION TESTIMONY

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH the following conditions:

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3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.
5. Ensure the residents of Lāhainā are the ones making the decisions about the development, and NOT Nani Medeiros who was NOT ELECTED.

Signed, _____ Edie Bikle
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gov.Housing](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TESTIMONY
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EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION TESTIMONY

I support the Emergency Proclamation WITH the following conditions:

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3. Ensure our water management and the Interim Instream Flow Standards (IIFS) remain in place.
4. Amend the proclamation to include Sunshine Law.
5. Ensure the residents of Lāhainā are the ones making the decisions about the development, and NOT Nani Medeiros who was NOT ELECTED.

Patricia Ioane

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