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

Re: A21-810 Pūlama Lāna'i-Hōkūao 201H Housing Project on Lāna'i

Dear Land Use Commissioners,

I am writing to express my **strong support** for the **Hōkūao Affordable Housing Project** by Pūlama Lāna'i.

As you all are aware the lack of available affordable housing is an issue across the State of Hawai'i. In Maui County, on the islands of Lana'i and Moloka'i the lack of available affordable housing inventory is even greater.

The Hōkūao Project offers the residents of Lana'i something that they've been waiting on for many years, the chance for them to stay on Lana'i and raise their families on their home island without having to pack the entire 'ohana into one house.

This project will offer 150 rental properties to the residents and families of Lana'i. This is a feat that neither the State nor the County has been able to do for the Lana'i community in the past many years. While I am hopeful that the Maui County project will soon follow with affordable rental homes along with homes for purchase, the Hōkūao Project is good first step. And a first step that the community has been waiting for and supports.

If any of you would like to speak with me directly about my support for this project please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (808)587-7225 or sendecoite@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Respectfully with Aloha,

Lynn DeCoite
Hawaii State Senate

7th District

Senator Lynn DeCoite

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