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Aloha kakou,

My name is Benny Lagmay I am a Associate Pastor at Ohana Christian Fellowship Church in Kapaa.

I am writing in testimony to support Kealaula Project Phase 2.

My involvement with our houseless community for the past 9 yrs have been 2 fold, first to meet the immediate needs of of our houseless community by way of providing food, clothing, hygiene care, tents and tarps and secondly to pray and encourage our houseless community of a hopeful better future.

The need for housing has always been a priority, a place to sleep without having to worry about being kick out of an area, or out of the natural environment of wind, rain, or things going missing. Many of our houseless community are working but the cost of rent is to high, so living in a vehicle or staying at a beach, or parking lot or even in bushes is the only option that remains.

I pray and hope this housing project becomes a reality to care for and help those that need this type of transitional housing.

Mahalo nui loa,

Benny Lagmay