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Community, private sector, nonprofit, government agencies gather at inaugural Housing Summit on Friday

LĪHU'E – Over 140 members from the community, private, nonprofit, and government sectors gathered at the County of Kaua'i's inaugural Housing Summit on Friday at the Kaua'i Veterans Center.

“Building partnerships among our community, government agencies, private stakeholders, and nonprofit organizations greatly benefits our local families here on Kaua'i struggling to make ends meet and gives them the resources necessary to find housing,” said Mayor Derek S. K. Kawakami. “The Housing Summit Held on Friday offered valuable panel discussions and breakout sessions that will open doors for more affordable housing opportunities.”

State and county officials and nonprofit partners collaborated with the community on the county's initiatives and tools used to develop affordable housing; and identified resources, partnerships, and solutions that furthers the development of affordable housing for residents.

Panel discussions with affordable housing experts yielded great insight into how the County of Kaua'i could make adjustments to its development approach toward creating more units. In particular, panelists provided comments and critiques about our current affordable housing law, and why certain elements of the law like inclusionary zoning are actually preventing robust affordable housing creation.



For more information on the County of Kaua'i Housing Agency and further resources, please visit <https://www.kauai.gov/Housing> or call 241-4440. To learn more about the Housing Agency Housing Choice Voucher Program (formerly Sec. 8) – a federal program that helps subsidize rent for low-income renters – please visit <https://www.kauai.gov/Government/Departments-Agencies/Housing-Agency/Section-8-Rental-Assistance> or call the number above.



Photo caption: Mayor Derek S. K. Kawakami address a crowd of about 140 members from the community, private, nonprofit, and government sectors gathered at the County of Kaua'i's inaugural Housing Summit on Friday.



Photo caption: The summit gathered the community, state and county officials, and nonprofit partners to collaborate on the county's initiatives and tools used to develop affordable housing.

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