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## Hale Mahaolu Appoints Anders Lyons Executive Director and Trevor Tokishi Board President; Grant Chun to Retire

KAHULUI, August 13, 2024 – <u>Hale Mahaolu</u>, a nonprofit affordable housing provider, today announced that Anders Lyons has been appointed executive director of the organization. Lyons previously served as the nonprofit's board president. Hale Mahaolu, which has a portfolio of 13 properties with more than 1,000 units of affordable housing, also announced that its executive director, Grant Chun, will retire and that Trevor Tokishi has been named board president.

"We are very excited that Anders and Trevor are taking on new leadership roles at Hale Mahaolu," said Chun. "During their many years on our board, both have demonstrated their commitment to our mission of providing affordable housing on Maui. As executive director, Anders brings a strong background in project management, land use planning, and nonprofit leadership that will serve Hale Mahaolu well as the organization continues working to support our community."

Lyons previously served as a consultant at Kapalaea Consultants, where his work included guiding clients through complex approval processes at state and county agencies. Prior to that, he was executive director of the Hawaiian Islands Land Trust and held leadership positions at Maui Nui Botanical Gardens. Lyons, who was born on Maui, is a past board president of the Rotary Club of Kahului.

"I am grateful to Grant and the board for the opportunity to deepen my relationship with Hale Mahaolu and continue working with the team to build quality affordable housing on Maui," said Lyons. "The need for housing has never been greater – and we are proud to be part of the solution."

Hale Mahaolu is currently engaged in the planning, entitlement and funding for an additional 450 units of affordable housing on Maui, including <u>Liloa Hale</u> in Kihei, a 117-unit senior housing property scheduled to begin construction this month. Other upcoming projects include Hale Mahaolu Ke Kahua in Waihee and Aikanaha in Waikapu.

"Grant is leaving Hale Mahaolu in a strong position," said Trevor Tokishi, who served as first vice president of Hale Mahaolu's board prior to being named board president. "During his tenure, Hale Mahaolu opened hundreds of affordable homes for Maui residents – and began work on hundreds more units, currently in our pipeline. On behalf of the entire board, I want to thank him for his success leading the organization and his longstanding commitment to serving our residents and community."

Chun, who served as the organization's executive director since 2017, oversaw a period of significant growth for Hale Mahaolu. He led the development, acquisition, and opening of properties comprising more than 350 units of affordable housing. This included constructing and opening Hale Mahaolu Ewalu in Pukalani; opening Kulamalu Hale in Pukalani; acquiring Lokenani Hale in Wailuku; and opening Kahului Lani for Catholic Charities Hawaii and Huliau for the County of Maui in Kahului.

"It has been the honor of a lifetime to be part of Hale Mahaolu's long history of providing quality housing and supportive services for our neighbors in Maui County," said Chun. "I know that with Anders and Trevor at the helm, the Hale Mahaolu team will continue to have great success serving our community."

## **About Hale Mahaolu**

Hale Mahaolu is a nonprofit provider of affordable housing in Maui County. The organization's portfolio includes 13 different properties with more than 1,000 units. Founded in 1967, the organization sponsors, develops, owns and manages properties on Maui, Molokai and Lanai. Hale Mahaolu provides vibrant, quality, affordable rental communities and supportive programs and services for seniors, families and individuals. www.halemahaolu.org

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