

# QUALITY OF LIFE

Position Statements approved by the Board of Directors  
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## INITIAL APPROVAL OF THE "QUALITY OF LIFE" AS RAM'S POLITICAL MISSION STATEMENT:

The Board of Directors adopted the "Quality of Life" as RAM's Political Mission Statement. The core of the Mission Statement is based upon the following principles: building better communities, ensuring economic vitality, providing housing opportunities, preserving our environment, and protecting property owners.

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING:

"The REALTORS® Association of Maui, Inc., believes there can be affordable housing for resident households earning up to 160% of median income in Maui County through a collaboration of government, community, and landowners. We further believe that such affordable housing must be in perpetuity. To accomplish that, applicable land needs to be separated from the market forces of real estate. Affordable housing should be comprised of rentals, multi-family and single-family homes."

## AGRICULTURAL LANDS:

"The REALTORS® Association of Maui, Inc., believes that adequate lands can be provided to ensure the opportunity of a rural lifestyle that many of our citizens enjoy, while protecting prime agricultural lands for future generations."

## ENVIRONMENT:

"The REALTORS® Association of Maui supports government and private efforts to conserve our resources and protect, preserve and restore our natural environment by the creation of sensitive habitats, parks, sanctuaries and through appropriate legislation and enforceable policies. We encourage the concepts of sustainable energy, renewable building materials, and harmonious development that respect the natural environment and emphasize the use of native plants in landscape design."

## GENERAL PLAN:

"The REALTORS® Association of Maui, Inc., believes that, in the interest of protecting private property ownership rights, the General Plan should offer predictability and consistency of application in terms of land use issues with a clear and understandable process applied fairly to all landowners. The cost of scenic and recreational infrastructure should not be placed upon individual property owners. We believe the County of Maui should incorporate pro-active planning for responsible growth and adequate land for homes and businesses for residents and visitors alike, while respecting Hawaiian culture and values."

## HOST CULTURE:

“The REALTORS® Association of Maui, Inc. believes that respecting and perpetuating our host culture is a crucial element of our quality of life. The health of Hawaii’s economy and identity are founded on a vibrant Hawaiian culture and value system.”

## REAL PROPERTY TAX:

“The REALTORS® Association of Maui, Inc., believes that the Real Property Tax system should operate in an efficient manner that is fair and equitable to all tax payers of Maui County. It should provide sufficient revenue for the county to guarantee appropriate and justifiable services necessary for the safety, welfare, and well being of the entire community.”

## TRANSIENT VACATION RENTALS:

“The REALTORS® Association of Maui, Inc., believes that there is a market for transient vacation rentals (cottages, homes, apartments, and Bed & Breakfasts [B&B’s]). They are beneficial to the local economy, and allow residents and homeowners an opportunity to participate directly in, and benefit from, tourism.”

## WATER ISSUES:

“The REALTORS® Association of Maui, Inc., believes there are adequate sources of water on the island of Maui for the foreseeable future. We understand there are technological and budgetary constraints; nevertheless, water should be available to all who need it.”