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Aloha:

The Kauai Board of REALTORS Board of Directors and Government Affairs Committee recently met individually with the seven County Council Members to provide them with a list of priorities for this year. In the past, we have provided topics in general under "Housing" opposing tax increases, supporting density increases in specific areas and adding in infrastructure (water, sewer & roads).

This year the Government Affairs Committee focused on the General Plan and asked each Council Member to highlight the challenges they see in three general areas: Infrastructure, Climate Change and Housing. Each of them was also given an opportunity to provide their goals as the Chair of their respective committees.

The number one concern voiced by each Council Member was the lack of infrastructure to accommodate the housing needs/development with no additional funding to expand water and sewer lines without private developers. Other concerns include Climate Changes that will have major impacts on the majority of our roads throughout the island and the danger of the possibility that both Wailua Bridges could potentially be washed out by large debris during flooding, destroying the main sewer and water lines. The last concerning factor is the lifespan of the Landfill that sits at the border of the ocean susceptible to tsunamis and tidal changes.

As we're coming up to the first year of COVID, we are reminded of how dependent Kauai is on tourism. For one year we have adapted to immediate changes in how each of you are conducting your business. In person meetings now are limited to a specific number of people with the proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Homes are shown virtually or by appointment only.

It's all about supply and demand. Throughout the nation, the already low residential supply and many new homeowners taking advantage of the low interest rates, have caused the low and mid-range inventory to be depleted. On Kauai, we saw the median residential home price exceed \$1,000,000.

As of this publication, REALTOR membership is at 608 down from 617 at the end of 2020.

REALTORS IN THE COMMUNITY..... Once again, the Kauai Board of REALTORS will be hosting "College is Possible" with Debbie Ching via Zoom in April. The event is FREE and registration will be accommodated via Eventbrite.

2020 has brought many changes for the good. Changes that have increased membership volunteer participation, with closed captioned for all meetings and educational sessions increasing our efficiency and effectiveness. 2021 is the year of perfection.

We welcome you to follow us via Instagram, Facebook and our Website as we transition into rebranding of the Kauai Board of REALTORS.

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