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April 13, 2018

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Honorable Alan M. Arakawa
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For Transmittal to:

Honorable Riki Hokama
Chair, Budget and Finance Committee
Maui County Council
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Dear Chair Hokama:

**SUBJECT: REQUESTS / QUESTIONS FROM THE APRIL 6, 2018 MEETING
(OM-1) (BF-1)**

Thank you for your letter dated April 9, 2018. Please see below for our responses to your questions:

1. Provide a list of Department employees currently on paid leave. For each employee listed, include the length of the leave, the purpose for the leave, and the total amount paid for the leave. (YS)

Name of Employee on Paid Leave: Lois Whitney
Length of Sabbatical Leave: January 16, 2018 to December 17, 2018
Purpose: Pursue MBA
Total Amount Paid for the Leave: One-half of the basic compensation.
No sick leave or vacation leave is accrued while on sabbatical

2. Akaku is one of four community media centers in Hawaii. Has the Department compared our Akaku contract with that of our sister counties for possible cost efficiencies? (RH)

Per my discussion with the County of Kauai Department of Finance, the County of Kauai has a \$130,000 contract with Granicus to record its County Council meetings and Planning Commission meetings. They do not televise any other boards and commission meetings. They do not have a contract with or issue a grant to Ho'ike: Kauai Community Television, Inc. for said purpose.

City & County of Honolulu reported that 'Olelo: The Corporation for Community Television does not have personnel, but only has equipment. Consequently, a contractor is hired to utilize 'Olelo equipment to provide public access television content.

Per my discussion with Finance Director Deanna Sako, Hawaii County Council issues an RFP for its council meetings to be recorded and televised, but, as for boards and commissions, such meetings are simply voice recorded – not televised.

Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me at Ext. 7855.

Sincerely,



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Mayor's Chief of Staff

Attachment

xc: Mayor Alan M. Arakawa