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September 12, 2023

Mr. Darryl Oliveira, Interim Administrator
Maui County Emergency Management Agency
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Oliveira:

**SUBJECT: POTENTIAL COUNCIL INVESTIGATION RELATING
TO THE AUGUST 2023 WILDFIRES ON MAUI ISLAND
(DRIP-2(11))**

The Council's Disaster, Resilience, International Affairs, and Planning Committee will discuss a potential Council investigation relating to the August 2023 wildfires on Maui Island at its September 14, 2023, meeting at 9:00 a.m.

In preparation for the meeting, may I please request your Agency's response to the following:

1. Please provide an hour-by-hour timeline of your Agency's response to the wildfires on Maui Island from 10:00 p.m. on August 7, 2023, through 10:00 p.m. on August 21, 2023.
2. Please provide a list of all agencies, including names and respective roles, who were in the Emergency Operations Center ("EOC") from 10:00 p.m. on August 7, 2023, through 10:00 p.m. on August 21, 2023.
3. Please provide a list of individuals with decision-making authority in the EOC from 10:00 p.m. on August 7, 2023, through 10:00 p.m. on August 21, 2023.
4. What training, if any, was provided by your Agency between 10:00 p.m. on August 7, 2023, and 10:00 p.m. on August 21, 2023?

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5. At what point, if any, was the EOC made aware that power lines in the impact zones of Lāhainā and Kula, respectively, were de-energized?
6. At what point was an evacuation for the Lāhainā impact area ordered? How was the evacuation message communicated?
7. Was there an evacuation order for the Kula impact area? If so, when did this occur? How was the evacuation message communicated?
8. Did the EOC contact the U.S. Coast Guard to request their response to the Lāhainā fires, or did the Coast Guard contact the EOC to provide support?
9. Was communication lost between the EOC and either the Department of Fire and Public Safety or Department of Police at any time between 10:00 p.m. on August 7, 2023, and 10:00 p.m. on August 21, 2023? If so, when?
10. Please provide copies of your Agency's wildfire response plan, urban fire response plan, and red-flag weather response plan.

I would appreciate receiving your response **by noon on September 13, 2023**, for consideration during the Committee's meeting. Please also transmit a copy of your response to drip.committee@mauicounty.us. To ensure efficient processing, please include the relevant Committee item number in the subject line of your response.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Paige Greco at ext. 7660, or Maria Leon at ext. 7866).

Sincerely,



TAMARA PALTIN, Chair
Disaster, Resilience, International
Affairs, and Planning Committee

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cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.