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**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 10:30 PM  
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Committee; BF Committee; IEM Committee  
**Subject:** Testimony for the Council Meeting On Wednesday April 18, 2018  
**Attachments:** Testimony for Council Meeting on April 18 2018.docx

Hello!

I am submitting testimony for the council meeting on April 18.

My apologies as I understand that this is past the deadline of noon of the previous day but please consider it for the April 18 session if possible.

This session is supposed to include testimony from the Office of Economic Development on agriculture and departmental changes.

Please submit this testimony as attached in the document included with this message.

Thank you!  
Allison Wright  
808-268-6927

**Testimony for the Office of Economic Development to keep Agriculture  
For the council session on Wednesday April 18, 2018**

April 17, 2018

Dear Council Chair White and other Council Members,

I am writing in favor of keeping all elements of agriculture in Maui County under the umbrella of the Department of Economic Development.

I understand the suggestion has been made to move agriculture to the Department of Environmental Management.

I have had the opportunity over the past few years to work with the Maui County Farm Bureau and the OED on projects relating to the landscape and horticulture industry on Maui through my time as a volunteer on the board of the Maui Association of Landscape Professionals (MALP), an organization that has supported the landscape industry on Maui for over 20 years. I have found working with the staff of these offices to be uncomplicated as they clearly understand and anticipate the needs of the agriculture industry as a whole.

I have researched the background of the OED and its counterpart, the Department of Environmental Management to come to the following conclusion:

I have come to believe agriculture should stay under the auspices of the OED based on Maui County's own distinctions between the departments.

To transfer agriculture to the Dept of Environmental Management would require a change in the mission statement of this department. The mission statement of the DEM as published is:

"To protect the public's health, safety, property, and environment by developing and operating the County's infrastructure."

This mission statement is all encompassing of "protection" and "infrastructure" but nowhere does it state "business development and support."

In turn, the Office of Economic Development's published overview of work is: "The OED works in partnership with the community, business and government sectors to:

- Strengthen and diversify the economy by supporting existing businesses
- Assisting in the attraction, development and expansion of new businesses and events that will in turn provide new jobs for our community."

The OED departmental overview was clearly designed to support all business sectors in the community.

Yes. Agriculture, in all of its facets, works the land (aka the environment), but have no doubt that agriculture is business. Strictly business. Business needs support.

Through many media venues, including print and numerous statements on the radio, the mayor has stated that he has been working to attract large scale farmers to the island to fill the land vacated by the sugar cane operations. Clearly, by his statements on this subject alone, his goals unmistakably fall under the mission of the OED - the "attraction, development and expansion of new businesses."

Agriculture on Maui is expanding rapidly but not in the traditional sense of large scale farms. Instead many boutique farms are appearing, new plant nurseries are entering the market and cannot keep up with demand for projects, and the explosion of business in the landscape and horticulture industry which alone are bringing in many millions of dollars to the economy.

On the landscape side, I can offer examples of business expansion. I purchase landscape plants on a daily basis. I have a general idea of what everyone has in their inventory. Did you know that on Maui there is a plant nursery that provides plant starts and full size plants to the landscape industry to all of the islands? It holds in regularity several millions of dollars in inventory to keep up with the demand. And it cannot always keep up with the demand of the rapidly growing

landscape industry on all of the islands. In the past few years, several new small and large scale nursery operations have opened on Maui. These new businesses lower the requirement of me needing to ship plants in from other islands or from the mainland. But there is still room for more growth.

The landscape installation business on Maui is being kept busy as well. Just for the current airport project, the installation will take a many months but the plants will need to be grown as well - 15,000 of this plant, 10,000 of that plant, and don't forget the 300 coconut palms which are near impossible to find right now.

I understand that the position of the agriculture specialist would also transfer to the DEM, but supporting agriculture is a team effort of the entire department, not just the job of one person. As these and other agriculture businesses grow, they should be supported by an organization whose mission is to support businesses not an organization whose mission is to manage infrastructure, i.e. roadways.

Again, please consider keeping the agriculture sector in the OED.

Thank you for your time.

Allison Wright  
MALP - President  
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Budget and Finance Committee, Maui County Council  
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OFFICE OF THE  
COUNTY COUNCIL

April 13, 2018

Honorable Members of the Council:

I am writing to urge you to support Mayor Arakawa's FY2018 budget request for Maui Nui Botanical Gardens.

I care about the work the Gardens does because my father, Dr. J. Linsley\_Gressitt, was instrumental, along with Rene Silva, in getting the garden started.

Although I do not live on Maui, I very much appreciate the focus on native plants, as I am president of the Las Cruces Chapter of the Native Plant Society of New Mexico, and I donate to both organizations every year.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Gressitt

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## BF Committee

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**From:** cyndee Navarro <maui808gyrl@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 9:43 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** County Council Budget Committee Meeting. RE: Proposed Fiscal Year Budget for the County of Maui

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

RE: Proposed Fiscal Year Budget for the County of Maui

Aloha County Council Members,

I am writing to provide written testimony in hopes of approving and maintaining the County Grants towards program funding for Ka Hale A Ke Ola Homeless Shelter. In Hawaii there are nearly 1600 individuals and families who experience homelessness every year. In 2017 my Ohana and I became one of those families. Currently I am a client at the Ka Hale A Ke Ola Homeless Shelter in Lahaina and have been here since November 2017. I want to testify on behalf of the shelter services and how it has benefited myself and my family.

I am a single mother of three, I have a great job in a dental office where I have worked for almost six years. I never imagined that I would ever find our family seeking housing at a homeless shelter. To be completely honest I was hesitant at first, even ashamed to have to go there. I was embarrassed for what *people* would think, but I thought about and realized, *what is the alternative? Do I sleep in the car with the kids, stay on the beach in tents?* After little debate, I put my pride aside and my children's needs first.

Becoming a client of Ka Hale A Ke Ola has been one of the best decisions I have made for our Ohana regarding our housing situation. We are housed in a two bedroom apartment. My children now have a roof over their heads, we are provided with unlimited resources, support from the community, and support from the staff.

As a single mother and I'm sure I speak on behalf of families with two parents and multiple incomes, living in Hawaii is difficult. Many of which struggle to make ends meet, living pay check to pay check, and barely able to get by. For the first time in ten years I am finally able to get ahead in life. I have been able to accomplish more in these short months than I have ever been in my adult life. I paid off student loans which in turn, allowed me to return to school to pursue my career as I have desperately tried to do so in the past seven years. I have paid off debt and now able to re-build my credit. I am now able to save money, to where if I am allowed more time at the shelter I could possibly afford a down payment for a home of my own. Would I have ever been able to do this if not for this program? Alone on a single income supporting a family of 4? I hate to speak negatively, but for myself and my situation, absolutely not. I have been struggling and fighting this battle for years and each year that went by it seemed to get harder and harder.

Other than housing families, the shelter provides job employment for those who find it difficult to find jobs. Not only do they help clients seek employment, they also provide the support individuals need to maintain that employment. In addition, staff members seek agencies which help each client individually. As we all are struggling in different areas of our lives and in need of different services.

I can only testify on behalf of Ka Hale A Ke Ola, and hope that the funding will continually be granted and that in the future the possibility of new shelters could be made available for the residents of Hawaii. Every single day countless homeless families are turned away due to limited space and availability. I believe in the shelter, I believe in it's purpose. Ultimately, what the shelter does is it gives families a second chance at life, a means of getting back on your feet, and putting an end to the homeless epidemic in Hawaii one family at a time.

Mahalo for your time and attention,

Cyndee Navarro

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Dawn Lono  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 1:54 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** FW: Public Testimony for 'Ohana Makamae 4/17/18  
**Attachments:** Cynthia Santiago Public Testimony.docx

Written testimony from Cynthia Santiago – 'Ohana Makamae

Public Testimony, 4/17/18, Hana Maui

Hello, my name is Cynthia Santiago, I am the Executive Director of 'Ohana Makamae in Hana, Maui. I am advocating on behalf of the residents of East Maui, the people who benefit from our services at 'Ohana Makame, and other grants based, non-profit providers.

Every year (or two) we are asked to speak out on the needs of our community. It would be a wonderful thing if I could come up here and say, "Thank you, we no longer need your money; the problems have been fixed, and the conditions which predicated these problems have also been corrected." Sadly, it isn't so, Hana as a rural and isolated area of Hawai'i continues to be susceptible to the frailty and illnesses that the rest of the Country is facing. Fortunately, the County of Maui has not neglected many of Hana's needs. Our non-profits are needed and the County understands their importance.

I am here to ask and advocate for "regular" people who continue to need our services. From generation to generation, substance abuse, mental illness, domestic violence, poverty, etc. is passed down; as is wellness, financial stability, recovery and hope.

There is certainly uncertainty everywhere at this time, and always there are competing interests. We need a balance in spending, but let's never neglect the needs of those who nurture the land, who raise the children, who may not have as strong of a voice, or as fat of a wallet, or a lot of resources. Thank-you for remembering that the greatest investments are all of us, the people, who the system is made for.

Yes, we continue to need funding in Social Services, and the needs are not stagnant. 'Ohana Makamae is seeing a growth in the numbers of clients it serves. The community values, uses and needs our services. While some families are healing and recovering, others are facing crisis.

County funds are well spent in Hana, we need in the minimum the amount that has been granted to us in the past, and in reality much more. Please support our local endeavors and by all means-expect accountability, but also provide the finances to put systems in place so that we can account for the effectiveness of our work. (In relation to acquiring long term and short term statistical analysis/research for rural areas)

Mahalo Nui Loa

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**From:** ehulani kane <ehulanikane@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 4:27 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Testimony given on April 16, 2018...Kaunakakai, Molokai...MCAPP

*The following is the full text of my testimony on behalf of  
**Molokai Child Abuse Prevention Pathways (MCAPP)**  
that I was able to present, in part, to your committee last night.  
It was a great gift to have your the Maui County Council on Molokai.  
Thank you for your dedicated service to the people of our island and all of Maui County.*

*Blessings and aloha,  
ehulani kane\*\*\**

*April 16, 2018*

*To the members of the Maui County Council/Budget and Finance Committee:*

*Aloha mai and mahalo for being here tonight to hear testimony from the citizens of our beloved island of Molokai.*

*My name is ehulani kane and I speak tonite on behalf of **Molokai Child Abuse and Protective Pathways**. I currently serve as Vice President on their Board of Directors.*

*Child sexual abuse 'goes on' here on Molokai...  
for years and years and in some families, for generations.  
It is a disturbing reality and an uncomfortable subject to even **think** about, let alone, to try and address.  
It's personal.  
It's private.*

*It's horrifying to think that a young adult or a small child, boy or girl, could be the victim of a predator that can take away all innocence and any sense of trust or safety and, instead, leave behind feelings of shame, chaos, confusion and damage so deep, that the wounds can last a lifetime.*

*But nobody like talk about it.*

*For decades, our community, often with the generous support of the Maui County Council, has been vigilant in attempting to address issues of domestic violence, drug abuse, mental health, suicide, low education standards and unemployment. Until recent years, Molokai, as a community, has not been able to come up with solutions of how to talk about or publicly address the very real issue of child sexual abuse here on our island.*

*In 2012, the Consuelo Foundation reached out to our community to offer their resources, expertise and guidance to assist us in creating what today is known as **Molokai Child Abuse Prevention Pathways**.*

*For 6 years, with patience, perseverance and devotion, **MCAPP** was able to reach out to kupuna in our community who*

*were victims of sexual abuse in their childhood, reach out to churches to gain support for our efforts, reach out to our police department who confirmed, statistically, how serious child sexual abuse is on our island and, most significantly, reach out to all of our schools on Molokai and create an age appropriate educational curriculum based on prevention and safety.*

*Thanks to the devoted work of Titi Fernandez and Kealoha Hooper, every child in school on Molokai, from pre-school through high-school, is being taught the basic elements of how to keep their precious bodies safe, as well as, how to be mindful of one another.*

*With great respect and a sense of deep responsibility, **MCAPP** is giving visibility and giving a voice to the disturbing issues surrounding sexual violence here on Molokai. **MCAPP** is actively making a difference in the areas of awareness, education and prevention of child sexual abuse.*

*We are attempting to shed light into the shadows and offer practical tools for where the ground is not pa`a. That is no small thing.*

*Last year the Consuelo Foundation let their little birdie fly free.  
(that would be us)*

*In 2017 **MCAPP** became its own 501c3.*

*Creating a financially sustainable organization is essential to our survival.*

*MCAPP has the community support of our educators, our police department, parents and families of our haumana in the schools, as well as various health and social service agencies here on island.*

*With strong and capable leadership in our Executive Director, Liz Fujii, a talented and capable staff (Titi and Kealoha), and a competent and loyal Board of Directors; it is our intention to remain an engaged and honorable presence within our island community.*

*Our desire is to help create safety, health and a sense of well-being for children and families here on Moloka`i now and into the future.*

*We must be visible, vocal and vigilant in facing the reality of **Child Sexual Abuse** in our community.*

***MCAPP** remains committed to making a difference on Moloka`i.*

*We humbly ask the Maui County Council to look into your budget and, more significantly, look into your hearts and to please,  
fund our efforts.*

*It is time.*

*Mahalo for your kind and thoughtful consideration.*

*Me ka ha`a ha`a,  
ehulani hope kane\*\*\**

*Board of Directors/MCAPP*

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**From:** Harry Hall <harryrhall@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 9:46 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Support allocation in the FY19 budget from the Open Space Fund for acquisition of 46 acres at Maka'alaie

Aloha Budget Committee,

You're given a great responsibility in protecting the Aina for the whole world. Thanks for putting the funds into making sure access and sacred trust are always honored. I was recently on the Island of Maui during the false alert in January. My son and I were hiking in Haleakala the day before the alert. It was a tragic feeling the next day when we walked into the Tasty Crust restaurant in Wailuku the morning of the alert and witnessed the total frustrations the locals felt about the land and the aloha of the land. Unless you feel the pulse of the people and protect the Aina, our mother we may never get another chance to shape peace into the future by preserving our only mother.

Hana Ho! to the great work ahead of you I send you strength.

Aloha and Peace to the Wonderful Hawaiian people.

Please Protect the land.

Harry R. Hall (Heru)

A resident from 1980 to 1986.

## BF Committee

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**From:** HHT Committee  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 7:39 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** FW: Tutu & Me Traveling Preschool is a life changing program

**From:** Jackie Smith [mailto:kailuamaka@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 9:41 PM  
**To:** HHT Committee <HHT.Committee@mauicounty.us>  
**Subject:** Tutu & Me Traveling Preschool is a life changing program

Aloha,

My name is Jacqueline Smith and I am writing to testify on the importance of the Tutu & Me Traveling Preschool (Partners in Development) to the island of Maui. I am a mother of two participants and have actively been a part of the program for over two years. Tutu and Me has changed our life by giving my children not only an effective learning environment, but also offers a community of support for the primary care givers in their lives.

The Tutu and Me program excels in nurturing the whole child. Their 0-5 year old curriculum is masterfully designed to teach literacy, art, music, physical activity, social awareness, self-confidence and so much more. Every child that participates in Tutu and Me will learn skills necessary for Kindergarten readiness. In addition, they learn to love school and foster a lifelong appreciation for education.

Tutu and Me goes further than most Early Educational programs, by requiring a caregiver to attend with the enrolled child. This makes the program extremely unique and powerful. It provides a support system for the child's primary caregiver. Taking care of young children is a very stressful job. Tutu and Me creates an active community, where caregivers gain the skills necessary to fulfill their role as their children's first teachers.

Lastly, Tutu and Me does an amazing job of teaching Hawaiian culture and language. I believe, that if you choose to call Maui your home, it is important to have an understanding of Hawaiian values. Tutu and Me provides this essential need.

Please support this wonderful program!

Mahalo,

Jacqueline Smith

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**From:** John Fitzpatrick <fitzformai@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 7:16 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Testimony Against \$0.23 Biofuel Tax

Aloha Honorable Council Members,

I am writing in opposition to BF-1 that places a \$0.23 per gallon tax on biofuels which is equivalent to the tax placed on petroleum products shipped in from the mainland.

We should be incentivizing companies like Pacific Biodiesel to do business in Maui County. They are reducing our carbon footprint and diverting waste from the landfill. Just last year they diverted 284,000 gallons of used cooking oil and 975,000 gallons of grease trap waste from the landfill. They also pick up all the grease and waste from restaurants, saving them \$1-2 a gallon. Since 2010 it's estimated they saved local restaurants \$1.5 million dollars.

Some other benefits of biodiesel include:

Locally made, keeping revenues in the local economy.

- 100% renewable, biodegradable and non-toxic.
- Reduces emissions by 86% compared to petroleum diesel.
- Reduces the state's reliance on imported petroleum fuel.
- Creates local jobs.
- Supports diversified, sustainable agriculture on Maui through our company's farming operation that's growing sunflowers and other biofuel crops for FOOD and FUEL and other high value products – creating jobs in agriculture and supporting energy security AND food security in the state.

The benefits of Pacific Biodiesel here on Maui far outweigh the cost of \$0.23 a gallon that we as a community have to absorb to pay for our roads and bridges. I implore you to look at other ways to raise the revenues needed to operate our county government.

Please vote down BF-1 for the good of our community.

Mahalo,  
Fitz

**John Fitzpatrick**

*Fitz For Maui*

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**From:** Maui Math Circle <mauimathcircle1808@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 10:43 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** Lalaine Pasion; Leslie Wilkins  
**Subject:** Testimony on Behalf of Maui Economic Development Board  
**Attachments:** Maui Economic Development Board Testimony.pdf

April 17, 2018

Dear members of the Maui County Council,

My name is Kaitlyn Takeno and I am a junior at Maui High School. I am also the current director of Maui Math Circle, a student-run community service program where middle and high school students teach advanced math concepts and problem solving skills to elementary school students from public, private, and home schools throughout Maui County.

Maui Math Circle was founded in July 2013 by Jasmine Doan, who is currently a junior at Stanford University. Due to the shortage of engineers and mathematicians, Jasmine initiated this program to instill a passion for mathematics within Maui County's youth and to encourage them to pursue a STEM career.

The program consists of five two-hour-long sessions at Pomaika'i Elementary School throughout the school year. During the sessions, students learn about a variety of concepts, including money, probability, arithmetic sequences, fractions and percentages, geometry, statistics, measurement and conversions, word problems, ratios and proportions, and Venn diagrams.

This school year marks the fifth year of Maui Math Circle. Each year, we have had over 100 elementary school participants. In the 2016-2017 school year, our team of 40 volunteers served 126 students from 18 schools across Maui County.

Here are testimonies from elementary school participants:

"I like that the Maui Math Circle pushes me to my limits with math. I have learned more than I can imagine. You guys have taught me different ways to solve complex math problems."

"I like Maui Math Circle because I meet new people, learn new things, and challenge myself."

Here is a testimony from a volunteer:

"Maui Math Circle has not only been a fun experience, but also a fulfilling one. It's a great feeling seeing the smiles on the participants' faces and that "a-ha" moment when they figure a tough problem out. Through MMC, I also gained valuable experience leading a classroom and teaching a group of students. MMC has been a great way to support my community through my personal love of math."

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“I like that the Maui Math Circle keeps kids engaged. It supplements the deficiency in the elementary public school. Thank you for making math fun!”

Through funding from Maui Economic Development Board, we are able to offer this enrichment program to everyone in the community at no cost. Funding allows us to incorporate an interactive activity into every lesson, helping the students to see math as intriguing. For example, we timed how long it took students to run a set distance, and the students used those times to calculate their rate and the amount of time it would take them to run longer distances. Funding also allows us to purchase math manipulatives, including dice and three-dimensional shapes, to give students a hands-on experience when learning a topic.

We would like to continue sparking young students’ passions for mathematics and helping them to develop confidence in their math abilities. Additional funding will allow us to expand our program to 175 students and enhance our lessons to create an engaging learning experience for every student.

In closing, Maui Math Circle would like to respectfully recommend that the Council support Maui Economic Development Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,  
Kaitlyn

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Sincerely,  
Kaitlyn

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**From:** Council Message Center  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 10:55 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** FW: 4/25 Council Meeting - Proposed 5-% Tax Penalty  
**Attachments:** CCE17042018\_3.pdf

**From:** Mark Hyde [mailto:hydem001@icloud.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 10:03 AM  
**To:** Maui\_County Council\_mailbox <county.council@mauicounty.us>  
**Subject:** 4/25 Council Meeting - Proposed 5-% Tax Penalty

To: Maui County Council

From: Wailea Golf Vistas Homeowners Association

Re: **Maui County Council Meeting, April 25, 2018**

Mayor's Proposed Budget: 50% Tax Penalty on Non-Resident Homeowners

Wailea Golf Vistas Homeowners Association, representing 48 residential properties in Wailea, South Maui, including resident and nonresident owners,

**OPPOSES the mayor's proposed tax penalty of 50% on properties owned by nonresidents with an assessed value above \$1.5 million.**

The proposed tax increase will

- Impose a disproportionate tax burden on nonresidents who spend only part of the year on Maui and who use fewer county services than full time residents;
- Present an immediate and material, unplanned financial burden on nonresident homeowners;
- Upset the real estate market in ways unknown but clearly negative; and
- Degrade the marketability and price of existing homes when viewed by potential non-resident buyers, not to mention having a probable negative effect on potential new construction.

Of 48 properties in Wailea Golf Vistas

- Only one developed residential property has an assessed value less than \$1.5 million
- Nearly all high assessed value homes are owned by nonresidents
- The highest assessed value home is pegged at \$6.7 and is owned by a nonresident couple who spend less than half a year here and do not rent their home. If approved, the tax penalty imposed on this single property alone would be a staggering additional \$14,400 per year.
- Recently enacted federal tax reform legislation imposes a \$10,000 limit on deductibility of local real property taxes, accentuating the negative effect of the proposed tax penalty.

Our Association urges the council (1) to reject the mayor's proposed real property tax structure and (2) to approve operating expenses in line with reasonable revenue expectations consistent with good government and improved efficiency.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent Brocksome, President



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**From:** Mark Hyde <hydem001@hawaii.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 10:42 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** April 18 B&F-1 Item 2. b. - Proposed \$85 Million CIP Project

The proposed Wailuku downtown project was initially conceived as a two story parking garage but has morphed into that + a plaza (do we really want to attend events next to a concrete parking garage?), commercial space (not needed), a restaurant (there are several in the area already), meeting space (what about better use of the Iao Theater for meetings and events?) and a home for the real property division (which doesn't need to be downtown). While there might be a need for additional parking (I doubt carpooling incentives and ride sharing opportunities have been tried and/or exhausted), the cost for doubling the number of existing parking stalls equates to well over \$500,000 per additional stall if you count the total cost of the project and divide it by the number of new stalls - roughly 150 - which I think is fair because other than the parking garage, the other elements of the project are not needed.

Making things worse, there isn't even a space plan for the county, now or projected for future growth, which is what a responsible management team would develop before proposing a project like this. And the existing county buildings downtown are old and inefficient. Consider the 9 story county building and nearby planning building. Both are relics; neither provides an anchor for this proposed \$85 million expenditure.

The county needs to examine locating the county government center elsewhere, perhaps in central Maui, which would be a much more convenient location for all residents, then plan for transition over time to a new location. Just because the county seat has been in Wailuku for decades is not reason enough to forgo imagining alternatives based on data, analysis, projections, community engagement and a financial plan that takes into account the county's pressing social and infrastructure needs.

Mark Hyde  
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## BF Committee

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**From:** PEA Committee  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 11:58 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** FW: Tutu and Me

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Nancy Martello [mailto:nancymartello@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 9:36 AM  
**To:** PEA Committee <PEA.Committee@mauicounty.us>  
**Subject:** Tutu and Me

I am writing to sing the praises of the Tutu and Me program. It is such an amazing opportunity for keiki to learn more about Hawaiian culture while having important values instilled in them each and every session. For most, it is their very first preschool experience and with the aloha of the skilled staff and the resources made available, it is both beneficial and memorable.

Patrick, Stephanie, Susanna and Sherene are loved by keiki and caretakers alike. They are dedicated, kind and extremely patient.

Mahalo to the county for making available the grants to make this program possible.

Sincerely,

Tutu Nancy

Sent from my iPhone

## BF Committee

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**From:** susunwhite@gmail.com on behalf of Susun White <admin@pyccmaui.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 7:54 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** BF-1 Paia Youth & Cultural Center  
**Attachments:** Paia Youth Council Inc request for funding FY19.doc

Please consider attached.

Susun White  
Executive Director  
Paia Youth & Cultural Center  
*Building Community Through Our Youth*  
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To: Maui County Council Budget Committee

April 10, 2018

Aloha, first and foremost, thank you for the past 24 years of support. The Pa'ia Youth & Cultural Center (PYCC) would not be what we are today without this consistent support. We have grown from serving 26 original members annually to 400 annually. Our diverse members represent the diverse community we are honored to serve.

This year we are asking for an additional \$40,000 to be added to the youth center grant to purchase a new van. The PYCC van is almost 11 years old and it shows. Next fiscal year we will do at least 4 off-site trips weekly and absolutely require the new van to meet program demands. The main programs that require the use of a van are the *PYCC Malama Pono Project Venture* and *The Hero Project*. Both programs are certified best practice evidenced-based programs.

Our present van is an 8-passenger van- if affordable; we would like to expand to a 10-12 passenger vehicle.

This current fiscal year, 50% of the PYCC operating budget was supported through grants received from Maui County, \$230,978 from the youth center grant and \$50,000 from the Under Age Drinking Prevention (UAD) grant. 20% came from the State of Hawaii, Office of Youth Services. 12% came various sources including, the Maui United Way, private foundations, program service revenue and fundraising. **18% (\$98,636) of the current operating budget \$561,388 came from community donations** - a considerable challenge considering that our community is small and that the competition is fierce - a challenge that we have managed to meet for the last 8 years. This incredible feat requires the dedication of the Board of Directors and our community supporters.

Future support for the PYCC drop-in program from the State of Hawaii, Office of Youth Services is promised, but at \$17,000 less than this current fiscal year. We were also awarded an additional contract to fund a new program, *The Hero Project*. Continued pledges from donors are reliable. Funding from private foundations, that include foundations via the Hawaii Community Foundation many who have been long-term supporters of the PYCC, are hopefully reliable; however, this is an assumption. Donations from the community depend on the economic climate and that is not reliable. What is reliable and repeatable is the outstanding respect and love that the community has for the PYCC.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Susun White  
Executive Director  
808 264-6161

## BF Committee

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**From:** tracymorales@mauiwaste.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 10:48 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** Jennifer.Magaoay@khako.org  
**Subject:** Our Testimony

Good Morning,

My name is Tracy Morales I have a household size of 4. This past year 2017 in the month of December, Just before Christmas. My husband and I, Our 21 year old son and 15 year old daughter lost our home and became homeless. We had no where to go, Absolutely nowhere. It was very hard for us dealing with no home to call home sweet home and yet right before Christmas. It was not a good Christmas for me and my ohana and we wont forget it. But, I want to share with you, If it wasn't for Ka Hale Ake Ola we would be on the beach or in the car with no shower no bathroom no roof over our heads. The staff here are so awesome, They respect everyone and to my family and i, We feel welcomed. They don't look down at us about our situation. We know we hit rock bottom but the only way now is up and the staff here is so helpful, caring, respectful and considerate. We know they are here to help us to get out and about but yet give us shelter. The programs they have like the budgeting classes and step up classes are helpful also. Our first case worker was EJ, She never looked down at us and understood where we were coming from and was out to help us in any way she could. She never gave us a doubt. She always gave us a positive attitude. Now we have the Housing Specialist Jennifer, She is so respectful, Caring, and helpful. She never made me or my ohana feel uncomfortable. We know she is there to help us succeed in finding housing and together we will achieve our goal. The Operations staff is awesome as well, They are always there when you need help or assistance. They get maintenance fixing whatever you need to be fixed in your unit and always make sure everything works. We feel safe and we are very Thankful for all of the staff members at Ka Hale Ake Ola in Wailuku. They need to keep this programs going and facility open. When we get back on our feet and get our home sweet home, I know there will be other families out there that will need the help from Ka Hale Ake Ola as we did. The staff here put a big impact on us and we will forever remember who was there when we needed the help. When my family and I pray, We also pray for everyone here at Ka Hale Ake Ola including all the families here and all of the staff members. We see them as a BLESSING. Please keep up the awesome work as we keep moving forward,

Sincerely,  
Tracy Morales & Ohana

## BF Committee

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**From:** allisonwright07@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 10:30 PM  
**To:** County Clerk  
**Cc:** warrenmcfb@gmail.com; teena.rasmussen@co.maui.hi.us;  
kenneth.yamamura@co.maui.hi.us; kenneth.yamamura@mauicounty.gov; PEA  
Committee; BF Committee; IEM Committee  
**Subject:** Testimony for the Council Meeting On Wednesday April 18, 2018  
**Attachments:** Testimony for Council Meeting on April 18 2018.docx

Hello!

I am submitting testimony for the council meeting on April 18.

My apologies as I understand that this is past the deadline of noon of the previous day but please consider it for the April 18 session if possible.

This session is supposed to include testimony from the Office of Economic Development on agriculture and departmental changes.

Please submit this testimony as attached in the document included with this message.

Thank you!  
Allison Wright  
808-268-6927

**Testimony for the Office of Economic Development to keep Agriculture  
For the council session on Wednesday April 18, 2018**

April 17, 2018

Dear Council Chair White and other Council Members,

I am writing in favor of keeping all elements of agriculture in Maui County under the umbrella of the Department of Economic Development.

I understand the suggestion has been made to move agriculture to the Department of Environmental Management.

I have had the opportunity over the past few years to work with the Maui County Farm Bureau and the OED on projects relating to the landscape and horticulture industry on Maui through my time as a volunteer on the board of the Maui Association of Landscape Professionals (MALP), an organization that has supported the landscape industry on Maui for over 20 years. I have found working with the staff of these offices to be uncomplicated as they clearly understand and anticipate the needs of the agriculture industry as a whole.

I have researched the background of the OED and its counterpart, the Department of Environmental Management to come to the following conclusion:

I have come to believe agriculture should stay under the auspices of the OED based on Maui County's own distinctions between the departments.

To transfer agriculture to the Dept of Environmental Management would require a change in the mission statement of this department. The mission statement of the DEM as published is:

"To protect the public's health, safety, property, and environment by developing and operating the County's infrastructure."

This mission statement is all encompassing of "protection" and "infrastructure" but nowhere does it state "business development and support."

In turn, the Office of Economic Development's published overview of work is: "The OED works in partnership with the community, business and government sectors to:

- Strengthen and diversify the economy by supporting existing businesses
- Assisting in the attraction, development and expansion of new businesses and events that will in turn provide new jobs for our community."

The OED departmental overview was clearly designed to support all business sectors in the community.

Yes. Agriculture, in all of its facets, works the land (aka the environment), but have no doubt that agriculture is business. Strictly business. Business needs support.

Through many media venues, including print and numerous statements on the radio, the mayor has stated that he has been working to attract large scale farmers to the island to fill the land vacated by the sugar cane operations. Clearly, by his statements on this subject alone, his goals unmistakably fall under the mission of the OED - the "attraction, development and expansion of new businesses."

Agriculture on Maui is expanding rapidly but not in the traditional sense of large scale farms. Instead many boutique farms are appearing, new plant nurseries are entering the market and cannot keep up with demand for projects, and the explosion of business in the landscape and horticulture industry which alone are bringing in many millions of dollars to the economy.

On the landscape side, I can offer examples of business expansion. I purchase landscape plants on a daily basis. I have a general idea of what everyone has in their inventory. Did you know that on Maui there is a plant nursery that provides plant starts and full size plants to the landscape industry to all of the islands? It holds in regularity several millions of dollars in inventory to keep up with the demand. And it cannot always keep up with the demand of the rapidly growing

landscape industry on all of the islands. In the past few years, several new small and large scale nursery operations have opened on Maui. These new businesses lower the requirement of me needing to ship plants in from other islands or from the mainland. But there is still room for more growth.

The landscape installation business on Maui is being kept busy as well. Just for the current airport project, the installation will take a many months but the plants will need to be grown as well - 15,000 of this plant, 10,000 of that plant, and don't forget the 300 coconut palms which are near impossible to find right now.

I understand that the position of the agriculture specialist would also transfer to the DEM, but supporting agriculture is a team effort of the entire department, not just the job of one person. As these and other agriculture businesses grow, they should be supported by an organization whose mission is to support businesses not an organization whose mission is to manage infrastructure, i.e. roadways.

Again, please consider keeping the agriculture sector in the OED.

Thank you for your time.

Allison Wright  
MALP - President  
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Budget and Finance Committee, Maui County Council  
Budget Chairman, Riki Hokama  
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Wailuku, HI 96793

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OFFICE OF THE  
COUNTY COUNCIL

April 13, 2018

Honorable Members of the Council:

I am writing to urge you to support Mayor Arakawa's FY2018 budget request for Maui Nui Botanical Gardens.

I care about the work the Gardens does because my father, Dr. J. Linsley\_Gressitt, was instrumental, along with Rene Silva, in getting the garden started.

Although I do not live on Maui, I very much appreciate the focus on native plants, as I am president of the Las Cruces Chapter of the Native Plant Society of New Mexico, and I donate to both organizations every year.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Gressitt

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Las Cruces, NM 88005

## BF Committee

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**From:** cyndee Navarro <maui808gyrl@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 9:43 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** County Council Budget Committee Meeting. RE: Proposed Fiscal Year Budget for the County of Maui

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

RE: Proposed Fiscal Year Budget for the County of Maui

Aloha County Council Members,

I am writing to provide written testimony in hopes of approving and maintaining the County Grants towards program funding for Ka Hale A Ke Ola Homeless Shelter. In Hawaii there are nearly 1600 individuals and families who experience homelessness every year. In 2017 my Ohana and I became one of those families. Currently I am a client at the Ka Hale A Ke Ola Homeless Shelter in Lahaina and have been here since November 2017. I want to testify on behalf of the shelter services and how it has benefited myself and my family.

I am a single mother of three, I have a great job in a dental office where I have worked for almost six years. I never imagined that I would ever find our family seeking housing at a homeless shelter. To be completely honest I was hesitant at first, even ashamed to have to go there. I was embarrassed for what *people* would think, but I thought about and realized, *what is the alternative? Do I sleep in the car with the kids, stay on the beach in tents?* After little debate, I put my pride aside and my children's needs first.

Becoming a client of Ka Hale A Ke Ola has been one of the best decisions I have made for our Ohana regarding our housing situation. We are housed in a two bedroom apartment. My children now have a roof over their heads, we are provided with unlimited resources, support from the community, and support from the staff.

As a single mother and I'm sure I speak on behalf of families with two parents and multiple incomes, living in Hawaii is difficult. Many of which struggle to make ends meet, living pay check to pay check, and barely able to get by. For the first time in ten years I am finally able to get ahead in life. I have been able to accomplish more in these short months than I have ever been in my adult life. I paid off student loans which in turn, allowed me to return to school to pursue my career as I have desperately tried to do so in the past seven years. I have paid off debt and now able to re-build my credit. I am now able to save money, to where if I am allowed more time at the shelter I could possibly afford a down payment for a home of my own. Would I have ever been able to do this if not for this program? Alone on a single income supporting a family of 4? I hate to speak negatively, but for myself and my situation, absolutely not. I have been struggling and fighting this battle for years and each year that went by it seemed to get harder and harder.

Other than housing families, the shelter provides job employment for those who find it difficult to find jobs. Not only do they help clients seek employment, they also provide the support individuals need to maintain that employment. In addition, staff members seek agencies which help each client individually. As we all are struggling in different areas of our lives and in need of different services.

I can only testify on behalf of Ka Hale A Ke Ola, and hope that the funding will continually be granted and that in the future the possibility of new shelters could be made available for the residents of Hawaii. Every single day countless homeless families are turned away due to limited space and availability. I believe in the shelter, I believe in it's purpose. Ultimately, what the shelter does is it gives families a second chance at life, a means of getting back on your feet, and putting an end to the homeless epidemic in Hawaii one family at a time.

Mahalo for your time and attention,

Cyndee Navarro

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Dawn Lono  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 1:54 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** FW: Public Testimony for 'Ohana Makamae 4/17/18  
**Attachments:** Cynthia Santiago Public Testimony.docx

Written testimony from Cynthia Santiago – 'Ohana Makamae

Public Testimony, 4/17/18, Hana Maui

Hello, my name is Cynthia Santiago, I am the Executive Director of 'Ohana Makamae in Hana, Maui. I am advocating on behalf of the residents of East Maui, the people who benefit from our services at 'Ohana Makame, and other grants based, non-profit providers.

Every year (or two) we are asked to speak out on the needs of our community. It would be a wonderful thing if I could come up here and say, "Thank you, we no longer need your money; the problems have been fixed, and the conditions which predicated these problems have also been corrected." Sadly, it isn't so, Hana as a rural and isolated area of Hawai'i continues to be susceptible to the frailty and illnesses that the rest of the Country is facing. Fortunately, the County of Maui has not neglected many of Hana's needs. Our non-profits are needed and the County understands their importance.

I am here to ask and advocate for "regular" people who continue to need our services. From generation to generation, substance abuse, mental illness, domestic violence, poverty, etc. is passed down; as is wellness, financial stability, recovery and hope.

There is certainly uncertainty everywhere at this time, and always there are competing interests. We need a balance in spending, but let's never neglect the needs of those who nurture the land, who raise the children, who may not have as strong of a voice, or as fat of a wallet, or a lot of resources. Thank-you for remembering that the greatest investments are all of us, the people, who the system is made for.

Yes, we continue to need funding in Social Services, and the needs are not stagnant. 'Ohana Makamae is seeing a growth in the numbers of clients it serves. The community values, uses and needs our services. While some families are healing and recovering, others are facing crisis.

County funds are well spent in Hana, we need in the minimum the amount that has been granted to us in the past, and in reality much more. Please support our local endeavors and by all means-expect accountability, but also provide the finances to put systems in place so that we can account for the effectiveness of our work. (In relation to acquiring long term and short term statistical analysis/research for rural areas)

Mahalo Nui Loa

## BF Committee

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**From:** ehulani kane <ehulanikane@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 4:27 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Testimony given on April 16, 2018...Kaunakakai, Molokai...MCAPP

*The following is the full text of my testimony on behalf of  
**Molokai Child Abuse Prevention Pathways (MCAPP)**  
that I was able to present, in part, to your committee last night.  
It was a great gift to have your the Maui County Council on Molokai.  
Thank you for your dedicated service to the people of our island and all of Maui County.*

*Blessings and aloha,  
ehulani kane\*\*\**

*April 16, 2018*

*To the members of the Maui County Council/Budget and Finance Committee:*

*Aloha mai and mahalo for being here tonight to hear testimony from the citizens of our beloved island of Molokai.*

*My name is ehulani kane and I speak tonite on behalf of **Molokai Child Abuse and Protective Pathways**. I currently serve as Vice President on their Board of Directors.*

*Child sexual abuse 'goes on' here on Molokai...  
for years and years and in some families, for generations.  
It is a disturbing reality and an uncomfortable subject to even **think** about, let alone, to try and address.  
It's personal.  
It's private.*

*It's horrifying to think that a young adult or a small child, boy or girl, could be the victim of a predator that can take away all innocence and any sense of trust or safety and, instead, leave behind feelings of shame, chaos, confusion and damage so deep, that the wounds can last a lifetime.*

*But nobody like talk about it.*

*For decades, our community, often with the generous support of the Maui County Council, has been vigilant in attempting to address issues of domestic violence, drug abuse, mental health, suicide, low education standards and unemployment. Until recent years, Molokai, as a community, has not been able to come up with solutions of how to talk about or publicly address the very real issue of child sexual abuse here on our island.*

*In 2012, the Consuelo Foundation reached out to our community to offer their resources, expertise and guidance to assist us in creating what today is known as **Molokai Child Abuse Prevention Pathways**.*

*For 6 years, with patience, perseverance and devotion, **MCAPP** was able to reach out to kupuna in our community who*

*were victims of sexual abuse in their childhood, reach out to churches to gain support for our efforts, reach out to our police department who confirmed, statistically, how serious child sexual abuse is on our island and, most significantly, reach out to all of our schools on Molokai and create an age appropriate educational curriculum based on prevention and safety.*

*Thanks to the devoted work of Titi Fernandez and Kealoha Hooper, every child in school on Molokai, from pre-school through high-school, is being taught the basic elements of how to keep their precious bodies safe, as well as, how to be mindful of one another.*

*With great respect and a sense of deep responsibility, **MCAPP** is giving visibility and giving a voice to the disturbing issues surrounding sexual violence here on Molokai. **MCAPP** is actively making a difference in the areas of awareness, education and prevention of child sexual abuse.*

*We are attempting to shed light into the shadows and offer practical tools for where the ground is not pa`a. That is no small thing.*

*Last year the Consuelo Foundation let their little birdie fly free.  
(that would be us)*

*In 2017 **MCAPP** became its own 501c3.*

*Creating a financially sustainable organization is essential to our survival.*

*MCAPP has the community support of our educators, our police department, parents and families of our haumana in the schools, as well as various health and social service agencies here on island.*

*With strong and capable leadership in our Executive Director, Liz Fujii, a talented and capable staff (Titi and Kealoha), and a competent and loyal Board of Directors; it is our intention to remain an engaged and honorable presence within our island community.*

*Our desire is to help create safety, health and a sense of well-being for children and families here on Moloka`i now and into the future.*

*We must be visible, vocal and vigilant in facing the reality of **Child Sexual Abuse** in our community.*

***MCAPP** remains committed to making a difference on Moloka`i.*

*We humbly ask the Maui County Council to look into your budget and, more significantly, look into your hearts and to please,  
fund our efforts.*

*It is time.*

*Mahalo for your kind and thoughtful consideration.*

*Me ka ha`a ha`a,  
ehulani hope kane\*\*\**

*Board of Directors/MCAPP*

*Vice President*

*808 658 0789*

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## BF Committee

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**From:** Harry Hall <harryrhall@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 9:46 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Support allocation in the FY19 budget from the Open Space Fund for acquisition of 46 acres at Maka'alaie

Aloha Budget Committee,

You're given a great responsibility in protecting the Aina for the whole world. Thanks for putting the funds into making sure access and sacred trust are always honored. I was recently on the Island of Maui during the false alert in January. My son and I were hiking in Haleakala the day before the alert. It was a tragic feeling the next day when we walked into the Tasty Crust restaurant in Wailuku the morning of the alert and witnessed the total frustrations the locals felt about the land and the aloha of the land. Unless you feel the pulse of the people and protect the Aina, our mother we may never get another chance to shape peace into the future by preserving our only mother.

Hana Ho! to the great work ahead of you I send you strength.

Aloha and Peace to the Wonderful Hawaiian people.

Please Protect the land.

Harry R. Hall (Heru)

A resident from 1980 to 1986.

## BF Committee

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**From:** HHT Committee  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 7:39 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** FW: Tutu & Me Traveling Preschool is a life changing program

**From:** Jackie Smith [mailto:kailuamaka@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 9:41 PM  
**To:** HHT Committee <HHT.Committee@mauicounty.us>  
**Subject:** Tutu & Me Traveling Preschool is a life changing program

Aloha,

My name is Jacqueline Smith and I am writing to testify on the importance of the Tutu & Me Traveling Preschool (Partners in Development) to the island of Maui. I am a mother of two participants and have actively been a part of the program for over two years. Tutu and Me has changed our life by giving my children not only an effective learning environment, but also offers a community of support for the primary care givers in their lives.

The Tutu and Me program excels in nurturing the whole child. Their 0-5 year old curriculum is masterfully designed to teach literacy, art, music, physical activity, social awareness, self-confidence and so much more. Every child that participates in Tutu and Me will learn skills necessary for Kindergarten readiness. In addition, they learn to love school and foster a lifelong appreciation for education.

Tutu and Me goes further than most Early Educational programs, by requiring a caregiver to attend with the enrolled child. This makes the program extremely unique and powerful. It provides a support system for the child's primary caregiver. Taking care of young children is a very stressful job. Tutu and Me creates an active community, where caregivers gain the skills necessary to fulfill their role as their children's first teachers.

Lastly, Tutu and Me does an amazing job of teaching Hawaiian culture and language. I believe, that if you choose to call Maui your home, it is important to have an understanding of Hawaiian values. Tutu and Me provides this essential need.

Please support this wonderful program!

Mahalo,

Jacqueline Smith

## BF Committee

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**From:** John Fitzpatrick <fitzformai@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 7:16 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Testimony Against \$0.23 Biofuel Tax

Aloha Honorable Council Members,

I am writing in opposition to BF-1 that places a \$0.23 per gallon tax on biofuels which is equivalent to the tax placed on petroleum products shipped in from the mainland.

We should be incentivizing companies like Pacific Biodiesel to do business in Maui County. They are reducing our carbon footprint and diverting waste from the landfill. Just last year they diverted 284,000 gallons of used cooking oil and 975,000 gallons of grease trap waste from the landfill. They also pick up all the grease and waste from restaurants, saving them \$1-2 a gallon. Since 2010 it's estimated they saved local restaurants \$1.5 million dollars.

Some other benefits of biodiesel include:

Locally made, keeping revenues in the local economy.

- 100% renewable, biodegradable and non-toxic.
- Reduces emissions by 86% compared to petroleum diesel.
- Reduces the state's reliance on imported petroleum fuel.
- Creates local jobs.
- Supports diversified, sustainable agriculture on Maui through our company's farming operation that's growing sunflowers and other biofuel crops for FOOD and FUEL and other high value products – creating jobs in agriculture and supporting energy security AND food security in the state.

The benefits of Pacific Biodiesel here on Maui far outweigh the cost of \$0.23 a gallon that we as a community have to absorb to pay for our roads and bridges. I implore you to look at other ways to raise the revenues needed to operate our county government.

Please vote down BF-1 for the good of our community.

Mahalo,  
Fitz

**John Fitzpatrick**

*Fitz For Maui*

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## BF Committee

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**From:** Maui Math Circle <mauimathcircle1808@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 10:43 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** Lalaine Pasion; Leslie Wilkins  
**Subject:** Testimony on Behalf of Maui Economic Development Board  
**Attachments:** Maui Economic Development Board Testimony.pdf

April 17, 2018

Dear members of the Maui County Council,

My name is Kaitlyn Takeno and I am a junior at Maui High School. I am also the current director of Maui Math Circle, a student-run community service program where middle and high school students teach advanced math concepts and problem solving skills to elementary school students from public, private, and home schools throughout Maui County.

Maui Math Circle was founded in July 2013 by Jasmine Doan, who is currently a junior at Stanford University. Due to the shortage of engineers and mathematicians, Jasmine initiated this program to instill a passion for mathematics within Maui County's youth and to encourage them to pursue a STEM career.

The program consists of five two-hour-long sessions at Pomaika'i Elementary School throughout the school year. During the sessions, students learn about a variety of concepts, including money, probability, arithmetic sequences, fractions and percentages, geometry, statistics, measurement and conversions, word problems, ratios and proportions, and Venn diagrams.

This school year marks the fifth year of Maui Math Circle. Each year, we have had over 100 elementary school participants. In the 2016-2017 school year, our team of 40 volunteers served 126 students from 18 schools across Maui County.

Here are testimonies from elementary school participants:

"I like that the Maui Math Circle pushes me to my limits with math. I have learned more than I can imagine. You guys have taught me different ways to solve complex math problems."

"I like Maui Math Circle because I meet new people, learn new things, and challenge myself."

Here is a testimony from a volunteer:

"Maui Math Circle has not only been a fun experience, but also a fulfilling one. It's a great feeling seeing the smiles on the participants' faces and that "a-ha" moment when they figure a tough problem out. Through MMC, I also gained valuable experience leading a classroom and teaching a group of students. MMC has been a great way to support my community through my personal love of math."

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,  
Kaitlyn

April 17, 2018

Dear members of the Maui County Council,

My name is Kaitlyn Takeno and I am a junior at Maui High School. I am also the current director of Maui Math Circle, a student-run community service program where middle and high school students teach advanced math concepts and problem solving skills to elementary school students from public, private, and home schools throughout Maui County.

Maui Math Circle was founded in July 2013 by Jasmine Doan, who is currently a junior at Stanford University. Due to the shortage of engineers and mathematicians, Jasmine initiated this program to instill a passion for mathematics within Maui County's youth and to encourage them to pursue a STEM career.

The program consists of five two-hour-long sessions at Pomaika'i Elementary School throughout the school year. During the sessions, students learn about a variety of concepts, including money, probability, arithmetic sequences, fractions and percentages, geometry, statistics, measurement and conversions, word problems, ratios and proportions, and Venn diagrams.

This school year marks the fifth year of Maui Math Circle. Each year, we have had over 100 elementary school participants. In the 2016-2017 school year, our team of 40 volunteers served 126 students from 18 schools across Maui County.

Here are testimonies from elementary school participants:

"I like that the Maui Math Circle pushes me to my limits with math. I have learned more than I can imagine. You guys have taught me different ways to solve complex math problems."

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## BF Committee

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**From:** Council Message Center  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 10:55 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** FW: 4/25 Council Meeting - Proposed 5-% Tax Penalty  
**Attachments:** CCE17042018\_3.pdf

**From:** Mark Hyde [mailto:hydem001@icloud.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 10:03 AM  
**To:** Maui\_County Council\_mailbox <county.council@mauicounty.us>  
**Subject:** 4/25 Council Meeting - Proposed 5-% Tax Penalty

To: Maui County Council

From: Wailea Golf Vistas Homeowners Association

Re: **Maui County Council Meeting, April 25, 2018**

Mayor's Proposed Budget: 50% Tax Penalty on Non-Resident Homeowners

Wailea Golf Vistas Homeowners Association, representing 48 residential properties in Wailea, South Maui, including resident and nonresident owners,

**OPPOSES the mayor's proposed tax penalty of 50% on properties owned by nonresidents with an assessed value above \$1.5 million.**

The proposed tax increase will

- Impose a disproportionate tax burden on nonresidents who spend only part of the year on Maui and who use fewer county services than full time residents;
- Present an immediate and material, unplanned financial burden on nonresident homeowners;
- Upset the real estate market in ways unknown but clearly negative; and
- Degrade the marketability and price of existing homes when viewed by potential non-resident buyers, not to mention having a probable negative effect on potential new construction.

Of 48 properties in Wailea Golf Vistas

- Only one developed residential property has an assessed value less than \$1.5 million
- Nearly all high assessed value homes are owned by nonresidents
- The highest assessed value home is pegged at \$6.7 and is owned by a nonresident couple who spend less than half a year here and do not rent their home. If approved, the tax penalty imposed on this single property alone would be a staggering additional \$14,400 per year.
- Recently enacted federal tax reform legislation imposes a \$10,000 limit on deductibility of local real property taxes, accentuating the negative effect of the proposed tax penalty.

Our Association urges the council (1) to reject the mayor's proposed real property tax structure and (2) to approve operating expenses in line with reasonable revenue expectations consistent with good government and improved efficiency.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent Brocksome, President



## BF Committee

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**From:** Mark Hyde <hydem001@hawaii.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 10:42 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** April 18 B&F-1 Item 2. b. - Proposed \$85 Million CIP Project

The proposed Wailuku downtown project was initially conceived as a two story parking garage but has morphed into that + a plaza (do we really want to attend events next to a concrete parking garage?), commercial space (not needed), a restaurant (there are several in the area already), meeting space (what about better use of the Iao Theater for meetings and events?) and a home for the real property division (which doesn't need to be downtown). While there might be a need for additional parking (I doubt carpooling incentives and ride sharing opportunities have been tried and/or exhausted), the cost for doubling the number of existing parking stalls equates to well over \$500,000 per additional stall if you count the total cost of the project and divide it by the number of new stalls - roughly 150 - which I think is fair because other than the parking garage, the other elements of the project are not needed.

Making things worse, there isn't even a space plan for the county, now or projected for future growth, which is what a responsible management team would develop before proposing a project like this. And the existing county buildings downtown are old and inefficient. Consider the 9 story county building and nearby planning building. Both are relics; neither provides an anchor for this proposed \$85 million expenditure.

The county needs to examine locating the county government center elsewhere, perhaps in central Maui, which would be a much more convenient location for all residents, then plan for transition over time to a new location. Just because the county seat has been in Wailuku for decades is not reason enough to forgo imagining alternatives based on data, analysis, projections, community engagement and a financial plan that takes into account the county's pressing social and infrastructure needs.

Mark Hyde  
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## BF Committee

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**From:** PEA Committee  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 11:58 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** FW: Tutu and Me

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**From:** Nancy Martello [mailto:nancymartello@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 9:36 AM  
**To:** PEA Committee <PEA.Committee@mauicounty.us>  
**Subject:** Tutu and Me

I am writing to sing the praises of the Tutu and Me program. It is such an amazing opportunity for keiki to learn more about Hawaiian culture while having important values instilled in them each and every session. For most, it is their very first preschool experience and with the aloha of the skilled staff and the resources made available, it is both beneficial and memorable.

Patrick, Stephanie, Susanna and Sherene are loved by keiki and caretakers alike. They are dedicated, kind and extremely patient.

Mahalo to the county for making available the grants to make this program possible.

Sincerely,

Tutu Nancy

Sent from my iPhone

## BF Committee

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**From:** susunwhite@gmail.com on behalf of Susun White <admin@pyccmaui.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 7:54 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** BF-1 Paia Youth & Cultural Center  
**Attachments:** Paia Youth Council Inc request for funding FY19.doc

Please consider attached.

Susun White  
Executive Director  
Paia Youth & Cultural Center  
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To: Maui County Council Budget Committee

April 10, 2018

Aloha, first and foremost, thank you for the past 24 years of support. The Pa'ia Youth & Cultural Center (PYCC) would not be what we are today without this consistent support. We have grown from serving 26 original members annually to 400 annually. Our diverse members represent the diverse community we are honored to serve.

This year we are asking for an additional \$40,000 to be added to the youth center grant to purchase a new van. The PYCC van is almost 11 years old and it shows. Next fiscal year we will do at least 4 off-site trips weekly and absolutely require the new van to meet program demands. The main programs that require the use of a van are the *PYCC Malama Pono Project Venture* and *The Hero Project*. Both programs are certified best practice evidenced-based programs.

Our present van is an 8-passenger van- if affordable; we would like to expand to a 10-12 passenger vehicle.

This current fiscal year, 50% of the PYCC operating budget was supported through grants received from Maui County, \$230,978 from the youth center grant and \$50,000 from the Under Age Drinking Prevention (UAD) grant. 20% came from the State of Hawaii, Office of Youth Services. 12% came various sources including, the Maui United Way, private foundations, program service revenue and fundraising. **18% (\$98,636) of the current operating budget \$561,388 came from community donations** - a considerable challenge considering that our community is small and that the competition is fierce - a challenge that we have managed to meet for the last 8 years. This incredible feat requires the dedication of the Board of Directors and our community supporters.

Future support for the PYCC drop-in program from the State of Hawaii, Office of Youth Services is promised, but at \$17,000 less than this current fiscal year. We were also awarded an additional contract to fund a new program, *The Hero Project*. Continued pledges from donors are reliable. Funding from private foundations, that include foundations via the Hawaii Community Foundation many who have been long-term supporters of the PYCC, are hopefully reliable; however, this is an assumption. Donations from the community depend on the economic climate and that is not reliable. What is reliable and repeatable is the outstanding respect and love that the community has for the PYCC.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Susun White  
Executive Director  
808 264-6161

## BF Committee

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**From:** tracymorales@mauiwaste.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 10:48 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** Jennifer.Magaoay@khako.org  
**Subject:** Our Testimony

Good Morning,

My name is Tracy Morales I have a household size of 4. This past year 2017 in the month of December, Just before Christmas. My husband and I, Our 21 year old son and 15 year old daughter lost our home and became homeless. We had no where to go, Absolutely nowhere. It was very hard for us dealing with no home to call home sweet home and yet right before Christmas. It was not a good Christmas for me and my ohana and we wont forget it. But, I want to share with you, If it wasn't for Ka Hale Ake Ola we would be on the beach or in the car with no shower no bathroom no roof over our heads. The staff here are so awesome, They respect everyone and to my family and i, We feel welcomed. They don't look down at us about our situation. We know we hit rock bottom but the only way now is up and the staff here is so helpful, caring, respectful and considerate. We know they are here to help us to get out and about but yet give us shelter. The programs they have like the budgeting classes and step up classes are helpful also. Our first case worker was EJ, She never looked down at us and understood where we were coming from and was out to help us in any way she could. She never gave us a doubt. She always gave us a positive attitude. Now we have the Housing Specialist Jennifer, She is so respectful, Caring, and helpful. She never made me or my ohana feel uncomfortable. We know she is there to help us succeed in finding housing and together we will achieve our goal. The Operations staff is awesome as well, They are always there when you need help or assistance. They get maintenance fixing whatever you need to be fixed in your unit and always make sure everything works. We feel safe and we are very Thankful for all of the staff members at Ka Hale Ake Ola in Wailuku. They need to keep this programs going and facility open. When we get back on our feet and get our home sweet home, I know there will be other families out there that will need the help from Ka Hale Ake Ola as we did. The staff here put a big impact on us and we will forever remember who was there when we needed the help. When my family and I pray, We also pray for everyone here at Ka Hale Ake Ola including all the families here and all of the staff members. We see them as a BLESSING. Please keep up the awesome work as we keep moving forward,

Sincerely,  
Tracy Morales & Ohana