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September 16, 2016

Ms. Suzanne Case, Chairperson
Board of Land and Natural Resources
Kalanimoku Building
1151 Punchbowl Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Ms. Case:

**SUBJECT: FIRST AMENDMENT TO LEASE GRANTING AN
EXTENSION OF TIME AND REDUCTION IN RENT
FOR THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
VETERANS CENTER AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
SITE LEASE (EAR-65)**

At its meeting of September 13, 2016, the Maui County Council's Economic Development, Energy, Agriculture, and Recreation Committee discussed a proposed resolution to authorize the Mayor or Director of Finance to execute a first amendment to the 2013 lease to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Wilbert Wah Hutom Post 3850, for the area known as the "Veterans Center and Community Support Activities Site," located at Waiohuli, Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii.

The subject properties consist of two parcels totaling 2.278 acres, identified for real property tax purposes as tax map keys (2) 3-9-007:003 and (2) 3-9-007:005 (por.), which were set aside by Governor's Executive Orders 4087 and 4342, respectively, for a veterans' center and community support activities.

The VFW Post 3850 has occupied the properties since the late 1940s, using them as a venue for veteran and public gatherings, youth organizations, and educational outreach for public and private schools. The group also maintains the properties and has improved the properties using donated funds.

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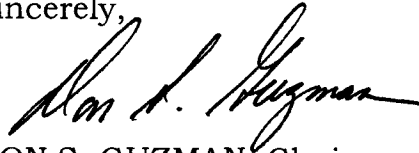
At the meeting, Councilmembers inquired whether the State would be willing to convey the properties in fee simple to the VFW Post 3850, given the long history of the group's tenure on the properties and the fact that the group consists of, and serves, United States military veterans and their families, in addition to the public.

May I ask whether the Board of Land and Natural Resources would consider such a conveyance?

I would appreciate receiving your response by October 3, 2016. To ensure efficient processing, please include the relevant Committee item number in the subject line of your response.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Sharon Brooks at (808) 270-7137, or Pauline Martins at (808) 270-8039).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don S. Guzman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

DON S. GUZMAN, Chair
Economic Development, Energy,
Agriculture, and Recreation Committee

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cc: Ka'ala Buenconsejo, Director of Parks and Recreation
Jeffrey Ueoka, Deputy Corporation Counsel