

December 16, 2024

VIA EMAIL

Tamara Paltin, Chair
Committee Members
Disaster, Resilience, International Affairs, and Planning
(DRIP) Committee
Maui County Council
E-Mail: DRIP.Committee@mauicounty.us

Re: Your letter dated December 10, 2024 Regarding Discussion on Proposed Change in Zoning for Pulelehua


Dear Chair Paltin and Committee Members:

In response to your letter of December 10, 2024, which requests information in three categories, I am only able to provide information responsive to the first request—for a status update on the discussions between the housing provider and the State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) regarding prevailing wages. I told the Committee at its November 20, 2024 meeting that it was my understanding the process would be for the contractor to calculate the difference between what was paid and applicable prevailing wage and, upon DLIR's approval of the contractor's calculations, the housing provider would pay the contractor the amount approved by DLIR, which the contractor would pay to the appropriate employees. The only update I am able to provide is that the DLIR declined to be involved in the process, and directed that the contractor submit the certified payrolls to the applicable agency rather than to the DLIR. As I also informed the Committee, the housing provider has retained labor counsel to assist with the matter; I am no longer involved.

For a similar reason, I am unable to respond to the requests in the second and third numbered categories of your letter. I was retained by the housing provider for the limited purpose of giving advice regarding water-related issues. In that role, I do not have access to the extraordinarily detailed and wide-ranging financial information the Committee has requested (and I am unwilling to expand my representation into areas in which I am not qualified to provide the housing provider with sound advice). I am referring your request to Maui Nui Resiliency Hui so that it may be directed to the person or persons within the housing provider organization who are best positioned to respond.

I wish you all a happy and peaceful holiday season.

Sincerely,



Pamela W. Bunn

cc: Maui Nui Resiliency Hui

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Attached for your information and files:

- Letter from Pamela W. Bunn to Tamara Paltin, Chair dated December 16, 2024

Thank you.

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