March 22, 2016

Councilman Riki Hokama, Budget and Finance Committee Chair County of Maui 200 S. High Street Wailuku, HI 96793

Dear Councilman Hokama:

I am writing to ask that you please assign Budget and Finance Committee Item BF-38(32) regarding Clerk Repricing to the next available agenda. I understand that this committee will be very busy in the upcoming months reviewing the Fiscal Year 2017 budget; however, BF-38(32) is a pivotal amendment in that it will bring greater pay equity to a large number of deserving County of Maui clerks and secretaries. The current gap between an entry level clerk and an entry level unskilled laborer is now \$800 per month. This is an unacceptable number as the Clerical Repricing Committee had illustrated at their last presentation to you at a December 2014 Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs Meeting. The gap was \$615 per month in 2014. As you can see it has grown substantially and it will continue to grow if nothing is done about this matter.

In December of 2014 all of the councilmembers present expressed their support on this matter, but the Repricing Committee did not yet have a budget amendment for your review and signature. They/we now have this very important piece of the puzzle. It is in your hands solely to have this item be heard. We are at a stand still until council approves or at least hears this amendment.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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