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Honorable Alice L. Lee, Chair  
and Members of the Council  
County of Maui  
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SUBJECT: AUTHORIZING EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSELS IN  
LITIGATION MATTERS ARISING FROM THE AUGUST 2023  
WILDFIRES ON THE ISLAND OF MAUI

Dear Chair Lee and Council Members:

Please find attached three proposed resolutions entitled:

- (1) "AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL MEYERS NAVE, IN LITIGATION MATTERS ARISING FROM THE AUGUST 2023 WILDFIRES ON THE ISLAND OF MAUI";
- (2) "AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL BARON & BUDD, P.C., IN LITIGATION MATTERS ARISING FROM THE AUGUST 2023 WILDFIRES ON THE ISLAND OF MAUI";
- (3) "AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL MCCORRISTON MILLER MUKAI MACKINNON, LLP, IN LITIGATION MATTERS ARISING FROM THE AUGUST 2023 WILDFIRES ON THE ISLAND OF MAUI".

The purpose of these proposed resolutions is to hire special counsel to represent the County of Maui in current and anticipated legal actions relating to the Wildfires because of the complexity and anticipated volume of the litigation.

May I request that the proposed resolutions be scheduled for discussion and action or referral to the appropriate standing committee as soon as possible.

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It is anticipated that an executive session may be necessary to discuss questions and issues pertaining to the powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities of the County, the Council, and/or the Committee.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your anticipated assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Victoria J. Takayesu', with a stylized, flowing script.

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