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Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr. Mayor, County of Maui 200 South High Street Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

For Transmittal to:

Honorable Alice L. Lee, Chair And Members of the Maui County Council Maui County Council 200 South High Street Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Lee and Members,

SUBJECT:

APPROVING THE USE OF THE MANAGED RETREAT

REVOLVING FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OR ACQUISITION OF PRIVATELY OWNED SHORELINE PROPERTIES BY THE LAHAINA COMMUNITY LAND TRUST, UNDER SUBSECTION

3.97.020(C), MAUI COUNTY CODE

Transmitted herewith is a proposed resolution entitled, "APPROVING THE USE OF THE MANAGED RETREAT REVOLVING FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OR ACQUISITION OF PRIVATELY OWNED SHORELINE PROPERTIES BY THE LAHAINA COMMUNITY LAND TRUST, UNDER SUBSECTION 3.97.020(C), MAUI COUNTY CODE".

This resolution seeks Council approval by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Council by resolution, as required by Maui County Code Subsection 3.97.020(C), for the Lahaina Community Land Trust, a Hawai'i nonprofit corporation, to utilize funds from the Managed Retreat Revolving Fund for the purchase or acquisition of privately-owned shoreline properties in Lahaina.

This resolution builds upon the Council's prior action on June 5, 2024, with the adoption of Ordinance No. 5657, which appropriated up to \$5,000,000 from the Managed Retreat Revolving

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Fund as a grant to the Lahaina Community Land Trust for the acquisition of shoreline properties in Lahaina. The project seeks to acquire and steward these properties with a focus on climate adaptation and cultural preservation. Priority will be given to generationally owned shoreline parcels subject to distress-driven sales.

We respectfully request the Council's review and adoption of this resolution to enable the strategic acquisition of shoreline properties and advance critical community recovery and resilience efforts.

Mahalo for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact my office at (808) 270-7855 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

JOSIAH K. NISHITA Managing Director