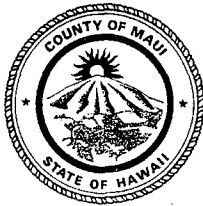


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Ms. Stacy Crivello, Chair
Housing, Human Services, and
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Maui County Council
Wailuku, HI 96793

Dear Councilmember Crivello:

**SUBJECT: COUNTY-OWNED PARCEL ON NORTH PAPA AVENUE (KAHULUI)
(HT-14)**

Thank you for your letters dated August 31, 2017 and September 14, 2017 regarding the property located on North Papa Avenue identified as the Former UH Maui College Dormitories. It is our understanding that this property has been identified by your committee and the Department of Housing and Human Concerns (DHHC) as a possible affordable rental project. It is also our understanding that the DHHC, through its Housing Division, has initiated a process to write an RFP to conduct a thorough analysis of the property.

As you may be aware, our department's staffing levels have been repeatedly reduced by the council during the budget deliberation process. In FY 2017, two positions, an executive assistant and a project manager, were eliminated. Then, once again, during the Fiscal Year 2018 budget deliberations, the CIP Coordinator position, formerly held by Wendy Taomoto, was eliminated. These positions were critical, especially for departments lacking the internal expertise or experience with vertical construction projects such as DHHC. It should be noted that a budget amendment was requested to restore the CIP Coordinator position but it has not yet been scheduled.

In discussing this matter with our last remaining engineer, we will provide as much assistance as possible to DHHC in order to help move this project forward. Our staff has been in communication with the Housing Division and has provided them with input on the RFP. We will continue to make ourselves available to the Housing Division should they have questions or need additional guidance.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we do our best to use our limited resources to assist DHHC and other departments with their CIP needs.

Sincerely,


KEITH A. REGAN
Managing Director