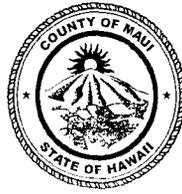


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Mr. Riki Hokama, Chair
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Dear Mr. Hokama,

Subject: Fiscal Year 2018 Budget

I have received and reviewed your letter requesting information from the Police Commission regarding the 2018 Budget and have the following response:

The Commission, in the years I have been serving, has been submitted a copy of the proposed and the final Budget by the Department. Commission members have been given the opportunity to question line items, and to give their input on specific items.

Some of the questions regarding the 2018 Budget were in regards to proposed monies for the Body Camera Program, overtime, and capital improvement projects. The questions in regards to the Budget are generally broad-based, as the Commission does not get involved in the operational duties of the Police Department and lack the knowledge behind the justifications for the line item needs of the department.

The Department's business administrator submits monthly financial reports, updates the Commission, and informs us on how expenses compare with the Budget. The focus has been on salaries for civilian and sworn personnel and overtime, as this is where there could be the greatest variation from the Budget.

The Commission has never done a detailed review and submittal of the Budget to the Mayor's office.

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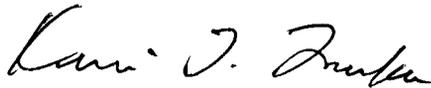
In the coming months, this Commission will be forming a sub-committee to review our process to insure that the responsibility of the Commission, pertaining to the Budget, is addressed.

Please note that the Commission does NOT 'approve' the Budget, but only 'review and submit' as worded in the Charter.

The Commission, moving forward with the Department's assistance, shall be given the opportunity to formally review the annual budget, as so directed in the Maui County Charter. The process of actual submittal of the document to the Mayor's office will be reviewed as well.

Please call me at (808) 243-9494 or e-mail (ktanaka001@hawaii.rr.com) if your committee has any questions regarding these comments.

Respectfully yours,



Kevin T. Tanaka, Chair
Maui Police Commission

cc: Chief Tivoli Faaumu
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