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July 24, 2017

Honorable Alan M. Arakawa
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For Transmittal to:

Honorable Chair Stacy Crivello
 Housing, Human Services,
 and Transportation Committee
 Maui County Council
 200 South High Street
 Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

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 Mayor 7/25/17
 Date

Dear Chair Crivello:

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

Thank you for your correspondence of July 11, 2017 pertaining to an assessment of the existing structures on the property for use as a possible homeless shelter or affordable housing facility.

Upon contacting several service agencies, the consensus is that Maui County needs affordable rentals, not homeless shelter facilities. The homeless shelter facilities on Maui are adequate at this time, especially given the national and state focus on housing the homeless at a quicker pace. We have been told by the State of Hawaii Homeless Programs office that when the Coordinated Entry System is running at full speed, there will be a decrease in the need for Emergency Homeless Shelters due to the homeless getting housed. The idea is to get the homeless housed as quickly as possible versus moving them into shelters. The greater need in our community is to increase the housing capacity, specifically supportive housing to help the most vulnerable and chronically homeless stay housed.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Ext. 7805.

Sincerely,



CAROL K. REIMANN
 Director of Housing and Human Concerns