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April 3, 2026

Ms. Moana Lutey, County Clerk
Office of the County Clerk
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Ms. Lutey:

SUBJECT: **PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET FOR THE
COUNTY OF MAUI** (BFED-1) (OCC-02)

Although your Department is not required to appear before the Council's Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee during its FY 2027 Budget deliberations, may I please request that you answer the following questions. This will enable the Committee to comprehensively review the FY 2027 Budget.

May I further request that you transmit your written response to bfed.committee@mauicounty.us by 4:30 p.m. on **April 13, 2026**.

Overall

1. Relating to election administration in FYs 2026 and 2027: (Pages 141 and 146, Program Budget)
 - a. Explain what Federal actions could affect the Office's election operations and how the Office is preparing for those risks. (SS)
 - b. Does the Office foresee any challenges with this year's elections arising from potential Presidential Executive Orders affecting State voter-registration processes? Please explain. (SS)

- c. What ramifications would the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act have on the Office and local elections, and how can the Office prepare if enacted? (TP)
 - d. Are the directives outlined in the Presidential Executive Order entitled, “Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections,” applicable to the Clerk’s Office and Maui County election administration? If so, please explain their effect. (TP)
2. Under Ordinance 2156 (1992), please identify where the Office’s Administrative Rules are available for public inspection and duplication, and state when the rules were last updated. (TP)
3. What is the total amount of lapsed appropriations for the Office for FY 2025? (TP)
4. Relating to Agilis: (Page 3-7, Budget Details) (TP)
 - a. Has training on the system occurred? If yes, when was training conducted?
 - b. Has the Elections Administrator has completed the Agilis certification course referenced in the Office’s FY 2026 budget responses.
5. Would the Office support a revolving fund for special election needs that could carry over from one fiscal year to another? If yes, could those monies be reappropriated as needed? (TP)
6. Does CivicPlus allow users to view prior Council meeting videos, given that Council meeting minutes are not verbatim? If yes, please describe that functionality. (TP)
7. Relating to the Office’s space planning and long-term facility needs:
 - a. Please provide an update on the planning process. (NUH)

- b. Were funds appropriated in a prior fiscal year for rental costs for additional elections space, and has the Office had any success in locating a space? (NUH)
- c. Is any portion of the proposed FY 2027 Budget intended for planning or programming for a County elections center? If no, would the Office welcome an additional appropriation conditioned for that planning or programming? If yes, what amount is needed? (KB)

Salaries and Wages (Category “A”)

- 1. Relating to the 20 temporary election clerks spanning 6-, 8-, and 12-month terms: (Page 149, Program Budget) (SS)
 - a. Are the proposed staffing levels adequate for peak ballot processing and Voter Service Center operations? Please explain.
 - b. Would hiring earlier, or longer-term, temporary positions improve readiness for the Primary and General Elections?
- 2. Relating to the Office’s staffing reorganization and position-redescription efforts: (TP)
 - a. Has the Office redescribed position descriptions and reallocated existing vacant positions so salaries are commensurate with the actual work being performed? If no, why not?
 - b. What steps remain, what is the estimated timeline, and is Department of Management approval required for any reorganization?
 - c. With the election approaching, is the Office considering use of DM-89, or is anyone temporarily assigned or transferred into the Senior Elections Clerk position?

- d. Has the Office considered using a consultant to assist with the reorganization and redescription of positions? Please explain.

Operations and Equipment (Category “B”)

1. Relating to 902056B-6101 Advertisement: (Page 150, Program Budget; Page 3-7, Budget Details)
 - a. Explain whether the proposed funding is sufficient to reach all communities in Maui County. (SS)
 - b. Please provide a list of all outreach platforms used and the number of residents reached on each platform. (NUH)
2. Can any funding for Agilis or other professional services or software be used to digitize the signature process for voter initiatives or candidate petitions? If not, please explain. (Page 150, Program Budget; Page 3-7, Budget Details) (GJ)
3. Is the Office planning to hire security for this year’s elections? How will security personnel be vetted, and will a guard card be required? Please explain. (TP)

Appendix B

1. Is the County voter registration list available for distribution, and if so, is it distributed in hard-copy form, electronic form, or both? (Page 3, Appendix B) (TP)

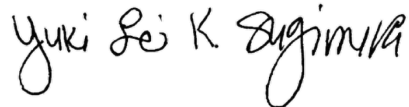
May I also request that you restate each question followed by your corresponding response. Include any attachments or exhibits. Please ensure your response is clear and legible by using a minimum 12-point font throughout so Committee members and the public can easily read the document once it is posted.

To ensure efficient processing, please duplicate the coding in the subject line above for easy reference.

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Thank you for your attention to this request. Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Kirsten Szabo at ext. 7662, James Krueger at ext. 7761, Jarret Pascual at ext. 7141, Clarissa MacDonald at ext. 7135, or Pauline Martins at ext. 8039).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Yuki Lei K. Sugimura". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'Y'.

YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA, Chair
Budget, Finance, and Economic
Development Committee

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Cc: Richelle M. Thomson; Joyce Murashige; Lauren Saldana; Delfin Yoshida
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