

AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

Council of the County of Maui

MINUTES

November 30, 2020

Online Only

CONVENE: 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: VOTING MEMBERS:
Councilmember Tasha Kama, Chair
Councilmember Michael J. Molina, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Riki Hokama
Councilmember Alice L. Lee (in at 9:03 a.m.)
Councilmember Tamara Paltin
Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez
Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci
Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura

EXCUSED: VOTING MEMBERS:
Councilmember Kelly T. King

STAFF: Alison Stewart, Legislative Analyst
James Forrest, Legislative Attorney
Wilton Leaunae, Legislative Analyst
Stacey Vinoray, Committee Secretary
Jean Pokipala, Council Services Assistant Clerk

ADMIN.: Mimi DesJardins, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of
the Corporation Counsel
Lori Tsuhako, Director, Department of Housing and Human
Concerns
Linda R. Munsell, Deputy Director, Department of Housing and
Human Concerns
Clyde "Buddy" Almeida, Housing Administrator, Department of
Housing and Human Concerns

OTHERS: Zandra Amaral Crouse (AH-1)
Jessica Pazos (AH-3)
Lisa Darcy (AH-1)

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CHAIR KAMA: . . .*(gavel)*. . . The Affordable Housing Committee meeting of November 30th, 2020 will now begin at 9:00 a.m. . . .*(gavel)*. . . So good morning, Members, and thank you all for being here. So don't forget, when you're not speaking, please mute your mic and whatever noise-making devices you might have. So I'd like to introduce everyone this morning. I'm Tasha Kama, I'm the Chair of the Affordable Housing Committee. I'd like to welcome and say good morning to the Vice-Chair of the Committee, Mr. Mike Molina. Aloha kakahiaka, Mike.

VICE-CHAIR MOLINA: Aloha kakahiaka, Madam Chair, and my colleagues and everyone from under the virtual bridge here in Makawao.

CHAIR KAMA: I'll also say...like to say good morning to the rest of the Councilmembers. Aloha kakahiaka to Member Riki Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Good morning, Chair.

CHAIR KAMA: Good morning to you. Also, Member Kelly King is not going to be able to be with us this morning. She's feeling under the weather. So I ask that we continue to keep her in our thoughts and our prayers today. Also, I'd want to be able to welcome our Chair, Alice Lee, but I don't see her. Does anybody see Ms. Lee? Well, when she does come, I'll say hello again to her. And then also, I'd like to say good morning, aloha kakahiaka to Chairperson...to Councilmember Tamara Paltin. Good morning, Tamara. I made sure I didn't forget you because I always do, sometimes. So I...saw on my sheet --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aloha kakahiaka kākou.

CHAIR KAMA: -- you are in yellow. You're in yellow on my sheet just so that I wouldn't forget you. Cheehee!

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: He lā maika'i.

CHAIR KAMA: Thank you. And so I'd like to say aloha kakahiaka to our Vice-Chair, Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. Aloha kakahiaka, Keani.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair, mai Moloka'i Nui a Hina.

CHAIR KAMA: Wonderful. I'd like to also say aloha kakahiaka to Councilmember Shane Sinenci from Hāna.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair, mai Maui Hikina and hau`oli la pō`akahi kākou.

CHAIR KAMA: Mahalo maika'i. I'd like to say aloha kakahiaka to Member Yuki Lei Sugimura.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Good morning from Wailuku, and looking at the Kaahumanu Church, so beautiful. Good morning, everybody.

CHAIR KAMA: We also have from the Administration, from the Department of Housing and Human Concerns, Ms. Lori Tsuhako, the Director. Good morning, Lori.

MS. TSUHAKO: Good morning, Madam Chair. Thank you for having me.

CHAIR KAMA: Thank you for being here. We also have the Deputy Director of the Department, Ms. Linda Munsell. Good morning, Linda.

MS. MUNSELL: Good morning, Chair.

CHAIR KAMA: And then we also have with us Mr. David Nakama, the Homeless Coordinator. Good morning, David.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Good morning.

CHAIR KAMA: Good morning. We also have from Corporation Counsel, Ms. Mimi DesJardins. Aloha, Mimi.

MS. DESJARDINS: Aloha, good morning, everybody.

CHAIR KAMA: We also have from the Affordable Housing Committee Staff, Ms. Alison Stewart, our Legislative Analyst. Good morning, Alison.

MS. STEWART: Good morning, Chair. Good morning, Members.

CHAIR KAMA: We also have Ms. Stacey Vinoray, our Committee Secretary. Good morning, Stacey.

MS. VINORAY: Good morning, Chair. Good morning, Councilmembers.

CHAIR KAMA: And we also have James Forrest, the Legislative Attorney. Good morning, James.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Good morning.

CHAIR KAMA: So welcome, everyone. I hope you all really did have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. I know I did, it was wonderful.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Madam Chair?

CHAIR KAMA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Chair Lee is here.

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CHAIR KAMA: Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes.

CHAIR KAMA: I see you. So what is your word for us this morning?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Zao shang hao, Madam Chair.

CHAIR KAMA: Zao shang hao.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes.

CHAIR KAMA: To you. Good morning.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you. Thank you.

CHAIR KAMA: So thanks for being with us today. You're the last one here, so everyone didn't...wasn't able to say Xiao Hao Sheng [sic] to you today, but hopefully tomorrow. If I didn't mess it up that much. So I hope you all did have a wonderful holiday, I know I did. So thanks, all, for coming today to our regularly scheduled meeting of the Affordable Housing Committee. We're coming to the end of our current term of office, and we only have two items on the agenda today...the Presentation of the Clean and Safe Program, or AH-17(19). So you know, at our last meeting on November 17th, the Committee received a presentation from Lawrence Kauha`aha`a pursuant to Rule 7B of the Rules of the Council. During this item, the Committee lost its quorum. So as such, I will be providing a report out on the portion of the meeting during which we did not have quorum. Also, we will receive any remaining public testimony on this item, and conclude any Committee discussion on this item. We're also going to have the referral of items to the next term of Council. So on this, on the agenda you'll see that I'm going to be recommending referral to the Council Chair beginning January 2nd, 2021, and those items are the Affordable Housing Projects (Chapter 201H, Hawaii Revised Statutes) AH-1. Development Applications Submitted Under Chapter 2.97, Maui County Code, Residential Workforce Housing Policy Incentives and Exemptions (AH-3). County-Owned Parcel on North Papa Avenue (Kahului) (the Former College Dorm Site) or (AH-8). The 40-Acre Parcel Owed by Alexander and Baldwin, Inc. For Development of Affordable Housing (AH-9). Affordable Housing Projects Status Update (AH-13). And Contract G5178 (Ka Hale A Ke Ola Homeless Resource Centers, Inc.) or (AH-47). So you know, AH-17(19), the presentation of the Clean and Safe Program, as was announced at the November 16th, 2020 meeting of the Housing Committee, we lost quorum at 12:29 p.m. during agenda item AH-17(19). While the earlier item, AH-17(18) concluded with the formal deferral, no deliberation or action could be taken on AH-17(19). So once quorum had been lost, the remainder of the meeting was considered cancelled. So the Department of the Corporation Counsel had advised that public testimony and the presentation could still take place at the cancelled meeting, as long as no deliberations occurred. When testimony and presentations are received after a meeting has been cancelled the Sunshine Law requires a brief report at the next meeting. So I'd like to provide the report at this time

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if there are no objections.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS

CHAIR KAMA: Thank you. So after quorum was lost, public testimony on AH 17(19) was provided by Lisa Darcy, Tom Cook and Zandra Amaral Crouse. Ms. Darcy testified that she would like to see a cost analysis and report of what has been demonstrated to be working effectively versus just supporting programs that sound like a good idea. She recommended Professor Sara Rankin of Seattle University School of Law as a resource. She also said she would like to hear about other cost-effective programs that out...that allow people to not have to interact with law enforcement. Mr. Cook testified that there are a variety of homeless people and people down on their luck who have substance or mental health issues, and need help and other options besides voluntary commitment. He said helping people get out of the bureaucratic web and back on their feet and into the community seems like a good move. He thanked the Committee, non-profits and volunteers for working on this issue. Ms. Crouse testified that she is heartened by the homeless shelters near the prison because that means those people are not on the street. She also thanked the Committee and the Mayor. We thanked Mr. Lawrence Kauha`aha`a for his work in Wailuku, Lahaina and potentially other communities in the County. And Mr. Kauha`aha`a agreed to come back at another time to continue this discussion. We ended at 12:43 p.m. And that concludes the report from the time when quorum was lost. So I would welcome any further comment from Committee Members, otherwise I would like to thank the testifiers again for their patience and, again, if there are no questions or objections, I'd like to take any additional public testimony on agenda item AH-17(19).

. . .BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

CHAIR KAMA: So at this time I want to open public testimony upon this item and the list of items recommended for referral to the next term of office. Testifiers wanting to provide video testimony should join the online meeting via the BlueJeans meeting link provided on today's agenda at mauicounty.us/agendas. Testifiers wanting to provide audio testimony should dial 408-915-6290 and enter meeting code 798 867 277, which is also noted on today's agenda. Instructions on how to submit testimony via eComment can be found at mauicounty.us/eComment. Oral testimony is limited to three minutes. If you are still speaking beyond that time, I will ask you to complete your testimony. When testifying, please state your name and agenda item you are speaking on. If you are testifying on behalf of an organization or you are a paid lobbyist, please let us know. We will do our best to call testifiers in an orderly fashion. A link to the testimony log is posted in the chat section for testifiers to see where they are on the list. The chat platform should not be used to provide testimony or chat with other testifiers or Councilmembers. Also, please be courteous to others by muting your microphone and your video when it is not your turn to testify. So when you are completed with your testimony and Committee Members have asked any needed clarifying questions, I'll ask you to leave the meeting, and you can continue to follow the meeting on either the County's website at www.mauicounty.us/agendas or on *Akakū* Section Cable Channel 53 or *Akakū*'s website or their smartphone app. If

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you do not intend to testify, we would like you to leave the BlueJeans meeting now and follow via the web or cable television rather than staying. Please be patient as we continue to navigate this new platform. So Ms. Stewart, please announce our first testifier on the list, and the next testifier on the list who will follow thereafter.

MS. STEWART: The first testifier on the list is Zandra Amaral Crouse, to be followed by the person logged in under C-L-A-L-M.

MS. CROUSE: Good morning, Councilmembers, and Council...Committee Chair Tasha. I think that...I enjoyed the conversation last meeting that you had, and I thank you all for coming out. I think affordable housing is something that we do need. I do want to interject though, that the affordable housing that we put, and we allow, be truly affordable for our residents because we have found that it's really not affordable for them. And unfortunately, because of Federal funds and State funds, we cannot prevent people from the mainland coming in--and not that they're not welcome because they certainly are--but also, with the allocation of grant funds, I humbly ask that you be sure that those that are handling housing are doing efficiently, and are really getting it out to the people in a timely manner. Because I know that with Kelly King, she had a lot of calls, I know that where I was, we experienced a lot of calls, people not getting in touch with or the H.E.L.P. program, and I think that's important, the follow through for the local people. Because they are working, they are babysitting, they're teaching their children at home because of the school issue. But these are some of the things that I want you to look at and think about when it comes to affordable housing and the distribution of our grant money. Thank you, and thank you for the work that you all do. Mahalo.

CHAIR KAMA: Thank you, Zandra. I just have one question. What --

MS. CROUSE: Sure.

CHAIR KAMA: -- item were you testifying on?

MS. CROUSE: The first one.

CHAIR KAMA: The first one?

MS. CROUSE: Yeah.

CHAIR KAMA: Thank you. Ms. Stewart? Oh, questions...Members, do you have any questions for the testifier? Thank you. Thank you, Zandra. Ms. Stewart?

MS. CROUSE: You're welcome. Mahalo.

MS. STEWART: The next testifier on the list is logged in as C-L-A-L-M, to be followed by Jessica Pazos.

CHAIR KAMA: Jessica, are you there?

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MS. DESJARDINS: Chair. Hi this is Mimi. I think C-L-A-L-M might be Buddy Almeida from Housing.

CHAIR KAMA: Oh. Okay. Ms. Stewart?

MS. STEWART: The next testifier --

CHAIR KAMA: Yes.

MS. STEWART: -- is Jessica Pazos, to be followed by the final testifier on the list, Lisa Darcy.

MS. PAZOS: Good morning, everybody.

CHAIR KAMA: Good morning.

MS. PAZOS: And so I'm going to just add just a few words about the second agenda item for the Housing unit by the college. I just want to emphasize the importance for families right now, and echo what the first testifier said. I just feel like it's really important that we support our families right now, given the budgeting situation and just really...we have lots of amazing programs here, but that need for a full true wraparound service for families who, once they are housed, can maintain it. I think that, you know, especially with families who are involved with child welfare having, you know, that stress of parenting kind of relieved by knowing that housing isn't going to be an issue six months down the line, and just making sure it's really supportive. And lots of other states have things called family resource centers, so it's kind of that...like one-stop shop for families to go to, and people in the community...can be individuals as well, but perhaps incorporating something like that so more people can be aware of the programs. That's all. Thank you.

CHAIR KAMA: Thank you. Members, any clarifying questions for the testifier? Seeing none. Thank you so very much. Ms. Stewart?

MS. STEWART: Final testifier on the list is Lisa Darcy.

MS. DARCY: Good morning, Committee. My name is Lisa Darcy. I'm testifying on behalf of CC19-15 also, the first agenda item. And I want to echo the recap that Councilmember Tasha Kama made earlier about cost effectiveness. And having any of these items brought forward, and whether it's a small local program or if it's an affordable housing project, that it be placed in a financial context so that we can get a perspective of how monies are being used, and what types of projects are more expensive versus less expensive, and if there is any way that the public can be involved in that. So I appreciate your time and your effort. And I just want you to know that I spent time outside with people this weekend, or this holiday weekend, that were really, really struggling in the rain, and with issues, and for everyone to recognize when you have a warm roof over your head, and you have the ability to have that safety, anything is possible; and when you don't, there's a lot that's impossible. So I

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thank you for your work, and I look forward to being a partner and...in all of your projects. Mahalo.

CHAIR KAMA: Thank you, Lisa. So Members, do we have any clarifying questions for our testifier? Seeing none. Thank you so much, Lisa, for being here and for your testimony.

MS. DARCY: Mahalo.

CHAIR KAMA: Ms. Stewart?

MS. STEWART: There's no one else signed up on the testifier list.

CHAIR KAMA: Okay. So if there's no one else left to testify, without objections, Members, I'd like to be able to close public testimony.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS

CHAIR KAMA: And again, without objections, to be able to receive written testimony after our public testimony is closed.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS

. . .END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

(Public testimony closed at 9:19 a.m.)

AH-17(19): PRESENTATION ON THE CLEAN & SAFE PROGRAM

CHAIR KAMA: Thank you. Oh, that was so fast, so quick I'm almost at a lost as to what to do next now. Nah, I'm only kidding. So now we have...the next item on the agenda is the referral of items to the next term of Council. So I read all the items for referral so if you want, I could read them again, but they're on your agenda already. And so I would like to ask the Committee for their consensus on these items.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So moved.

CHAIR KAMA: But Members, before I do that, I want to ask you one thing. Do you folks have any other comments you want to make regarding the...by the presentation by Mr. Lawrence Kauha`aha`a? I'm not sure if everybody was here...I don't...let me see...I think we lost Shane, I think Kelly had already left. Yes, Mike?

VICE-CHAIR MOLINA: Yeah, Madam Chair, I was also...I was there for the presentation, but had to leave.

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CHAIR KAMA: You left, right?

VICE-CHAIR MOLINA: Yeah.

CHAIR KAMA: Okay. So did you have anything or any comment? But we are going to bring him back later, but was there something that you wanted us to...

VICE-CHAIR MOLINA: Oh, okay. Is...Mr. Kauha`aha`a is not with us today?

CHAIR KAMA: Correct.

VICE-CHAIR MOLINA: Oh, okay. I'll go ahead and submit some questions in writing.

CHAIR KAMA: Okay. Oh, thank you.

VICE-CHAIR MOLINA: Yeah. Okay.

CHAIR KAMA: Okay. Thank you. Any other Members have any comments about the presentation that they wanted to make, and then...or any questions that they have? And along with Mr. Molina, we can write that down and submit that. Oh, thank you. Oh, Tamara, your hand is up. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, I think Mr. Hokama had his hand up first. I can --

CHAIR KAMA: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- wait until after he's done.

CHAIR KAMA: So I see Mr. Hokama's name, but I don't...but I see black on his screen. I see a black screen...you all see that?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No, we can see him. We can see him.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Wow, I like that lens on your camera, Chair Kama.

CHAIR KAMA: Really. Serious. I just see a black da kine...

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Oh. I'm wearing my nice NACo shirt, so I should be...you should see a nice tan, beige dress shirt.

CHAIR KAMA: I don't. I don't know what's wrong with the camera. Serious...I'm really, really...here, you want me to take a picture? Let me take...here, wait, wait...don't do anything, Riki.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. While you take my picture, I going to ask the question so the Members are...my question for Mr. Kauha`aha`a--and I appreciate all his good work in the communities--is has he made any...and again I apologize not being there

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to hear his earlier comments, Chair. But I'm...my question for Larry would be, has he made any adjustments for the pandemic in regards to how he's operated his programs either for Lahaina or Wailuku? And I'd be interested to know what best management practices people like me could ask or take back for Lāna`i to consider using within that community parameters, Chair.

CHAIR KAMA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So that would be --

CHAIR KAMA: We'll ask.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: -- and my appreciation to Mr. Kauha`aha`a. Thank you. Mahalo.

CHAIR KAMA: Thank you. So I'm assuming...

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Ms. Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Sure thing. No problem.

CHAIR KAMA: Okay. Ms. Paltin, your question?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I was wondering maybe if I...I don't know if I could ask my question to Director Tsuhako, if she would be able to answer it. But --

CHAIR KAMA: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- it's my understanding that the Lahaina pilot is mainly for the Historic Districts. And I just was wondering if it would be possible to extend it out to just Front Street because we kind of have a situation down at Mala, and I believe it's just outside of the Historic District. And you know, I don't want it to be a thing where we're just focused on this area so that pushing things to the outside of the area makes the area shine...if you know what I mean.

MS. TSUHAKO: Good morning, Member Paltin, this is Lori.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Good morning.

MS. TSUHAKO: Thank you for the question. So, you know, the program that was described at the last meeting by Mr. Kauha`aha`a is not actually funded through the Department of Housing and Human Concerns. I think he's been working --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Parks?

MS. TSUHAKO: -- with Erin Wade from the Managing Director's Office. So I...we haven't had any...we meaning the Department hasn't had any input in terms of the geographic

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boundaries of the pilot program in Lahaina. So unfortunately, I'm not able to answer your question, but it does make sense that, you know, focusing on a really small area and not addressing some of the outskirts might be something to plan for in the future. Because they know that there's a reason for focusing on a really small geographic area at first, and then possibly looking at expansion. So I would make that suggestion in writing to...or make that inquiry to Mr. Kauha`aha`a about what the planning is for in terms of spreading out that program a little bit more.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Director. Sorry to...I thought you were in on it, but I guess not. And then I guess I just had one other question...is for Mr. Kauha`aha`a. How has he been reaching out to the folks that do provide services in the area, to work with them? With the Historic District boundary, I'm not quite sure if Lahaina Baptist Church falls within it. It's right close to Waiola, so I kind of feel like it does, but they have been doing the food distributions, and then there's, you know, the Homeless, Hungry Heroes program, and the rescue mission. And I just was wondering if he's been able to leverage everybody's works together to come up with a comprehensive type of plan. And --

CHAIR KAMA: Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- I wish he was here too, to share about that resolution that we passed on the floor about the drinking in the Historic District Parks, but maybe he can share more with us about that next time.

CHAIR KAMA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: But it's going through the Planning Commission and the Cultural Resource Commission, so it'll come back to us.

CHAIR KAMA: Wonderful. Thank you. Are there any other Members that have any other comments or questions that they'd like us to forward on to Mr. Kauha`aha`a? No? All right, Members...

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chair? Chair?

CHAIR KAMA: Yes?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Ms. -- Chair Kama?

CHAIR KAMA: Yes?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I'm...I just wanted to interject a thought to the Committee Members and you, Chair.

CHAIR KAMA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I was wondering if this is something that the new Council

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might want to look at it more under the Healthy Families parameters? Since it's not only housing, you know, if there's some other issues that...and services that Mr. Kauha`aha`a has worked on within the program. And so, you know, for the new Council, I would just recommend that they might want to put it in a Committee with a little bit broader parameters, like Healthy Families.

CHAIR KAMA: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Since it encompasses a little bit more of other social services and the need, as one testifier mentioned, about complete wraparound services.

CHAIR KAMA: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So I would just ask that you folks consider that, maybe that might be a better way to deal with it for the next term, Chair. Just a thought. Thank you.

CHAIR KAMA: Thank you. That's a great thought. Good thought, to be included as part of the Healthy Families. Okay. So Members, if there are no other comments or questions or any objections, I would like to defer this item.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS

CHAIR KAMA: Thank you. So ordered.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS. (Excused: KTK)

ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR REFERRAL TO THE COUNCIL CHAIR FOR THE 2021-2023 COUNCIL TERM

CHAIR KAMA: So as mentioned earlier, the last item on the agenda today is the items for referral. So Members, the list is before you, it's a very short list. And so I would like to ask if any of you have any questions or if you have any comments or concerns, now is the time to bring it up. If not, I'm just looking for a consensus to pass on these items to the Council Chair.

VICE-CHAIR MOLINA: Chair?

CHAIR KAMA: Yes, Chair...Vice-Chair Molina, yes?

VICE-CHAIR MOLINA: Yeah. Thank you very much, Madam Chair. I'd like to ask for a consideration of two items that were not put on your list for referral --

CHAIR KAMA: Absolutely.

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VICE-CHAIR MOLINA: -- to the next Council. That would be first for Affordable Housing 002(1). This item had to do with a proposal that we had come up with to increase the...for 201H projects to go from 50 percent plus one to 75 percent. That was the proposal, the bill was approved by form and legality by Corporation Counsel, but didn't get a chance to have a hearing this past term. I would ask for your consideration of that.

CHAIR KAMA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR MOLINA: And one other bill, this would be Affordable Housing 031, the Comprehensive Affordable Housing Plan. I would ask that this be referred as well. The item is still open, the RFP and selection of the consultant is still in the process of moving forward. So I feel that we shouldn't stop the momentum on this. And by filing it...so it kind of kills the momentum, it's still moving along. So I would ask for this to be referred to the next Council for a future discussion and review.

CHAIR KAMA: Okey-dokey. Done. Anyone else?

VICE-CHAIR MOLINA: Thank you.

CHAIR KAMA: Yes, Ms. Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thanks, Member Kama. I'm not as prepared as Member Molina.

CHAIR KAMA: Uh-huh.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: But I was wondering about the 2.96 item, about the one how Chair Lee always tells us, we can't be doing this on every single one, and if we want to fix it, we got to go in for 2.96.

CHAIR KAMA: Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez, did you have something to respond to Ms. Tamara Paltin's question?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I do. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR KAMA: It looked like you did.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin, for your question. I submitted amendments under the review of 2.96, and then I (*audio interference*) the subject matter.

CHAIR KAMA: Somebody...okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Because the bill wasn't...

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CHAIR KAMA: I'm sorry. Could you repeat that again? There was some background noise and I wanted to...okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sure.

CHAIR KAMA: Thank you.

MS. STEWART: Chair?

CHAIR KAMA: Yes.

MS. STEWART: This is Alison, can I interrupt? I'm sorry, Member Rawlins-Fernandez. You can only discuss the items that are on the agenda for today.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh.

CHAIR KAMA: Did you want to put 2.96 back in?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So I guess...I have a question for Staff, Chair. If --

CHAIR KAMA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- we...would we be allowed to put things for referral if they're not on the agenda?

MS. STEWART: No.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Or is the...okay. So what Member Molina had asked is not...

MS. STEWART: Not at this meeting. So we --

CHAIR KAMA: What?

MS. STEWART: -- we could put items on the agenda for the next meeting if you'd like to have additional items referred, but this meeting, you are limited to the items that are sent for referral that are on the present agenda.

CHAIR KAMA: Okay. So Alison, let me see if I got this straight. So let's say there's nothing wrong with what we have listed, that the Committee says yeah, we want that, we want that, plus we want little bit more. And that's what Mr. Molina is saying, I think that's what Ms. Paltin is saying, and that's what I think that's Keani Rawlins-Fernandez is referring to what Ms. Paltin is saying; is that correct? Alison?

MS. STEWART: Yes. You can come to consensus on the items that are on the agenda. And then if there are additional items that would like to be referred, we will have to

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agendize those items at the next meeting.

CHAIR KAMA: Okay. Okay. So how do we...okay. So I guess then the item that Mr. Molina was talking about and the item that Ms. Fernandez is talking about has to come back to Council for referral back onto the master agenda list? Because it's all from the master agenda.

MS. STEWART: No, Chair. It does not need to be referred back to the master agenda. It's still on the master agenda for this term.

CHAIR KAMA: Right.

MS. DESJARDINS: Chair? This is Mimi.

CHAIR KAMA: Yes, Mimi.

MS. DESJARDINS: Looking at the way that it's agendized, I agree...I agree with Ms. Stewart. Maybe to agendize it as a review of the master agenda, and then if there's items --

CHAIR KAMA: Okay.

MS. DESJARDINS: -- for agenda that you folks want to pick off of, that might be a broader, better way to discuss it. The way it's agendized right now, you are definitely limited to just what's on there. Thank you.

CHAIR KAMA: Okay. So...Member...oh, yes, Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I was just going to give a background, but in the next term, I can re-refer it.

CHAIR KAMA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So I'm okay with it being filed.

CHAIR KAMA: Okay. Ms. Paltin? Does that help to clarify what you were asking earlier, or is that something totally different?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just was...okay...I don't know what I'm allowed to ask, but...

CHAIR KAMA: Just ask it, they're going to tell you if it's good, bad, or ugly. Just ask it.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. I just was wondering with Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez's action, would it include the amendments that I had proposed, or just the amendments that she had proposed? Because I had proposed some amendments, and did the whole Council thing. So would I have to do mine ones again as well?

CHAIR KAMA: I would assume so, to bring it back at the next Council.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. So we can just do that like on the 2nd or something...later?

CHAIR KAMA: Yeah. Yes. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

CHAIR KAMA: I think so. I don't know what's going to happen on the 2nd, so I cannot promise you anything.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. So just reintroduce whatever --

CHAIR KAMA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- we're interested in.

CHAIR KAMA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: We wouldn't put it on the next Committee and discharge it and then do it at the Council or anything like that?

CHAIR KAMA: I don't know, could we do that? Mimi, could we do that?

MS. DESJARDINS: If it doesn't get rolled over, then you're just going to reintroduce it. The problem that I believe occurs if you reintroduce it is that the paperwork that accompanies that item does not follow.

CHAIR KAMA: Does not follow.

MS. DESJARDINS: So that's why if you have an item that has a lot of documentation, history involved in it, it's better to just refer it to the next term because then you can follow all of your historical, you know, compilation on that. But sometimes, it's cleaner to just not defer it and re-refer it in your new term. Up to you guys.

CHAIR KAMA: Okay. We want the history, so I guess we will re-refer. Does that sound like it make sense. . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

MS. DESJARDINS: Whatever is on the agenda for today you can handle, and then if you guys want to have broader discussion about your items and what should or should not go, then you would agendaize that as per my previous suggestion of just putting it as the master agenda.

CHAIR KAMA: Okay. Got it. I see Mr. Molina's hand up, and then Mr. Sinenci, I saw your hand up too.

VICE-CHAIR MOLINA: Yeah. Thank you, Madam Chair. Yeah, my preference would be to

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just to refer it to the next Council because --

CHAIR KAMA: Right.

VICE-CHAIR MOLINA: -- again, as --

CHAIR KAMA: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR MOLINA: -- Corporation Counsel has stated, you file it, and everything is --

CHAIR KAMA: Everything lost.

VICE-CHAIR MOLINA: -- out the door --

CHAIR KAMA: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR MOLINA: -- yeah. And just for the record...so now, the last Committee meeting that you plan to have...because I've heard that there may be some Committees not meeting during the last scheduled round of Committee meetings in December. Will you be having a Committee meeting for sure?

CHAIR KAMA: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR MOLINA: Because that would be --

CHAIR KAMA: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR MOLINA: -- I guess December 14th would be --

CHAIR KAMA: Yes. Correct.

VICE-CHAIR MOLINA: -- yeah...okay.

CHAIR KAMA: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR MOLINA: Okay, great. And then...then I guess the request that I made, and also maybe Member Paltin and Member Rawlins-Fernandez, would those...because we've stated our intent, would those be automatically agendaized, or do we have to submit to you a letter from our office making these requests for the referrals to the next Council?

CHAIR KAMA: Hold on. Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I think if we do your entire master agenda, then everything would be on the table for anyone to choose.

VICE-CHAIR MOLINA: Okay.

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And then that would open it up for everyone's preference on what, you know, they would like to see referred instead of filed at the end of this term. So a letter wouldn't be necessary.

VICE-CHAIR MOLINA: Good. Okay, that's fine. Yeah, I guess put the whole master agenda on the next Committee meeting agenda, and then we can

CHAIR KAMA: It makes sense --

VICE-CHAIR MOLINA: -- choose, yeah.

CHAIR KAMA: -- because if not, we going be doing this on the 14th again. So we don't want to, we just want to do one clean item.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: This is fun. Oh...muted.

CHAIR KAMA: It is fun. It really is fun when you all work together, and try to figure out how to make it happen and, you know, how to make things easier for everybody. Yeah. It is fun, I agree. Okay. So that's what's happening on the 14th of December. Anything else, Members? Well, I guess we're done, but I don't want to...no, no, I'm only joking. So...

MS. STEWART: Chair?

CHAIR KAMA: Yes?

MS. STEWART: Sorry to interrupt. But we have a request from OCS, if it would be possible, instead of agendizing for the entire master agenda, for Councilmembers to submit PAFs for items that they would like to have --

CHAIR KAMA: Okay.

MS. STEWART: -- referred.

CHAIR KAMA: Members, did you hear that? That OCS is requesting that if you all would go through your...the master agenda for Affordable Housing, that you just pick off whatever it is that you want and just send it in, and then they'll go ahead and include that in the agenda, so that we don't have to go through all of the 40-something pieces of paper...items, but to just specific ones that we all agree on. Mr. Molina?

VICE-CHAIR MOLINA: Yeah. Can I get a response from OCS why it's their preference? I mean, it's...we're the ones that make the call, you know, but I'm just asking. Is it a procedure concern that we do it this way, or...I mean, can we do it with just putting all...the master agenda...it sounds simpler to me, but I guess other folks are doing the work. But I'd just like to get an explanation.

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MS. STEWART: It would save time, and just be more efficient that way. Because we just have that one meeting remaining. So it'll just allow you to take the act...the specific actions that you want to take on the items that you want to refer forward.

VICE-CHAIR MOLINA: So I guess it's more like put the work on our Staff then, that's the way that it sounds. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR KAMA: Ms. Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just was wondering if we could get the master agenda for AH --

CHAIR KAMA: Absolutely.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- emailed to us, so that it's like, you know, at the top of the stack of email.

CHAIR KAMA: Absolutely. Absolutely.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thanks.

CHAIR KAMA: We can get that to you. Just got to make sure that you check it at that time because...you know, check it right away. You'll have other stuff that's coming in, then it won't be at the top of your pile. Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Well, with this extra time you're giving us, I'll get right to it.

CHAIR KAMA: Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. I guess, you know, this is a good learning experience for everyone. If this is the process that we're following, then we should all review all the master agendas to make sure that anything that you want to be referred to the next term is on your list. And then that way, you know, it'll be sent to...the PAF will be sent to OCS to prepare for it. Unfortunately, I only have one...EDB only has one meeting this month, so whatever I selected to be referred to the next term, if it didn't make the list, then it'll be filed because I don't have another one. But you know, I mean, all it is is submitting it to Council again, and it'll be, you know, referred to the appropriate committee. And any of the legislative items, the history, you know, you can refer it to...later...submit it to Chair, and the Chair can post it on Granicus, so that all the legislative materials follow that item if it doesn't, you know, make it through.

CHAIR KAMA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And then, Chair, later I have a question for Director Tsuhako at the appropriate time.

CHAIR KAMA: Okay.

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR KAMA: Mr. Sinenci, you had your hand up way earlier, so I just wanted to make sure I addressed your concern.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah, everybody else answered my question.

CHAIR KAMA: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: But yeah, just as a...we're also...my Committee is also still referring items as well in the next two meetings. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR KAMA: Okay. So I was going to say, I mean...so everyone is going to submit their PAFs. I mean, it doesn't preclude you from...like, Ms. Paltin, who's requesting for her...and I suppose all of you want the master agenda too, nothing to preclude you from submitting the entire agenda, you know, so. You are the Council. So anyway, okay. So Members, at this point, we have nothing left to...yes, Ms. Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just wanted to clarify. So we do the PAF, and we submit it to Mr. Raatz?

CHAIR KAMA: OCS. I mean, you could, I guess, give it to Mr. Raatz.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then...

CHAIR KAMA: Most likely Alison, because she's our Committee Analyst.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, okay. And then would that --

MS. STEWART: No, you would --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- PAF...

MS. STEWART: -- I'm sorry Chair. Yeah, you would submit it to Mr. Raatz --

CHAIR KAMA: David?

MS. STEWART: -- and he will assign it.

CHAIR KAMA: Oh, he has to assign, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then that PAF is going to go to the full Council, or to your Committee? I'm just trying to figure it out...first timer.

CHAIR KAMA: The PAF goes to David, right. Because you're requesting him to put this on the agenda for Affordable Housing, right?

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: That was my question, is it going to Affordable Housing, or is it going to the Council?

MS. STEWART: It's going to the Council.

CHAIR KAMA: The Committee.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, okay.

MS. STEWART: The Council, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

MS. STEWART: No, Chair, it's...Chair Kama, it's going to go to the Council Chair.

CHAIR KAMA: So it goes to...on the 4th of...not...not the 4th of December. When would it go next?

MS. STEWART: The PAF is just going to go to the Council Chair to get assigned, and then the...it'll be referred...it's not going to be...you're not going to have time for the Committee to take action on it. So at the Council meeting, you'll have an opportunity to overall...override any of the default filings that are going to happen.

CHAIR KAMA: So will that be at the next December Council meeting?

MS. STEWART: December 18th.

CHAIR KAMA: The 18th, okay. That's what I was looking at, the 18th.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Chair Kama, I don't know if you saw, Mr. Hokama had his hand up.

CHAIR KAMA: No, actually, I don't. All I see is a black screen from Mr. Hokama. Did you get my picture I sent to you? That's all I see.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So yeah, Chair. I'm going through the app itself, yeah, so I don't have a problem. But I do know that those that may be using streaming may have some other technical difficulties because the app is...for me, it's normally pretty good until the app gets quirky, and then everything shuts down. But I can see all of you very clearly, Chair. So yeah.

CHAIR KAMA: Well, I can see everybody except you. But on my left-hand --

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah. And then --

CHAIR KAMA: -- top screen...

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COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: -- you need one new computer for the Lānaʻi District then, Chair.

CHAIR KAMA: I need a new computer.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: . . .*(laughing)*. . .

CHAIR KAMA: I don't know if it matters but, you know, the top left-hand of my screen, it says this meeting is locked. So that may be why I can't see your picture, that somebody locked you out, I don't know. But okay, I guess I don't know what to do...

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: My just short comment, Chair --

CHAIR KAMA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: -- for the Member's consideration is that part of the filing of the master calendar items is to reduce the workload for the next incoming Council, as well as look at the topics of...you know, if something's been sitting in Committee ten years, five terms, it tells you something about its priority with the sitting Council. So why would you continue to re-refer those things that been sitting in Committee for like five, ten years? It's a...that's a sign. And that is why the legislatures always terminate after the bi-annual because they deal with thousands of bills every session. You cannot carry over, you know, session to session to session because it gets unmanageable, especially when you keeping track of legislation. So I would just recommend...and I understand Mr. Molina's point exactly about the historical records, yeah, for those items that are priority in front of the Council, I will say definitely, we should re-refer those items, but I would agree with Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez.

CHAIR KAMA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Other than that pick and choose what you want, and then when you resubmit, pick and choose what you want to include in the attachments. Because in all those...I've gone through years of background information, and a lot of it is so outdated, you don't really use it anymore. So I just...some words of experience I share with the Members. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR KAMA: Thank you, Mr. Hokama. We appreciate your sharing of historical knowledge with all of us, and hopefully we'll be keepers of some new historical knowledge. So if there's no other comments or questions...yes, Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Would this be the appropriate time to ask Director Tshako --

CHAIR KAMA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- a question?

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CHAIR KAMA: Yes. Absolutely.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. If she's still on. Director Tsuhako?

CHAIR KAMA: Yeah, she's there.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, there you are. Okay. Mahalo for hanging on. I wanted to follow up on a question that a testifier had asked about a family resource center. I know we have, you know, resource centers, but would you be able to elaborate on what kind of one-stop shops our *(audio interference)* the Department has or that the community members would be able to access in Maui County?

MS. TSUHAKO: Thank you for your question --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

MS. TSUHAKO: -- Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez. You know, it depends on what you...what you describe as a family resource center. So I'll tell you that on O'ahu, there are...there's a family resource center that's close to downtown in --

CHAIR KAMA: Family . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

MS. TSUHAKO: -- Kaka`ako. The homeless families go for real short-term sheltering, and then they get assessed, and then from there, they may be referred to a more longer-term shelter placement for families, or they maybe rehoused very quickly, it just depends. That program was intended...was created using an old...an old storage facility, and meant to be a real temporary thing. I think it's become a little bit more permanent over the last five years. But that would be something akin to a family resource center, where the service would be provided specifically to families and referrals made. We don't have anything that's comparable here on Maui for that.

CHAIR KAMA: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

MS. TSUHAKO: We do have a center in Ka Hale A Ke Ola, which both serve families, as well as Family Life Center also serves single women, and Ka Hale A Ke Ola serves single men as well as single women. So there's not anything that specifically is only focused on families. I think that we have made do with a more generic sort of model that addresses individual family needs.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. So I have the transcription *(audio interference)* here...it says that I think that two families were involved with child welfare, having the stress of parenting can relieve . . .*(inaudible)*. . . going to an issue six months down the line, making sure it's really supportive. And lots of other states have things called Family Resource Centers. So it's kind of like a one-stop shop for families to go, and people in the community...can be individuals as well, but perhaps incorporating something like that so more people can be aware of the programs. So I

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don't think it's specific to individuals that are houseless necessarily for that wraparound service type of idea. It looks more like those that are in housing, but in jeopardy of losing their housing. So if there's like a one-stop shop for those that are in that situation.

MS. TSUHAKO: We don't have a program such as that, Madam Vice-Chair. I think that...you know, it...the housing and security is going to be a larger and larger part of our conversation going forward when the moratorium on evictions is lifted, and people feel the full brunt of not having paid rent for several months. It's going to be hard on landlords emotionally and financially to evict people. And it's going to be certainly very challenging for those who are going to be even more challenged to find housing. So I think there's a couple of, you know, separate funding sources through CDBG and through the State that are being administered here that will help with that, hopefully alleviate some of the most dire cases so that people can remain in housing. Because we know that it's better to address that housing insecurity and leave people where they are if at all possible...having them become homeless and then struggle to rehouse them again. So I think that...I think that (*audio interference*) what part Maui County Social Service Network is that there's an awareness of where resources are placed and who administers certain resources. And so the agencies we found work really well together to coordinate and understand where the assistance is and can make those referrals. And I think what has really helped us is the H.E.L.P. program that MEO has because the scope of that service was so wide for these previous couple months. I think people have gravitated to MEO, and MEO has done a really good job of assessing and evaluating what people's eligibility are. And if they can't serve them, even as wide as the berth that's...H.E.L.P. has offered, they're able to connect them to different services. Because I mean, you've probably experienced this, I think all of us have, where you call somebody for help, and then you find out no, that's not the right agency to call. And then they give you the list of ten other, you know, places to call, and the phone numbers, and you're busy calling ten different people, and everyone tells you, no. So I think, you know, one of the real positive outcomes of this pandemic has been a tightening up of that system, so that the referrals are made with a lot more fidelity to what the programs are intended to do. So in other words, I'm not sending you on a wild goose chase because you're already frustrated, right, you're already scared, you're already frustrated, you already feel desperate. You're not going to want to spend three hours on the phone calling 15 different agencies, telling your story 15 different times to 15 different people, maybe 20 different people, and then at the end of the day going oh, nobody can help me. That would be like the most frustrating thing ever. So that tightening up of that referral to the appropriate agency, I think, has been one of the positive and maybe unexpected outcomes of this pandemic that we find ourselves in, But I think that that process is actually happening in the community of the nonprofit service providers right now. Thank you very much for your question.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. So since we've found that that's one of the successes, one of the silver linings out of this pandemic, is there a way that you can recommend to Council later how to institutionalize that process? Because it sounds like that has helped tremendously the community that is looking for those kind of support services. So if there's a way that, you know, we can continue

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that when, you know, H.E.L.P. funding and when the pandemic is over, that that type of assistance will be available to our community so that they won't, you know, go on those wild goose chases.

MS. TSUHAKO: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Mahalo, Chair.

MS. TSUHAKO: Thank you. Thank you very much for that. I think that...you know, I don't think that it needs to be formalized in terms of rules or anything, but what we will do is...the Department will...we can convene when we talk about our grants upcoming and things like...we can convene the nonprofits and talk about those things, and encourage people to maintain those connections with the staffing from other agencies, as well as...just in the spirit of collaboration. Because I think we've all had that experience, you know, your...all of your offices have probably received like multitudes of calls asking for help, and you're not really sure where to go. So it's happening not just in the nonprofits, but with everybody who has reached out to for help. And so I think...I think what we can do is we can continue to encourage all of us who participate in that service of care for people to be aware of that. Like it's not important that you know exactly who to call, but you got to know that if you make a call, that there will be follow up on that. And that's what I think is the main thing for...not just for folks in the Department, but also for Countywide is that, you know, sometimes, as the person who receives the call, you can make the first call for that person and find out, to save them the frustration of having to make 20 different calls. But I think that's a really good way to set the table for what comes next, as we find new sources of funding or we're challenged with funding, to make better use of people's time in that way. Thank you very much.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR KAMA: You're welcome, Ms. Fernandez. Okay, Members, I believe that we've come and...

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chair, Chair. One last follow-up question please, if you would allow it.

CHAIR KAMA: Yes. Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, if I may, I would like to follow up from Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez. I like that direction she was discussing with Director Tsuhako. So my thing is, I would ask maybe in the next term, Members, I think one of the issues is like with the Clean and Safe Wailuku, I believe we had that under MRA.

CHAIR KAMA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I think Ms. Wade did a great job working with Yuki...I hate to say decades ago but, you know, maybe it was. But then...and so, you know, that was

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part...you know, and MRA was part of Planning, now we into it with Department of Management. Lahaina because it was a maintenance thing, and part of it, it was under Parks. And so maybe for the next term, you know, the Budget Chair might want to consider consolidating it and put it under one program area so that you folks can have a better grasp and understand how the operational money is going in and out to perform. Because I know other communities may want just a component of Clean and Safe, whether it's refuse issues or homelessness issues on the sidewalks. But maybe, you know, the Council Members can figure out with the Admin where it should be homed so that you folks can have a good sense of how much resources we actually throwing into this program, and are the outcomes satisfactory to the Council. Thank you very much, Chair.

CHAIR KAMA: Thank you, Mr. Hokama. I already see Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez's face, and her eyes just glittering and glowing. Ms. Yuki Lei Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I love this conversation. So in relationship to Keani's question and observations, and Lori Tshako's answer regarding MEO and the Catholic Charities and different programs working together, and in light of knowing or praying that this Congress will appropriate more funds in the near future, I hope with everything that we've been, you know, reading on what's happening nationally. And I want you to know that my office, we're meeting with--and I would like to invite Lori to attend the meeting on December 11th--with MEO, Catholic Charities and Nick Winfrey with Aloha United Way, just to talk about how can we prepare the next round of funding to help so that we don't have exactly the kind of frustrations that people are experiencing --

CHAIR KAMA: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: -- in the future. So I will let you know what happens with that, but I think there's a whole bunch of us who are kind of thinking along the same lines of how can we best service the people who need the help in the different areas. And Maui United Way, Nick Winfrey and Debbie Cabebe with MEO, I think everybody's looking at Debbie as MEO has learned a lot and that we can do better in the future, along with Catholic Charities. So Lori I'd like to invite you to that meeting on December 11th, and we can, you know, learn from that and maybe put something together. I really like that thought because that's exactly what we're all seeing or feeling in terms of gaps. So thank you.

MS. TSUHAKO: Thank you, Councilmember Sugimura.

CHAIR KAMA: Okay. Members, are you ready? I'm never sure if you guys are ready because I'm ready to adjourn this meeting. Just want you to know that. Okay. So any last-minute comments? If not, we have completed today's agenda, and the November 30th, 2020 regular meeting of the Affordable Housing Committee is now adjourned. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

ADJOURN: 10:03 a.m.

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CERTIFICATION

I, Cheryl von Kugler, hereby certify that pages 1 through 27 of the foregoing represents, to the best of my ability, a true and correct transcript of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not in any way concerned with the cause.

DATED the 24th day of December 2020, in Wailuku, Hawai'i

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Cheryl von Kugler", is written above a horizontal line.

Cheryl von Kugler