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November 12, 2021

Ms. Lori Tsuhako, Director  
Department of Housing and Human Concerns  
County of Maui  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Ms. Tsuhako:

**SUBJECT: COMPREHENSIVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN  
(CONTRACT C7183; HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY  
ASSETS, INC.) (AH-14)**

The Maui County Comprehensive Affordable Housing Plan (“CAHP”) prepared by Hawaiian Community Assets, Inc. recommends the following: “Expand access and impact of Affordable Housing Fund by revising county ordinance 3.35 to enable bond sales, increase eligible uses of funds, and ensure investments in local renters and buyers as well as increase accountability through a community oversight committee.” (Page 25)

May I please request the Department’s response to the following:

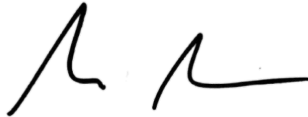
1. What is the Department’s assessment of the CAHP recommendation to expand the use of the Affordable Housing Fund to finance bond sales? Please describe in detail any concerns or potential issues identified by the Department.
2. What is the Department’s assessment of the CAHP recommendation to increase eligible uses of the Affordable Housing Fund? Some examples of expanded use provided in the CAHP include funding for deferred payment mortgages, gap financing and individual development accounts for first-time homebuyers, rental assistance, accessory dwelling unit development, acquisition or rehabilitation of structures or infrastructure, housing counseling, and environmental impact assessments of County-owned land.

3. What is the Department's assessment of the CAHP recommendation to establish an Affordable Housing Fund community oversight committee to facilitate the distribution of funds? Please describe in detail any concerns or potential issues identified by the Department.
  - (a) Does the Department have additional recommendations or suggestions relating to expanding the uses or increasing the impact of the Affordable Housing Fund?

May I further request your written response by **Monday, November 22, 2021**. To ensure efficient processing, please send your response to [ah.committee@mauicounty.us](mailto:ah.committee@mauicounty.us) and include the relevant Committee number in the subject line of your response.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or Committee staff (Alison Stewart at ext. 7661, or Rayna Yap at ext. 8007).

Sincerely,



GABE JOHNSON, Chair  
Affordable Housing Committee

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cc: Mayor Michael P. Victorino