

BF Committee

From: Ken Smith <ken@mauisales.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 01, 2018 4:57 PM
To: BF Committee
Subject: 2019 Proposed Budget

Dear Mr. Hokama,

Thank you very much for mailing me the Proposed Budget for 2019.

Here are my comments:

1. For starters a 16.3% increase proposed by the Mayor is fiscally irresponsible, and will create an undue burden on taxpayers.
2. I realize that most of that increase will be offset by higher property tax rates, but are those taxpayers seeing their wages and earnings going up by 16%....I would rather doubt it.
3. As our real estate market has spiked upwards, Assessed Values have increased which puts an even greater burden on taxpayers. Not only are they paying a higher tax rate, but they are also paying based on higher valuations for their property or properties.
4. An even more disproportionate burden is placed on owners whose properties are valued at over \$1M. Is this fair? I don't believe so.

Bottom line, the Proposed Budget appears to raise money from the more wealthy citizens in our County, both those that live here or have second/vacation homes. In my opinion, this will drive capital away from Maui and have many unintended consequences, such as lower property values, fewer tourists, and will inevitably lead to a contraction in our economy with job losses, more bankruptcies, and foreclosures.

I would encourage the Council to reject the Mayor's Proposed Budget and come up with a new budget with an increase of no more than the current rate of inflation, i.e. 2%.

I welcome your comments.

Mahalo,

Ken Smith

P.S. I know that some people might make the argument that our Property Taxes are some of the lowest in the Country, but I think there are good reasons for that. We have other taxes and costs which put our cost of living at among the highest in the Country.

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From: Alisha Harrold <alisha_christine@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 01, 2018 8:50 PM
To: BF Committee
Subject: Please support the Kihei Youth Center

Dear Chairman Riki Hokama and BF Committee Members,

Thank you for supporting the Kihei Youth Center for the past 35 years. Please consider supporting this great community outreach for the upcoming 2019 fiscal year in the amount of \$276,054.

Your support will allow the Kihei Youth Center to continue to provide a safe and positive place for the children of Maui. I have had the privilege of working with the staff of the youth center to reach these precious children on a daily basis.

Each day so many of these children come through the doors carrying: homework, concerns, hurts, dreams, and a desire to succeed. It has been so much fun challenging them to grow and learn. Please consider continuing to support them.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Blessings,
Alisha Allen

Assessed Property Value	Long term Rental Rate	Hotel Rental Rate	Maintenance fees (MONTHLY)
\$400,000.00	\$2,360.00	\$3,748.00	\$1,200.00
Potential Rental Income	\$1,700.00/ month	\$3,750.00	
		\$150/ night/ 75% occ. after costs	
ANNUAL INCOME:	\$20,400.00	\$45,000.00	
Less Costs :			
Real Property Taxes	\$2,360.00	\$3,748.00	
Maintenance Fees	14,400.00	\$14,400.00	
Annual NET	\$3,640.00	\$26,852.00	

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County Budget 2019

Aloha Kākou,

My name is Ananda Stone, I am speaking on behalf of the Common Ground Collective, one of the line items under Agriculture added to the 2019 County Budget. Mahalo for hearing me today.

We would like Common Ground Collective to be considered for support in the upcoming 2019 County Budget. We are seeking additional County support to augment our funding raising efforts, grant proposals, and the current administrative services.

Common Ground Collective is structured as a non-profit organization, with the goal to increase local food security, economic and educational opportunities through: job growth, agricultural data collection and management, community building, resource pooling and bolstering distribution channels on the island.

Maui has an abundance of agricultural lots that are underutilized and yet we are completely reliant on imports for food, to the tune of 85 to 90% shipped in from out of state. The State Strategic/Functional Plan reports that with just a 10% increase of locally sourced food production, we would be able to keep approximately \$313 million in tax revenue circulating locally.

We want to increase production and consumption of local foods and products. Maui holds 244,000 acres of land designated for ag use that could be benefiting Maui. We can help transform unproductive land, using mobile farming and administrative services to help local residents make their land productive and profitable.

Data collection will help increase production. We want to find out what the needs are of local grocery stores, restaurants, and hotels to see what they are buying locally now, how much produce they need on a daily basis, and see what we need to do to increase production to fill those needs. We will be looking at value added products as well, like: oils, soaps, and spices, for example.

Common Ground Collective will be transitioning landscapes into “food-scapes.” By collaborating with other farming organizations and schools around the island, CGC will be creating 4 “food scapers” jobs to start off with and employing 3 more per year who want to grow food, work the land, and regenerate the soil. We will also serve as a transition period for aspiring farmers just out of training, to give them real world experience and knowledge before committing to buying their own farms.

We can structure or tailor our service to fit their needs, whether big or small, a local family farm, or older residents who no longer have the energy to harvest by themselves. We can help a dedicated ag land property owners with their complacency, so we are growing more food and less lawns. Keeping in line with our Maui Island Plan design.

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Please consider Common Ground Collective in the upcoming year's budget.

Mahalo,

Ananda Stone
Vice President
Common Ground Collective
Outreach Coordinator

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West Maui Greenway update. 2018

In 2016, County Council was gracious enough to grant \$300,000 of CIP funds for the planning and design of the West Maui Greenway.

- 1) Public Works reports that it has limited resources to independently do planning and design for a Greenway requiring the need to outsource the planning and design.
 - a. To outsource, a necessity exists that a "Scope of Work" be developed to solicit outside providers defining the work to be accomplished.
- 2) On September 13, 2017 Department of Public Works completed a Scope of Work to Unemori Engineering to complete task 1 of a conceptual design for the WMG Pilot now distanced between Fleming road and Keawe Street (seven tenths of a mile).

Highlights include –

- a. 10 to 12 ft. wide asphalt-paved multi-use trail surface on the existing Lahaina-Kaanapaili Railroad tracks.
- b. Task List.
TASK 1- Startup; Conceptual Planning; and, Land Surveying and Mapping
TASK 2 (Deferred) - Preliminary Design; Public Informational Meetings; Environmental Studies and Permitting
TASK 3 (Deferred) – Initiate Final Design through 30% PS&E, with Corresponding Permit Applications and Engineering Reports
TASK 4 (Deferred) – Final Coordination and Bidding/Pricing
TASK 5 (Deferred) - Construction Engineering Services
TASK 6 - Reimbursable Expenses Budget

**TASK 1 – Startup; Conceptual Planning; and,
Land Surveying and Mapping: \$ 287,910.00**
Warren S. Unemori Engineering, Inc.: \$263,760
CAD Photogrammetric Consultants Inc. \$24,150

For new members of the Council What and Why - West Maui Greenway?

In review of "Bike Plan Hawaii" for West Maui in 2003, the goal was to establish a regional network of bikeways and pedestrian paths. • Promote residential communities that provide convenient pedestrian and bicycle access between residences and neighborhood commercial areas, parks and public facilities, The purpose was in order to minimize use of the automobile.

In Bike Plan Hawaii the proposed bicycle facilities by priority lists the West Maui Greenway using the Lower Cane Haul roads as a **Priority One** (to be completed in less than 10 years). This plan is further supported in the Maui Island Plan and the West Maui Community plan.

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Why West Maui Greenway?

The invention of the **automobile** has brought more positive and **negative effects** than any other invention throughout transportation history. We as automobile operators all understand the positive effects however the negative effects need to be announced as they are often ignored.

The negative effects of the Automobile

1. Social isolation
2. Discrimination
3. Expense
4. Decline of small businesses
5. Effect on public health

Today the blaring siren we are hearing on the West Side is "Traffic Congestion!"

Going all in, on the car, as Maui has done is very expensive for everyone. This includes our cities, our business owners, and the individuals that live here.

The indirect costs, such as maintaining that infrastructure, is eventually handed down to the tax payer through tax increases and service cuts as the bonds mature and the debt and maintenance of the auto-oriented infrastructure that remains.

West Maui can be viewed as island on an island with the poly and Honoapilani Hwy being subject to a semblance akin to the hour glass funnel of an egg timer;

With the Honoapilani Hwy as in a Hour Glass you can only push so many people through a space in a given time and the longer that funnel takes to empty, the less time we all have to enjoy the space around us.

The more sands increase the longer the flow takes to be completed.

To many cars. Insufficient infrastructure. Such is the traffic situation here on the West Side.

I ask you, what is the reality of Maui receiving millions upon millions of dollars to realign, widen and bore holes through mountains to increase traffic flow for West Maui in near term, midterm and long term?

Build It and they will come.

The West Maui Greenway Alliance views West Maui as an island on an island and the County of Maui has a unique opportunity to create a Pilot Project to validate projected outcomes as stated in the Hawaii Bike Plan and is seen in various other Greenway Projects throughout the world.

The Greenway may be viewed as low-hanging fruit.

A low-cost and quick solution to the ever-increasing dilemma of traffic congestion is to lure people away from the perceived social status and convenience of the private automobile. The number one and most prominent reason people depend exclusively on the automobile and do not cycle, as an alternative, is the fear and intimidation of the traffic on the roads.

The first step to change this is implementation of the Hawaii Bike Plan proposed facilities and create a safe separated path that can be used by resident and visitor alike as alternative mode of transport to the automobile.

By not implementing the Greenway Pilot: It's discriminatory.

By going *all-in* in the auto-oriented pattern and creating a car dependent environment, we're discriminating against those that cannot drive. The poor. The young. The elderly. The disabled.

The West Maui Greenway would encourage a safe alternative to community members enabling them to safely Bicycle and Walk creating more equality among the community.

The benefits of cycling in the community are well-documented, from greater neighborhood cohesion to better health and education outcomes, a boost to local business and a more equitable distribution of resources.

In the US, the second most popular outdoor activity is Bicycling with walking and jogging being first. As a world tourist destination, it makes sense to support these activities.

Where progress on safe infrastructure has been made the results speak for themselves. In New York, cycling levels have surged 80% in five years on the back of a 75% increase in bicycle lanes since 2005. In the last five years the on-street bike network has grown by nearly 300 miles in length, though just 45 miles of that is currently protected.

In Helsinki investment in bike infrastructure has been shown to deliver an eight fold return on investment paired with increases in cycling.

North Carolina Outer Banks – tourist-based beach community

- Constructed 25 miles of off-road multi-use paths (i.e. greenways) and 30 miles of on-road bike lanes with \$6.7 million
- 17% of visitors to the area report bicycling activity while there; this is approximately 680,000 bicyclists annually.
- Annual economic impact of these bicyclists is \$60 million.
- 43% of visitors considered bicycling in their decision to vacation in the area
- 52% of visitors that intend to make a return trip stated that bicycling was one of the main factors
- The study also found that visitors that cycled had higher average incomes than those that didn't.

Bike Share Hawaii.

Bike share Hawaii is currently implementing 1000 Biki bikes and 100 docking stations into the community of Oahu. Once completed Bike Share Hawaii would like to come to Maui next. The minimum requirement however is, proper infrastructure must be in place.

Costs for West Maui Greenway.

Utilizing the existing Cane Haul Road, the West Maui Greenway Alliance, received a bid from Maui Paving Company, on January 29, 2016, to resurface 5.5 miles, 10ft. wide, 2 inches thick with an Asphalt, Concrete Pavement Recycle mix for \$807,500.

Environmental Assessment – Exemption

Maui County Exemption List- January 2007, Exemption Class 2, Paragraph 2., provides an exemption from the EA for Bikeways and Multi-use paths.

Employing this exemption can ultimately save hundreds of thousands of dollars providing more money to be directly invested in the implementation and construction of the Greenway.

Love the West Maui Greenway Event.

This coming Saturday, April 22nd. We are hosting Love the West Maui Greenway Event was held on April 22, 2017 was heavily attended where people come to the event to learn more about the Greenway and have a fun filled educational Earth Day.

Through generous donations from various sponsors and the tireless effort from members of the West Maui Greenway Alliance the event was a Free, Fun Filled, Family event for everyone.

Professor Collin Buchanan, a civil engineer and town planner in `1963 wrote that Traffic is like lava, welling out of the towns, searing and scorching in long channels, and ever ready to invade new areas.

A low-cost and quick solution to the ever-increasing dilemma traffic congestion is to lure people away from the perceived social status and convenience of the private car.

Please support the West Maui Greenway.

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April 2, 2018

**West Maui Greenway
Comments**

Aloha Budget and Finance Chair Hokama and esteemed members of the Committee on Budget and Finance,

The Maui Bicycling League, a subchapter of the Hawaii Bicycling League, has been working hard to get community and county support to build a transportation and recreation greenway that would connect West Maui.

The Hawaii Bicycling League is a 43-year old Hawaii 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that could serve as a fiscal sponsor for future projects that help make the West Maui Greenway concept a reality.

Thank you very much for considering the comments of Hawaii Bicycling League. If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please contact Chad Taniguchi (808-735-5756, chad@hbl.org) or Daniel Alexander (808-275-6717, Daniel@hbl.org).

Ride and Drive Aloha,

Chad Taniguchi
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Daniel Alexander
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WMTA GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- 1) Promote the development and construction of a critical access medical facility in West Maui with associated facilities.
- 2) Support emergency preparedness programs for West Maui, including implementation of the **H.H.A.R.P.** Program
- 3) Support budget requests for MEO projects and improved police and fire fighting facilities in West Maui.
- 4) Support of RxP Hawaii and passing legislation for Rx Authority for Advance Trained, Prescribing Psychologists in 2016
- 5) Support Police Requests for personnel and equipment
- 6) Support Fire Requests for personnel and equipment and specifically the addition of (2) Battalion Chief Positions.

EDUCATION

- 1) Lobby for funding for the Lahaina Complex After School Tutoring Program.

TRAFFIC AND ROADWAYS

- 1) Promote the completion of the Lahaina Bypass and other traffic mitigation projects in West Maui. Support design and construction of alternative roadways to reduce traffic on Honoapiilani Highway (ie Kahua Street).
- 2) Pursue completion of the upgrades and paving of the Lower Honoapiilani Road from Kahana to Napili, Complete Shaw Street sidewalk from Front Street to Honoapiilani Highway
- 3) Spur County to complete Shaw Street sidewalk from Front Street to Honoapiilani Highway as promised.
- 4) Promote implementation of the Maui County Complete Streets Ordinance on all West Maui projects, especially pedestrian safety improvements at the Front Street/Fleming Road and Honoapiilani Highway intersection.
- 5) Support moving the southern terminus of the Lahaina Bypass to Cut Mountain.
- 6) Fund implementation of the Maui County Complete Streets Ordinance on all West Maui projects.
- 7) Promote the expansion and improvement of County public transit service in West Maui including an extension of public bus hours of operation till midnight for swing shift employees.
- 8) Support County Pavement Preservation Program
- 9) Support Realignment of Honoapiilani Highway

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- 1) Continue to support well planned housing projects in West Maui that include both affordable and work force elements. (ie: Wainee Village, Kaanapali 2020, Kohoma Stream infill, Villages at Leiallii, Puukolii Village Mauka, Pulelehua, 'Kahoma Village, etc.)
- 2) Support the expansion of the Ka Hale A Ke Ola Homeless Resource Center to address the homeless encampment problems in West Maui.

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Gregg Nelson

October 3, 2016

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- 1) Press for improvements to the pump station at Honoapiilani Highway and Ka'anapali Parkway to address the sewer odor problem.
- 2) Pursue funding for improvements to the Honokowai sewage treatment plant, to provide treatment, storage and distribution systems to reuse treated wastewater instead of using injection wells, and to address odor problems.
- 3) Support the operation/preservation of the new West Maui skate park.
- 4) **Support development of an off-highway, bicycle Greenway for West Maui.**
- 5) Urge the County to aggressively develop under-utilized water resources to ensure adequate supply for current and future needs
- 6) Urge completion and promotion of a shoreline walkway from 505 Front Street to Honokowai.
- 7) Support the extension of the Kapalua Coastal Trail north to Honolulu Bay
- 8) Aggressively develop under-utilized water resources to ensure adequate supply for current and future needs (Mahinahina Well site 12.5 M)

VOTER/TAXPAYER REPRESENTATION

- 1) Represent taxpayers in the budgeting process, with an emphasis on right-sizing government and greater efficiency in government programs.
- 2) Support efforts to reform the permitting process and change the Planning Department focus more to customer service with fewer bureaucratic hurdles and a less expensive permitting process.
- 3) Promote business friendly regulatory and tax policies for enhanced job creation, especially in the hospitality industry.
- 4) **Support fairness and certainty in real property taxation.**
- 5) Support the effort to bring fairness and true voter representation to the Maui County election process for Council seats.
- 6) Promote communication between West Maui taxpayers and their government with the annual WMTA meetings, the WMTA Candidates Night (the only such forum on the West side), and aggressive get-out-the-vote efforts.

CULTURAL PROTECTION

- 1) Preserve and promote Hawaiian cultural efforts, such as:
 - a. Support the efforts of the Royal Hawaiian Guard and its efforts with Na Kia'i O Waiee to honor the monarchs at Wai Ola Cemetery.
 - b. Support the creation of a new cemetery in West Maui
 - c. Support restoration of Moku'ula
- 2) Support preservation of Honolulu Bay and Lipoa Point.

PARKS AND RECREATION

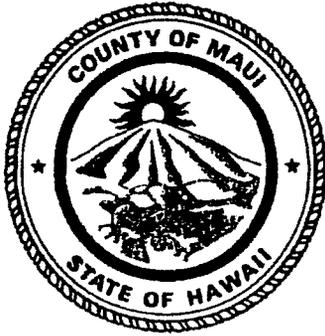
- 1) Support the operation/preservation of the new West Maui skate park.
- 2) Fund and construct the West Maui Greenway project
- 3) Fund planning monies for the continued development of new county shoreline parks from Puamana to Olowalu
- 4) Urge completion and promotion of a shoreline walkway from 505 Front Street to Honokowai.
- 5) Please continue to support and fund the Lahaina Harbor improvements currently under construction by the Lahaina Restoration Foundation

WASTEWATER

- 1) Fund and complete improvements to the pump station at Honoapiilani Highway and Ka'anapali Parkway to address the sewer odor problem.
- 2) Pursue funding for improvements to the Honokowai sewage treatment plant, to provide treatment, storage and distribution systems to re-use treated wastewater instead of using injection wells, and to promote less usage of potable water for landscaping irrigation.

HUMAN CONCERNS

- 1) Support budget requests for MEO
- 2) Support the creation of a new cemetery in West Maui



COUNTY OF MAUI
Office of the Mayor
Fiscal Year 2019
Community Budget Request

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PLEASE PRINT

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City/Zip: Lahaina 96761

I Represent: Myself
 Organization _____

Request/Issue: Thank you for all that you have done for my family.

My daughter attends Head start and it has helped her socially. She is a shy girl but she has come a long way with the help of Head start

Thank you so much for your continuing support. I know it is beneficial for future families

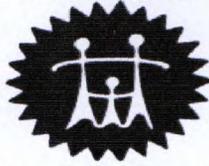
(MEO Head Start)

Funding Request (if known): _____

Responsible County Department: _____

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Jonathan Uddipa

**HO' OULU NA KAMALI' I
YOUTH PROGRAM**



To raise... the children... to grow

April 2, 2018

Aloha Council Members,

I would like to introduce myself, I'm Leslie Lau Hee I've been working with at-risk youth and their families since 2007, at MEO Youth Services (4 yrs. as a Program Specialist and 6 yrs. as a Program Coordinator), where I planned and facilitated life skills, gender specific, prevention and awareness curriculum. I educated youth in and out of school, their families and the community. At Kanehoalani boys safe house (5 months as a Residence Specialist), I planned and facilitated basic living skills, coping skills and helped 6 boys achieve their goals preparing them for graduation.

I left my job at Kanehoalani boys safe house in August 2016, because I missed working in the community with the youth and teaching them valuable skills. I decided to start my own youth program; Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i. Prevention and awareness is a huge and very important component in our programming. I believe Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i will make positive and healthy changes in our island homes. I just need a little support to accomplish that, since I'm a new program and have no funding.

I believe this is my calling and I love what I do.

I'm also pursuing other funding opportunities, but I have been using my personal funds to continue the programming during the youth's school breaks. I don't have enough funding or youth transportation to do programming after school right now, but I'm working on it. We're fundraising for decent "used" 15 passenger vans, at this time I'm using my truck, the Maui Bus and depending on parents to meet me at the project locations, which limits many learning opportunities for the youth.

I should be working on our summer enrollment, but I'm hesitant because last summer I had a great response and I was forced to turn youth away. My hopes this year is to support as much youth as I can and give them the opportunity to be a part of this program. Since parents are looking for good programs other than Boys and Girls Club to send their children, I have decided to serve youth as young as 8-18 years of age. I currently have 8 youth, 2 from Haiku and 6 from Hawaiian Homes and they all look forward to the programming.

During the summer I took them on their first trip to Haleakala, Hana, Olowalu and Kahakuloa, where they learned the history, culture, and were able to experience the beauty and views of our island's natural resources. We also helped our local kalo farmers and participated in community events. The youth came up with a wonderful idea to help our homeless community stay warm during the cold and rainy months. This event was very successful, we distributed truck loads of clothing, blankets, jackets, tents, etc. weekly throughout the month of December and January. I'm so proud of our youth, they recognized a problem in our community and wanted to make a difference. The youth received compliments all day from those that dropped off their donations and there were tears of joy from our homeless community. Everyone involved went home with a warm but heavy heart, wishing we could do more for the families and children we visited throughout the island. We continue to receive donations and distribute not only to the homeless but to those that are in need.

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Leslie Laaltee

I humbly ask for your support and approval of my funding request of \$117, 332.

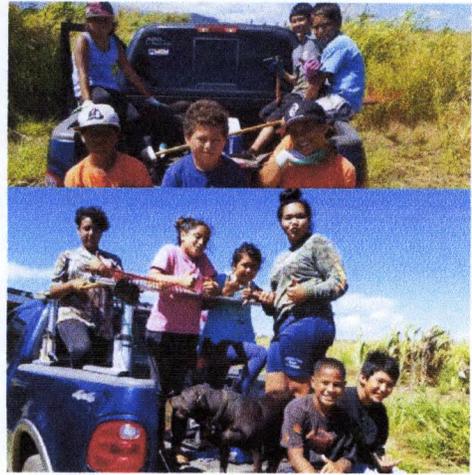
With this funding I will be able to continue my work with our island youth and their families. I'll be focusing on the Hawaiian Homes communities in Waiehu Kou, Paukukalo, Keokea, and Waiohuli region, but not limited to other youth and their families.

If you give me this opportunity, I promise I will have success stories to share with you. Throughout the 11 years working with at-risk youth and their families I have many success stories, and I'm very proud of my former youth participants, some are in the US military, college graduates, home owners, professionals in their fields, and loving parents. They also volunteer their time to help and support Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i. When I was at MEO I was able to give my former youth participants the chance to learn and experience life changing and gratifying opportunities, which impacted their lives in a positive way.

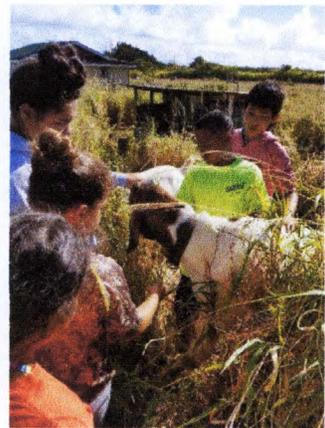
At Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i, my goal is to give the youth and their families the opportunity to change the "Norm" of local living. Having the courage to choose a healthier lifestyle will have a positive impact on their family, at school, work and in the community. This should always be the goal when working with at-risk youth and families.

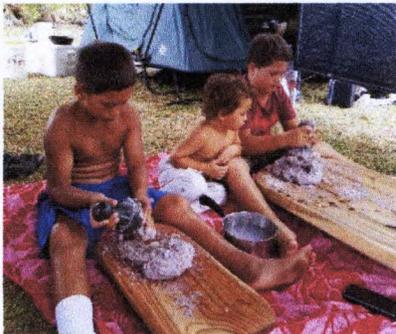
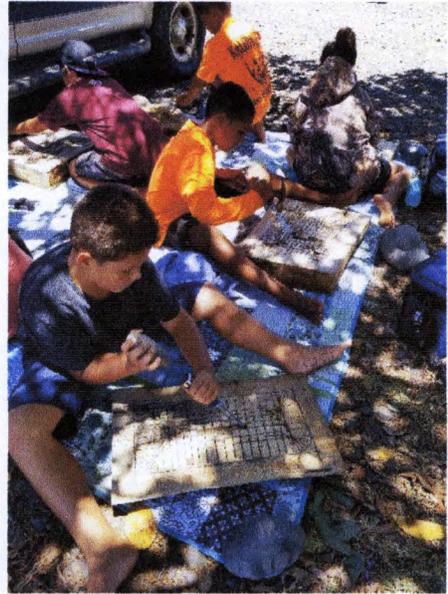
Mahalo for giving me the opportunity to share a little about our youth program.

Aloha,
Leslie Lau Hee
Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i



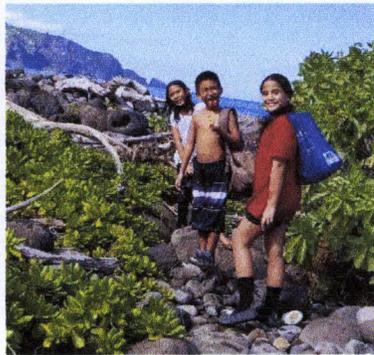
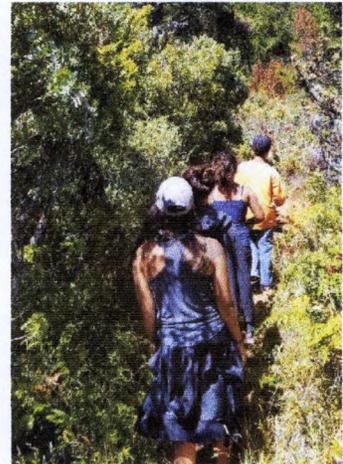
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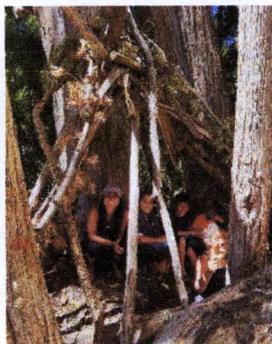


**CULTURE &
NATURAL RESOURCES**





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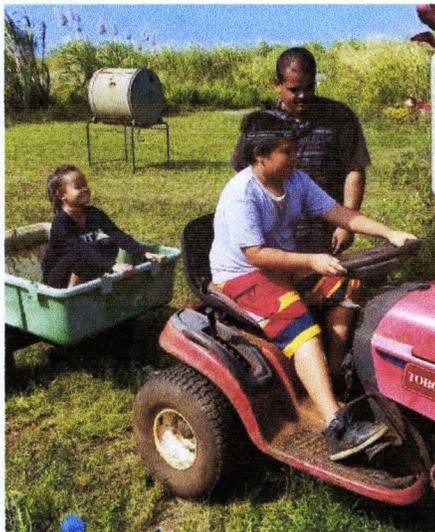




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-KANAHA BEACH PARK CLEAN UP
-KEEPING OUR HOMELESS
COMMUNITY WARM & COZY

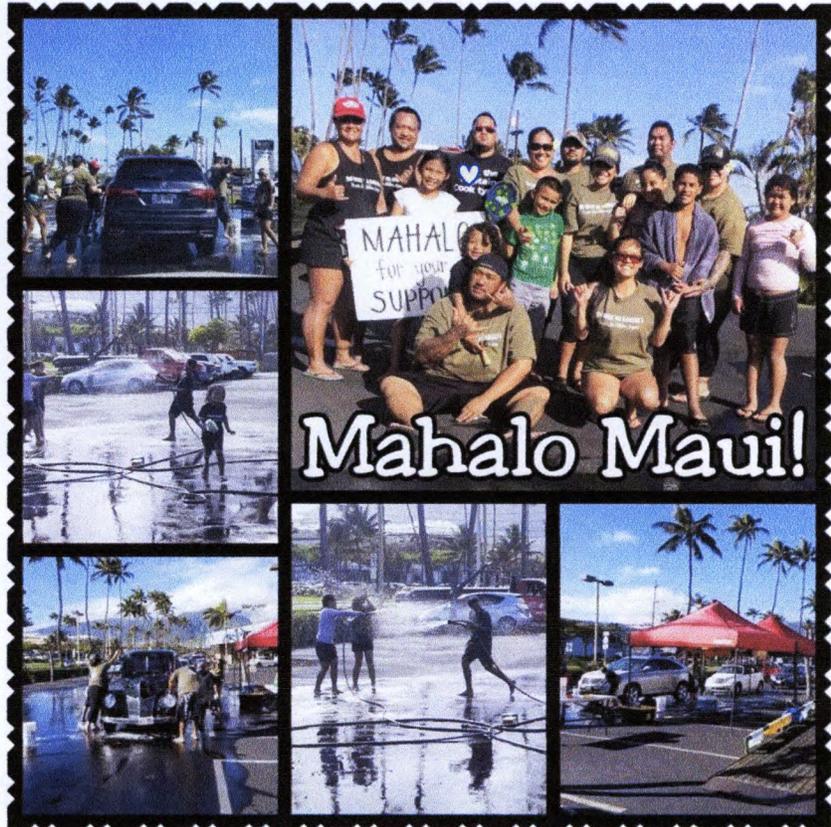
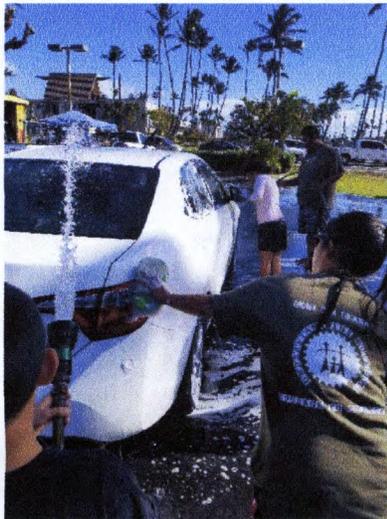


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YOUTH, THEIR FAMILIES
AND FORMER YOUTH
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Maui County Council
Budget and Finance Committee
April 2, 2018

Testimony by Mariko Higashi
President, Rotary Club of Lahaina Sunset
15 W Mahi Pua Place, Lahaina HI 96761
Phone: (808) 866-8116
Email: marikoinmaui@gmail.com

Committee Members,

Good evening.

I'm Mariko Higashi, President of the Rotary Club of Lahaina Sunset. I would like to thank the Council for funding the Third Saturday Recycling program at Lahaina Cannery Mall and to request continued funding for fiscal year 2019.

Since three years ago the County has been supporting this monthly recycling program by allocating the budget to Malama Maui Nui, a non-profit organization, to pay the costs of hauling recycling bins to and from the Cannery Mall. Without the Council's support, there would have been no Third Saturday Recycling in West Maui. The Rotary Club of Lahaina Sunset became a co-sponsor to develop and fund the marketing program and to provide volunteers for the events.

As my Rotarian colleague Sharon Beach just testified, the result of this three-year old effort is amazing. I go every month to help with the Recycling. At least 15 cars and pick-up trucks are lined up at 7:30 a.m. and wait for us to start the Recycling at 8:30 a.m. Many residents now know that the dumpster for appliances and eWaste may get full by 11 a.m., so they come early, and the lines are always very long.

We have many regulars who drop household recycling materials. Many of them look forward to the Third Saturday to clear their recycling materials at home. About 130 to 150 cars and pick-up trucks drop these recycling every Third Saturday - that is almost one car every minute and half.

We have about 15 volunteers, Rotarians and non-Rotarians, in two shifts every Third Saturday to help run this program with Malama Maui Nui staff. We share the passion to keep the island clean, and the expression of support and gratitude from the residents who bring the recycling materials is heartwarming and keeps us going. We have clearly created a community of residents who are very conscious about recycling and are taking action.

Third Saturday Recycling works. Without this program, many of these recyclables would have ended up in the county landfill or in the county's back roads. Malama Maui Nui reports that West Maui is now the cleanest part of our beautiful island.

This program is an excellent example of Public Private Partnership to meet community needs. Residents want this program to continue.

Malama Maui Nui has requested County funds under its Malama Aina Program in order to continue the Third Saturday Recycling program in fiscal year 2019. The Rotary Club of Lahaina Sunset urges the Council to support this request and provide the needed funds to Malama Maui Nui.

Thank you.

April 2, 2018

Attn: County Councils,

The reason that I am writing this letter to all of you, because I hope you could continue, giving the MEO Headstarts School Grant to continue having the kids go to head-start, because MEO Headstart school, did alot for my children & now my grand-children, they learned alot from MEO Headstart thing that I haven't know & I myself learned alot too, they also have programs that can help you & your family, which I had some help for my family & I, and my children have good jobs, if wasn't MEO Headstart, they probably be nothing at all. So pls. with your help as county Council continue to help our MEO Head-start around Maui & others, my daughters one go to Princess Mahienuaena & the other remain in MEO Head-start Lahaina, she be going to Princess Mahienuaena School, she was shy, don't talk & now the Headstart school helper to come out of her shell. so pls. help our Lahaina & all the Headstart School.

Lahaina
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Thank you,
Saphire Leilua
Lahaina MEO Headstart

April, 2-2018 ✓

aloha my name is Sharel Neri, My son attends
Lahaina Head start We are very thankful for Meo Lahaina
head start because my son has learned alot through
out the school year. it has prepared him alot of
Kindergarten.

Sharel Neri

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Maui County Council
Budget and Finance Committee
April 17, 2017

Testimony of Sharon Beach
Rotary Club of Lahaina Sunset
190 Hakui Place, Lahaina HI 96761
Phone: 808/344-1259
Email: sharon@beachfamily.net

Good Evening.

My name is Sharon Beach of the Rotary Club of Lahaina Sunset. I'm here to speak in favor of funding the Malama Aina recycling program at Lahaina Cannery Mall, which is also known as the Third Saturday Recycling Program.

This program is an excellent example of a partnership to meet community needs. The five official partners in this program are:

- The County of Maui
- Malama Maui Nui
- 5A Rent-A-Space
- Lahaina Cannery Mall
- The Rotary Club of Lahaina Sunset

In addition to those organizations, community volunteers have provided nearly 500 hours of work each year at the collection event, itself, in addition to all of the work done in preparation. This program has been operating for almost 3 years and has collected nearly 400 Tons of materials.

The Malama Aina Project is making a significant difference to the beauty and health of Maui. In addition to reducing the volume of solid waste in the county and preventing a lot of roadside dumping, we are keeping poisonous waste out of our community.

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Lahaina

It is hard to imagine the scope of what is being done without having seen it first-hand. Let me give you some numbers of what was collected in just the 2017 program year, and being open just 3-4 hours per month:

- 7.5 Tons of household recycling: bottles, cans, cardboard, paper.
 - This may be what many people think of as recycling, but this is only the beginning.
- 56 Tons of appliances
 - 361 freon-based appliances: refrigerators, freezers, air-conditioners
 - 287 washers, dryers, dishwashers, stoves, and water heaters
- 14 Tons of scrap metal
- 12 Tons of Electronic-waste: computers, printers, television sets
- Nearly a ton of vehicle batteries.
- 1.5 tons of automobile tires

The first half of fiscal year 2018 is showing 50% growth in the volume of recycling. We regularly collect an average of 12 tons of recyclables per month. We always fill our appliance shipping container, and many months we have had to turn people away. There is clearly a continuing need for this effort.

I am grateful to be associated with this program and to be part of a county that has shown the foresight to invest in this work. I sincerely hope that we can continue to grow and work together in keeping Maui healthy and beautiful. To continue the Malama Aina program in fiscal year 2019, Malama Maui Nui has requested continued county funding. The Rotary Club of Lahaina Sunset urges the Council to support this request.

Thank you

BF Committee

From: Mark Mrantz <Mark.Mrantz@aqua-aston.com>
Sent: Monday, April 02, 2018 10:59 AM
To: BF Committee
Subject: Testimony attached
Attachments: img-180402105441.pdf

Aloha,

Please find my testimony attached....

Mahalo,

Mark D. Mrantz, CHA
general manager

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March 28, 2018

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General Manager
Aqua Aston Hospitality
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Lahaina, HI 96761

Councilman Riki Hokama
Budget & Finance Committee Chair
County of Maui
200 S. High Street
Wailuku, HI 96793

RE: Maui Visitors Bureau

Councilman Hokama,

I would first like to thank you and county council for your support and funding of the Maui Visitors Bureau in previous years.

The Maui Visitors Bureau has been doing an excellent job of marketing Maui County, keeping us "Top of Mind" especially with all the competition with other destinations, who typically are recipients of even greater funding than that which has been available to our MVB team.

While I'm sure this will be a somewhat repetitive message, suffice it to say that our visitor industry is key to the financial wellbeing of Maui in general (all areas funded by the tax dollars generated via tourism) and the folks within our communities. There are tens of thousands of Maui households/livelihoods directly impacted by and dependent upon a successful visitor industry (and many tens of thousands more indirectly), which in turn is dependent upon a successful marketing engine to keep Maui as a destination in the spot light.

Our marketing team starts out at a competitive disadvantage, with other competing destinations providing funding packages well in excess of what has traditionally been the case here. With this in mind, clearly, they have done an excellent job with the limited resources at their disposal.

The above notwithstanding, we should be very careful never to take our current levels of success for granted; for as many of us who are veterans of the industry know, things can change quite rapidly. Other competing destinations attempt to steal market share each year and feature easier and less costly access, new construction, newly renovated inventory, lower priced goods/accommodations and scenery and attractions that rival our own.

Please vote to support maximum funding for our MVB.

Mahalo.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark D. Mrantz', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

**Mark D. Mrantz, CHA
General Manager**

BF Committee

From: Robert Fushikoshi <rsfush@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, April 02, 2018 4:35 PM
To: BF Committee
Subject: Proposed budget for 2019

Aloha Chair Hokama
Aloha Council Members

My name is Robert Fushikoshi. I have been working at the Westin Maui Resort and Spa As a bellman for over 30 years I'm writing to support of MVBs proposed budget.

Having to depend on visitors I see the importance it has on our community. It is the key to financial well-being of Maui as it is the only economic driver for our community. There are many, not just my family members who's lively hood directly or indirectly depend on the tourist industry.

If Maui is not out in the four front there our many other destinations that more than happy to take our share of visitors. Once we lose our visitors it will take awhile to build up visitor arrivals back to the level we need to maintain our way of life here on Maui.

I remember when 9/11 and the recession 2008 occurred. Our resort was below 40% during 9/11 and 60% during the recession. Times where tough for many families. Please don't let this happen again please support The Maui Visitors Bureau proposed 2019 budget

Mahalo

BF Committee

From: Kit Carlan <kit.carlan@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 02, 2018 5:27 PM
To: BF Committee
Subject: FY19 Maui Budget - Proposed

While it will be hard to lower the budget and county expenditures, I recommend that it does not increase. It is better to have the next mayor propose his budget and be stuck with the previous mayors agenda.

As a resident of Kihei, I would like to see more funding used in Kihei, especially since South Maui generates a lot of revenue for the county.

My priorities for the budget:

1. Parks and recreation (especially Kihei) and more restrooms at the beaches
2. Roads - South Kihei Road is terrible
3. Infrastructure - We are not planning ahead

THX

Aloha for now,
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BF Committee

From: wilsons@dtsemaui.com
Sent: Monday, April 02, 2018 8:26 PM
To: BF Committee
Subject: Your request for information

Stuart N Wilson
2533 Lemi Place
Haiku, HI 96708
31 March 2018

Maui County Budget and Finance Committee

Maui County Council

200 S High Street

Wailuku, HI 96793

Dear Committee Members,

This letter was prompted by the postcard I received yesterday. Had I merely returned the card, my responses could have been discarded as outside of meaningful statistics. Herein are my honest responses as an observer and taxpayer. Please take them with a big grain of salt. I am painting all of you with the same brush. My remarks are not, nor are meant to be complimentary due to the domain of your inquiry, the inadequacies of which are discussed herein. At the same time, they are the best advice I can give you, from what I have observed.

- Audit of County Departments and Programs – Score: 3+. If the County cannot properly control its expenditures, any increase of taxes is unacceptable. We have seen three glaring examples of this: the tire shop, the food service and the unaccountable lumber stash. Given the brazenness of these acts, it is hard to imagine that they are the only ones.
 - Further, the County’s response to those acts was flatly disgusting. Allowing criminals to accrue their retirement, where a contractor would have surely been prosecuted for the same, amounts to abject corruption. Period.
 - The County’s poor response has cast guilt upon itself that might otherwise be undue.
 - Employees’ unions are *your* problem, not *mine*. You need to manage that like anything else, with an obligation to save taxpayer money, with honesty and integrity. The County demonstrated that it is incapable doing so.

The need for audits is to me distressingly obvious.

- Homelessness – My response to this, zero, is perfectly consistent with the usefulness of your question. Homelessness is a very large, multifaceted and daunting issue. If the County asks me for money to, in the current political *parlance*, “combat” homelessness, my response is zero, for good reason.
 - Maui County cannot fix homelessness. Neither can the State. Proposing to do so is a fool’s errand. I offer the following (short) advice:
 - Recognize what is well known.

- Divide the problem into parts
- Address the parts where the County can have real, positive impact.

If you can manage that, we have something to discuss.

- Public Safety – My response again, to an overly broad question, zero. Our police officers and firefighters are very well compensated. If there is a need for infrastructure or additional personnel due to growth, it has to be accounted for in the normal budget process. It should not be an opinion poll issue, period.
- Non-profit Funding – Another vapid question. Over many years, non-profit funding has created a non-profit industry on Maui. In line with a lack of a real planning, this industry (which one might say is composed of the usual suspects, no slight intended) has produced variable results.
 - The Council should identify and focus on sets of issues: *e.g.* non-profit funding *and* homelessness. And they should reach out to non-profits not seeking funds, such as churches, which can be part of a solution without cost.
 - Affordable Housing – Give me a break. The County talks about affordable housing yet escalates fees for a water meter to ridiculous levels. Your lame defense of this is a red herring. Why should it take 20K of civil engineering to place a water meter to begin with?
 - Contractors assume the liability for the location of huge concrete slabs with far less cost.
 - A Contractor should be able to place a water meter.
 - Are you prepared to defend the notion that civil engineering costs will escalate along with water meter fees?
 - In other words, this policy is not just bad, but ill-founded. If the water department needs more money, increase rates. Rational people have said the same for decades. What’s your problem?

There are no overall solutions to affordable housing that don’t require funds that the County cannot possibly raise. If they could, it would make Maui a nationwide magnet for bums. At the same time there are local people who need help. There are existing programs addressing these needs. Funding an augmentation of those programs is the real issue. Again, a real plan is required.

- Roads, parks, open space acquisition, *etc.* are part of the budget with priorities ranging from the County’s basic functions to optional expenditures. There is little point discussing them in the non-specific context outlined in the mailing.

In addition, I see a troubling issue, one that almost seems to be a disease in Maui We taxpayers recently witnessed some of the worst Kabuki ever contrived, by a company trying to corner the market on sunscreen. Despite the fact that their thesis had been uniformly rejected by multiple, highly competent sources, the show still went on, at taxpayer expense.

Is the Council composed of ignorant yokels, or was the sunscreen guy making campaign contributions? Neither could be true but here are the only rational answers I can see.

Sadly, the same thing, with the likes of the Maui Sierra Club, *et. al.*, injecting themselves into County issues as if it were their birthright. They do not represent the citizens of Maui in a direct way. And there is credible evidence that they are funded by a foreign government. Why do they seem have so much influence? Are you afraid that they will beat you up with articles on Civil Beat? If they do, so what? It could only hurt you if you haven’t anything real to offer. If such is the case, then you deserve it.

Stop what you are thinking and make real change. Show real leadership and understanding. Learn how to communicate better. Create real results. Then, for each of you, what you seek, as long as it is honorable, will likely come to pass.

Offered Very Sincerely
With hope for the future

Stuart N Wilson

BF Committee

From: Paul Brown <pbrownmaui@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2018 11:57 AM
To: BF Committee
Cc: Elle Cochran; Dana Reed
Subject: Hui A Road Paving
Attachments: Hui A Road map.jpg

Aloha,

Thank you all for your hard work and service to the community. It is a challenging task to balance the needs of the community and it's ability to fund the necessary services and projects.

Hui A Road in Napili is a dirt and gravel road that extends mauka of Highway 30 for approximately 1.3 miles. The road is owned and maintained by the County. My neighbors and I are very appreciative of the crew that keeps the road passable, especially when heavy rains produce severe erosion.

I would like to request that the committee add funding to the upcoming budget for paving of the road for the following reasons:

1. The road doesn't meet current County road standards and isn't safe. The uneven and slippery surfaces, limited sight distances, and lack of shoulder space have contributed to several accidents. These conditions can put the fiscal security of the county in jeopardy if there is a serious accident with injuries.
2. New development and business concerns in the area are greatly increasing traffic on this once quiet road. This increased traffic contributes to safety concerns as more and more vehicles squeeze by each other with no shoulder room or meet head-on as they round blind corners.
3. The frequent maintenance required to keep the road at least passable is a significant ongoing expense. In the long-term, it is likely that the expense of paving the roadway will be off-set by the reduction in regular maintenance.
4. The dirt surface and erosion contribute significantly to sediment run-off into the nearby ocean. Last night, the evening of April 2nd, I saw rivers of red dirt flowing down the roadway. Vehicles also carry a great volume of mud onto Highway 30 as they exit. This then washes off into the storm drains and into the ocean.

I have attached a map of the area for your review.

Thank you for your consideration and please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Mahalo!

Paul D. Brown
808-276-3129



BF Committee

From: begoniabarry@gmail.com on behalf of Barbara Barry <gardenmeister@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2018 3:15 PM
To: BF Committee
Subject: Budgeted funds for Maui Visitors Bureau

Aloha Chair and Council Members,

I totally oppose any money going to the Maui Visitors Bureau.

Maui is awash with tourists and they are causing big problems for our poor infrastructure, our citizens trying to find affordable housing, our refuse, sanitation systems, reef health, traffic jams and pollution. We must put a limit on how many tourists can be here at once.

Enough!

You have the power to stop this unchecked growth and bring some sanity to our County.

Please defund the Maui Visitors Bureau. The tourists will still come.

Use this money for tackling workforce housing for instance.

Mahalo,

Ms. Barbara Barry

BF Committee

From: Robert Carroll
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2018 3:37 PM
To: BF Committee
Subject: FW: "Save The Hana Coast" - County Budget Request Letter
Attachments: Maka'ala Open Space Budget Request 2018-0403.pdf

From: Dawn Lono
Sent: Tuesday, April 3, 2018 2:04 PM
To: Robert Carroll <Robert.Carroll@mauicounty.us>
Subject: "Save The Hana Coast" - County Budget Request Letter

Ke Ao Hali'i
Save the Hana Coast
HC1 Box 6, Hana, HI 96713

April 3, 2018

Robert Carroll, Council Member
Maui County County
East Maui Representative
VIA E-MAIL – robert.carroll@mauicounty.us

Re: Open-space Funds for Purchase of Maka'alaе Lands

Aloha Council Member Carroll,

Ke Ao Hali'i is a local Hana group recently organized to "Save the Hana Coast." It is the long-term purpose of the organization to acquire, or otherwise work with governmental or other land trust partners to protect Hana lands for conservation, open space, agriculture and traditional Hawaiian cultural practice.

We are in discussions with Hana Ranch Partners regarding 46 acres of the Maka'alaе coastline. This property can be acquired for under \$2,000,000 and includes some of the most pristine coastline in East Maui. The 46 acres includes TMK #s – 1-4-12-02, 21, 22, 01, 17, 27, 28, & 29 (see attached map). Because seven of the eight parcels are under conservation easement with the Hawaii Islands Land Trust, the price is quite low for oceanfront property of this acreage.

We are requesting that monies from the County Open Space Fund budget be earmarked for assisting with this purchase.

We would be glad to meet with you to discuss the organization, its intention and answer questions you might have.

We appreciate your support in requesting these funds.

Mahalo nui loa,



Scott Crawford, President
Ka Ao Hali'i



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Waioka Pond

- Conservation Easement
- Developable - Not under Conservation Easement

BF Committee

From: Catherine Velasquez <catherine_velasquez@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2018 4:46 PM
To: BF Committee
Subject: from a resident....

Why does the County of Maui continue to give the Maui Visitors Bureau \$4 million of public funds every year to keep driving up our tourist numbers?

It's completely unnecessary.

We need funds spent on the needs of the residents of Maui, not tourism. People gonna come anyway.

I ask, the Maui County Council to stop the unchecked growth and to focus on funding long term solutions to the problems we face.
Infrastructure. Housing. Water quality.

Thank you

Catherine Velasquez
Voter, long time resident, worker

BF Committee

From: Brett Gobar <uluusurf@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2018 5:21 PM
To: BF Committee
Subject: supporting Common Ground Collective

hi
i have offered this group acreage on my Ag. land in Ulupalakua.
they are prioritizing Hawaiians needing assistance enhancing and harvesting existing farm resources that the owner is unable to operate themselves.
Common Ground Collective could be a great way to help elderly or over-committed land owners to vitalize land and deliver local produce to a variety of community groups who otherwise eat unhealthy diets.
please consider supporting this effort,

mahalos,

brett gobar
finca ulu de paz

Brett Gobar Manager Finca Ulu de Paz Kula Hawaii uluusurf@gmail.com 808 633 6916..above signature & msg.is nonbinding; any contract must be in detailed writings & signed personally by brett gobar

BF Committee

From: Julia K <keanini23@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2018 6:57 PM
To: BF Committee
Subject: In support of Maui Economic Development Board's STEM programs

Aloha Committee Chair:

My name is Ezekiel Keanini and I am a third grader at Pukalani Elementary School. I would like to support the Maui Economic Development Board's STEM programs.

I love STEM because it helps kids bring their science brain to the test. It brings people up towards the next level. It is a fun and easy way to learn stuff like programing, robotics, movie making, and more. I love STEM so much. Please give STEM the money it needs.

Thank you!

BF Committee

From: HotelExecutive <benedict.cummins@hotelexecutive.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2018 10:04 PM
To: maui@hvcb.org
Cc: BF Committee
Subject: feedback

Hi, I just saw this on my facebook, and it's true... as a 10 year resident of Maui I have to say you need to start figuring out a better strategy because you currently have far too many people coming to Maui and the infrastructure cannot support all of us comfortably.

- The Piilani Highway is now just like Highway 101 in California, people are driving fast and recklessly, and road accidents have increased.
- Traffic build-up is becoming a headache in Makawao and Paia.
- Road rage is escalating because there is too much traffic.
- There is NO parking in Paia anymore. I have to sit and wait 30 minutes on average for a park during business hours. Most times I give up.
- There is no food left at Mana Grocery. Prepared foods sell out quickly to the tourists, so the locals are going without.
- Tourist are spraying toxic sunscreen all over the beaches. This has really bad consequences for marine environments, as well as those people who breathe in the fumes. You need to ban aerosol sunscreens.
- The drive to Hana used to be something to look forward to. Now, similar to having to drive to the southside it's becoming something I dread to do because the traffic is too aggressive. Additionally there are TOO MANY tourist buses going to Hana. There is no room on the roads for these tourist buses and they are a hazard. They also make the drive unbearable!
- Why do we have trucks constantly going up and down Piiholo Road in Olinda blasting their horns all the time? This is a real pain in the neck for residents.

These are my more notable experiences, there are many more subtle indications that there are too many people on island these days. It's just common sense that you need a better strategy, but you also have Oahu to look at as an example. Is this where we're heading?

What is the optimum carrying capacity for Maui at this time?

Regards,

Benedict Cummins
Publisher
HotelExecutive
www.HotelExecutive.com

The Maui Visitors Bureau gets \$4 Million of our County budget to promote more tourism for Maui

This \$4mill in public funds is used almost entirely for advertising and market research, to increase Maui's tourism numbers.

We are past our carrying capacity. Our infrastructure is failing. We must prioritize funding for traffic, water and sewer improvements and focus aggressively on housing for residents.

please email:
bf.committee@mauicounty.us



Ask the Maui County Council to DEFUND the Maui Visitor's Bureau, and redirect that funding to vital infrastructure improvements that will promote the creating of workforce housing.

Maui Rise Up

Yesterday at 2:55pm · 🌐

👍 Like Page

Why does the County of Maui continue to give the Maui Visitors Bureau \$4 million of public funds every year to keep driving up our tourist numbers?

It's completely unnecessary.

Maui continues to break tourism records, in numbers and spending, and the growth is projected to continue.

Even without the Maui Visitors Bureau, Maui gets plenty of attention. Plus, the Hawai'i Tourism Association has been very vocal about the fact that they are aggressively adding flights and pushing tourists to neighbor islands because Oahu is at capacity...all with zero input from the actual residents of the neighbor islands who are already struggling with housing, water quality and traffic.

ENOUGH.

BF Committee

From: cantik20hi@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2018 10:09 PM
To: BF Committee

04/03/2018

Aloha Maui County Councilmembers,

My Name is Marlinda Caminos, I live in Kihei town. I am writing to you, to request that you fund Common Ground Collective (CGC) in the 2019 County Budget. CGC will be providing services to the community that will benefit myself and many others. Our small island needs to invest in food security, and economic opportunities, to be a healthy and thriving community. Please consider my request to support this much needed organization so that residents like myself, may benefit from their much-needed services.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,

Sincerely,
Marlinda Caminos
cantik20hi@yahoo.com
15 Kulanihakoi . Kihei HI, 96753
Sent from my Verizon LG Smartphone

BF Committee

From: Travis Bradburn <mauidodgeball@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2018 10:15 PM
To: BF Committee
Subject: BF-1 Testimony

4-3-18

Aloha Maui County Councilmembers,

My Name is Travis Bradburn, I live in Haiku. I am writing to you, to request that you fund Common Ground Collective (CGC) in the 2019 County Budget. CGC will be providing services to the community that will benefit myself and many others. Our small island needs to invest in food security, and economic opportunities, to be a healthy and thriving community. Please consider my request to support this much needed organization so that residents like myself, may benefit from their much-needed services.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,

Sincerely,
Travis Bradburn
[Maidodgeball@gmail.com](mailto:mauidodgeball@gmail.com)

BF Committee

From: Lee Cone <lgcone@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2018 7:50 AM
To: BF Committee
Subject: Please do not impose a 23 cent /gallon tax on Pacific Biodiesel

I strongly oppose placing a 23 cent per gallon tax on Pacific Biodiesel products. Pacific Biodiesel is a leader in our Maui Community for sustainable agriculture and renewable energy. They have received Island wide praise as a model business for Maui and an inspiration to the community. Imposing this tax is therefore counterproductive and more important, punitive, a punishment this fine business does not deserve.

Do not threaten the livelihood of a business that other Maui businesses look up to and would do well to emulate.

Sincerely,

Lee Cone
1090 Kupulau Drive
Kihei, HI 96753

Sent from my iPad

BF Committee

From: Colibrí Carvallo <colibricarvallo@protonmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2018 8:43 AM
To: BF Committee
Subject: BF-1 Support

4 April 2018

Aloha Maui County Councilmembers,

My Name is Colibri Carvallo and I live in Keokea. I am writing to you to request that you fund Common Ground Collective (CGC) in the 2019 County Budget. CGC will be providing services to the community that will benefit myself and many others. Common Ground Collective will utilize regenerative farming methods to strengthen our soils and our food systems. I feel that this service is really needed in our community, please fund them. Our small island needs to invest in food security, and economic opportunities, to be a healthy and thriving community. Please consider my request to support this much needed organization so that residents like myself may benefit from their much-needed services. I'm in full support of their project and would love to hear that you are, too!

Thank you in advance for your consideration,

Sincerely,
Colibri Carvallo
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306 Kamaole Rd.
Kula, HI 9670

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BF Committee

From: jdgordon1975@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2018 9:59 AM
To: BF Committee
Subject: Maui Nui Botanical Garden Budget

April 5, 2018

Budget and Finance Committee, Maui County Council
Budget Chairman, Riki Hokama
200 South High St., 8th Floor
Wailuku, HI 96793

Aloha Members of the Council:

I am writing to urge you to support Mayor Arakawa's FY2019 budget request for Maui Nui Botanical Gardens. I am a Master Gardener on Maui and support the partnership we have with MNBG. I have attended a number of programs presented by the MNBG and really appreciate the care and leadership the garden team provides.

MNBG is an accessible place for students of botany and Hawaiian culture to learn plant identification and experiment with traditional uses. The elementary thru high school students who attend field trips and events with their family are gaining knowledge about our Hawaiian culture which can't be learned many other places.

Debi Gordon
Certified Master Gardener Maui