

Resolution

No. 23-239

URGING THE ADMINISTRATION TO DEVELOP A
COMPREHENSIVE NEEDS ASSESSMENT
REPORT ON THE NUMBER OF HOUSING UNITS
NEEDED AND THE AREA MEDIAN INCOMES
OF THOSE DISPLACED FROM AUGUST 2023
MAUI WILDFIRES

WHEREAS, the August 2023 Maui wildfires in Lahāinā and Kula have caused significant damage to properties and displaced numerous families; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Finance reported 2,836 dwellings were destroyed in the wildfires; and

WHEREAS, the area median income of the residents previously occupying the destroyed units remains unknown; and

WHEREAS, understanding the extent of the housing destroyed and the economic impact on affected families is crucial for planning and recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive needs assessment report will provide valuable data to guide the Department of Housing and Human Concerns in its initiatives to address housing challenges in the affected areas; and

WHEREAS, the report will also assist in securing necessary funding and resources to support rebuilding and recovery efforts; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it urges the Administration to develop a comprehensive needs assessment report on the number of housing units needed in the West Maui and Makawao-Pukalani-Kula Community Plan Areas and the area median incomes of those displaced from the fires in Lahāinā and Kula;
2. That it emphasizes the importance of timely data collection and analysis to expedite recovery and rebuilding efforts in the affected areas;

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3. That it authorizes and encourages the Council Chair to collaborate with relevant stakeholders and agencies to support the report's development and dissemination;
4. That it requests the report transmitted to the Council within 60 days; and
5. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr., Mayor, County of Maui; Josiah Nishita, Office of Recovery, County of Maui; and Lori Tsuhako, Director of Housing and Human Concerns, County of Maui.

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