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Michael P. Victorino 4/1/21
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For Transmittal to:

Honorable Tamara Paltin, Chair
Planning and Sustainable Land Use Committee
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Paltin:

SUBJECT: WEST MAUI COMMUNITY PLAN (PSLU-1)

Thank you for your letter dated March 23, 2021 regarding the Enhanced Hurricane Protection Area ("EHPA") standards for community centers. Please see requested information below:

1. *Will all existing community centers be upgraded to meet EHPA Category 3 standards? Please also indicate whether new community centers will be constructed to meet a higher EHPA Category.*

The Department is planning to develop a long-term strategy for both community centers and gymnasiums. As part of this strategy, we will have a clearer direction of how our facilities can meet the emergency needs of all residents within Maui County. Additionally, the Office of Climate Action, Sustainability and Resilience is working on a resilience hub pilot project initiative in which several community centers have been identified. There may be possible upgrades that could be pursued in making these sites more hurricane resistant.

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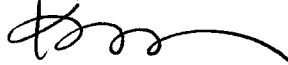
All new community centers will need to comply with the building code requirements in Maui County Code 16.26B.423 – State and County Owned High Occupancy Buildings Design Criteria for Enhanced Hurricane Protection Areas.

2. *Did the Department consult with the Maui Emergency Management Agency to determine the appropriate EHPA Category for all community centers?*

We will be working with the Maui Emergency Management Agency during the long-term strategy process to ensure that the appropriate EHPA Category is identified for both community centers and gymnasiums.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Ext. 7385.

Sincerely,



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Director of Parks and Recreation

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