

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** allenvivian <cubypeanut@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 9:05 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** County funds for land trust

Dear Budget and Finance Committee,

I am writing to express support for budgeting the maximum amount of monies for future purchase of Hawaii lands for placement into trust. Preservation and protection of Hawaiian lands and resources are very important for the community of Hana and Maui County as a whole.

I also encourage a long term approach to identifying and prioritizing future funding and acquisition of Island resources for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Allen Greenfield  
248-8555

## BF Committee

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**From:** Na Hale O Maui <natalie@nahaleomaui.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 12:21 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** FW: Support letter to Budget & Finance for \$1 Million for Na Hale O Maui

**From:** Andrea Sisouvong [mailto:petitsoleil.maui@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 12:16 PM  
**To:** info@nahaleomaui.org  
**Subject:** Support letter to Budget & Finance

To Hon. Rikki Hokama, Chair Budget & Finance Committee 200 S. High Street  
Wailuku, HI 96793

Reg. \$1,000,000 for Housing and Land Enterprise of Maui,  
Na Hale O Maui Kahoma Homes

Aloha Chair Hokama and Members of the Budget & Finance Committee,

We are a Ohana of Five and live in Wailuku.

My Husband works at the Westin KORV and commutes daily from Wailuku to Kaanapali.

His commutes can take up to 3 hours daily.

On a good day without any street / weather accident. We are asking for your support for  
Na Hale O Maui's request for \$1 million from the Affordable Housing Fund to help fund the Kahoma Homes.

Lahaina has the least amount of affordable houses here on Maui. We need more affordable options for Maui  
residents, we have so many family / friends leaving Maui because of the shortage of affordable Rental and  
affordable Real estate.

We want the opportunity to be part of the amazing NHOM ohana with these 12 homes.

These homes will be safe, secure homes for Maui's workforce. We will be able to:

Live in the district where we work;

have our children attend school where we live (and not on the other side of the Pali)

stop driving over the Pali to and from work.

Mahalo Nui for your help and support,

Andrea & Lavy Sisouvong



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**From:** Andrew Beerer <andrew@alohabydesign.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 1:17 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** DHHC – Grant Proposal - Pu'uhonua Drop-in Center and Respite Homeless Shelter.

Re: County Council Budget Hearing 04-17-18

Testimony In support of:  
DHHC – Grant Proposal - Pu'uhonua Drop-in Center and Respite Homeless Shelter.

The Kihei community could really use the daytime drop-in type of facility and resources described in the grant. The correct location will need to be considered, but the concept would be a welcome first step. Hopefully this center could encourage more of the homeless population to accept case management services.

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## BF Committee

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**From:** Ashlee Chapman <achapman@myfs.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 11:05 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Written testimony for budget hearing - 4/17/18 - relating to Maui County Liquor Commission & DHHC  
**Attachments:** 2018 Budget Committee Hearing testimony - Ashlee Chapman - Maui Coalition for Drug-Free Youth.docx

Good day Budget and Finance Committee,

I wish to submit written testimony for the budget hearing scheduled for 4/17/18 relating to funds provided from the Maui County Liquor Commission and the Department of Housing and Human Concern to the Maui Coalition for Drug-Free Youth to address underage drinking in Maui County. The attached letter is my testimony.

Thank you, Budget Chair Hokama and Committee members

If there are any questions regarding the Coalition, utilization of funds, or data related to youth substance use please contact me.

### Ashlee Chapman, MSW

Coalition Coordinator

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April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Budget and Finance Committee  
Testimony regarding funds from Maui County Liquor Commission & DHHC

Good morning Budget Chair Hokama and council members. My name is Ashlee Chapman and I am speaking on behalf of the Maui Coalition for Drug-Free Youth, housed under Maui Youth & Family Services, Inc. I wish to thank the Maui County Liquor Commission and the Department of Housing and Human Concern who provide vital resources to the Coalition to address underage drinking issues through education and data-driven strategies that seek to change how alcohol exists in our community in terms of accessibility to youth and associated community risk factors.

Underage drinking continues to be an issue for Maui County with about 30% of HS students consuming alcohol and we continue to see high rates of binge drinking among our middle school students. The primary objective of these funds is to provide education and resources to youth and adults that seek to reduce underage drinking and associated harms.

The Coalition plans to accomplish this goal in different ways

- Provide training and education to youth in advocacy and prevention science
- Engage youth in developing meaningful PSA messages for radio about the harms of underage drinking and potential consequences
- Sponsor and facilitate the county's participation in the 2018 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration's National Prevention Week in May to distribute quality prevention education resources to schools, youth and community members as well as resources from community partners.

The Coalition seeks to bring together stakeholders from all aspects of the community to address the issue of underage drinking and the education resources we are able to provide to those stakeholders, as a result of the funding from Liquor Commission and DHHC, is pivotal to bringing those stakeholders together and fostering community collaborations.

I thank you all, Budget and Finance Committee, for hearing me today and I ask for your continued support in allowing these funds to be made available to the Coalition as they are imperative to the work we do to protect the youth of Maui County from the harms of underage drinking and substance use.

Thank you very much.

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**From:** Barbara Hanger <barbara@bjhinteriors.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 13, 2018 11:12 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** maui Lani Roundabout

I support in favor of roundabout for safety.

Barbara Hanger

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**From:** Beth Arnoult <huiowaaoffice@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 13, 2018 3:05 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** Anela Gutierrez BOD (Treas); Kimokeo Kapahulehua BOD (Pres); Clifford Naeole BOD (Cultural Advisor); Amy Hānaiali'i Gilliom BOD (VP); Cliff Libed BOD (Sec); Kau'i Kahaiali'i BOD (Director); Andrea Buckman BOD - Hui Grant Writer; Rick Bissen BOD (Director); Mason Panis BOD (escort boat driver)  
**Subject:** BF-1 Line Item of FY2019 Budget - Hui O Wa`a Kaulua (written testimony)  
**Attachments:** Hui - Letter to County Budget Committee FY2019 line item.pdf

Budget & Finance Committee members,

Please see our attached written testimony regarding the Mayor's recommendation for the Hui O Wa`a Kaulua to be a line item on the FY2019 Budget.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Beth

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April 13, 2018

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Budget & Finance Committee  
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RE: BF-1 Line Item of FY2019 Budget - Hui O Wa'a Kaulua

Budget & Finance Committee members,

Thank you so much for allowing us to physically testify at the Public Meeting at the Kihei Community Center on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018. We felt it would be beneficial in your decision making if you had additional information regarding our budget request.

a) The Hui's plan for the \$25,000 is to assist us with educational programs of junior voyaging for different high school and middle schools in Maui County. As of now, in 2018 we plan to focus on Kihei Charter High School, as part of their school curriculum every Friday of the school year and a summer program with Kamehameha High School. The \$25,000 is a fraction of the funds actually needed, so we'd be extremely grateful for a larger amount of assistance from the County. For example, in 2017, we had a budget of \$180,000 (\$120,000 from the County & \$60,000 matching funds) and we were able to provide a voyaging program with Maui High School, Kamehameha High School, Lanai High School, Molokai High School, & King Kekaulike High School ranging from a one week program, up to a year long program.

b) The Hui does need the funding annually, but we've missed deadline dates in the past. The Hui's vision is to provide junior voyaging programs to all middle & high school students within Maui Nui. We envision providing small sailing canoes and a location to beach and store them for any of the junior voyagers to use on a regular basis after the completion of their program. The FY17 grant from the County of Maui assisted us with getting that vision started; now we'd like to continue and share the Hawaiian Cultural experience of voyaging with the youth of all of Maui Nui. The program has had great results with helping students find a sense of pride and knowledge of the Hawaiian culture, to the point of it helping them graduate high school and become leaders in their community, as well as practitioners of the Hawaiian Culture. We were fortunate to have several of them at the public meeting in Kihei, where they shared testimony and one of their chants with you.

Additional information: The Hui is partnering with the Maui Ocean Center to conduct regular tours of the Mo'okiha and/or Mo'olele, but that program will not take effect till later this year. This program will perpetuate the Hawaiian Culture of Voyaging with visitors, schools, and the community. And it will help provide some sustainable income in the future to help cover administrative costs, including liability insurance (\$2900/mo), bookkeeping and executive director fees.

We look forward to the continued support of the County of Maui.

Sincerely,

Leonard Kimokeo Kapahulehu  
President  
Hui O Wa'a Kaulua

## BF Committee

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**From:** Brendan Stevens <waipalani@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 6:09 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Tax on Biofuels

I was surprised to hear that the Mayor's budget intends to tax the people who are trying to be sustainable, who already pay a premium to use biofuels for their vehicles. When the previous state biofuels tax incentive was not renewed, the cost of biofuels could no longer compete with fossil fuels on a per gallon basis. The direct result was less biofuels were sold, and more harmful regular diesel had to be shipped here and sold. This seems to be a very shortsighted concept that will only contribute to less sustainability for the island. I am trying to do the right thing, and limit my use of imported fossil fuels that damage the environment. This tax will make it all but impossible for me to continue being a steward of the land. I already pay more per gallon than regular diesel costs, If you try to make me pay 27 cents more a gallon, it's just not going to happen, and I will be forced to join everyone else on the island that burns petrochemicals. In my humble opinion, We should be getting an incentive for trying to use less fossil fuels, instead of a tax. What happened to the mayor's vision of a sustainable Maui, that he was just bragging about at the energy conference? He should be ashamed for even entertaining this poor idea in the first place. I hardly ever see anyone when I go to fill up my tank at Pacific Biodiesel. This tax seems like a great way to kill off Biodiesel for good. How about a quarter of a percent tax on regular gas instead, that would make much more revenue, and perhaps get more people thinking about using biofuels instead of harmful/wasteful fossil fuels.

Don't forget to be Pono.

Sincerely,

Brendan Stevens

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**From:** Brent Brocksome <brentboise@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 8:25 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** Riki Hokama; Kelly King  
**Subject:** Mayors proposed budget  
**Attachments:** punitive tax.docx

Please find my testimony in opposition to the proposed budget. I thank you for your time and hard work on this and other important matters.

Brent Brocksome

To: Maui County Budget and Finance Committee  
200 S. High Street  
Wailuku HI 96793

April 16, 2018

RE: Opposition to punitive tax increase

My name is Brent Brocksome and I reside at 4315 E Waiola Loop, Kihei. I have owned a second home here in Maui, off and on, for about 20 years. I recently sold a business on the mainland, sold my condo here and built a new home in Wailea Golf Vistas.

I am a part time, non resident property tax payer, and I usually spend 5 to 6 months per year here on Maui. I am unable to move here full time because of family and health considerations and I am not fully retired. While we are part time users of the infrastructure, my family and friends visiting fully support the local economy.

I am a former member of the Idaho legislature and a former committee member of the Finance and Appropriations Committee. I have knowledge of our Idaho budget process but lack a complete understanding of your process here. Please forgive my ignorance.

I write to voice my opposition to the Mayors budget and specifically his proposed revenue stream. The modification of the property tax multiplier, according to his calculations, would substantially increase property taxes for me and other property tax payers like me.

The proposal is draconian in that the rate per thousand jumps so dramatically. In my personal case, the new rate would raise my property tax by \$14,933.00. This would be in addition to the current tax. In 2016, I paid \$26,381.00 and in 2017, I paid 28,155.00. The additional tax pushes my property tax to over \$41,000.00 per year, at the current appraisal of \$4,971,600.00. For me, this is an unrealistic number.

I was fully aware of the property taxes when I started my home construction almost five years ago. Although the assessed value can always be questionable, the part time property owners tax was known and I planned financially for the next several years. In my opinion, this tax is unfair, but that is the policy and I was fully aware of it.

However this proposed increase is so substantial, that I must voice my concern and objection.

#### TAX POLICY AND RELATED

The Mayor may have obtained his proposed property revenue enhancement proposal from a document entitled An Analysis of Real Property Taxes in Hawaii. This document was authored by The Department of Business Economic Development and Tourism. It is dated March 2017. This report provides a blue print to increase revenue by property taxation. The report states that the property tax burden for state owners in Maui is .56 and for out of state owners it is 1.05. The

report states that property tax is the most stable form of taxation and it is acceptable because the property tax is fully deductible on the Federal tax return. Further the report states that supply and demand would not be affected because of the deductibility of the tax. However, the report also stated that the impact on real property tax on real estate investments, housing and supply and demand will be examined at some future date.

Because the new Federal tax law recently signed into law limits the property tax deduction at \$10,000, the report and the proposed property tax modification and increases are flawed. This NEW fact will have long term consequences for the second home owner and new buyer even without the proposed increase. I also realize that the budget may have been formulated prior to the passage of new federal tax law limiting the deduction. Our current economic expansion will not last forever and now with the passage of the federal tax law limitation, second home ownership is somewhat fragile. Any activity that will discourage the second home buyer will damage the local economy and will surely have unintended consequences.

#### BUDGET

The proposed budget requests a 9.4% increase in property taxes, a substantial number. The increase would fund ongoing expenses as well as add some 79 new full time equivalent employees, 61 funded by the general fund. At a time when the unfunded liability for retirees is serious, adding additional employees is questionable, although I cannot speak to the specifics in police, fire, environment and of course management (administration) requests.

On page 85 of the budget report is the summary of the revenue and expenditures. Of interest are two line items that distort the readers perception of the budget increase: the intergovernmental credit of 60%, compared to last year, and the bonding increase of over 183%. As always, the devil is in the details. I am not knowledgeable about the transfer matter but I assume the bonding is for the Wailuku center. The State of Hawaii provides incremental funding for some projects and this concept could have merit for the 81 million proposal.

If allowed to continue and grow unharmed, the growth in new residential construction along with commercial construction as noted on page 45 of the report, will provide substantial new revenue. That growth in residential permits alone is near 40%. The unemployment rate is below 2% and this is because of the robust construction activity. This growth will pay the way for an increase in the general fund. The policy makers have been prudent in the past as both new construction and increased appraised values allowed for increase in expenditures. Please continue on with this approach as the Mayors proposed modification of the rate structure could kill the continued growth and revenue stream as noted above.

The proposed modifier increasing my property tax rate from 5.54 to 8.31 is punitive and will slow and stop out of state owners from purchasing second home properties.

We all contribute to the property tax general fund, but we all also support the local economy with family and friends visiting. We buy cars, eat at local restaurants, visit all the attractions, and spend a lot of money. The local economy is dependent on all of us collectively, to keep it growing.

Please keep the rates and modifiers the same as this tax year and allow the current healthy expansion to fuel the income necessary.

Brent Brocksome  
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**From:** Carrie DeMott <carrie.j.demott@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 14, 2018 9:49 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** info@nahaleomaui.org  
**Subject:** Support of Na Hale O Maui

April 14, 2018

Hon. Rikki Hokama, Chair Budget & Finance Committee  
200 S. High Street Wailuku, HI 96793

Re: \$1,000,000 for Housing and Land Enterprise of Maui, dba Na Hale O Maui Kahoma Homes

Dear Chair Hokama and Members of the Budget & Finance Committee,

I am writing to ask for your support for Na Hale O Maui's request for \$1 million from the Affordable Housing Fund to partially fund the Kahoma Homes project in Lahaina that has the least amount of affordable housing on Maui. Many renters on Maui live in overcrowded conditions and pay more than 50% of their income for housing costs. Mine is actually close to 80%.

I have been on the Na Hale O Maui list for a few years now, and would of been up for one of the Kahoma homes. I had been teaching on the West Side for over 10 years but had to leave my job there to move central and teach upcountry. The school I use to work at, now has 8 openings! The teachers cannot afford to live on the West Side, where 1 in 3 homes are now rented as vacation rentals. I do have a friend over there though, who teaches, who would benefit. (Maui wide it is 1 in 8).

I will not benefit from this Kahoma project but the community will, and we need to save our communities. We need actively involved and skilled long-term residents to monitor the health of our local society and ecology. I am hoping to some day have the opportunity, closer to where I now teach.

Currently, I am living in what one would call a slum lord's home. I pay \$2200 to live behind a halfway house in central Wailuku. I have had homeless people come to my door, with my 6 year old there, have a woman who screams curse words below my son's bedroom on a daily basis, and am dealing with a mold issue that was caused by a sewage overflow.....That overflow contributed to the horrid leak in my laundry room that is now a crumbling wall with black mold. It was supposed to be fixed prior to us moving in in May of 2017. My lungs hurt. I am depressed that I cannot give my son a decent home. I have little to no recourse.

I am living like this - as a master level teacher of Science and place-based education, an active member in our community trying to preserve our environment and Hawaiian culture - with a career of 20 years and a double master's degree. I also have been recognized by the mayor as one of the top 5 women in technology giving back to the community, provide professional development to educators, and facilitate life saving skills to others as a CPR/First-Aid instructor.

We are currently debating leaving the island. I cannot breath - my son is scared to go outside. I want a safe home. Our communities need ACTUAL contributing citizens living in them.

Please support Na Hale O Maui's mission to provide quality and affordable housing to members of our greater 'ohana. Even if I never get to benefit from this program, I believe in it strongly. I know one family who was able to get a home, one is a teacher and volunteer volleyball coach, year-round. They have 3 kids. They get to

raise their children in a neighborhood that they feel proud in, not scared. My neighbors actually have close to 10 people living in their home. They live in a neighborhood where kids can play outside safely.

I apologize for the rant, but I have been on Craigslist for months trying to escape my black-mold sewage home and prices have doubled. Good people are leaving the islands. We need to support our communities and programs like Na Hale O Maui desperately.

Feel free to contact me via e-mail ([cdemott@cardenmaui.org](mailto:cdemott@cardenmaui.org)) or call 808-344-5164. I would be happy to discuss this further, I just cannot take off work to attend meetings.

Kindly,

Ms. Carrie DeMott

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**From:** Carrie DeMott <carrie.j.demott@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 7:18 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** Na Hale O Maui  
**Subject:** Na Hale Support and Vital need for our governance to support our communities

Hon. Rikki Hokama,  
Chair Budget & Finance Committee  
200 S. High Street Wailuku, HI 96793

Re: \$1,000,000 for Housing and Land Enterprise of Maui, dba Na Hale O Maui Kahoma Homes

Dear Chair Hokama and Members of the Budget & Finance Committee,

We ask for your support for Na Hale O Maui's request for \$1 million from the Affordable Housing Fund to partially fund the Kahoma Homes project in Lahaina that has the least amount of affordable housing on Maui.

I wrote a letter earlier - had some more time to ruminate on it. There are people living in horrid situations that spend their weekends volunteering to save our valuable cultural and ecological resources. It is a mixed group of native Hawaiians and transplants who are dedicated to preserving our local resources, which are vital on a global scale.

Water levels are rising - our ground water will become unusable...our sewage plants, are antiquated and fighting court issues (expensive) to try to get out of breaking the Clean Water Act. I know MULTIPLE people with scientific backgrounds who volunteer their time and work hard to help educate and keep our home from turning into a sludge mess with only a mission to satisfy tourists. 20 million dollar condos going up on Oahu - sewage overflowing in Waikiki....

We need communities here, of people who have the TIME to contribute to their communities. Working 2 jobs does not do that! I have had to go back to working on weekends to try to make ends meet with my teaching admin job. (living in a home that makes my lungs hurt.

The Lindsey family is one of the few Hawaiian families to still be able to own a home on Front St. and they are guardians, with monthly meetings...bringing in expert scientists, local fishermen, volunteering time to educate our KIDS to bring a connection to our home - our deep, deep need for people here to feel not only a connection, but a love and appreciation for our ecology, culture AND our communities. We cannot do that living in overcrowded crappy homes where we are embarrassed...or are waiting a month to get an appointment with Kaiser for some meds to treat the mold issues.

I am rambling. My 6 year old just came in and I need to work on our family night - we love our neighbors. We are living in crappy houses but we have a connection with our people....because it is not vacation rental.

Please help local families live with respect, what they deserve. I can leave....will likely have to eventually due to this issue....but for folks who have generations here? For the people that contribute SO MUCH?

PLEASE!

Kindly and Respectfully,

Carrie DeMott

Educator and Maui Resident.

<https://www.mauireefs.org/volunteers-needed-water-quality-monitoring-at-olowalu-and-polanui/>

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**From:** Na Hale O Maui (NHOM) <cassandra@nahaleomaui.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 12:15 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** \$1 Million Affordable Housing RFP for Housing and Land Enterprise of Maui, dba Na Hale O Maui  
**Attachments:** 2018-04-17 B&F Testimony.pdf

Kindly provide the attached testimony for the Budge & Finance Chair and Committee Member.  
Please call with any questions.

Mahalo piha,

*Cassandra*

Cassandra J Leolani Abdul, RB-10162, CCIM, CPM

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***Changing lives, one home at a time.***

Mission Statement: "To secure and preserve a permanent supply of affordable housing alternatives for low and moderate income households in Maui County."

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April 17, 2018

Honorable Riki Hokama, Chair  
Budget & Finance Committee  
200 High Street  
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via [bf.committee@mauicounty.us](mailto:bf.committee@mauicounty.us)

Na Hale O Maui Request for Affordable Housing Funds

Dear Chair Hokama & Committee Members:

Na Hale o Maui is a grass roots, nonprofit Community Land Trust (CLT), the first and only functioning CLT in Hawaii, organized in 2006 "to secure and preserve a permanent supply of affordable housing alternative for low and moderate income households in Maui County."

Generous grant support from the Maui County Affordable Housing Fund (AHF) and Federal Neighborhood Stabilization Plan (NSP) provided leverage to acquire, rehabilitate and build 33 homes for income qualified island families. Four resales and 1 pending repurchase create additional, truly affordable housing opportunities, demonstrating the effectiveness and viability of the CLT model to steward the land, keep homes affordable sale after sale, and share equity with homeowners.

We note a few of the most significant provisions (emphasis added) of the Maui County Affordable Housing Fund for this request:

- It shall be used for the provision, protection, and expansion of affordable housing and suitable living environments for residents of very low to gap income, including the rehabilitation of existing structures, land purchase or other acquisition of land or property entitlements, planning, design, and construction.
- It was created to increase the supply of affordable rental or owner-occupied housing;
- To provide grants or loans to any nonprofit or community land trust that complies with Section 501(c) of the IRS Code....

Source: Maui County Code Chapter 3.35 (in part)

Na Hale O Maui, has the opportunity to build 12 new truly affordable homes in West Maui, arguably one of the most expensive areas for our island workforce. Eight of the homes will be sold to families earning from 80-100% of the Maui County Area Median Income (AMI) and 4 homes to families earning from 101-120% of AMI.

We are aware that the majority of previously funded affordable and workforce projects properties have gone to market prices after relatively short deed restricted periods. The

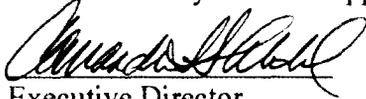
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Budget & Finance Committee  
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good news is that NHOM homes never go to market. Subsidies provided to NHOM will remain with the property in perpetuity, buyer after buyer, generation after generation. Perpetuity means that our community will not be required to periodically reinvest additional funds to maintain the number of affordable homes available to other income qualified families.

No one disputes the critically needed for housing, especially affordable and workforce housing, in our community. This information is well documented at every level of State and County Government and the private sector. We have an opportunity to add twelve new truly affordable homes to Maui County's affordable housing inventory.

We respectfully request that the Budget and Finance Committee continue to support the creation of additional affordable and workforce housing at every opportunity, and NHOM's application for \$1,000,000 from the Affordable Housing to help leverage the creation of 12 new affordable homes in Lahaina. Your support will *change lives, one home at a time!*

Mahalo for all you do to support our community.

  
Executive Director

## BF Committee

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**From:** Charles Chimera <chimera@hawaii.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 13, 2018 9:18 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Letter of Support for Maui Nui Botanical Gardens FY2018 Funding  
**Attachments:** Chimera\_Letter\_of\_Support\_MNBG\_FY18.docx

Honorable Members of the Council:

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Regards,

Charles Chimera  
Hawaii-Pacific Weed Risk Assessment  
P.O. Box 983  
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**Hawaii-Pacific Weed Risk Assessment**

April 13, 2018

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## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Chris Lamb <christinehlamb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 13, 2018 8:20 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Support MNBG

April 13, 2018

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Budget Chairman, Riki Hokama

200 South High St., 8th Floor

Wailuku, HI 96793

Honorable Members of the Council:

I am writing to urge you to support Mayor Arakawa's FY2018 budget request for Maui Nui Botanical Gardens. I care about the work the Garden does because while a teacher at Baldwin High my students were able to visit and learn about culture and botany at no expense to the students. The volunteers and staff were always knowledgeable and willing to share and engage the students. MNBG is the best place on Maui for visitors and residents to learn the cultural history of Maui County's unique plants. MNBG provides a place for students of botany and Hawaiian culture to learn plant identification and experiment with traditional uses. MNBG is a centrally located field trip site for more than 1,500 Maui students each year. 588 volunteers contributed 4,807 hours of service to the Garden last year. Please support the Garden.

Sincerely,

Christine Lamb

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Christopher Nakahashi <chris.nakahashi@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 13, 2018 4:46 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Please support Mayor Arakawa's FY2018 budget request for Maui Nui Botanical Gardens

April 13, 2018

Budget and Finance Committee, Maui County Council  
Budget Chairman, Riki Hokama  
200 South High St., 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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We appreciate being able to use the Gardens to/for learning about Hawaiian culture and the beautiful Hawaiian plants. The Gardens is one of the few places on Maui that showcases some of Maui's true hidden gems and beauty.

I care about the work the Gardens does because they provide a tremendous service to Maui and the Maui community. The Gardens is an amazing meeting space to inspire us to continue to do great things for others.

Sincerely,

Christopher Nakahashi  
2610 Haupoa Place  
Haiku, HI 96708

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United States Department of Agriculture

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Re: FY 2019 Budget Testimony from Dan Clegg, CMSWCD

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*Maui Soil & Water Conservation Districts  
77 Hookele St., Suite 202, Kahului, HI 96732*

TO: Maui County Council Budget and Finance Committee

- Chairman Riki Hokama
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DATE: April 13, 2018

FROM: Dan Clegg, Central Maui SWCD Chairman  
Phone: 808-283-4028

SUBJECT: Support for the Maui Soil & Water Conservation Districts

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**Sent:** Friday, April 13, 2018 8:27 AM  
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## BF Committee

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**From:** Diane Carr <aloha3127@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 15, 2018 10:41 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Support FY2019 budget request for Maui Nui Botanical Gardens

To: Budget and Finance Committee, Maui County Council  
Budget Chairman, Riki Hokama  
200 South High Street., 8th Floor  
Wailuku, Hi 96793

Honorable Members of the Council:

Please support the FY 2019 budget request for Maui Nui Botanical Gardens.

Your support is so important to continue the work that has made MNBG a vital part of our community. So many different people use and experience the Garden. It has become a resource for learning, inspiration as well as a compelling place to enjoy yourself among native plants in the heart of central Maui.

I love being part of the weekly Weed and Pot club. We do volunteer gardening, help with events and workshops. Last week I worked alongside a young couple during their first time at the Garden. The wife marveled at the changes since she hadn't been there since she was a child and it was the zoo. She said she never expected it to be so transformed. They are eagerly looking forward to bringing their children back to spend more time exploring all Maui Nui Botanical Gardens has to offer.

Sincerely,  
Diane Carr  
PO Box 1176  
Makawao, HI 96768

## BF Committee

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**From:** E Alberdi <ealberdi@hawaii.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 2:45 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** 'Mike Moran'; susan.foleyatmauicounty.us@gmail.com; alana@alanakay.com; andrew@alohabydesign.com; char@alohaaku.com; chip4maui@gmail.com; kokoroots@gmail.com; jimmon20@hawaiiantel.net; fduberstein@aloha-house.org; Jared.Dudoit@mpd.net; lisa@shareyourmana.org; dimsumnyc@aol.com; moonearthwalker@gmail.com; patriciagmcgraph@gmail.com; patrickkilbride7@gmail.com; Susan A. Foley; tamera.farnsworth@mauicounty.gov; frikum@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Maui CC Budget Committee meeting to be held 4-17-18  
**Attachments:** Maui CC Budget Committee Letter of Support for KHAKO grant.pdf

Aloha,

Please see the attached pdf letter in support for approval of the Kihei Pu'uhonua Drop-in Center and Homeless Respite Shelter grant submitted by KHAKO last week.

Please read the letter aloud during the discussion regarding the grant proposal.

Mahalo,

**ERIC ALBERDI**  
1773 Halama Street  
Kihei, HI 96753  
Cell: (208) 720-1945

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1773 HALAMA STREET  
KIHEI, HI 96753  
208-720-1945

April 16, 2018

Attn: Councilmember White, Chair  
Budget and Finance Committee  
Kalana O Maui Building, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
200 S. High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Via email: [bf.committee@mauicounty.us](mailto:bf.committee@mauicounty.us)

Aloha,

I understand that the Maui County Council budget hearing will take place tomorrow at 9am.

Please accept this correspondence as my **strong support** for the approval of the Kihei Pu'uhonua Drop-in Center and Homeless Respite Shelter grant that was submitted by Ka Hale A Ke Ola last week.

I am presently not on island, otherwise I would be there in person to voice my strong support.

I have been a resident of Maui for almost ten years. I currently live on Halama Street in Kihei and have made many positive relationships with several unsheltered or "homeless" individuals that are part of our Kihei Community or Ohana. These individuals have basic human needs that can be challenging to meet. There are many in our community who volunteer their time, resources and talents in helping to meet these needs. However, the volunteers are in need of support and assistance. The proposed Pu'uhonua Drop-in Center and Homeless Respite Shelter would be a very welcome addition to the community and would provide solutions to many of these basic needs. It would provide a central location for access to these services and also give the volunteers much needed support and assistance.

The good news is that there is a village of volunteers in Kihei that are willing to help those in need. This was evidenced by a strong turn-out for several public meetings in Kihei over the past several months. At these meetings, I observed a resounding request by these good people for a Resource Center. Ka Hale A Ke Ola has listened to our community members and taken the time to submit the grant.

On April 3, 2018, I travelled to Oahu with Councilmember Kelly King, employees of KHAKO and others to tour various developments designed to help the unsheltered or "homeless". We witnessed four different projects – each working in different ways to help meet the needs of the unsheltered. All of the projects have been successful in various ways and are positive additions to their respective communities.

**Approval of the grant described above will lead to positive changes in Kihei and will help bring basic human needs and dignity to the unsheltered members of our Kihei Ohana.**

Mahalo for your consideration,



Eric Alberdi  
1773 Halama Street  
Kihei, HI 96753

## BF Committee

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**From:** Erik <kupuohi@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 13, 2018 3:12 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** BF-1  
**Attachments:** Pacific Biodiesel Testimony 4-4-18.pdf

My name is Erik Stein

I live in Lahaina and I oppose the application of County road tax on Biofuel.

The attached letter from Pacific Bio states all the reasons why.

The reasons clearly stated in the letter attached makes the argument against this tax clearly.

Please oppose taxing Biofuel in Maui County.



40 Hobron Avenue  
Kahului, Hawaii 96732  
(808) 877-3144  
www.biodiesel.com

April 4, 2018

Maui County Council  
Kalana O Maui Building  
200 South High Street  
Eighth Floor  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

**RE: Biodiesel Tax in Mayor's Proposed FY 2019 Budget for the County of Maui - BF1**

As the state of Hawaii propels forward to a 100% renewable energy future, Maui County could be shifting to reverse, again. ***The Mayor is proposing a 23-cent per gallon on-road tax for Biodiesel in the County's 2019 fiscal year budget.*** Currently there is no on-road tax for biodiesel thanks to the County Council approving a 100% exemption of the tax in the FY 2018 Budget.

We need your help to ensure Maui County maintains its support of renewable fuels and continues to support Climate Change solutions. This significant tax increase would be extremely detrimental to our business and would penalize our customers who are doing the right thing by choosing to drive on renewables. Pacific Biodiesel is **strongly against** this tax for these key reasons:

- **In a state committed to renewables, this tax sends the wrong message – it's taxing the solution (renewable fuels) at the SAME rate as the problem (fossil fuel).** There is no proposed increase to the 23-cent per gallon on-road tax for gasoline or petroleum diesel in the Mayor's FY 2019 Budget. However, biodiesel – a 100% renewable, biodegradable, non-toxic, locally made fuel – would be taxed at the same rate as gasoline or petroleum diesel – imported fossil fuel! And, biodiesel would be taxed at a HIGHER rate than Ethanol, Methanol and Liquified Petroleum Gas (all proposed at 11.5 cents per gallon). Where is the support for renewables in this tax strategy? If the County was simply trying to increase revenue, it could increase its current on-road tax rate on fossil fuel by a fraction of a penny per gallon to generate in one year the approximate \$75,000 in revenue that would be generated by this devastating 23-cent per gallon tax increase on biodiesel sold in Maui County (based on our last 12 months of sales).
- **All renewables should be treated equally.** Electric vehicles continue to be exempt from road taxes of any kind, giving them a market advantage over biodiesel. We recommend maintaining the 100% tax exemption on biodiesel until an equitable on-road tax strategy for renewables is developed. This could include, for example, a tax based on total vehicle miles traveled versus liquid fuel consumed or implementing a 5% biodiesel mandate for all diesel fuel sold in Maui County. Many communities and states have enacted such mandates to help build a stable market demand for biodiesel. Over time the mandated percentage can increase. The point is to keep moving forward towards more renewables in the system in a fair manner.

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- **Maui County would NOT be walking the talk of support for a 100% renewable Hawaii by implementing this 23-cent tax on biodiesel:**
  - Hawaii is the first state in the nation to mandate being powered by 100% renewable energy by 2045. Additionally, all of the State's Mayors – including Maui County's Mayor – committed earlier this year to a shared goal of 100% renewable ground transportation by 2045. Biodiesel is an important part of the transportation renewables mix in the state. With this 23-cent per gallon on-road tax on biodiesel tax, ***Maui County would be the ONLY county in the state to tax biodiesel at the same rate as fossil diesel.*** The county where our company was founded and is headquartered would literally be the least supportive county in the state for biodiesel.
  - In this excerpt from the "Introduction" section of the Mayor's FY 2019 Budget Proposal document, Pacific Biodiesel is highlighted: "While the December 2016 closure of the 36,000-acre HC&S sugar operation added uncertainty to Maui's economy, the County is optimistic that the repurposing of agricultural lands will enable the expansion of small farms, as well as the enlargement of Kula Agricultural Park, and facilitate a variety of uses including energy crops, food crops, and grazing lands to support the local cattle industry. *There is consensus that these developments will be important in increasing Maui's sustainability and resilience. In one recent initiative that captured the public imagination, Pacific Biodiesel, which is utilizing 267 acres of agricultural lands for biofuel crops, showcased sunflowers among other oil-producing plants that can be turned into biodiesel fuel, food-grade vegetable oil for restaurants, and oils for beauty products, animal feed, soil amendments and fertilizers....*" ***Why would Maui County show support for our company's "important" sustainable agriculture operation on Maui, yet implement a tax that significantly jeopardizes our business and its many economic and environmental benefits to the in the County?***
  
- **A tax on biodiesel will have a negative ripple effect on Pacific Biodiesel's economic impact here in Maui County and throughout the state.** Our company began here on Maui in 1995. We are a local company creating local jobs and producing our fuel locally in Hawaii that's sold entirely in Hawaii, keeping revenue in the state. Our locally made biodiesel:
  - Is 100% renewable, biodegradable and non-toxic.
  - Reduces emissions by 86% compared to petroleum diesel.
  - Supports energy security and helps reduce the state's reliance on imported petroleum fuel.
  - Creates local jobs. Pacific Biodiesel currently has 100 employees statewide with 20 of those employees right here in Maui County.
  - Diverts waste oils from the Maui County landfill. Last year alone in Maui County, our company diverted 284,000 gallons of used cooking oil and 975,000 gallons of grease trap waste from the landfill, recycling this waste product for use in the production of our biodiesel.
  - Saves Maui County restaurants money. Before our company began, restaurants had to pay \$1 to \$2 per gallon to have their used cooking oil properly removed and disposed of; since 2010 we have collected it at no charge. That's at least \$285,000 we saved local restaurants in 2017 alone and over \$1.5 million in the past 8 years.
  - Supports diversified, sustainable agriculture on Maui through our farming operation that's growing sunflowers and other biofuel crops for food AND fuel AND other high value products – creating jobs in agriculture and supporting energy security and food security in the state.

Pacific Biodiesel  
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April 4, 2018

Pacific Biodiesel is proud to be headquartered in Maui County. We love our community and we are excited to begin many exciting new projects here because we're able to invest back into our company thanks to support for renewables. However, it is discouraging to have to continually defend biodiesel as an effective, economically beneficial renewable fuel to Maui County. We've already experienced the fluctuating impact of enactment and exemption of Maui's biodiesel fuel tax over the past few years: since the tax was 100% exempted in 2016, we have added several new jobs in Maui County. In contrast, when the 9-cent per gallon tax was enacted in 2015, we saw our Maui County fuel sales drop by 12%. This tax will undeniably cause a negative impact on our business and likely jeopardize local jobs if we were forced to close our Hobron pump station in Kahului because customers could not afford to pay 23 cents more per gallon for the biodiesel they WANT to use.

Councilmembers, please stand with us as we stand up for our locally made, sustainable, community-based renewable fuel that helps Maui County and our entire state fight climate change and achieve a clean energy future! **We urge you to vote to amend the proposed increase of 23-cents per gallon tax on biodiesel back to zero.**

If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please don't hesitate to contact us:  
Bob King, President – 283-4102  
Joy Galatro, Marketing Director – 866-5104

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2984 Aina Lani Drive  
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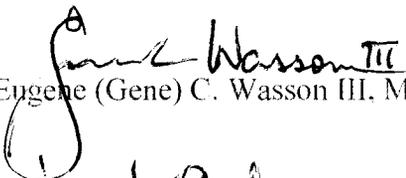
The Gardens are a real treasure and provide innumerable benefits to many of our residents, including Maui students, as well as visitors. It's location makes it so much more useable for all.

It is a remarkable opportunity to understand much of Hawaii's and our island's plant life and a significant aspect of our native culture.

Many volunteers help with the maintenance and provision of other necessary services.

Please assist us in continuing the County's support of this facility.

Most Sincerely,

  
Eugene (Gene) C. Wasson III, MD

  
Linda B. Wasson, RN, LCSW

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**From:** Holly Buland <hbuland@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 13, 2018 6:59 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Support of Maui Nui Botanical Gardens  
**Attachments:** MNBGSuppport.pdf

My letter of support for Maui Nui Botanical Gardens. Thank you for your consideration of this fine non profit community agency.

Holly Buland

April 13, 2018

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The plant sales they offer to the public are an important community outreach to encourage Maui residents to grow native plants and strengthen the islands natural habitats.

MNBG is the best place on Maui for visitors and residents to learn the cultural history of Maui County's unique plants.

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Please do not cut funding for this valuable service to Maui's community.

Sincerely,



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**From:** Jennifer Higashino <jenniferhigashino@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 14, 2018 3:08 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Maui Nui Botanical Gardens

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MNMG is the best place on Maui for visitors and residents to learn about Maui Nui's unique native plants and Hawaiian cultural plants and traditional uses.

The outstanding volunteers and staff show real commitment to keeping the garden running smoothly. There is really a sense of 'ohana the organization brings. Each year Maui Nui Botanical Gardens is getting better!

Mahalo for your support!

Jennifer Higashino

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Jen Mather <jen.mather@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 12:04 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** Info@nahaleomaui.org  
**Subject:** BF-1 - Maui County Budget for Affordable Housing & Na Hale O Maui

Aloha Chair Hokama & Council Members,

My name is Jennifer Mather and I live and work in Lahaina. For the past four years my family of four has been saving to purchase a home in West Maui. Every day it feels as if the savings we have accumulated depreciates as the housing prices escalate while the housing inventory shrinks.

Last year we began the process of meeting the requirements to be placed on the preferred buyer's list for Na Hale O Maui Community Land Trust with the hope that this would be the answer to our own personal housing need,s while also recognizing this would be an option for so many other families that call Maui home.

I implore you to please honor Na Hale O Maui's request for \$1 million from the Affordable Housing Fund to partially fund the Kahoma Residential Homes project in Lahaina. Not only does this help our West Side community, county, and the affordable housing crisis immediately, but it affords a level of commitment in perpetuity that we do not see anywhere else other than through this program.

We have been waiting for the moment when Na Hale O Maui opens the application process and look to your funding assistance to make this a reality for the many families who are finding it difficult to remain here on Maui.

Please, we truly support Na Hale O Maui's request for county funding to ensure this project moves forward with expediency.

Mahalo for your time and commitment to making Maui truly no ka oi.

Humbly,  
Jennifer Mather  
441 Dickenson Street  
Lahaina, HI 96761

## BF Committee

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**From:** Joseph E Gibbs <joegibbs@gibbsinvestments.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 3:38 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Proposed property tax increase

My wife and i have owned property in Maui for five years and have enjoyed our time on island. The cost of living is much higher here but the property taxes have been reasonable and we have felt that the experience was worth the money. The proposed tax increase unfairly affects non-residents. This increase will have negative influence on real estate values and the full extend of the increase will not be realized because of smaller increases in values.

Many people will evaluate the cost of owning property here and will not make a decision to buy because the rates are so large compared to residents. We use half the services on the island and will be paying all most 4 times the taxes of a resident. This is not equitable. Please reconsider your large increase for non-residents.

Sincerely Joseph E. Gibbs

## BF Committee

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**From:** hughey2000@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 7:34 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** info@nahaleomaui.org  
**Subject:** \$1,000,000 for Housing and Land Enterprise of Maui, dba Na Hale O Maui Kahoma Homes

April 17, 2018  
Hon. Rikki Hokama, Chair  
Budget & Finance Committee  
200 S. High Street  
Wailuku, HI 96793

Re: \$1,000,000 for Housing and Land Enterprise of Maui, dba Na Hale O Maui Kahoma Homes

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I am a teacher who works at King Kamehameha III Elementary in Lahaina. Working pay check to pay check, teaching by day and serving tables at night just to pay for a one bedroom apartment didn't make a lot of sense. Before I was fortunate enough to purchase a home from Na Hale O Maui I was paying about \$1,300 a month for a one bedroom apartment in Lahaina. Teachers in Lahaina have informed me, now they are paying upwards of \$2,000 a month for a one bedroom apartment. A teacher I work with makes \$2,600 a month and she is paying \$2,000 for a one bedroom apartment. It just makes zero sense economically to teach on the west side. My administrator informed

me that he has a difficult time making an impact with hiring new teachers when there honestly isn't anyone to choose from. The last two years the state started the school year off with over 1,600 teaching vacancies. I know good teachers who are dreaming of being able to purchase a truly affordable home from the Kohoma Homes project in Lahaina. Purchasing a truly affordable home will be the determining factor that will allow them the opportunity to stay teaching at King Kamehameha III Elementary. If the state is going to continue to pay teachers the worst salary in the country when factored in the cost of living then the County needs to find creative solutions to keep them in those important jobs.

Thank you for your help and support,  
Justin Hughey  
37 Poniu Circle  
Wailuku Hi 96783

## BF Committee

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**From:** Kaili <Kaili@mnbg.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 2:00 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** 2018 Budget Testimony  
**Attachments:** 2018Testimonysigned.pdf

Aloha Maui County Council,

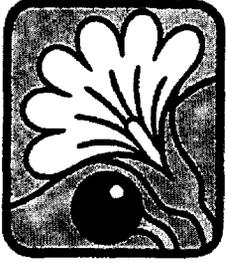
Attached is a signed testimony I've prepared in support of continued funding for Maui Nui Botanical Garden through FY 2019.

A hard copy will be available during our scheduled testimony hearing on 4/18/2018 in Wailuku.

Mahalo for your consideration,



**Kaili Kosaka**  
*Horticulturalist*  
Maui Nui Botanical Garden  
Kaili@mnbg.org  
(808)-249-2798



# MAUI NUI BOTANICAL GARDENS

*CONSERVING HAWAIIAN PLANTS & CULTURAL HERITAGE*

4/16/2018

*Maui County Council*  
200 S. High Street  
Wailuku, HI 96793

Aloha Council Members,

My name is Kaili Kosaka and I am the Horticulturalist at Maui Nui Botanical Garden. I am writing to ask for your continued support of the garden, not only for the staff that works here, but for our many wonderful volunteers who learn and work at the garden. Last year we had a total of 436 volunteers, donating 4,900 hours to the garden. Our weekly weed and pot club brings together volunteers young and old, seasoned gardeners and newcomers, all to practice gardening skills and help to maintain the garden. For many of our volunteers, these weekly get-togethers are a fun social time to connect with friends over common interest. We often host parents making their community service hours to obtain scholarships for their kids or even members of the community who are interested in learning more about gardening or native plants. One of our most critical volunteer groups is the 300+ student service learners coming from UH Maui College. Many of them appreciate the central location and being that we are a Native and Polynesian introduced plant garden, their time spent here directly translates to what they learn about in school. The garden has been a critical community resource for the last 17 years and the county's contribution has had a direct effect on our efforts. Mahalo for your consideration.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [Kaili@MNBG.org](mailto:Kaili@MNBG.org)

Sincerely,

Kaili Kosaka  
Wailuku, HI

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Maui County Council  
Budget and Finance Committee  
200 S High Street, 7<sup>th</sup> floor  
Wailuku, HI 96793

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OFFICE OF THE  
COUNTY COUNCIL

Dear Members of the 2019 Budget and Finance Committee,

I introduce myself as a senior citizen that participates in one of the Department of Parks and Recreation Aquatics pool programs. This group meets at the Wailuku pool, EARLY mornings, from 7-8 am, and we truly appreciate the continued support of this program by the County of Maui. The lifeguards are fabulous, and the facilities are well maintained.

Many of the participants have been exercising at the pool for years, in spite of aging, injury, and health issues. We try to remain active in spite of this. The lift chair, extra railings, heated shallow water, and non-slip surfaces are ideal.

Each one of us has a unique story, of course, but you can be sure that getting motivated to wake up early and get into the pool is a challenge! We also know that the health results are precious, and that we keep ourselves healthy and steady, more than for ourselves, but also for our families, friends, and really, for everyone.

In my case, I have had a recent flare-up of inflammation in my knees and shoulders. This has made other types of exercise and regular movement difficult. A heated pool and exercise regimen was just about all that I could do. Now, it is just plain fun to meet up with the friendly group there at the Wailuku pool.

I hope that we can count on your kokua, and to thank you for your service to the community of Maui County.

Sincerely,

*Kathleen Pang*  
Kathleen Pang  
166 River Road  
Wailuku, HI 96793  
ph. 808-281-2569

**Kim Harter Design LLC**  
**Kim Harter**

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OFFICE OF THE  
COUNTY COUNCIL

April 10, 2018

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

Honorable Members of the Council:

I am writing to urge you to support Mayor Arakawa's FY2019 budget request for Maui Nui Botanical Gardens.

MNBG is a beautiful community native garden built over many years, hosting many valuable community learning events along the way, and holding the Hawaiian culture with honor and grace. A jewel at the center of Maui, it serves our community by being a beautiful gathering place for everyone, for sharing and growing the Hawaiian culture.

As a designer, I rely on their knowledge and beautiful display of native plants. I have been able to incorporate native plants in my outdoor design projects by visiting and studying their gardens and getting advice from staff. Knowledgeable and passionate about their work, they are always willing to answer questions and give advice. Their native plant gardens provide an easy way to see how the plants would fit in different settings. The plants are well marked and placed thoughtfully along easy to walk paths. They often have native plants to purchase, with information about the plant and how to plant it. This encourages people to plant native plants in the landscape, a key step in maintaining Hawaiian culture and protecting native species.

Mahalo for your consideration and kokua.

Sincerely,



Kim Harter

Kim Harter Design LLC  
4234 Hana Hwy.  
Haiku, HI 96708

## BF Committee

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**From:** L.L. Wormser <lucywormser@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 14, 2018 12:59 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** BF-1

To Maui Council Committee

Please support **Common Ground Collective**, which is a line item in the 2019 budget.

- Common Ground Collective can help me harvest the fruits and vegetables from my yard and get them to market for me. I feel that this service is really needed in our community, please fund them.
- Common Ground Collective can help me create, establish, and maintain a farm plan for my property. I feel that this service is really needed in our community, please fund them.
- Common Ground Collective can help me put my land into agriculture dedication, and help me get a break on my real property tax or water bill. I feel that this service is really needed in our community, please fund them.
- 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.

*Me Ke Aloha,*

Lucy Wormser and *Ohana*

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Mark Schacht <email@markschacht.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 13, 2018 3:55 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Opposed to bio diesel tax!

As a Divemaster and underwater Videographer, I strongly urge you to treat bio diesel in a way that promotes its beneficial use throughout Maui. It's just not a rational policy choice to make it more expensive since its benefits are so many and so obvious.

This proposed action is, frankly, unfathomable, and if Maui moves in this direction--and undercuts environmentally friendly Maui businesses using bio diesel--I plan to factor that into whether I come to Maui for business.

*Mark Schacht*  
*Green Divers Productions*  
*CELL/TEXT: 510-812-5399*  
*FAX: 510-528-2653*  
*email@markschacht.com*

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Marti Buxton <mbuxton3417@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 8:48 PM  
**To:** Riki Hokama; Mike White; Kelly King; BF Committee  
**Subject:** Wailea Kai Homeowners Association Board's Opposition to Proposed Property Tax Increase

Aloha Budget and Committee Members,

I am the President of the Board for the Wailea Kai Homeowners Association (WKHA). The WKHA Board strongly opposes the proposed three tier property tax increase in the 2019 budget for the reasons stated herein.

The stated justification for the proposed 50% tax increase wrongfully assumes that homeowners of homes valued at \$1,500,000 or greater, have higher incomes and thus, can shoulder the majority or greater percentage of the cost of county services. This would be an incorrect assumption as far as the homeowners of Wailea Kai.

Wailea Kai was developed in approximately 1985 and is composed of 100 single family home sites in South Maui. The majority of the homeowners in Wailea Kai are retirees, both Hawaii residents and nonresidents, on fixed incomes, who have owned their homes for several years. Since purchasing their homes, Wailea Kai residents has seen a significant rise in their property values, with many homes valued at or near the \$1,500,000 threshold while their incomes are reducing as they enter or have entered their retirement years. Additionally, most recently, several young families on stringent budgets, have been purchasing in our subdivision and are putting in a considerable amount of sweat equity in their homes to improve them.

Consequently, such a large and unexpected property tax increase for homes valued at \$1,500,000 or greater would have a potentially devastating and punitive financial impact on the residents of Wailea Kai in the 2019 tax year and beyond.

We further fear that the proposed inequitable property tax rates will have unforeseen adverse effects on the local economy and reflect poorly on Maui County and its ability to enact laws equitable to all its citizens.

The WKHA Board respectfully requests that the County of Maui find a solution which is equitable to all Maui County Homeowners and without a punitive financial effect on owners with homes valued at \$1,500,000 and above.

MJ Buxton  
Board President  
Wailea Kai Homeowner's Association

## BF Committee

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**From:** Mike Moran <mmmmahalo2000@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 29, 2018 12:56 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** KCA Testimony to committee 3/29/18 6:00 PM in Kihei

KCA Testimony to CC's B & F Committee on FY 2019 Budget in Kihei 3/29/18 6 P M at KCC

Aloha Chair Hokama and committee members. Mike Moran for the Kihei Community Association (KCA) Mahalo for traveling to the South Side for our input

Each year when we testify requesting specific items be funded in the new budget, we are joined by many other very worthy non profit organizations. One way KCA differs from many others we are an 100% all volunteer organization and we seek not one dime for ourselves, but simply ask for our overall community needs.

KCA has been around for longer than Hawaii has been a State. And while it has not quite been that long, it has been decades of asking for the NSCR to be completed, and yes we ask again. We note that as far we can determine there are only a **total of two CIP items in S Maui** currently proposed by the administration, and while pleased that one of these (CBS2309) is for the NSCR, but once again design only, and appears no construction for two or three more years.

We ask for funding for completing sidewalk segments on Ohukai and SKR, so keiki and kupuna and moms pushing strollers can get safely off the roadway. We ask for shade structures at the Kalama park playground. It is blatantly cruel to expect excited toddlers to know to avoid a slide sitting in the sun to avoid getting burned.

To touch on just the single issue of more sidewalks on Ohukai between the Pi'ilani hwy and SKR, a request we began about a decade ago. This week the update we received from DPW,

**“We will be continuing design work on the Ohukai Sidewalk this spring. Work on the Ohukai Sidewalk project was placed on hold to complete additional survey and topo work and because our focus was shifted to other projects late last year. Since we currently do not have funding for construction, it is difficult to provide you with a completion date at this time.”**

So not a single foot of simple sidewalk after 10 years, and no estimate of even completion of design because no funding. Can we get funding?

We believe it is our community responsibility to challenge spending taxpayers money, whether county state or federal, if the result is not the best possible, and especially if it will take even more taxpayer money to fix it. We see that as prudent reasonable planning.

We offer the Kulanihakoi River gulch crossing as an example. We suggested a better and less expensive plan, which is ignored by the county. Others will address this in more detail so we do not exceed the time limit. Mahalo.

Mike Moran President Kihei Community Association

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** mikki clark <mikkiclark@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 15, 2018 9:24 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** Tamara Sherrill  
**Subject:** Funding for Maui Nui Botanical Garden

Honorable Committee Members,

I am sending a quick note to request that you consider funding the Maui Nui Botanical Garden to the full extent of your ability.

This Garden is a treasure for the island of Maui and beyond. I used to come from the mainland in the winter and having the Garden to visit & volunteer with was such a great introduction into Hawaiian culture along with the beauty of the native flora.

Now that I have been full time on Maui, I have had opportunity to witness various groups of children as well as adults coming to the Garden to learn about how to embrace the native plants and culture.

Maui Nui Botanical Garden is truly beneficial to Maui County and is deserving of strong funding.

Mahalo,  
Mikki Clark

## BF Committee

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**From:** Na Hale O Maui <natalie@nahaleomaui.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 9:49 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Support letters for April 17th deliberations meeting, \$1 million from the Affordable Housing Fund for Na Hale O Maui  
**Attachments:** County Budget Letter for NHOM 04142018.pdf

Aloha,

Please submit this written support letter for the meeting scheduled before the Maui County Council Budget and Finance Committee on **Tuesday, April 17, 2018** from **10 AM** for budget deliberations **including DHC grant allocations for FY2019**.

This support letter is for the \$1 million from the Affordable Housing Fund for Na Hale O Maui Kahoma Homes.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

*Natalie*

Natalie Fitzgerald  
Housing Coordinator  
Na Hale O Maui Community Land Trust  
190 N. Church Street  
Wailuku, HI 96793  
Mon - Fri ; 8:30am to 4:30pm  
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To: Budget and Finance Committee  
County of Maui

From: Yvonne Wright and Joe Swartz, MD  
242 Kenolio Rd.  
Kihei, HI 96753  
4/14/18

Aloha:

We ask that you approve Na Hale O Maui's request for \$1 million from the Affordable Housing Funds to help with the construction of 12 homes in Kahoma. These homes are sorely needed to help twelve families in desperate need of affordable housing on the West Side.

I am grateful to be able to serve the people of the County of Maui as a swimming instructor and lifeguard. My husband helps people to overcome chronic pain conditions, allowing them to return to health. We live in a lovely Kihei home that was made possible with the assistance of Maui's community land trust, Na Hale O Maui.

My husband and I were very fortunate to have been rescued by Na Hale O Maui from the predominant Maui predicament of substandard, overpriced, inadequate housing. But several months before that happened, our lease on our cottage had expired and we had to move out. We began bouncing from sleeping on friends' couches to motels, looking for a place to live.

Our financial situation did not allow us to buy a house at typical island prices. We had tried all of the other affordable housing options and had come up empty.

Needless to say, when we finally were able to move into our home on 12/12/12, we were thankful beyond words. This fortunate blessing could not have happened without grants from many sources, including the county.

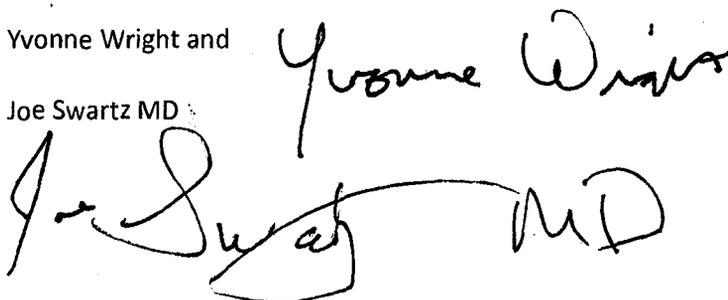
Na Hale O Maui offers housing that is affordable in perpetuity. This is great news for our children and for our grandchildren and so on. It is nice to know that they will always have this house to live in, no matter how high real estate prices skyrocket.

Na Hale O Maui has a list of qualified buyers who have completed the 4-step program and who are just waiting for a chance to own their own home. By granting Na Hale O Maui's request for \$1 million from the Affordable Housing Funds, you will be making a big difference in the lives of twelve families in our community who are struggling to survive in inadequate housing. Please grant the money and give them this opportunity, just as was done for us.

Mahalo for your support of Na Hale O Maui,

Yvonne Wright and

Joe Swartz MD

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is for Yvonne Wright, written in a cursive style. The second signature is for Joe Swartz MD, also in cursive, with the letters 'MD' written in a larger, more distinct font at the end of the signature.

## BF Committee

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**From:** Na Hale O Maui <natalie@nahaleomaui.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 13, 2018 1:45 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Support letters for April 17th deliberations meeting, \$1 million from the Affordable Housing Fund for Na Hale O Maui  
**Attachments:** Support letter for April 17th, \$1 mil NHOM Kahoma Homes.pdf; Support letter, \$1 mil NHOM Kahoma Homes.pdf

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**Michael S. Spalding**

April 13, 2018

Hon. Riki Hokama, Chairman  
Budget and Finance Committee  
Maui County Council  
200 S. High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Re: Na Hale O Maui's Request for \$1 Million from the  
Affordable Housing Fund

Dear Chairman Hokama and Members of the Budget & Finance  
Committee:

As you are all well aware, one of the most pressing problems facing  
our children is finding affordable housing to raise a family and live on  
Maui.

Na Hale O Maui is providing quality affordable housing that stays  
affordable. Our program allows for housing that is provided to stay  
in the affordable pool by deducting the land value from the sale price  
and placing a sustainable \$45.00 a month lease rent on the property.

If a homeowner sells their home, it can be purchased by Na Hale O  
Maui and resold as an affordable home. Homeowners are restricted  
on how much the price of the property may increase and at the same  
time they may share in any appreciation.

Please continue to address this problem by funding this request.

Mahalo and Aloha,



Michael S. Spalding

April 17, 2018

Hon. Rikki Hokama, Chair  
Budget & Finance Committee  
200 S. High Street  
Wailuku, HI 96793

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- stop the loss of family and friends who may be forced to move to the mainland for a lifestyle and housing that is more affordable.

Thank you for your help and support,

REA RIZZA CABADING  
658 FRONT CT. #126  
LAHAINA, HI 96761

(Your name)

(Your address)

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Patrick Conant <plasticcomet@hawaiiantel.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 14, 2018 7:17 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** info@mnbg.org.  
**Subject:** Support for FY2018 budget allocation for Maui Nui Botanical Gardens

April 14, 2018

Budget and Finance Committee, Maui County Council

Budget Chairman, Riki Hokama

200 South High St., 8<sup>th</sup> Floor

Wailuku, HI 96793

Dear Councilman Hokama and Members of the Council

Please support Mayor Arakawa's FY2018 budget request for Maui Nui Botanical Gardens (MNBG). The Botanical Garden provides a refuge for some very rare native Hawaiian plants and serves as a source of propagative material should a native plant in the wild become threatened with extinction. The Gardens also allow the public easy access to see rare native plants that would otherwise never be seen or even known by Maui residents, including young cultural practitioners.

Each annual allotment of funding the County has provided has been more than doubled each year by the staff of MNBG through grants and fund raising, so the County is making a good "investment" in the future for the benefit of both native plants and Maui residents!

Aloha Kakou,

Patrick Conant,

Volcano, Hawaii 96785

## BF Committee

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**From:** Priscilla Mikell <prism3749@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 9:38 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** info@mnbg.org  
**Subject:** SUPPORT LETTER for MAUI NUI BOTANICAL GARDEN FUNDING  
**Attachments:** MNBG.pdf

Aloha e Chairperson Hokama,

Attached is a letter of support for funding of Maui Nui Botanical Garden. Please don't hesitate to contact me if further information is required.

Mahalo a nui loa,  
Priscilla Cabanilla Mikell  
281-1146

Priscilla Cabanilla Mikell  
PO Box 1210  
Kula, HI 96790

April 15, 2018

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

Honorable Budget Chair Riki Hokama and Members of the Council:

I'm writing in support of funding for **Maui Nui Botanical Garden** in Mayor Alan Arakawa's FY 2018 budget request.

The Garden is a valuable resource for the Maui community in a number of ways of which a key attribute is its unique educational value. It serves as an informal and formal place of learning about native Hawai`ian plants. As Kamehameha Schools Maui's internship coordinator, I've referred numerous students to intern and volunteer at the Garden. Under the mentorship of Tamara Sherrill and other Garden staff, *na haumāna* (students) have learn about the propagation of *la'au Hawai'i* (plants of Hawai'i) and its uses. I'm aware that it's also a place of learning for *na haumāna* from the University of Hawai'i Maui College and other schools/programs as well.

Community groups also stage events at the Garden bringing community together. I've also taken my grandchildren there on several occasions to wander, explore, connect with and enjoy nature amidst the hectic pace of urban life surrounding this haven. In this fast paced and increasingly technological world, places like the Garden provide an invaluable link to and reminder of a way of life that makes Hawai'i and its lifestyle special and worth fighting to retain.

It's for these reasons and more, that I humbly request your support for full funding of Maui Nui Botanical Garden. Mahalo for this opportunity to write on behalf of Maui Nui Botanical Garden.

Me ka mahalo nui,

  
Priscilla Cabanilla Mikell

## BF Committee

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**From:** Scott Crawford <scott@aloha.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 9:01 AM  
**To:** BF Committee; Robert Carroll  
**Cc:** Dawn Lono  
**Subject:** Maka'ala'e limu beds  
**Attachments:** Limu Hui 2018.3.19 Save Hana Coast.PDF

Aloha Councilmember Carroll and members of the Budget & Finance Committee,

As a followup to my letter of April 3 and my verbal testimony at the committee hearing in Hana last Thursday, I am attaching a letter from Wally Ito, the Coordinator of the statewide Limu Hui, regarding the importance of the limu beds at Maka'ala'e. This is one of many reasons why these lands are so important and deserving of your support and protection from development.

Should you have any questions about the Maka'ala'e lands and their prospective acquisition, please contact me.

Mahalo for your support,

Scott Crawford  
President  
Ke Ao Hali'i



Aloha Kakou,

My name is Wally Ito. I am the Limu Hui Coordinator for Kua'aina Ulu 'Auamo, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting community driven resource management efforts. As Limu Hui Coordinator, I facilitate a network of loea limu (gatherers and practitioners of seaweed use).

Limu was once and continues to be an important part of Hawaiian culture. When we speak about the traditional Hawaiian diet, people are aware of fish and poi. Many people are not aware that limu is an important third component of this diet. Limu provides the many macro and micro nutrients for a complete and nutritious diet. Many people used and continue to use limu for food, medicine and many cultural and religious ceremonies.

Limu is also important to our nearshore fishery. Limu is the primary producer of the nearshore marine ecosystem using the energy from the sun to produce energy and sustenance for herbivorous fish which in turn provides sustenance for carnivorous fish and so on up the food chain. Uncle Henry Chang Wo, my limu mentor, always said "No limu, no fish".

Uncle Henry grew up on the Ewa shoreline of Oahu. This was a place many people used to refer to as "The House of Limu". Limu was so abundant that at low tide that it would cover the shoreline from the mouth of Pearl Harbor to Barber's Point. Today, there is hardly any limu left at "The House of Limu". Two major causes of the decline of limu abundance can be attributed to the loss of freshwater reaching the shoreline and the continuing input of silt and surface runoff during each rain event. The cause of the loss of freshwater and the increase in silt and surface runoff is the result of the transition of the Ewa Plains from agriculture to urbanization.

Maka'ala'e is still a rich and important source for limu gatherers in the nearby communities. I urge efforts to allow continued access to traditional limu beds for limu gatherers to continue their traditional customary rights. I also urge efforts for the protection of these limu beds by preventing silt from being deposited into the ocean and for ensuring the continued freshwater input to the shoreline whether the freshwater be surface flow or groundwater springs.

If you have any questions on any of the above message please feel free to email me at the address listed below.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wally Ito" followed by a stylized flourish.

Wally Ito  
Limu Hui Coordinator  
Kua'aina Ulu 'Auamo  
Email: [wally@kuahawaii.org](mailto:wally@kuahawaii.org)

## BF Committee

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**From:** Shep Nelson <shep.nelson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 13, 2018 10:23 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** BF-1

I sincerely hope that you will include funding for Common Ground Collective. My wife and I own a small a 6acre farm on AG land in Kula. We have over half the land in Ag use currently, but we struggle to get our fruit to market. Common Ground Collective can help us harvest and get to market. This is a valuable service and helps small farmers and the people of Maui in the market for local produce.

Aloha,

Shep Nelson  
Kaikea Farms  
14 Homestead Rd  
Kula, HI

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Sent from Gmail Mobile

## BF Committee

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**From:** Susan Halas <wailukusue@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 15, 2018 7:43 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Testimony CBS-2789 Wailuku Civic Hub Susan Halas OPPOSED

Testimony in opposition to the CIP Appropriation for the Wailuku Civic Hub (CBS-2789) from Susan Halas of Wailuku

**WAILUKU CIVIC HUB IS BIGGEST NUMBER IN CIP BUDGET.  
IS IT REALLY OUR TOP PRIORITY?**

At \$81,196,000 the Wailuku Civic Hub is the biggest number in next year's CIP budget. The total CIP for the is almost \$215 million to cover 117 different projects. The proposed amount for the Wailuku Civic Hub -garage and event venue - is almost 38% of the total amount to be spent countywide next year!

It's six and a half times bigger than what we are asking to spend on all Upcountry water source transmission and storage budgeted at \$12,500,000.

It's almost eight times larger than all improvements to West Maui Water source transmission and storage budgeted at \$10,350,000.

It's more than nine times bigger than all the money that is budgeted for homeless and affordable housing planning and land acquisition at \$9,000,000.

It's almost twelve and a half times more than all we plan to spend for Kihei Wastewater Reclamation budgeted at \$6,500,000.

It's sixteen times more than all the money we plan to allocate for countywide road improvements: budgeted at \$5,000,000 for pavement, resurfacing and preservation throughout the county.

Tell me honestly that we as a community we want to put \$81.1 million into a parking garage and event center as our #1 fiscal CIP priority? When the rest of Maui looks at these numbers they will be shocked, maybe even angry.

In case you're curious go to: <https://www.mauicounty.gov/DocumentCenter/View/111945> where you can see the allocations proposed for all our CIP needs.

Ask yourself is this really a good idea? The Wailuku Civic Hub is at the bottom of page 3 (CBS-2789)

Here's a virtual tour of the proposed project  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L7kjrQgb3s8&feature=youtu.be>.

All other factors aside, this appropriation is excessive. I will submit additional testimony on why I think more work needs to go into the the plan and it needs to be scaled back to something more realistic. Do do wish to thank Carol Ball, chair of the MRA for taking the time to speak with me at length about this project. I think those who are in favor of these improvements are acting in "good faith," but these numbers are simply over the top.

Sincerely  
Susan Halas  
Home owner, business person, long time Wailuku resident, political reporter.

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Susan Halas  
1939A Vineyard St.

Wailuku, HI 96793  
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(808) 280-9205 cell  
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## BF Committee

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**From:** Tammy Kummerehl <tjkummerehl@att.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 15, 2018 1:47 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** deny property tax increase  
**Attachments:** deny property tax increases-Kummerehl04152018\_0000.pdf

Dear Maui County Official,  
Thank you for your service to our County. Your time and efforts are appreciated.

I'm writing to express my disapproval with Mayor Arakawa's proposed Budget, specifically with his proposed new real property tax rate structure. I urge you to deny this property tax increase.

The extra property tax to be imposed on homes, owned by non-residents, valued over \$1.5 million is astoundingly high. As you know non-residents already pay substantially more in property taxes than residents do.

I am a part-timer on Maui and officially a non-resident...though my husband and I plan on becoming residents in a few years. We own a home in Wailea valued over \$1.5 million, which we purchased 5 years ago. We love Maui. We love the people here. We love the native language and try to learn it. We respect the land.

I find it offensive that, as reported in The Maui News, Mayor Arakawa publicly states that those of us "who own homes over \$1.5 million can afford this property tax increase". That is simply not true. That is a false statement. I cannot afford this enormous property tax increase. How can a mayor give a false fact to back up his proposed action?

The hard working people who own these homes over \$1.5 million are not bad people who need to be punished because they've worked hard in life to succeed. We are the people who:

- Volunteer time for non-profits on Maui
- Donate our money to support Maui County non-profits such as: Maui County food banks, Friends of the Children's Justice Center of Maui, fishpond restoration, The Humane Society and homeless centers
- Support the tourism industry on Maui by hosting our family and friends at their homes
- Provide jobs for gardeners, pool services, house cleaners and window washers

If you need to fund your budget, look at adding a county district sales tax. That would add money to your coffers and broadly pull from all the resources on the island of Maui.

**Please deny this property tax increase for non-residents on homes valued over \$1.5M. It is unfair and punishes those of us who love, respect and add to the value of Maui.**

Sincerely,

Tammy Kummerehl  
Wailea, Maui

Robert Kummerehl  
Wailea, Maui

April 15, 2018

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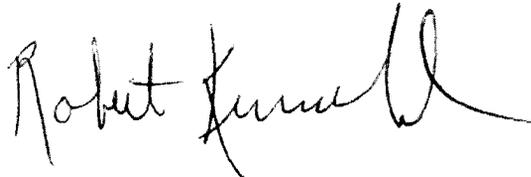
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Sincerely,



Tammy Kummerehl  
Wailea, Maui



Robert Kummerehl  
Wailea, Maui

## BF Committee

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**From:** Tanya Helekahi <t.helekahi@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 2:43 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Hana

Dear Budget Committee:

I would like to show my support for allocation in the FY19 budget from the Open Space Fund for acquisition of 46 acres at Maka'ala. This area, like most of Hana, is sacred and we do not wish to see any of it developed. It would not only have detrimental environmental impact, but would also break the heart of a community that's been fishing in that area for generations...who also have ancestral bones buried there.

I would also like to see our roads improved. For 10 years we've lived in the Pu'uiki area driving over pavement in terrible condition every day for work. It has been extremely hard on our vehicles which we simply cannot afford to replace.

I would also like to add my support to the non profits of Hana that you fund. We must continue to offer these integral services to this community... without the non profits we wouldn't have anything.

Lastly, recycling. Please amp up the programs where you can. I pick up trash off our beaches every week. I see the effects waste is having. Please ban styrofoam and continue to work on eliminating single use plastic. We have several food trucks in Hana and there are large families using these products daily. Our dump is filling up with it and all of its toxicity. At the very least, we should be able to recycle it.

Mahalo for all you do for our community that we love and live in.

Tanya Helekahi

Mahalo!

Sent from my iPhone

## **BF Committee**

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**From:** Jus Sayin <taragrace808@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 13, 2018 9:33 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** RE: B-1

Aloha,

The Common Ground Collective is a much needed service to our greater community. I can envision a legacy in the making. Local people forming an AG project that will enhance growing more food.

Most AG zoned property owners are not farmers, yet would love to grow food & fruit trees.

A service organization such as TCGC... would be a wonderful contribution to the AG community at large .

Mahalo for your consideration of funding The Common Ground Collective.

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**Tara Grace**  
**808.870.1006**

## BF Committee

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**From:** Tiare Ferguson <ferguson.tiare@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 13, 2018 9:46 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** BF-1: Common Ground Collective

Honorable Council Members and staff:

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony. I am writing to ask for your support for Common Ground Collective.

Common Ground Collective is a shining example of sustainable business - it is making use of excess fruits and vegetables that otherwise would go to waste, while increasing local food production and providing extra cash for their members that contribute produce. This is exactly the type of business we should be supporting.

Mahalo,  
Tiare Ferguson Irvine

## BF Committee

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**From:** Tracy Kealoha <tkealoha@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 13, 2018 3:51 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Maui Nui Botanical Gardens Letter of Support  
**Attachments:** Letter of support for MNBG.pdf

Aloha,

Attached is a letter of support for Maui Nui Botanical Gardens.

mahalo nui,

Tracy Kealoha

April 13, 2018

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

Honorable Members of the Council:

I am writing to urge you to support Mayor Arakawa's FY2019 budget request for Maui Nui Botanical Gardens (MNBG).

I appreciate being able to use the MNBG for learning and seeing the unmeasureable amount of native Hawaiian plants and species of plants that they have growing within their gardens. It is also an accessible place for students of Hawaiian culture to learn plant identification, experiment with traditional uses and see first hand what some of these very important plants look like. I have attended community workshops and events annually at MNBG, including Pūnana Leo o Maui's annual Ho'omaui and know that this is a very special place in our community worth advocating for. Therefore, I am urging you to support Mayor Arakawa's FY2019 Budget Request for MNBG.

I appreciate your time and willingness to allow us to show our support for Maui Nui Botanical Gardens.

Mahalo nui,



Tracy Kealoha  
Community Member &  
Parent of a Pūnana Leo o Maui student  
P.O. Box 6368  
Kahului, HI 96733

## BF Committee

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**From:** vkong001@hawaii.rr.com  
**Sent:** Friday, April 13, 2018 7:00 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Strong Support for Mayor's Budget Allocation for Maui Nui Botanical Garden  
**Attachments:** Letter to Council Maui Nui Botanical Garden.wps

Aloha,

Please see my attached letter in strong support of the Mayor's Budget allocation for Maui Nui Botanical Garden. I include it in the body of this email because sometimes there have been difficulties opening attachments to my emails. My apologies, Verdine Kong

M. Verdine Kong  
872 Haunani Place  
Wailuku, Hawai'i 96793  
(808) 268-1414  
April 13, 2018

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

Honorable Members of the Council:

I respectfully urge you to support Mayor Arakawa's FY2018 budget request for Maui Nui Botanical Gardens.

I value the Garden because it is the only place on the island, easily accessible, to learn of the many indigenous and endemic plants of Hawai'i. The staff at the Garden are knowledgeable about the historical uses of the plants and are willing to take the time to explain the importance the plants played in the lives of our ancestors and the continued uses of the plants today. The education provided by the Garden to our young people, residents and visitors, engenders a sense of place that anchors us to our land and instills within us the desire to preserve and perpetuate the growth and care of our island home.

The Garden is a vital asset to our community and to our visitors' experience on Maui. I have taken classes at the Garden in kapa-making and in making dyes for kapa with the use of native plants. I have also participated in lei-making for Memorial Day sponsored by the Kaunoa Senior Center at the Garden. I know that each year more than 1500 Maui students visit the Garden and are privileged to learn of the plants that were born here in Hawai'i. Hula dancers visit the Garden regularly to learn more about the plants we use to adorn our costumes and we hear the stories related to some of the plants.

For these reasons, I strongly request that you support Mayor Arakawa's FY2018 budget request for Maui Nui Botanical Gardens. Mahalo for your consideration of my letter.

With aloha,  
Verdine Kong

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April 13, 2018

The Honorable Riki Hokama, Chair  
Council Budget and Finance Committee  
County of Maui  
200 S. High Street  
Wailuku, HI 96793

OFFICE OF THE  
COUNTY COUNCIL

Subject: KOA Support for Maui Visitors Bureau Budget

Aloha Chair Hokama and Members of the Committee,

My name is Wayne N. Hedani and I am offering testimony as President of Kaanapali Operations Association, Inc. or KOA for short. KOA represents the owners of over 5000 residential, commercial and hotel units at the master planned Kaanapali Beach Resort in West Maui. The Kaanapali Beach Resort, or KBR for short, is a 1200 acre master planned destination resort development which was one of the first and is probably one of the most successful master planned destination developments in the world.

The resort generates in excess of \$2 Billion dollars of economic impact to the County of Maui and State of Hawaii annually. It supports over 6000 employees. It generates in excess of \$150 Million dollars in taxes annually to our county and state coffers.

We believe that now is not the time to cut back on funding for Maui Visitors Bureau for the following reasons:

- We live in perilous times. Uncertainty is the rule. Conventional wisdom no longer applies. No industry is safe from the vagaries of international politics and geopolitical gamesmanship. The repercussions of these conditions can be devastating to any economy in the blink of an eye. Within days of 9/11/01 the visitor industry was reeling from its negative economic aftermath. You need marketing flexibility to respond to those uncertainties.
- It is true that the visitor industry is the largest industry in the world. It is also one of the most fragile. The recent fiasco involving a false missile alert broadcasted to the entire world that Hawaii can be a potential target for nuclear attack. Fortunately it was only a mistake however the message of our vulnerability was broadcast nationwide to our most important markets. Will our visitors keep coming in the future if hostilities increase? Now is not the time to rest on our laurels and depend upon past marketing success. Vigilance is key.
- Maui County's economy rested on three legs in the past: sugar, pineapple and the visitor industry. Sugar is gone, pineapple is gone, only the visitor industry remains as a viable economic driver. Diversified agriculture is a small footnote. High Tech Development while growing nicely is still in its infancy with many challenges before it. The bulk of other jobs in retail, construction and government are dependent on a healthy visitor

industry to exist. How long can our economy stand on one foot without adequate and reasonable care? The visitor industry buys us time to develop other industry. Protect it so it can fund our options.

- We are looking at an \$800M Budget. Not long ago this was \$500M. How much of that \$300M increase goes to support the industry that makes this budget possible? 10%? 20%? If the visitor industry stumbles, everyone stumbles with it. It would be wise to protect and nurture the industry that feeds us. Complacency is foolhardy in volatile times. \$4.2M comes to 0.00525 percent of the County Budget. Less than one half of one percent of our budget invested towards supporting our most important industry is money well spent.
- The world is shrinking. It is changing. Nothing remains the same. Our challenges are greater than ever. Every country on the planet courts visitors. Our competition is not complacent. I can visit anywhere in the world without stepping away from my computer in virtual reality. At no cost. Machu Picchu is at my fingertips. We need to work hard at keeping Maui No Ka Oi and reminding the world of a reason to come here. We need to work hard to be competitive. Marketing keeps us in the game.
- Property taxes are funded by property values. Real estate is part and parcel of the visitor industry. Without a healthy visitor industry property values would stumble and county coffers with it. Protect your single largest source of income.
- Affordable housing has been produced by sugar, pineapple and the visitor industry. Most of our housing comes from efforts from these industries. Now more than ever it is important to prepare housing for the next generation. Work with the visitor and construction industries to accomplish this. The visitor industry needs stable successful and happy employees who have a good future.
- It is easy to point to traffic jams and blame visitor industry success for our problems. It's not that simple. If the visitor industry were properly monitored and confined to those areas which are properly planned and zoned for it, those traffic jams for the most part would not exist. It is the uncontrolled proliferation of unregulated, unpermitted and illegal vacation rentals and uncontrolled "agricultural" estates which exacerbates our problems in traffic, housing and neighborhood impacts. Illegal and uncontrolled activities hurts the visitor industry and grows without enforceable limits. Limits the council can impose.

The challenges are great. Competing needs are significant. We rely on your wisdom and judgement to keep what we have strong while working to diversify our economy. Protect and nurture the industry that allows us to pursue other options. Please do not take success for granted because it is fleeting and fluid. Keep our options open and strong. Work for a brighter future.

Mahalo and Aloha



Wayne N. Hedani

President

Kaanapali Operations Association, Inc.