

EDB Committee

From: Kekahi Coalition <kanakafreedom@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 13, 2019 4:09 AM
To: EDB Committee
Subject: EDB-1: Maui Nui Botanical Gardens
Attachments: MNBG Budget Request 4.13.2019.pdf

Attached, you will find my testimony regarding budget and financing of MNBG in .pdf format, for the ease of printing and sharing. Thank you for hearing the voice of the people.

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Kahala Azuma Maui
Jen Azuma Chrupalyk



Kekahi Coalition

Budget and Finance Committee, Maui County Council
Budget Chairwoman, Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez
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Honorable Members of the Council:

Mahalo nui loa e 'oukou, no ke ho'olohe ia ko leo makou. He mau leo, na po'e o Maui.
'O Kahala Jennifer Azuma Chrupalyk kekahi mo'opuna o Henry Maui, no O'ahu i ka makahiki
1886-1907. Ua ha'alele 'o Henry i ka makahiki 1907. Noho ko'u 'ohana ma Wailuku, Maui
mahope mai 2013. Ke puni nei au i ke kumu a e ho'omamalu ana ia ia me ko'u pu'uwai apau.

MNBG has been an enormous asset to our community at large while providing grounds for many
of Maui's greater organizations to make fundraising events, as well as providing ample learning
opportunities in a well cultivated environment to afford residents, students and visitors alike a
brief perspective on the botanical culture of Maui Nui.

As a student of UHMC, member of MNBG and the konohiki of Hui Lei Ola - UHMC's
Hawaiian Student Club, I can personally attest to MNBG's provision of a place for students of
botany and Hawaiian culture to learn plant identification and experiment with traditional uses.
They host over 1,500 Maui students each year in educational activities that teach native
Hawaiian plants and their uses.

This organization has consistently more than doubled the funding provided by the County,
through a creative portfolio that aids in MNBG self sustainability. It is the duty of our local
services to continue to provide for such a valuable organization within our greater community.

In addition to how the gardens serve the people, they grow and maintain vital plant species that
might otherwise go extinct and cannot be found anywhere else in the world. MNBG is a gem to
the community and we choose to voice our common+unity in request for a sufficient amount of
finances to continue operations of a resource so vital to our community.

With Appreciation,

Kahala Jennifer Azuma Chrupalyk

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From: Keith Apana <pono@onlyono.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 13, 2019 1:35 PM
To: EDB Committee
Subject: eDB-1 Maui Food Technology Center

I am Keith Pono Apana from Only Ono BBQ. The Maui Food Technology Center helps my business and the local community in so many ways.

My business participates In The Maui Sunday Market. It is a great event that helps my business and serves the local community AND the visitors. Luana and her amazing group are always looking for ways to service this community and visitors through this event.

Please continue their funding. They are a great source of information and assistance for this community.

Mahalo,

Keith Pono Apana
Chef, owner Only Ono BBQ

Sent from my iPhone

EDB Committee

From: Michelle Horen <hanaparadisecottages@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 13, 2019 9:53 AM
To: EDB Committee
Subject: Testimony- Open Space Funds for Hana

Aloha to whom it may concern,

My name is Michelle Horen and I am writing to advocate the approval of Open Space Funds, recommended by the mayor, for acquisition of Hana coastal lands. I have full faith that the nonprofit organization, Ke Ao Hali'i, has the ability to conserve the integrity of the land and manage it accordingly.

In my lifetime I have witnessed the vast development of Maui and loss of open land. With much of the Hana coastline for sale, we are at a pivotal moment in Hana's history. Our community, myself included, feels a strong responsibility to do all we can to protect these legendary lands for future generations.

Hana is deeply rooted in cultural practices of hunting, fishing, gathering, ceremony and everything that is Hawaiian tradition passed down for generations. These practices create a strong bond with nature and the land. I feel a very strong connection to this land and I can only imagine how other families feel that have much deeper ancestral ties. This connection to nature is vital for Hawaiian culture and the essence of everything that is Hana. I sincerely hope that you will see the same.

Mahalo,
Michelle Horen

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From: Prabu Segaran <prsegaran@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 13, 2019 8:32 AM
To: EDB Committee
Subject: Kula Park Playground

Dear EDB Committee Members,

As a Kula resident and a parent of young children, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for your time and consideration for a Kula Park playground structure. Our community is far removed from any town or city center, making a simple trip to a children's park a considerable undertaking. The play structure in Keokea is not convenient for many Kula residents, and is also inadequate for children over the age of 5. The park in Pukalani is often overcrowded, and still not conveniently located.

Kula Park would be an ideal setting for a playground structure, and also a convenient gathering spot for our Kula Ohana.

Mahalo for your time and consideration!

Sincerely,
Prabu Segaran

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From: Toni Lawson <tonialawson.esq@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 13, 2019 1:48 PM
To: EDB Committee
Subject: Edb1. Maui food technology center

I would like to request the continued funding for mftc. This organization has benefited many local businesses. Maui gets more support For The smaller food businesses because of this organization and luana Mathis dedication to this community. I have friends with food businesses on other islands. They are jealous of all the support we have on our island.

Maui Food Technology center helps make Maui truly no ka oi.

Sincerely,
Toni Leilani Lawson Apana

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From: Zelie Duvauchelle <zelieduvauchelle@me.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 13, 2019 8:38 AM
To: Keani N. Rawlins
Cc: Kelly King; Riki Hokama; Tasha A. Kama; Alice L. Lee; Tamara A. Paltin; Yukilei Sugimura; Shane M. Sinenci; EDB Committee
Subject: Opposed to tax rate increase for short term rentals

Aloha Keani and Budget Committee,

I own a short term rental home in Puko'o on Molokai where my family has lived for many generations. I stay in a small studio on the same 'aina while renting out the main house. This is one of the ways I make a living. I also do alternative healing work, on Molokai and Maui, and I'm a grassroots musician. The rental income allows me to do the work I really love and that is may "calling".

I oppose the tax rate increase and I propose short term rentals (owned by local folks like me) have the same tax classification as Bed & Breakfasts.

This is urgent! My property taxes in 2016 (before I received my STRH permit) **was \$1,384.56** and in **2018** my taxes were **\$6,743.78**

Now you are proposing another increase, and **I am questioning whether I can afford to keep my family home** with ever increasing expenses. (Flood insurance, Hurricane insurance, Liability insurance, Yard and home maintenance, TAT taxes, GE taxes, etc., etc.,)

I am the last local on Pukoo beach. Please help me keep my family home!!!

Mahalo,

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