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April 11, 2018

Ms. Teena Rasmussen, Director
Office of Economic Development
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Ms. Rasmussen:

**SUBJECT: ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY 262 ACRES IN
PULEHUNUI AND OMAPIO (MAKAWAO) (PEA-71)**

The Policy, Economic Development, and Agriculture Committee is in receipt of County Communication 18-116, from you, transmitting a proposed resolution to authorize the acquisition of 262 acres in Makawao, identified for real property tax purposes as tax map key (2) 2-5-001:002.

May I please request your response to the following questions:

1. The Council appropriated \$1.1 million in funding under Capital Improvement Projects, Office of the Mayor, Makawao-Pukalani-Kula Community Plan Area, Other Projects, Bond Fund, for the Kula Agricultural Park Expansion in the Fiscal Year ("FY") 2018 Budget.
 - a. Please confirm this is the same parcel that was being considered for purchase in the FY 2018 Budget. If not, explain the decision behind purchasing a different parcel than the one originally planned for.
2. Purchase of the 262-acre parcel is contingent on the State's release of \$5 million in funding designated for this project. Why does the County need to approve the purchase of the parcel before the State releases the funds? How can we be assured the State will release their funds in a timely manner?

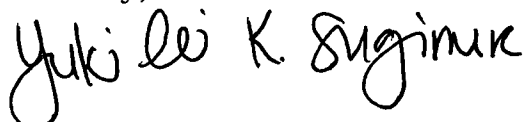
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3. Please confirm the availability and ownership of water for the property. Is there a water tank situated on or in close proximity to the parcel, with appropriate infrastructure to transport the water to the parcel?

May I further request your response **no later than April 18, 2018**. To ensure efficient processing, please include the relevant Committee item number in the subject line of your response.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Shelly Espeleta at ext. 7134 or Clarita Balala at ext. 7668).

Sincerely,



YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA, Chair
Policy, Economic Development, and
Agriculture Committee

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cc: Mayor Alan M. Arakawa