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## PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON

APRIL 18, 2018

THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI, STATE OF HAWAII, CONVENED A PUBLIC HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, KALANA O MAUI BUILDING, WAILUKU, HAWAII, WITH VICE-CHAIR ROBERT CARROLL PRESIDING, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING TESTIMONY ON THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET AND CAPITAL PROGRAM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: This Maui County Council public hearing will come to order.

Mr. Clerk.

## ROLL CALL

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS ALIKA ATAY, DONALD S. GUZMAN, G. RIKI HOKAMA, KELLY T. KING, S. STACY CRIVELLO, AND VICE-CHAIR ROBERT CARROLL.

EXCUSED: COUNCILMEMBERS ELEANORA COCHRAN, YUKI LEI SUGIMURA, AND CHAIR MICHAEL B. WHITE.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK JOSIAH K. NISHITA: Mr. Chair, there are six Members present, three Members excused, a quorum is present to conduct the business of the Council.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

Before we proceed with today's agenda may I please request that if anybody has anything, cellphones or otherwise, that makes noise, please turn it off or put it in the silent mode. We would like to keep decorum in this Chamber at all times.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Mr. Chair, the Notice of Public Hearing on the Mayor's Proposed Budget and Capital Program was published in the April 3, 2018 and April 10, 2018 editions of the Maui News.

In accordance with Section 9-4, of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui, the public is invited to provide testimony before the Council regarding the Mayor's Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2010 and Proposed Capital Program.

We've established limited interactive communication that enables individuals from Hana, Lanai, and Molokai to provide testimony from our District Offices. Individuals who wish to offer testimony from Hana, Lanai, and Molokai should now sign up with District Office staff.

Individuals who wish to offer testimony in the Chamber please sign up at the desk located in the 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Lobby just outside the Chamber door.

When testifying, please state your name and the name of any organization you represent.

Molokai Office, please identify yourself and introduce your first testifier. Molokai Office, please identify yourself and introduce your first testifier.

Mr. Chair, we have 47 individuals who have signed up to testify in the Council Chamber.

The first person to testify in the Chamber is Nancy Kanyuk, to be followed by Teri Freitas Gorman.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: And please identify yourself at the podium and any organization you might be representing.

## TESTIMONY

MS. NANCY KANYUK:

Yes, aloha. My name is Nancy Kanyuk and I am a Red Cross volunteer and I have been asked by the Director of the Red Cross here on Maui to just spend a little bit of time to talk about what it, how it feels to be part of the organization. Mostly I'm proud to be part of an organization that's been on the islands for more than a hundred

years. Queen Liliuokalani was a member, she even sewed a Red Cross flag to fly over Iolani Palace. And during one day in 1917 a membership drive on Oahu resulted in 16,000 new members.

I'm really proud to be part of an organization that's synonymous with disaster relief but is totally volunteer driven. Our members respond to emergencies as large as the ones in Louisiana, Puerto Rico, and Houston, and as small and local as house, as house fires where we provide comfort and even help families find temporary housing.

And I'm proud of our efforts in local disasters like the flooding in Iao Valley, floods and mudslides in Hana, and wildfires like the one in Maalaea in July of 2016. During that emergency our volunteers opened the shelter that eventually accommodated almost 500 people.

And as part of our disaster preparedness educational efforts, we give presentations to groups as diverse as middle school students, seniors, and non-profits. And I'm especially proud of a program that it has been introduced this year called "Sound the Alarm". Since we know that 90 percent of all the disasters that we respond to are house fires and smoke alarms, cut the risk of dying in half, we provide, this year we are providing and installing smoke alarms that last ten years, free of charge. We also provide fire safety tips and can even help develop a home fire escape plan.

So I don't think it's just a slogan to say that the Red Cross is there when you need us, we are and we've been doing it a long time. We, we plan on continuing and so I'm very proud to be part of that.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: The next person to testify is Teri Freitas Gorman, to be followed by testimony from our Hana District Office.

MS. TERI FREITAS GORMAN, MAUI NATIVE HAWAIIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

Aloha, Vice-Chair Carroll and Members of the County Council. My name is Teri Freitas Gorman, and it's my honor and privilege to serve as President of the Maui Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce. Our mission is to promote and sustain our culture, nurturing a strong community of Hawaiian values to enhance opportunities for success in business and education. We achieve our mission, in part, through

partnerships and collaborations with other organizations such as the Maui Economic Development Board.

Under the guidance of their Board Chair Ryan Churchill and President and CEO Leslie Wilkins, MEDB continues to work tirelessly toward the much needed diversification of our local economy. Since the loss of agricultural giants Maui Pineapple Company and HC&S, Mauians are more dependent upon tourism than ever before. Because a one sector economy puts every one of us at risk, one of our top priorities must be economic diversification. A diversified economy is healthier, more productive and more stable.

For more than a decade, we have been encouraging our island-born youth to pursue education in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. While such an education prepares these students for lucrative and fulfilling careers, it also means that we are exporting our best and brightest to other places because Maui has very little to offer these students in terms of quality careers. This is especially concerning for our Native Hawaiian youth who are forced to choose between a rewarding career and raising their families in their ancestral homelands. And my question is why can't they have both.

MEDB's vision is a future in which abundant opportunities for rewarding employment are met by a qualified, resident workforce in Maui County. The Maui Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce passionately supports the expansion of career opportunities available to the next generation of island-born youth. We as a community must invest in the development of economic sectors that are not tied to tourism.

For the future of our own children and for their children, I urge the Maui County Council to fully fund the Maui Economic Development Board during this budget cycle.

Mahalo for your time and attention.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

MS. GORMAN: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Hana Office, please identify yourself and introduce your first testifier.

MS. DAWN LONO: Good evening, Chair. This is Dawn Lono at the Hana Office and the first testifier is Scott Crawford.

MR. SCOTT CRAWFORD:

Aloha, Chair Carroll and Members of the Council. This, my name is Scott Crawford and I'm testifying on behalf of Ke Ao Hali'i as the President of a recently formed organization in the community of Hana to protect Hana coastal lands and, and resources.

And I'm following up on the testimony from your hearing last Thursday, at, out here in Hana regarding the acquisition of lands in Maka'ala'e for, through the Open Space Fund. And, you know, as we're, we're coming together to protect these lands, we're just kind of learning about the process of how the Open Space Fund works. And it seems like the, the first step that needs to happen is to be, is to allocate funds in this current budget to be able to do the due diligence on, for the acquisition of these lands including appraisal and title search.

And so at this time, you know, our request is just to make sure the funds are in the budget to be able to, to put in, to be able to do that, that search. And, I also wanted to mention that in the, part of this, you know the effort that's been catalyzed from the community was from a purchase of, a contract that was purchased on eight, eight parcels within the Maka'ala'e area.

And that's kind of what we've been focused on and that's in the letter that I sent to, to Councilmember Carroll and also to the Mayor's Office, we're mentioning those eight parcels, but there's actually twelve parcels that are all within that, within the Maka'ala'e area. And we're, aside from sort of how the seller has bundled those parcels, it really makes sense at this time to be able to do the due diligence on all of the parcels and consider acquisition of the, you know, the entire area between Waiahonu and Kapia Streams.

So we'd like to make sure there's enough funds in to cover, you know, the due diligence for all of those parcels as well. And, you know, we feel like we really have the support within the community to be able to, if, if the County is to acquire this property to be a good partner with, with the County in the management of these, this area in the long term, similar to the Mu'olea, the model of Mu'olea, which we feel has been very successful. And so want to just ask your support for that at this time for at least the first step to get the process moving. So mahalo for your consideration.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Thank you. Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Hana Office, please introduce your next testifier.

MS. LONO: The next testifier is Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros.

MS. MAVIS OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS:

Aloha, my name is Mavis and I'm here to support what Scott just said. But, we fish and opihi and crab in Maka`alae so it's really important to us to keep that access going and that's about it. Thank you, Council for listening to us tonight. Aloha.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Mr. Chair, the--

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: The next testifier is William Millross. Mr. Millross will be followed by Su-Lyne Kaihewalu, to be followed by further testimony from our Hana District Office.

MR. WILLIAM MILLROSS:

Hello, my name is William Millross and I'm a client of the BEST Program, MEO. And I'd just like to let you know that the program does work. When I got out of jail, I really didn't have anywhere to go for help except the BEST Program that somebody told me about. I went to the BEST Program and they helped me out by helping me get a bus pass so I could get to places, so I could get a job. I got a job, they bought me clothes. They bought me boots, they really helped me a lot.

And now today, this is eight months later, I'm doing volunteer work at the lao Theater, I'm giving back to the community. So, it really works. And they, they are there to see if you really want it. And the people who do really want it, they help. So it does work and they've done nothing but help me every step of the way. I've had somebody to

go to, I have a caseworker. I'd like to thank Bishop and Gerry, they're doing a great job. They're helping people and it does make a big difference.

Made a difference in my life. I turned my life around. I run the oldest AA meeting in Wailuku. So, I'm, I'm back in the community and I'm here to stay. Feels good. And I can thank all you guys for, for helping the program, funding the program, it does work and I'm glad to be here. It's an honor to be, that they asked me, I said yes right away because I feel good about it and it does work. I'd like to thank all you guys for funding them.

It makes a big difference because when you get out of jail and you walk to the highway and you look this way and you look that way, it's pretty stressful, you know, it's like starting all over again and they're there to help you. So thank you all.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Thank you. Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: The next testifier is Su-Lyne Kaihewalu, to be followed by testimony from the Hana District Office.

MS. SU-LYNE KAIHEWALU:

So my name is Su-Lyne, and I'm here to testify for the BEST Program, the Rental Assistance, and MEO Head Start. So I utilize three, I utilize three different programs in MEO and it really impacted my life. It helped me just with my recovery alone to stand back on my feet, become the mom that I'm supposed to be basically.

The BEST Program helped me get my ID, my Social Security card and my birth certificate and for me it just, it's the littlest things that matter because that's kind of how I utilize them just to help me out and just to have those documents alone. If you don't have that, then you pretty much can't do anything out there.

And then the Rental Assistance helped me get my two-bedroom home for my son and me. And then Head Start just blessings abundantly, I'm really grateful cause they helped somebody like me, you know. They saved my son from getting taken away and it just really impacted me. I have a four-year-old son and he loves MEO Head Start, you know. I'm really grateful and thankful for them. Yeah, just keep funding them cause they're doing a great job, you know. Thanks.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Any clarification needed from the testifier?

Excuse me, I know everybody wants to participate, but please the clapping it takes longer and a lot of people coming up to give testimony really get nervous. And their thinking, gee I wonder if they're going to clap for me. So if we could please refrain from clapping. Thank you.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Hana District Office, please introduce your next testifier.

MS. LONO: Our next testifier is Earle Medeiros.

MR. EARLE MEDEIROS:

Aloha, Vice-Chair Bob and all of you Councilmembers. I'm just here in the, asking for you guys support for the, for the due diligence part yeah, I think Scott explained it. So I'm just supporting this. Thank you. Aloha.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Thank you. Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Molokai District Office, please introduce your first testifier.

MS. ELLA ALCON: My first testifier is Ram Olanday.

MR. RAM OLANDAY:

Members of the Budget and Finance Committee, aloha, Chair and Members. My name is Kahu Ram Olanday, I'm one of the many volunteers on Molokai. Much mahalo for the yearly support provided for Festivals of Aloha Maui Nui Style. And I would like to request for your continued support. Festivals of Aloha Maui Nui Style provides community cultural events throughout the Maui County, Hana, Lanai, Maui, and Molokai.

The vision of Festivals of Aloha is to perpetuate, preserve, and experience culture, traditions, art, mele, hula, olelo, language, and aloha for Native Hawaiians and the



greater community. We work to share the deeper meaning of aloha through joyful sharing of life, energy, in the present. Each year this organization creates an economic engine for the community with tent rentals, crafts, food booths, artisan demonstrations, entertainment and many more. These events provide a special occasion where communities can get together and participate and learn about traditional Hawaiian culture and crafts while enjoying local food and entertainment.

Each year, the Festivals present a rare opportunity for older generations to pass on their manao and knowledge to younger generations and help preserve our unique Hawaiian culture. This year, the plan for 2018 Festivals of Aloha Maui Nui Style will continue to perpetuate our Native Hawaiian culture, practice, and encourage community involvement.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to present my support for the Festivals of Aloha Maui Nui Style. Thank you very much. This is Ram Olanday.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Thank you. Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Hana District Office, please introduce your next testifier. Hana District Office, please introduce your next testifier.

MS. LONO: Our next testifier is Nani Park Kaikala.

MS. NANI PARK KAIKALA:

Aloha, my name is Nani Park Kaikala, and I am in support of what Scott Crawford had already spoken of, so mahalo.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Thank you.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Hana Office, please introduce your next testifier.

MS. LONO: Our next testifier is Mary Ann Kahana.

MS. MARY ANN KAHANA:

Good evening, Councilmember, Chair Bob Carroll. I'm Mary Kahana from Hamoa, I'm here to support our President Scott Crawford in addition to supporting our goals as far as saving Hana coasts to conserve and preserve our land. So I'm asking for your help for any open space funding here on the eastside of Hana, or eastside of Maui. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Thank you.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Hana Office, please introduce your last testifier.

MS. LONO: The last testifier at the Hana Office is John O'Hara.

MR. JOHN O'HARA:

Aloha, Councilmembers. My name is John O'hara, I testified in front most of you at Hana last week. I'm in support of the Ke Ao Hali`i non-profit organization of which we are trying to purchase the Maka`alae land. My family lives in Maka`alae and we are native descendants of the Maka`alae ahupuaa. So the land means a lot to our family as well as the rest of the people in Hana. It is our property that we need to keep in preserving our Hawaiian traditions and culture. Mahalo for your help.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Thank you.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: The next testifier is Stephanie Strube-Queen, to be followed by John Dobovan.

MS. STEPHANIE STRUBE-QUEEN:

Hi, Mr. Council. I'm Stephanie Strube-Queen, I'm here to speak in behalf of MEO Enlace Hispano. I have been a client from them twice, the first time it was about ten years ago, I needed information. I was about to apply for my green card and I didn't know where to start. So they were a really good information to like just know what you do first.

The second time was about four years ago, I needed my high school diploma translated to start college here and they were really good help, in like few weeks it was translated, I was able to go to college. Now I'm about to graduate and I was able to volunteer with them at the Enlace Hispano again just doing translations. And they are really helpful, we get a lot of . . . finish my internship. We get a lot of clients and a lot of translations. And I just want to say thank you to you for helping them.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Thank you. Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: The next testifier is John Dobovan, to be followed by Ryan Smith.

MR. JOHN DOBOVAN:

Good evening, Councilmembers. Thank you very much for having us here tonight. I'm John Dobovan, I'm going to ask as usual, I'm the President of the Haleakala Chapter, of Hawaii Farmers Union United. We have about 800 members here on Maui. I'm also the President and founder of Kulahaven Farms, which is Hawaii's first and only commercial aquaponics farm, specializing in rainbow trout. And we are currently developing proprietary technology and techniques that allow us to raise up to 20,000 pounds of high quality food every month on a half-acre of land.

And, over time I hope to spread this and have dozens or hundreds of partner farms doing similar kinds of work. But to do this we need help. I need help, I can't do this alone. We need lots of new farmers and a key component of that is the Farm Apprentice Mentorship Program which was started three years ago by Hawaii Farmers Union United. And, much of the credit for that program belongs right here at the Council because you folks have helped fund this. It's a crucial program for Hawaii's future in my personal opinion.

Now currently, FAM is funded in part by grants from the County. These are administered by the Office of Economic Development. My understanding is that there is consideration of moving the agriculture division to the Environmental Management Department. And, and honestly, I don't quite understand this. You know, there's the old saying, if it ain't broke, don't fix it. OEM has a, has been extremely responsive and helpful, they've done a wonderful job in supporting not just Farmers Union and FAM, but other groups as well, Farm Bureau and so forth.

They have the expertise and the skill and the personnel to administer these kinds of programs very, very well. I'm not convinced that moving it to another department is going to be beneficial. I'm also not quite sure why this would be even a consideration because farming is absolutely an economic issue. We spend \$3 billion a year importing food to Hawaii, that's a lot of money. That's absolutely an economic impact and in my opinion it belongs to stay right where it is. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Any clarification needed from the testifier?

MR. DOBOVAN: Any questions?

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Seeing none, thank you.

MR. DOBOVAN: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: The next testifier is Ryan Smith, to be followed by Stephen Bennett.

(Councilmember Crivello was excused from the public hearing at 6:27 p.m.)

MR. RYAN SMITH:

Aloha, Council. My name is Ryan Smith, I'm the Health and Fitness Director for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Maui. I've been with the organization for over six years and this organization has really become my home. I feel like a father figure to a lot of these children.

I not only do these health and fitness programs for the Boys and Girls Club, but a lot of these children that come to the Boys and Girls Club do not have some family members and, to take care of them, they do not have some support systems. Some of them do not have the, the adequate schooling for teaching them how to play these sports. And when they come to the club, they feel very open with our staff and with myself to learn how to play sports, to learn about healthy living. So my job being a Health and Fitness Director is to plan, develop and implement active, healthy, educational, safe and of course fun programs.

Over the past two years, I've been in the position of health and fitness and I've started club-wide flag football, basketball, baseball, and softball sporting leagues. And I plan to go into golf, volleyball, and soccer. And with your guys help, I mean you guys have been there for us for a long time so I wanted to thank you first and foremost. And while sports leagues are very important, they are not the sole focus of what we do.

I have been doing this all of my life, I mean sports, health and fitness has been my passion and getting to teach the, the youth, really means a lot to me. And I get to see it on a daily basis from members at the club, outside of the club, ones that have graduated, they come up to me and they thank me for everything that I have done for them.

And so, with our youth not all loving team sports, it's also my job to give them and educate them on how to live healthy and active lifestyles. So through educational games, organized curriculums like a program that we have going on currently called the . . . Program and our staff running organized sports on a daily basis and this, and just having our staff and ourselves there as positive mentors it, it really makes a huge difference and I wanted to thank you for all your support.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Thank you. Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: The next testifier is Stephen Bennett, to be followed by Malik Bell.

MR. STEPHEN BENNETT:

Aloha, my name is Stephen Bennett and I am the Operations Director for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Maui. In my position, in my position I supervise basically all of the frontline clubhouse staff that works with the kids here.

So Boys and Girls Clubs of Maui operates six different clubhouses around the island, we serve over 2,500 registered youth members from the ages of six years old on up through eighteen years old. And we touch over 5,000 more youth around Maui through our outreach activities, our community activities. On any given day of the week, we serve between five and six hundred kids in our clubhouses. So those are, that's five to six hundred kids on any given day that would otherwise be, have no

place, safe place to be, where they could receive supervision and all the different services that we provide.

So most of you probably know a lot about Boys and Girls Club, we've been in the community for about 20 years now serving a really important need which is to help Maui families have a safe place for their kids to be. But I wanted to highlight a little bit of what I think are the important things that, that we have to offer currently. So Boys and Girls Club offers more than just supervision. We're in the business of offering youth development, developing the whole child.

So that means for us right now is a focus on three of our primary outcomes, the first one is a commitment to academic success. We have programs like Power Hour, Project Learn, and tutoring where daily kids can come in with, get help with their homework. And they can get supports, that help us with our commitment to making sure that every one of our members progresses to the next grade level and graduates from high school on time. That's our commitment for every one of our members.

We also have programs in workforce readiness and expanding our programs, providing community internships for our teenagers so that we can help them develop real life skills that are going to help them be successful, gain employment and maintain employment so that they can be successful after high school graduation.

So commitment to academic success is one of our, is one of our focuses. The second of course is health and fitness. You just heard Ryan, Ryan Smith our Health and Fitness Director. We are focused on not just providing sports, but also nutrition education, so they can understand how to make healthy choices for themselves and a commitment to lifelong fitness and character and leadership programs such as learning how, the importance of contribution, community service, mentorship, and leadership.

So I just want to thank the County of Maui for their continued support of our programs. Thanks.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Thank you. Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: The next person to testify is Malik Bell, to be followed by Shayna-Marie Manlapao.

MR. MALIK BELL:

Aloha, good evening. My name is Malik Bell. I am the Director of Educational Programs at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Maui. First off I want to thank the board for its continued support of our efforts and our programs. We know that what we do is not possible without that type of support. So we thank you for that.

Chiefly, my role is to help support the academic progress, the grade level progression and the efforts to see that all of our children have the supports that they need to succeed in their DOE, in the Department of Education, that is their regular school life. We see that as indispensable to them becoming healthy, productive citizens of Maui.

I myself am a parent of two children who attend Maui schools and my job, and I see my role as a parent, is to give them as much opportunity, all the kids, all the participants and members of the Boys and Girls Club as much opportunity as I could bring my own. So with that, I use my role to create immersive academic opportunities for enrichment in STEM fields as we know that those types of careers will be the, in the lead of what we need in terms of bringing the competencies, the core skills that will bring Maui into the future.

We also look at career development progress and assisting young people in their high school completion so that they can secure a meaningful, gainful vocation or post-secondary educational opportunities. The needs for these type of support seem to increase year over year and we see our role as being able to serve all of the youth who would find their way into our clubhouses, or who express the need.

We continue to be thankful for the support of this Council. We appreciate the opportunity to be here with you tonight to, to let you know of our needs and our continued partnership in seeing that the youth of Maui are supported.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Next testifier is Shayna-Marie Manlapao, to be followed by Liana Jensen.

MS. SHAYNA-MARIE MANLAPAO:

Good evening, Vice-Chair, Members of the County Council and everyone in attendance. My name is Shayna-Marie Manlapao and I'm a mother of five beautiful keiki. Four go to public schools here on Maui and one is a member, or a student at MEO's Kahi Kamali'i Head Start.

I'm here to tell you that they helped save our lives. We, last October was my first semester, or it was in the middle of my first semester, I'm a full-time student at the University of Hawaii, Maui College. And I'm taking five classes and I was doing very good, I had "A's" in all my classes. And in October I realized that I could no longer afford to pay for childcare for my youngest, Robert.

And, I, I was at risk of dropping out. So I came to MEO, and I begged, and I begged. And I went there 7:15 in the morning and waited until they opened their doors, went into Debbi Amaral's office and cried and I said if you don't help us, who will. And I'm looking at each of you County Councilmembers and I just want to say thank you. Because right now I'm in my second semester taking another five classes, doing amazing in my school all because of your support for MEO. If it wasn't for you guys, where would we be.

My major is human services because one day I'll be back and I'm going to be helping people like me. And if you don't, I see everyone here and a lot of them have been touched by MEO. And, I just want to say that I want to go to school next year and if you guys don't help, I won't. So I just want to thank you and really look at my face and remember that there's a lot of families that you guys are supporting and one day they are going to be helping other families and helping other families. So just remember that, okay. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Next testifier is Liana Jensen, to be followed by Tony Arcuria.

MS. LIANA JENSEN:

Aloha, County Councilmembers. My name is Liana Jensen and my daughter Alesa is a student at Wailuku A. And we'd like to thank you for your continued support of funding MEO Head Start. As first time participants of the program I could not be



more grateful for the help we've received with quality care for our daughter while her Dad and I work fulltime and attend UH Maui College part-time. Thanks to the hard work of the Wailuku A teachers Alesa has grown a lot socially and intellectually, learning to write her name and identifying simple but important things like good and poor choices.

I believe that her time spent there is essential in preparing her for school in the future. There isn't a day that Alesa doesn't have something good to say, which sometimes causes her not to want the weekend off, every day asking me Mom is there school tomorrow, as if it will make it true.

Providing school past twelve noon is beneficial to us because like a lot of other families, it allows us to put in a full eight-hour shift at work and attend classes at UH Maui College. We get the most out of the program with our daughter attending Wailuku A as their hours are much longer than that of the UH Maui Center.

As most know, living in Hawaii is quite expensive. Funding for this program is one of the key elements to helping all of us who are trying to survive make a better future for our children. Please include the funding in the 2019 Budget. Thank you very much.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Thank you. Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

MS. JENSEN: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Next testifier is Tony Arcuria, to be followed by Michael Presbitero-Facuri.

MR. TONY ARCURIA:

Good evening, Council Chair and Councilmembers. My name is Tony Arcuria, I'm the Program Director for Aloha House and I represent the residential and residential detox programs. And we do have a portion of the budget that is allocated for our programs. We want to thank you so much for continuing to support us.

As many of you are hearing there's an opiate epidemic going on, people are dying. And we're, we're really close to the families and the individuals that are really being affected by addiction, in particular the opiate epidemic. So, your funding is really helping out in the following way.

In the first three quarters of this last fiscal year we were able to help 101 individuals medically detox and it's the Medically Monitored Detox program and then also we were able to treat 59 individuals in Residential Detox programs. Now those individuals were mostly funded by other funding sources. But many of them when they came in, in fact most of them did not have an insurance, or some sort of primary funding source. So we were able to bring them into the door and then get them hooked up with some other sort of funding. So we're really leveraging the, the funding that's being provided by the County to treat a whole lot of people that really need these services.

So really just want to thank you for continuing to include us and support us. Mahalo.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Thank you. Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Next testifier is Michael Presbitero-Facuri, to be followed by Sarah Nakila.

MR. MICHAEL PRESBITERO-FACURI:

Good evening, Council. My name is Michael Presbitero-Facuri, I'm 32 years old, born and raised on the island of Maui. I'm here tonight to share my experiences at Aloha House and how it helped me and my drug problem. I got in trouble back in 2013, I was facing quite a bit of jail time for my crime and I feared that, I feared that, and so I asked the Judge is there anything else I could do to get help with my drug problem. And that's when I heard about Aloha House Residential Program here on Maui.

I want to say that going to Aloha House program really helped me to work on myself, change my thinking for the better. And I was taught responsibility by being asked to do chores, attend classes. I was involved in role playing different . . . scenarios to learn better decision-making skills. By being a residential, I got introduced to AA and NA meetings and gathering my sober support system. This program helped me gain trust back in my family, allowing my family to come to Aloha House and sit in once a week where they could go face to face with a counselor and get explained more about my addiction.

After completing residential program I got into the second part of the program which is the sober living program where I got to go and get a fulltime job and, and live in a

sober, clean and sober home and pay rent. I can say now, having three and a half years clean and sober from drugs and alcohol, and being off probation, and having my own place.

I want to thank you Maui County Council, especially for your help supporting a great treatment center for people like me trying to get their lives back on track. And even though I'm out of Aloha House program, I still keep in touch with the staff at there and help them carry the message to other addicts who need help. On behalf of myself, my family which some of them are here tonight, thank you very much for your continued support for Aloha House program.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Next testifier is Sarah Nakila, to be followed by Lehua Kaupio.

MS. SARAH NAKILA:

Good evening, hello, I'm Sarah Nakila, I've been attending MEO Youth Services for almost five years and going on, I'm a tenth grader at King Kekaulike High School. And I'm going to be honest and say, I'm not into speaking in front of a lot of people, but with the help of MEO Youth Services, they have helped me overcome my fear. And MEO lets me be myself and one of my favorite hobbies to do is poetry. And I have a poem that I wrote for MEO Youth Services.

What is MEO, is what I hear from some of the youths around me.

I would like for you guys to imagine this please.

Would you rather see the youth of Maui County being dragged into the ocean of nothingness being couch potatoes, glued onto their phones, and doing nothing.

Or would you rather have them interacting with others their age.

So what is MEO?

MEO is awareness, a place to learn, a place where you don't have to pretend who you are, but a place where our youth can be themselves, express who they really are.

Sure we do community service, but we are not just working for our island, but we are taking knowledge into our brains and to comprehend all of this so we can pass it on to our future generations to come.

So, what does MEO Youth Services stand for?

If you want to know, then I hope you were listening to me, not just me, but the voices of Maui's youth.

Thank you for your support.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Next testifier is Lehua Kaupio, to be followed by Jennifer Karaca.

MS. LEHUA KAUPIO:

Aloha ahihi ka kou. I am Lehua Kaupio and I will be speaking on behalf of the MEO Early Childhood Services regarding Kahi Kamali'i, the Infant and Toddler Center.

Little back story, I grew up on the west coast of Oahu in Waianae side as a foster youth. I am blessed to say that I was fortunate enough to actually have really good foster parents. They are supportive and encouraging, but they did teach me hard work. As most teenagers would spend the weekends sleeping and what not, my family would wake us up at 6:00 on Sunday's and we'll work in the, the yard till about noon and then we'll finish the day off with cleaning the house. From this experience, I learned the value of hard work.

After graduating from high school I went to Kapiolani Community College to pursue my Hawaiian Studies degree, and after graduation I just needed the change of scenery, so I moved to Maui. I had no family or not much support here but from the heck of adventure and change of scenery and what not I rode the wave of change.

I made friends and eventually met a Molokai boy and found out a few weeks later that I was pregnant with a son. My father, my son's father was quite abusive. I held onto the relationship because he financially supported us but although he did that, I just couldn't deal with the fact that he was abusing me and my son. So, eventually parted ways and with the job I had I only made \$600 a month and my family reached out and what not, but the only source I had of support was his family on Molokai. And he would fly there weeks at a time and it was a little hard for me at first but you know when you have to survive you have to survive.

And so after my parents reached out to me, I just realized that through the connections and the resources that I made here, I had to persevere. And so, at Big Brother, Big Sisters through a coworker I heard about an opportunity to work at MEO. And I eventually was hired as you can see. But, the need of finding childcare was still something difficult for me. I went through different community resources and what not and unfortunately I still couldn't afford it.

So eventually I learned about Kahi Kamali'i and went to Debbi as well, Debbi Amaral and told her my story. And, they pay about 60 percent of my son's childcare, but in the mornings, it's a totally amazing. The staff is so encouraging, they, they meet all the needs for my son. I have to make sure the door is closed every morning because he's booking it out the door cause he's so excited to go to daycare. And now I can do my job at Youth Services to my full potential. So I want to thank you for your continued support. Mahalo.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Thank you. Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Next testifier is Jennifer Karaca, to be followed by Cassidy Rosete.

MS. JENNIFER KARACA:

Aloha, my name is Jennifer Karaca and I'm Co-Founder and Executive Director for Common Ground Collective. I am speaking in support of our organization to receive funding on the 2019 County Budget.

This funding will help to augment the work that we're already doing through fundraising, grant writing, and income from our administrative services. It will help us spur the ability to create our mobile farming branch which will help food security, economic opportunity and education opportunities on Maui County.

Maui has an abundance of agricultural lots that are underutilized, yet we're, we're reliant on imports for food, upwards of 90 percent that's shipped in. An increase of just 10 percent of locally sourced foods could generate approximately \$3.3 million in tax revenue that would circulate locally.

We've created the structure on a sliding scale so that whether it's a existing small farm, or a local family that doesn't have time to go out and have their agricultural land

be productive, we can offer those services to everyone that's in need and it wouldn't just be based on their ability to pay. By providing these services on a sliding scale we also as an organization are more sustainable because we're not completely reliant on grants and funding from you and other organizations. We are using this revenue that we're generating to put back into the community to create these small farms, to create these opportunities for residents.

We'll also be using regenerative farming practices to help amend the soil, protect watersheds, our coral reefs surrounding the island. The care that we place on these practices will also spread awareness not only through our employees, but also from the residents that we're helping. And also we're hoping to spread this information to other people that are doing landscaping and work within the community in order to prevent the spread of invasive species and other issues that are often overlooked in the ag community.

Another important benefit to the community will be the increase of affordable healthy foods, from right outside our clients door all the way into the market that will help, be helping to supplement. Currently Hawaii spends \$470 million on medical costs related to obesity and another \$770 million on medical costs related to diabetes.

In the Native Hawaiian community alone, 50 percent of adults are obese and may, are one of the largest demographics to suffer from obesity and diabetes related illnesses. So we want to increase the health and vitality of our residents through our mobile farming services. We thank you for your support and consideration and the opportunity for said. Mahalo.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Next testifier is Cassidy Rosete, to be followed by Susan Halas.

MS. CASSIDY ROSETE:

Hi, my name is Cassidy Rosete and I'm here on behalf of MEO Youth Services. I'm 15 years old and I'm a sophomore at Baldwin High School. I've been attending MEO Youth Services for five years now. I started coming because my older sister was in the program and she would tell us stories about how much fun it was.

When I first joined the program I was shy until I started to get to know people. MEO has brought me more out of my shell and taught me how to be myself. The program has also taught me many things, such as life skills, leadership skills, prevention work such as alcohol, tobacco, teen suicide, and cyberbullying.

I want to thank you, the Councilmembers for your continuous support of MEO Youth Services. Thank you.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Next testifier is Susan Halas, to be followed by Daniel Lau.

MS. SUSAN HALAS:

Mr. Chair and Members of the Maui County Council. My name is Susan Halas, I live, work, and own property on Vineyard Street in Wailuku. I have lived in Wailuku since 1976, most of that time in the immediate central area. My testimony is related to the Wailuku Civic Hub with the proposed CIP expenditure of over \$81 million.

I would like to thank Riki Hokama, the Chair of Budget and Finance and Carol Ball the Chair of the MRA, the group that put forward the proposal. I know that they both have long wanted to do something good for Wailuku and that this proposal comes out of a sincere desire to make the town a better place. I am gratified they have made this the largest single number in the CIP budget because I think it shows both sincerity of purpose and good faith. That said, it is a very large and generous amount, dare I say, excessive amount. At over \$81 million the Wailuku Civic Hub is the biggest in, the biggest single number in the CIP budget.

The total CIP requested is almost 215 million of which, which covers 117 different projects. The Wailuku Civic Hub garage and event venue is almost 38 percent of the total amount to be spent Countywide next year. Let me say that again, 38 percent. It is nine times bigger than the amount of money budgeted for homeless and affordable housing. It is 16 times more money than we plan to spend countywide for all the road improvements in the entire County.

Delighted as I am to see my neighborhood catapulted to the number one megabucks top spot in the money line, I cannot support this appropriation. This gigantic project will irretrievably change the face and scale of Wailuku Town, open it up to gentrification and speculation. Wailuku is one of the last unspoiled small towns on Maui and one of the last places where some rents and homes are still affordable.

If our current priority is affordable housing, I do not see how we can veer off course and spend \$81 million on a parking structure and events venue for which there has been at least to my knowledge, little or no demand. Though I personally can recognize and appreciate a truly grand gesture, I suspect there is not a lot of support for this plan as presently conceived. I oppose the Wailuku Civic Hub as not wanted, not needed, and providing, am I done, I have a, one more paragraph, if I may, Mr. Chair.

And providing few actual benefits to the residents or business people of my neighborhood. I hope you will consider, I will continue to keep Wailuku on the front burner and in the County's CIP budget. I'm not asking you to eliminate all funding, I am asking you to cut it back substantially and reconsider what the money will be used for. I ask that the bulk of the money go to our top priorities which in my opinion are housing, water, and infrastructure. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

MS. HALAS: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Next testifier is Daniel Lau, to be followed by Kapua Chang.

MR. DANIEL LAU:

Aloha, Mr. Chairman, and Councilmembers. It's very important to be here tonight to represent our wonderful corporation tonight for this Budget hearing. My name is Daniel Lau, I'm here tonight to testify of what Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. have done for me and other kupuna seniors and the island of Maui County's individuals and in need.

The mission of MEO is to strengthen the community, while helping people in need restore their hopes, reach their potentials, and enrich their lives. MEO have a great heart of community action, changing people's lives, embodying the spirit of hope, improving communities and helping make Maui Island, Lanai and Molokai a better place to live.

MEO cares about the entire community. They are well dedicated to helping people help themselves and helping others with love. The kupunas, seniors are thankful,



grateful for MEO's vision, mission, core values, and compassion and because of the help from the County of Maui, they are able to do their missions. Like other kupunas and others with disabilities, I have also been assisted with MEO bus transportation service in 2008 as Ala Hou adult with disability.

On behalf of the seniors and others in need in our community, we ask the Maui County officials and all concerned to please continue your help for MEO in order for them to continue their mission of helping people and helping themselves. MEO's Chief Executive Officer, Mrs. Cabebe, her staff and employees, anyone that's involved with MEO mahalo. God bless you all and many more blessings ahead. Maui, Molokai, Lanai kupuna seniors share the aloha, the aloha spirit, the breath of life face to face. Maui Mayor Alan Arakawa, Maui Council Chair, Members, please continue your support for Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. in your 2019 Budget. Love you all, god bless you all.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Next testifier is Kapua Chang, to be followed by Donny Bolkeim.

MS. KAPUA CHANG:

Aloha, Vice-Chair Carroll and Councilmembers. My name is Kapua Chang and I am the Mentor Center Program Coordinator at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Maui. I'm finishing up my first year in this position and have learned and experienced several things in that short period of time that have really opened my eyes to several of the hardships that our low-income families are facing, specifically the families in the Hale Makana O Waiale community.

Our Mentor Center program is primarily for Hale Makana residents and our main goal is to provide a safe space for these kids where we can help them thrive and achieve their goals. Many of these youth do not have any transportation to leave their community. So without our program, they would most likely be wandering around at the park unsupervised and potentially getting into trouble.

We engage our participants in many different ways. We offer academic support through tutoring, expose them to a variety of job opportunities by having career speakers come in a couple times a month. We teach life skills lessons, we go on

field trips, play sports, plan community events, and come alongside our community partners to offer as many opportunities as we can to these kids.

Our hope is that these children will one day be able to step out into society and be positive role models for others. It has really been an honor and a privilege to serve this community and fulfill a passion of mine to support the children of Hawaii. So thank you for your continued support of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Maui and mahalo for your time this evening.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Next testifier is Donny Bolkeim, to be followed by Hadassa Ballarta.

DONNY BOLKEIM:

Hi, my name is Donny Bolkeim and I am one of the kids in Big Brothers Big Sisters Mentor Center Program. This is my third year in program and I really like it because it gives me something fun to do after school. And it's a safe place to hang out with my friends. Some of my favorite things about program are journaling, playing basketball, and learning how to play the ukulele, and going of field trips. My favorite field trip was when we went to the Sheraton Hotel to decorate gingerbread houses during Christmastime. I don't only like program, I love it. Thank you for your time.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Next testifier is Hadassa Ballarta, to be followed by Margo Sneed.

MR. HADASSA BALLARTA:

Aloha, Councilmembers and Chair. My name is Hadassa Ballarta and I'm a member of MEDB's STEMworks Program at Maui High School. Thank you all in the Office of

Economic Development for the, for the continuous support for our future. I am here tonight to support MEDB's STEM program.

I have been a participant of the STEMworks Program for over three years. Throughout the STEMworks I have been exposed to the latest technologies and software such as cleanflight, drone operations, virtual reality as well as FRC and VEX Robotics. Last year I had the chance to be a captain for the VEX Robotics team and I had the opportunity to lead a team and learn various things such as being a leader.

A couple months ago I was also part of a student driven team that had to learn to put together a full functioning drone as well as operate it. And last week I got to attend the STEM Conference hosted by MEDB, and this two-day conference had me exposed to many industry professionals as well as technologies that are on the rise. And these opportunities would not be open to me without like the STEMworks program provided by MEDB.

So in addition in supporting these valuable technical skills, MEDB provides students like me to learn about different career opportunities that exist in our state by providing resources such as industry training, resources reflecting our local Hawaii job market, networking opportunities for students to talk stories with STEM professionals and learn valuable advice and gain insight into the rewarding career opportunities in our respective fields.

And also internship and mentorship opportunities so students can be fully immersed in professional environments and gain an understanding of the different careers, like what these careers really entail. As a student in this program I can personally say that it has helped me gain confidence in my abilities to collaborate and work successfully on a team and without a team, problem solve and also work with industry professional and industry . . . tools. And also it would help me prepare for my future.

So my dream is to be a UAV pilot for the US Air Force and honestly that would never have been an option for me, like I never thought of ever doing that. But because of my involvement with drones and all thanks to MEDB support, I, I think I'm capable of like at least reaching that at one point. So thank you all for allowing me to testify in support of MEDB's STEM Programs. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Any clarification needed from the testifier?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Chair.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Ms. King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: How old are you again?

MR. BALLARTA: I am seventeen years old.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Wow, you're a great ambassador for the STEM Program.

MR. BALLARTA: Thank you, thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Everyone else can go home, you said it all.

MR. BALLARTA: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Thank you very much.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Next testifier is Margo Sneed, to be followed by Cleopatra Kannel.

MS. MARGO SNEED:

That was definitely hard to follow. Good evening, Council Chair and Members. I am Margo Sneed, I am the Maui Program Director for Parents and Children Together and I really appreciate you letting me come here to appear before you to talk about the Department of Housing and Human Concerns and the support that you have given to us.

We are current recipients of an amount of funding through the Department of Housing and Human Concerns that allows us to supplement our operating expenses to perform services at our Maui Family Peace Center. These services include domestic violence intervention and anger control classes for perpetrators, survivors and child witnesses to intimate partner violence. We also provide anger control services for adolescents in the community. Our goals include: decrease danger and harm reduction to victims of domestic violence; provide intervention services to adults and teens to interrupt the cycle of violence; improve public safety; and promote the welfare of children and families.

Our services promote offender accountability, and behavior that is intended to reduce intergenerational violence. In the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2017, we served 1,079 persons.

(Councilmember Crivello returned to the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.)

MS. SNEED: In this fiscal year we have already served 794 persons and expect to exceed a thousand by June 30. Maui Family Peace Center currently has contracts with the Judiciary, Second Circuit Court, and with the Department of Human Service, Child Welfare Services to provide a portion of the services described.

Funding provided by the County helps us to conduct expanded services for more persons. State funding support sessions at Maui Community Correctional Center for male and female inmates. Judiciary and DHS funds allow us to provide services on the island of Lanai as well. We also provide assistance and advocacy for those who need temporary restraining orders and court advocacy.

Our location now, we're all, we're all down at Hookahi Street off of the lower industrial area. In Maui County, acts of domestic violence cross all spectrums of the population. In Hawaii the Department of Health estimates that 12 percent of the general population reports experiencing intimate partner violence at some point in their lives. One in eight high school student report intimate partner violence.

Children are the most vulnerable as they are impact by witnessing parents and partners arguing, fighting, and hurting each other. The effects of witnessing violence is traumatic and children exposed to domestic violence have the danger of higher incidence of developmental and social problems during childhood and adulthood.

It is extremely important that we continue to intervene with these behaviors. With your support, we will reduce the occurrence of family violence. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Thank you. Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

MS. SNEED: Thank you.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Next testifier is Cleopatra Kannel, to be followed by Gerard Lapid.

(Councilmember King was excused from the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.)

MS. CLEOPATRA KANNEL:

Aloha, Councilmembers, and Council Chair. My name is Cleopatra Kannel and I am a senior at Maui High School and I am also a student in the automotive program. So thanks to your funding, I am able to experience on hands as well as book work in the automotive degree. So, I do plan on going on college to continue my automotive passion. And at Maui High I got to experience both the book work as well as on hand work.

And, right now I'm working with a really great teacher who has experience and skills in the automotive industry and gives me the chance and the opportunity to learn what to expect in the work field that I will go onto later. And I got to work great and well with my, my peers as well. In working with our community, having customers bring in their cars, and working on them as well.

I want to thank you guys for giving me this opportunity as not only to continue my passion but as well as my other peers who want to continue to the automotive industry as well. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Next testifier is Gerard Lapid, to be followed by Ian Flores.

MR. GERARD LAPID:

Good evening, Council and Chair. My name is Gerard Lapid, senior at Maui High School and I would like to thank you for funding Maui High Auto Shop. Without it, I wouldn't be here where I am today, as well as my instructor who has tremendously impacted my life greatly. He has taught me so many valuable knowledge to help me become a successful person as well as for the future. I would like to ask that you continue to support an amazing program that has a love and passion for cars. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Next testifier is Ian Flores, to be followed by Penny Davis.

MR. IAN FLORES:

Hello, Council and Chair. My name is Ian Flores, I am a Maui High senior, and I am in the automotive program. I thank you for your funding and it was a great experience cause I got to go to Skills USA. Without your funding I wouldn't be able to do that and it's just a great experience for my passion that, of cars and I am able to work on in school and my everyday life. I think this is a base foundation of my knowledge for my future career and I do plan on going to college to further that career. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Next testifier is Penny Davis, to be followed by Paulette Scheffer.

MS. PENNY DAVIS:

Mahalo, aloha. My name is Penny Davis and I would like to at first thank you for supporting the MEO paratransit because if it wasn't for them, I wouldn't be here and like many of us that need help in transportation we don't get to go to point "A" and point "B" without the paratransit.

But I'm here tonight to ask you please for your support for Nani Watanabe who has been supportive and helping us for the last, at least five years and longer than that for MILC, Maui Independent Living Center. And she knows all of us people like me who have special needs and we belong to a group called to the "Wheelers". And then she also helps the people, the deaf people and she does sign language and she helps the blind people also.

She helps all of us so that we can go places and we ask her all the time, Nani can we go because are they ADA compliant, can we go here, can we go there. And she has helped us for over five years and she does this all on her own. She doesn't have a pen, a paper, maybe she has pen and paper, and maybe a paper clip, we don't have an office, we don't have anything to call our own and we would like to ask for your

support so that MILC can have a home and we can have Nani Watanabe. We going have her anyway, but. And this is Nani Watanabe.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Thank you. Any, any clarification needed from this testifier. Seeing none, thank you. Proceed.

MS. NANI WATANABE:

Aloha. My name is Nani Watanabe and I'm here as a past employee for Hawaii Centers for Independent Living. I'm here to testify on the Mayor's proposed budget for MEO's line item request for \$60,000 for the Maui Independent Living Center, known as MILC. As a former Independent Living Specialist my interest is to become a Program Coordinator under MEO. I had the opportunity to talk with CEO Debbie Cabebe and it was a very successful meeting.

I've been involved with the Maui Wheelers and the Maui Deaf Friends for many years. Although the closing of HCIL, both groups had not given up this support and they meet monthly till today. After discussing about trying to create our own non-profit, we were faced with many, many challenges. After the closing of CIL in 2013, many of our former clients were left unserved and there was a big void and many of our staff was unpaid and there was no, there was no explanation of what had happened.

After meeting with Debbie, I felt that there was hope, but the only problem is where do we find the money. As you can see these are, this is my family, the Wheelers and the Maui Deaf Group. I, my passion is working with individuals with not disabilities, but with abilities.

CIL has been on Maui for 32 years and MEO is giving us that opportunity. Where do we find the money? Well I was in a restaurant and the Mayor was there, and I said I need money. And he said for what? And then, and he knows of my previous work and I said I really want to see this happen. So I, I emailed Debbie that same night, and she, he said get in touch with our Budget Director and the next morning it happened, and we were on the, we were on the list. I was in shock, and I said, okay what do we do now.

So I, I informed all our support groups and they were excited, but how do we make this happen. I'd like to thank definitely Mayor Alan Arakawa and his staff. And then also Debbie Cabebe for, for her support and her staff.



I mentioned to the deaf group and the Maui Wheelers about tonight and of course a lot of them was not able to come, but I thank those that were able to be here tonight. MILC and MEO will give the individuals with, with abilities a sense of place, where they can go and get recognized. As a program coordinator, I will be able to utilize the programs already provided by MEO such as housing application, transportation, employment. And we would be able to even give training to the staff about individuals with disabilities.

Thank you so much. I gave up my birthday dinner tonight to be here. Thank you and I, I, thank you for all your support and I hope that you'll make this happen. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, Happy Birthday, and thank you.

MS. WATANABE: Mahalo.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Yeah, try wait, we'll move that, we'll move the barrier so you can come over here. Excuse me.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: The next testifier is Paulette Scheffer, to be followed by Brian McCafferty.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: We will be taking a recess at 7:30 for about ten minutes and then reconvening. And, I believe Budget will reconvene and then recess during that period of time.

Proceed.

MS. PAULETTE SCHEFFER:

Aloha. I'm Paulette Scheffer and I'm speaking on behalf of Common Ground Collective, which is a new line item in the County Budget for 2019. Thank you for putting us as a line item in the Budget, now we just need money to go with it.

Common Ground Collective is structured as a non-profit organization with the goal to increase local food security, Jennifer talked a little bit about that. We import upwards of 90 percent of our, of our food that we consume here on the islands. So local food security, economic development, educational opportunities and we do this through mobile farming services for landowners here on Maui, agricultural data collection and

management, expanding our community's economic possibilities and then sharing knowledge in order to make things better for all, all of our community.

Data collection will provide us with the information required to determine what crops we need to grow and will ultimately aid in the increase of food, local food production here on Maui. We are currently collecting information regarding daily produce needs of local grocery stores, restaurants, and hotels and we'll be using that data to actually develop and execute plans to increase production that will fill those needs across, across Maui County.

We'll also be looking at value added products like sauces, juices, that type of thing that would come from locally grown products. Maui today holds about 244,000 acres of land designated for ag use that could be benefiting Maui residents. We can help transform unproductive land into profitable farming ventures for our local residents using mobile farming and administrative services. By developing these underutilized agricultural, agricultural lands in our community, Maui County will depend less on imports and better sustain ourselves on locally produced foods. We will literally be eating food grown here, not flown here.

So, I know it's, it's very difficult to determine which of all these various different projects you fund. We're asking, I'm asking that you consider Common Ground Collective for funding in the budget for next year. Mahalo.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Next testifier is Brian McCafferty, to be followed by Tamara Sherrill.

MR. BRIAN MCCAFFERTY:

Aloha, Councilmembers and people in the gallery. We have an organization called Teens on Call, it's a work skills training program for young people. And listening to the testimony today, this evening, I'm just reminded of an old saying, it takes a village to raise a child. And so I want to salute all of you who represent the agencies MEO, and the Farmers Union, and Common Ground Collective, and all of the agencies.

We network already with a number of social service agencies to provide work skills training, experiences for, they're paid work skills training experiences where students earn an educational stipend. It's a, a performance based educational stipend depending on their performance. So we get a lot of students from the Family Court, CPS, foster homes, high school counselors. We do some Hui Malama Learning Center students sometimes. A number of sources we get students, but they're all willing to work, get dirty sometimes, follow instructions, turn off their cellphones, and develop a work ethic.

So what we're, what we're trying to do is create future, future good grounded workforce that has a good work ethic that will help to carry out some of the missions, like, like regenerative farming, you know, I mean not everyone goes to college. Sixty percent of the students do not go to college. So they need to learn a trade, they need to develop a work ethic and so we, we expose the young folks to a wide range of, of work training assignments that very often leads to a vocational path for them. And we try and steer as many as possible to service industries like landscape maintenance, farming, anything, take, take some classes part time at the college, you know, don't, don't give up being a student. But become part of a, of the workforce, you know, and have a positive work ethic.

So, I just, I had a written, a written testimony that we actually passed out the other day, so I just listening here to everyone's testimony I just wanted to support all the MEO programs, the BEST program, you know which is a recovery, support, and reintegration program. Aloha House, a lot of young people they stumble when they're in their early twenties and get into bad behaviors. So they have to recover and get into the workforce again.

So our young people that we train for the first time, plus people that are recovering, we want everyone to become productive community members and, so that's, that's what our mission is, is that we support all of you agencies who are, we're all working for the same goal, to strengthen our community through involving all of our citizens, young people and older people in productive activities which contribute to the wellbeing of the community. Thank you very much.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

We will be taking a ten-minute recess after this next testifier.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: The last testifier before the recess is Tamara Sherrill.

MS. TAMARA SHERRILL:

Aloha, mai ka kou. Chair Carroll and Councilmembers. Thank you, I'll make it very quick. I'm Tamara Sherrill the Director of Maui Nui Botanical Gardens and I'm here to testify on behalf of the line item grant for Fiscal 2019. You've received a lot of letters of testimony in support of our funding and I'm the only one who's going to be testifying from Maui Nui this year to save you guys some time.

We do have a lease on County parks property and Parks has been a wonderful partner, but I think they would find it very difficult to even maintain the old zoo site where we have the garden for the amount of this line item grant, much less duplicate our events and workshops, our conservation programs, our more than 700 volunteers each year. So, because we're able to leverage that funding in so many different revenue streams.

So, we have a, that line item grant under the OED ag promotion. But we also partner with environmental resource, protection and conservation grant recipients like the Maui Nui Seabird Recovery project and Maui Invasive Species Committee and more than a dozen others.

In addition to banking a nearly complete collection of Hawaiian food crop varieties for several years now, we've been partnering with Lyon Arboretum to dry and package seed so they'll stay alive for many decades. This is really economical and it buys time for land managers like watershed partnerships, Department of Land and Natural Resources to mitigate threats.

So the reason I mention this is you may know that the disease Rapid Ohia Death has already killed 75,000 acres of native ohia in the Big Island. It's very likely to travel statewide. In 2017 we became the only seed storage facility in Maui County that's accepting ohia lehua seeds from land managers as part of a statewide initiative with many different partners. So this is, hopefully to provide a healthy source for future forest restoration in Maui County.

And then just last I'd like to express my concern at the current budgets proposal to move all the environmental grant funding to the division of Environmental Management. It does really make sense to create a completely new Environmental Protection and Sustainability Division. But the current budget does not seem to fund that division, and the OED has really been helping us to raise more non-County revenue each year.

For example this year they sponsored some training that showed us how, a way to make our annual events much more profitable while remaining free to the public. And I hope you'll all come to our new event La`Ulu, our breadfruit day, which showcases all the different foods and products that can be made from ulu.

So please reconsider moving the agriculture, environmental and energy programs until there's full funding and staffing for a division chief and you can discuss this transition with the new Administration. So mahalo for the long day you've all put in today.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

This Committee shall stand in recess until 7:40.

(THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS RECESSED BY THE CHAIR AT 7:28 P.M., AND WAS RECONVENED AT 7:40 P.M., WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT; EXCEPT COUNCILMEMBERS COCHRAN, KING, SUGIMURA, AND CHAIR WHITE EXCUSED.)

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: This public hearing is reconvened.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: The next testifier is Roselynnda Kinney *[sic]*. Roselynnda Kinney *[sic]* will be followed by Shantel Naauao-Keaniu *[sic]*.

MS. ROSELYNNDA KIMEJ:

Aloha, Councilmen and Chairman. My name is Roselynnda Kimej, I'm representing MEO Head Start. I have a, two girls that went to Head Start, two years ago one of them went Head Start, she learned a lot from it, and the other one is attending the Kahului "A". She learn a lot because at home she doesn't want to share. But going to Head Start she knows that sharing is the best thing to do.

So I'm asking you guys to keep on funding Head Start. MEO Head Start is a program that support families, and friends, and communities. Being a parent of a Head Start student, it helps me a lot, learning that she can do anything through school, by learning from Head Start. Thank you very much.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Thank you. Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Next testifier is Shantel Naauao-Keaniu [*sic*], to be followed by Cassandra Abdul.

MS. SHANTEL NAAUAO-KEANINI:

Aloha, Council Chair and Members. My name is Shantel Naauao-Keanini, I'm a member, I'm a parent of four kids that attended MEO Head Start. I've been in MEO for four years. If it wasn't for MEO, I would not be able to get a job at Kahi Kamali'i. My kids learned a lot from MEO. My two youngest are learning to get reading and their words, yeah. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Next testifier is Cassandra Abdul, to be followed by Lianne Yoshida.

MS. CASSANDRA ABDUL, NA HALE O MAUI:

Good evening. Thank you for all the long hours you're putting into deliberation on the budget. We all appreciate it very much. And we recognize the difficulty of having to balance so many worthy causes against the cost and benefit to the people in our community. And we really appreciate the leadership that you're showing by going through this rigorous process.

I'm here today, not to testify specifically for anything for Na Hale O Maui, but about some of the line items, or the items that are related to the Department of Housing and Human Concerns, specifically about housing. This is an area that we are familiar with and we understand. We really do support their budget, it is, I understand \$9 million. There are eight different sections that they oversee, just one of which is housing. And I think for the size of the budget and the amount that goes to that department, you're getting a lot of bang for your buck. They do a great job.

I wanted to talk about three things related to housing. One is the Down Payment Assistance Program. People here in Maui County, a lot of them have worked hard on their credit, they've fixed it, they've got good jobs, they can support a mortgage, excuse me. But the hardest thing to do is accumulate a down payment, especially with the way that rentals have been going. We spend more and more of our money toward our housing cost and less towards being able to save or even eat nutritious foods or put away for college or high school, or even medical expenses.

So any way that we can help people with the down payment, I think that that furthers our efforts to get affordable housing. And this is something that we have done directly, Na Hale O Maui, we have experience with it, about 50 percent of our homeowners have needed an extra help because we do have a matching grant program. So I would encourage you to support that.

We'd like you to support the Buy-Back Revolving Fund. This will help to keep deed restricted properties from going to market rate. You can buy it back, you can give it to, or help a non-profit like Na Hale or Habitat or even Lokahi, take those houses, keep them affordable, not let the go to market.

And the final thing was the Affordable Housing Fund. I saw \$21 million allocated for that. I think the bottom line is what I learned in school, whether it applies to finances, to economics, or to affordable housing, more is better than less, sooner is better than later. So please support affordable housing. Thank you very much.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

MS. ABDUL: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Next testifier is Lianne Yoshida, to be followed by Kristin Holmes.

MS. LIANNE YOSHIDA, MAUI ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, INC.:

Good evening, distinguished Councilmembers. My name is Lianne Yoshida, I'm the HR Officer at MEO, where our focus is to help people and change lives. As a newer employee, I learned that MEO is a unique non-profit. Besides being the only anti-poverty agency on the island of Maui, although it might look like MEO is one large

agency from the outside, as a HR professional, I can tell you that from the inside, the staffing is actually very minimal.

It is basically five different companies within one, that provide services from keiki to kupuna. Our departments are transportation, business development center, early childhood, youth, and community services. MEO provides great breadth and depth of services with 50 to 60 programs for Maui County which touch approximately 55,000 lives annually on the islands of Maui, Molokai, and Lanai.

With the unemployment rate for Maui County at 1.9 percent, and the minimum wage rate increased to \$10.10 per hour this past January, it's been very challenging to recruit and retain our team members in this very competitive job market, while maintaining the constant critical services. MEO relies on an engaged workforce who have a shared passion and the commitment to the mission of our organization. For these employees, although pay is important, it is their dedication to serve that keeps them going because they believe they make a positive difference in someone's life.

Some of MEO's best success stories include hiring previous clients who are now very successful employees who pay it forward every day and are serving other clients. As MEO relies on creativity to stretch resources which includes volunteers, when we are short staffed, managers continuously fill in, which stretch resources and agency's capabilities even tighter. Recently during an employee exit interview, a team member told me that they love their MEO job, but their passion for MEO doesn't pay the bills and they would have to get a second job just to afford working at MEO.

Research shows that each time an employee leaves, the replacement cost for the company is 50 to 200 percent of that employee's annual compensation. These costs include everything from advertising, interviews, loss of historical agency information, and training.

In looking at the big picture, it is more cost effective to provide an increase to current employees and retain our talent instead of having employee turnover. Focusing on retention also insures provision of quality, effective and efficient services. So when considering the many agencies on Maui during this budget session, please keep MEO top of mind and think about the wide reach, many services, and impact that MEO has with Maui County families. We value your partnership, please continue to support MEO in the future so together we can continue to help people and change lives.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.



MS. YOSHIDA: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Next testifier is Kristin Holmes, to be followed by Jayzen Kalahikiola Carlos.

MS. KRISTIN HOLMES:

Good evening, I'm Kristin Holmes and I am a co-property owner of a property, a commercial property in Wailuku on the corner of Church and Vineyard; a store owner of Swan Interiors; and an active board member on two non-profits in, in town. And I am here in support of the Wailuku Civic Hub project.

I know a lot of time and energy has gone into getting, getting the project to this point, and I want to share with you that several years ago during the Re-Wailuku effort, I attended a meeting in the Mayor's conference room when we were there to ask what the County could do to help property owners. And the Mayor turned it around and said to those of us in the room, what are you people doing to make Wailuku be something. You, you're the ones that have to put the face on it.

So I took his comment to heart and since then, I've been very active in many fronts including being on the Civic Hub Project Advisory Committee with Erin Wade, but more, separate from that I am also the Vice President of Maui Chamber Orchestra and the Wailuku Community Association. And in my goal to bring all of these elements together, I started an organization called the Wailuku Performing Arts Alliance, and it's a consortium of five different non-profit arts organizations in Wailuku, Maui Chamber Orchestra, Maui OnStage, Maui Performing Arts, and the let's see, I got 'um, I got 'um right here, I just can't say 'um, Maui Chamber, Maui Coral Arts, Maui OnStage, MAPA, and Maui Pops.

And the purpose for doing this is furthering to a goal that I learned when I went to the International Downtown Association Conference in San Francisco where the goal there was to give people a reason to come and give them a reason to stay. And I feel that having an arts and culture district is one of those reasons to help strengthen the core of Wailuku itself.

Going beyond that, as a property owner, there is another aspect of the reality of what's happening in Wailuku. And that is that a lot of these buildings are very old, they're not holding up well. They were never designed to last the 100 years that they've been standing. And so as a property owner, I'm in a position, as are many

others of trying to determine how much you can actually put into a building that really needs to come down.

So redevelopment needs to be a very important part of what happens beyond the civic hub area. So I think it's a multi-prong approach that has to happen. But I really support the project because without it, those of us that are around the neighborhood can't really, we can't do anything with our property, we're stuck. So it needs to be a partnership between the County and the private property owners. So I'm very hopeful that you will take this all into consideration. Thank you very much.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Next testifier is Jayzen Kalahikiola Carlos, to be followed by Pat Borge.

MR. JAYZEN KALAHIKIOLA CARLOS:

Good evening, Council Vice-Chair Carroll, Chair, Councilmembers. My name is Jayzen Kalahikiola Carlos, I am 17 years old, and I am from Wailuku. I'm a client at Hui Malama because I got into trouble and ended up in the Kanehoalani Safe Home for Boys. Now I get my education through Maui Hui Malama.

Hui Malama is important to me because I'm getting a learning experience that is connected with my culture while working towards my GED. I am growing kalo and pounding poi and pa'i`ai. I also like taking care of kalo and working outdoors because it gives me time to connect with myself.

At Hui Malama, I am also learning life skills, like how to deal with money, and how to make goals for myself. I am planning to go to college and become a mechanic and also try to be a security guard when I'm not working as a mechanic. I would like to do two jobs because I want to make money while I'm young and be able to support myself and my future family.

One thing we do at Hui Malama is try new activities. I didn't do well in public school, so I never expected to be able to go to college because I thought it would be even harder than high school. With Hui Malama, I have been able to take some classes at UHMC like aquaponics, culinary and industrial painting. Even though I do not think I want to have a job in aquaponics or culinary, I learned how to cook and the

importance of safety in the kitchen as well as how to follow directions well and build and maintain a basic aquaponic system.

Participating in the industrial painting class was really fun for me because it's something I'm interested in. And I enjoyed working on the hands on building, painting projects. If I had not tried college classes while at Hui Malama, I never would have thought that college would be an option for me.

Thanks to Hui Malama, I was encouraged to enter an art contest that I wouldn't have entered on my own. Actually we all were told we had to enter because it would be a good experience. I was then able to go to the awards ceremony in Oahu, at Honolulu Museum of Art where I received my third place award and prizes. From this experience I learned that even though I didn't want to enter the contest because it's hard for me to do new things, I can do well and succeed if I do, if I think positively.

Another exciting experience for me was when I got to go to the Hawaii State Competition for Poetry Outloud, a national contest where you have to memorize and recite poems. I didn't place in that competition, but it was a great experience performing on stage. I got to meet a lot of new people from around the State. I also learned that poems are not just words, they are feelings that have deeper meaning than words that come from the heart of the poet.

The nicest thing I can say about Hui Malama is that they don't judge you on your past. And even if you make mistakes there, they don't hold grudges. They are also very friendly and caring. If you fall, they are there to catch you and put you back up on your feet. Thank you for supporting Maui Hui Malama.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Next testifier is Pat Borge, to be followed by Quinn Brown

MR. PAT BORGE:

Good evening, Mr. Carroll, Councilmembers. I was here the, the other day, was one of those little spur of the moment things that I came out to discuss about this equestrian center that I've been trying to get the County to support. And I think all my information that what I'm trying to do here is passed out to you guys. And, I just want to share some experience with you that, you know, I'm a, I'm a Vietnam Vet, I suffer

from post-traumatic stress. And through horses, it really gives me a better life, for the last 40 years I've been working with horses.

And I've seen it, and I've worked before with troubled kids, with the horses and you know, we have supposedly a facility that was supported by the County about 20 years ago and we gave these people like something like three hundred something thousand dollars and was supposed to be a public facility. But somehow we have to pay them a hundred and twenty something dollars to get the keys to use this arena

But on the Big Island, Hawaii, like I always mention to you people is that they have four or five arenas that's run by the County. And I just talked to my friend this afternoon on the phone, on the Big Island, Hawaii, in Panaewa, they can take their horses and animals and practice any time they want. There's no, there's no fees, unless they put on an event, then they pay a fee. And the fee is \$220 and if they clean up the area after the event, you get \$200 back. So now that's a County facility. You know, that's a community facility.

But this, what I'm looking at, and when the pictures that I show you guys, is not just for equestrian, it can be used for anything, 4H, farmers, to hold their events and everything. But what I personally would like to push is to help the community with the troubled kids, that's, that's my thing.

But as far as the arena goes, anybody can use it. It's not a club, it's a County facility. I don't ask, when I go swimming to the swimming pool, I don't call nobody to ask you that I can go swimming. It's, I just go. It's a public facility. And that's why I always question that Tom Morrow's Arena. And that's why I get so upset because it's taxpayer's money, okay.

So I really hope that, that you people look at this thing. And right now if you do get the land, I can get the equipment in there for free, and level it off and start it up. And also look at the price on this arena, \$11,000 you know. And, and the sand, you look at the sand, the price is high, but we don't need sand. We can use, if you look at the prices of the cinders, the, the good idea of a sound arena floor and footing is with cinders and dirt and dirt. You don't need the sand. The sand is obsolete. Sand can be dangerous for a horse, it gets too deep or whatever. But you got to ask the experts about this and I hope that you consider someday, purchase some land from A&B, or Maui Pine, and put this thing together for the community.

Could I say one thing about the budget, it's nothing to do with this arena. On the budget, on Kaanapali with the lifeguard stand, I don't think that we as the taxpayers of this island, Maui County, to pay for a lifeguard stand next to two hotels that they've been having problems with Black Rock for many, many years. For me, I think that

they should fund and educate the tourist that's going into that water right there. I don't think we the taxpayers should pay for a lifeguard stand there. It's, it's, it's, it's to me that, we're a tourist industry here--

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Four minutes.

MR. BORGE: --and it's up to the hotels to take care of their own. It's not, it's not, it's not, it's not, I mean Black Rock has been an issue for many, many year.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Please conclude.

MR. BORGE: Thank you, thank you very much. Thanks, Robert.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Next testifier is Quinn Brown, to be followed by Kyle Kawakami.

MS. QUINN BROWN:

Hi, I'm Quinn Brown. I am a team mom volunteer for Maui Inline Hockey Association in Kihei. MIHA, which we also go by is a non-profit organization that operates entirely with volunteers whether they are parents of young players, coaches, participants, or just families that enjoy helping provide a service for the community. MIHA's current program includes youth and adult inline hockey leagues with kids starting as young as five years old.

We also open the rink to free open skating three nights a week, Wednesday, Friday and Saturdays, which has become very popular and offers a safe alternative, excuse me, type activity for our community and visitors alike. We rent skates at the facility and with the moneys that are raised through the rentals, equipment sales, concessions and donations, we have been able to maintain the facility almost entirely over the last twenty plus years with limited assistance from the Parks Department.

The unique location of our rink being a stones throw from the Pacific Ocean causes a semi-corrosive environment for the facility. The perimeter boards that surround the hockey rink are made with steel frames and fiberglass panels. After more than 20 years, the steel frames have given into nature's elements especially on the

oceanside of the rink and need to be replaced. Some of the areas have corroded to rusty shards of steel that are exposed to the public on the exterior of the rink, and are safety hazards, which will only get worse. And that's why we're asking for the County's assistance with financial support.

This, these are some kids that play at our rink and we actually just took seven teams to Kapolei and they did a tournament over the weekend. And out of seven teams, I believe we had three gold teams that came, for the, for the entire State and these are some of our kiddos that competed. And I believe actually in all of the divisions, they came back with, six out of seven came back with gold and one team came back with silver. So, that's, yup, that's it.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Thank you. Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

MS. BROWN: Okay, thank you.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: And thank all of you for coming down.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Next testifier is Kyle Kawakami, to be followed by Dave Wagner.

MR. KYLE KAWAKAMI:

Aloha, Councilmembers. My name is Kyle Kawakami, and I am here on behalf this evening to testify for the Maui Inline Hockey Association to petition for funds to make improvements to the Kihei Skating Rink. My son Tai, who is 12 joined the Maui Inline Hockey League two years ago. Prior to joining the hockey league we had just come off of five years of competitive soccer with club soccer. As parents we made a conscious decision to leave the sport due to the extremely competitive nature of, of club soccer, and creating of an unhealthy environment.

Joining Maui Inline Hockey was to say the least, refreshing. Providing an exciting and competitive sport in a nurturing environment. The Kihei Skating Rink is 100 percent volunteer driven and provides an affordable family friendly activity that our community so greatly lacks. Please consider providing funds to make improvements to this highly utilized community resource. And I would encourage each of you to come out and see what an incredible venue the Kihei Skating Rink is. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Thank you. Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Next testifier is Dave Wagner, to be followed by David Kingdon.

MR. DAVE WAGNER:

Aloha, everybody. I'm Dave Wagner, I'm a real estate broker. I thank you for your public service. I'm here to talk about the proposed 50 percent rate increase for the apartments over \$1.5 million property tax class. I think you all know, we already have a very socialistic property tax system. Non-resident condo owners already pay more than 220 percent of what residents pay, and they use way fewer services. That's okay. People get that, and most people can live with that.

And then if they put their property in vacation rental service, which is another benefit to the local economy, they get penalized a lot more, then they pay 327 percent of what residents pay, of what you and I pay. This is all under current tax policy. They don't do this sort of thing in California or Washington State or British Columbia, where I'm familiar with their tax policies or any other jurisdiction that I'm aware of. Hawaii's discrimination against non-residents is already unique. And that's okay. People get that, and most people can live with it.

I'm not here to speak against the tiered tax, real property tax system. But now this proposed budget specifically targets condos that are valued over \$1.5 million for extra special treatment. It pushes the already high rate up another 50 percent immediately over the current rate. That's a 50 percent increase in one year for one class of taxpayers and it happens to be a class of taxpayers that are incredibly beneficial to the local economy from an economic point of view. We should be encouraging these people to come to Maui and invest here. Not punishing them and driving them away.

Sorry, if you pass this people are going to sell their properties because of it. Other people are going to decline to buy because of it. It would give people a strong incentive not to own real estate on Maui. It simply is bad economics. Every one of the worthy non-profits and social programs that we've heard about here tonight already benefits tremendously from these taxpayers. And I applaud each of these non-profits and these, and these social programs. But this kind of tax increase will actually in the long run hurt these programs and all of us. Please don't pass this

fifty percent tax increase. Don't kill the goose that lays the golden egg for Maui. Thank you for listening. Aloha.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Next testifier is David Kingdon, to be followed by Brandon Smith.

MR. DAVID KINGDON:

Chair, Councilmembers, thank you. My name is David Kingdon and I'm representing the Maui County Paramedics Association and communicating our strong support for the public and private funding that would provide for ocean safety lifeguard coverage at Pu`u Keka`a, Black Rock.

I submitted written testimony, but even at the risk of running out of time, I'm going to share a personal anecdote. In December of this last year, I was called to Black Rock following reports of two family members in distress. Since no lifeguards were stationed in that area, the father had attempted to save his daughter, before he too became overwhelmed. Then good samaritans tried their best to rescue both victims, but the father had already succumbed to drowning before Fire and EMS arrived. His extrication from the rocky coastline was difficult, and our collective efforts to resuscitate him were ultimately unsuccessful. My last task on that scene was to inform his wife and his ten-year-old daughter of his death and provide them with what support I could.

A few weeks later, as I tried to celebrate Christmas with my own wife and school aged children, my thoughts were actually back at Black Rock and with that family knowing that Christmas for that man's widow and daughter was filled with anguish instead of joy.

Black Rock is consistently ranked as one of the top three deadliest beaches in the entire State of Hawaii. In the ten years from 2007 to 2016, there were 24 fatal cases of drowning at Black Rock. There have been exponentially greater numbers of non-fatal drowning and other injuries at that location, some leading to lifelong disability.

For well over a decade, our paramedics and EMT's have been advocating for greater injury prevention at Black Rock. Our EMS providers are extraordinarily dedicated



and skilled, but when we arrive at the scene, at the site of a patient who is already in cardiopulmonary arrest due to drowning, the chances of a successful resuscitation are negligible. It's heartbreaking for all our paramedics to routinely pronounce deaths at Black Rock that could have been prevented.

Survival is dependent on primary injury prevention, early recognition, immediate rescue. As an EMS educator who regularly provides medical training to Ocean Safety officers, I can attest that they are highly competent in all of these aspects of injury prevention and emergency response.

From all outward appearance of Pu`u Keka`a, it's perfectly understandable that visitors and residents alike would not fully appreciate the level of risk inherent at Black Rock. A properly equipped and staffed lifeguard tower, using public and private funds, will be a critical step towards education and mitigation of that risk.

Please ensure funding of ocean safety lifeguard coverage for Pu`u Keka`a, or Black Rock. Your action will literally save numerous lives. And I'd welcome any questions. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

MR. KINGDON: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Next testifier is Brandon Smith, to be followed by Claire Kamalu Carroll.

MR. BRANDON SMITH:

Aloha, County Councilmembers. Thank you so much for having me. I am, just wanted to share on behalf of MIHA, Maui Inline Hockey Association, for the last ten years, well, excuse me for twenty years I've worked with junior high and high school kids in non-profit sectors and the last ten is Kihei. And I hold two degrees with emphasis on working with youth.

And so a lot of my time spent in college both in my undergraduate and Masters was researching the benefit of having kids outside and interacting, and the character and the opportunities that are built. And I think those of us who are old enough and get gray hair coming in, we, we know that when your parents, you had no other option,

they told you go out, go outside, go play and there was no option. You couldn't sit down and stare at your phone. You couldn't watch TV for hours. And that's, those days are long gone for us.

And so for me, how I learned character, how I learned commitment, how I learned hard work, and how I learned the value of community was through sports. And so that's why over the years I've been passionate about it. I had my kids involved. We have a unique thing going with Maui Inline Hockey though because of the rink, the way it is. We don't just service people who are into playing hockey like a soccer field. We actually service people who want to come public skate.

We had a tournament this last weekend on Oahu, we took a group two years ago, and we, we got to play Columbia. Little Maui played Columbia on a tournament on Oahu. I mean, come on, that's crazy, right. And, and we beat them. You know, and that was pretty awesome. And my kids were a part of that. And, and they worked hard to get there and do that.

And so we're not just teaching them, we're building character. We're not just teaching them about hockey, we're not just building them skills that they won't learn. We're building character. We have a junior mentoring program where we're raising up coaches who are getting the opportunity to lead and to teach kids and to see what it's like to be in a leadership position.

And, you know, in the last couple months, we've witnessed, I personally as a coach, I've been coaching for seven years, I think I forgot to mention that, have witnessed in the last few months several kids get injured actually from the rink, because of the state that it's in. And that's hard to watch as a coach because you're encouraging these kids to play harder and harder, but when you see a kid stick, get stuck on the side of the boards, and then it comes up into his gut and picks him up off the ground, or another kid hit the sidewall and a piece broke off and it was like sharp, it was a shard, it's a, you know and to see that kind of stuff, you know.

I, I think over the years watching my kids play at certain parks here on Maui, when they didn't get the necessary funds needed to keep them upkept, what ended up happening is later on they, they paid to have a company come in and chip the thing up and haul it all out. Probably cost as much as it would have been to maintain it. And now that parks gone. My kids we don't go to that spot anymore because it went away. Now it's just grass, all the play stuff that the kids use to go on is gone. And to see that happen for me at our, this public organization would be a real loss for our community.

So thank you so much for your time. Aloha.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Next testifier is Claire Kamalu Carroll, to be followed by Hilario Gomez.

MS. CLAIRE KAMALU CARROLL:

Aloha and good evening, Vice-Chair Bob and rest of the Councilmembers. I testified last week Thursday in Hana and I am here this evening again to emphasize our needs for supplying the following programs such as MEO, our Hana Youth Center, Ma Ka Hana Ka`Ike Program, our . . . Ohana. These are all important programs that keep our children active and involved, and out of trouble.

Also, I'd like to address our miconia with our MISC Program. Our mico, the fight against miconia has stopped and we really request that Council looks into this, to continue the fight against miconia because it will canopy our native forests. It's really important to find ways, how we can fit this into budget and take care of our invasive species.

I know we do have our coqui frogs, our African tulips, our fire ants, and these are all important. But, my children, my daughter-in-law, we live off the land. We're in the mountains and we're in the ocean. This is really important. And also finding those funds for Haneo`o in Hamoa, the speed bumps if you folks can help us with that we really appreciate it.

Last but not least, I'd really like to thank the youth that came out this evening. Those were our future, who stand on this podium to testify, that is the future. Take note of what they testified for and what they represent. Mahalo.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Next testifier is Hilario Gomez, to be followed by Tom Muldoon.

MR. HILARIO GOMEZ:

Aloha, my name is Hilario Gomez. I tried to come to . . . testimony about to the MEO programs. And I too, let us know to you guys thank you for support to MEO and I appreciate to continue to support to MEO. He change to plenty lives to Latino community lives and I appreciate to you guys to support to MEO. I know in my situation, I go to MEO couple times and I help to me and couple problems and this thing I telling to you, thank you so much. I appreciate to support to MEO and thank you. God Bless you guys. Thanks.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

MS. MARIA LORES-BROWNE:

Excuse me, I just wanted to say on his behalf he came to our program because he had a, a knee injury and he was able to get help for housing and we were able to translate all the paperwork and everything for him, and that's what our program does. We translate for the Spanish community in any capacity that they need, for doctors, for school. The women come for their children so that we can translate and we go to their school, we go to the doctors, and we do all these programs for them. And, we thank you for helping our, our MEO program and the Hispanic Enlace Program. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Please identify yourself.

MS. LORES-BROWNE: Oh, I'm sorry, I'm Maria Lores-Browne and I am part of the MEO and I wanted to help him in case he couldn't speak to you guys and, and reiterate whatever he had to say.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Thank you. Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Next testifier is Tom Muldoon, to be followed by Clark Johnson.

MR. TOM MULDOON:

Yeah, I want to thank everybody for being here tonight and giving your attention to this. I, you know, I've been sitting here all night, I've been listening to everybody speak and I realize how many important issues there are facing Maui County and how your decisions that you have to make going forward aren't easy ones to see how you appropriate your, the resources that you have.

I just want to tell you I have been a resident of Maui for thirty years. But I come from New York City and I, my first memory of skating was I would skate outside my building, I'd put on my, my skates, I'd skate out in the street, and cars were coming by, I'd be skating all over the place. I'd skate to my Aunt's house twenty blocks away. And what it gave me was that sense of freedom. I could skate anywhere, I could do anything.

And if you were to see, if anybody goes down to the South, to the Kihei Rink and the lights are on, seven days a week, it has been that way for twenty years, seven days a week, 365 days a year almost, right. So its being used a lot. And these kids come down here, and if you see the look on their face, and you see how excited they are, and you see them skate, and you see the, the people and the families gather outside the rinks and have birthday parties, and, and barbecues, and that sort of thing. You would see enjoyment. You see fun. And sometimes, everything is so serious, and we need to pay attention to having fun too.

And we need to provide ways that kids can have fun and families can have fun because if they're there for hours, three hours a night, on Wednesday night, Friday night, Saturday night, and, and during the hockey time, there, as a family, they're enjoying their time with each other, and that's really important today is that people and families are not, are active. And I think, I think that that's what one of the things inline hockey and the hockey rink provide.

As many people said, the coaches, there's coaches here, there's kids coming out here tonight. They are here because they're having fun and we need to continue to allow them to have fun. And we need to repair that rink in order to do that. And we need your support. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Next testifier is Clark Johnson, to be followed by Susan Yadao.

MR. CLARK JOHNSON:

Greetings and aloha. My name is Clark Johnson, nicknamed Chip. Why is it that every time we have to deal with budget cuts, we have to petition for social programs. It is not easy if you're homeless, you got to figure out where your next meal is coming from. Where there's a shelter that is closed. When we leave work, when you leave work and you drive home, you have a nice meal prior to retiring for the evening to get ready for the next day's work. Well this is not the case for everyone in our community. Imagine where you will stay, put your head down to rest at night in a cold, winters, dark night. Having to pay for basic needs like food, clothing and shelter.

I'm requesting the County to fund and support social programs like the south side Maui homeless resource center that is in the planning with Kelly King. She's working tirelessly and hard, and very hard to do that. These are valuable asset members of the community.

I'm also requesting Maui, County of Maui to fund improved affordable public transportation, like the Maui Bus. More frequent and reliable service to the community and affordable fare structure. And I'm also requesting the three can plan, which is implemented in Kihei, to help save our environment. That is important too.

My personal story, which I'm going to go onto is that I arrived on the island of Maui six years ago. In that time, I, we were, in that time I was staying at my sister's house. But unfortunately because of cost and everything and because of my mental health challenges, I would, had a hard time functioning in that environment. My sister was, I'm very grateful for her, and she was very supportive and encouraging. However, I was in and out of the hospital numerous times.

Now because of Mental Health Kokua, I was involved with PSR, which was psycho social rehabilitation run by Susan King, an outstanding member of the community. Then, I was at the Family Life Center before going to KHAL in Wailuku. Then I went to a group home. Now I have a part-time job, and working in the community, and an active member of my church. I appreciate your careful consideration of the social programs and the funding, which is important and I appreciate your time and I appreciate you looking at other programs too, like MEO, Aloha House, etc. Thank you, mahalo, and aloha.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

MR. JOHNSON: You're welcome.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Next testifier is Susan Yadao, to be followed by Duke Kuhia.

MS. SUSAN YADAO:

Good evening and thank you Council and Chair, people. We're so blessed to be able to have this time to speak with you and just share our gratefulness for having the rink in Kihei. I'm youth coordinator for Maui Inline Hockey, and my husband Rod is the, on the Board. He's unable to make it tonight cause he's filling in for our spot for volunteering for Skate Night.

About sixteen years ago, our oldest son Nathaniel, he was six years old, came to Maui Inline Hockey and we felt such a, it was his favorite sport. And it was, it brought so much to him. And so we started looking into it and like wow this is really a great organization, everybody there are volunteers. And to see all these people that showed up this evening, there's coaches here, there's, there's parents, there's people that have been in the program for more years than our family and to see them supporting Maui Inline Hockey, I'm just so grateful for them.

As parents we signed up to help with public skate whenever we got there about sixteen years ago and slowly wanted to help more and more and so that's where we're at now, at the, coordinating the youth. We serve about, we have about 70 youth players that come down to the rink and have practice once a week and games on Thursday nights. If you ever want to come down to see a hockey game you're welcome to come and see.

Our adult men, and women also play on Thursday evenings also, 7:30 after the youth get off and they also have games on Sunday evening, for the 35 and over, and then on Tuesday evening, and there's the men's, there are about eight different groups of men playing. So eight groups, with eight guys on it so about 64 adult men playing hockey.

So it really serves it's . . . We also have Monday nights where we have an open hockey night and that's a lot of fun because we have people who come to play hockey that are from Canada, or California, or just somebody that's on the island and they use to play hockey and they want to come down and give it a try. And so we have that on Monday nights.

And then we have, like I said the skate night on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, we're all volunteers, we have that money that helps us for the last 20 years to continue to maintain it, but we are getting into where we're needing a little bit more to replace the boards and the lights are an issue too. We currently have halogen lights, and we're looking into getting LED because we're finding that about 80 percent of the electric cost could go down if we switched to LED. So that would be a savings in the budget long term. And so we think that that would be a good thing for, for the community.

The public skating is such a blessing. Oh, and I just wanted to say, our coaches that have come on island are fabulous. We have a coach that coached for many years in Canada. He has brought his skills and the 10 unders, he was their coach this last season and they got gold.

These two gentlemen here, this is my son Alexander, he's the youngest of our four, and Kelani, his, next to him both play for, on the Junior Olympics for Team USA. And so they will go again this summer to Corona, California and participate. They were there last year, and they participated also and over on Oahu the year before. So, they are members of the, the Team USA team.

So, once again, thank you and we appreciate your support in looking into helping us with the boards and the lights. Okay, any questions?

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

MS. YADAO: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Next testifier is Duke Kuhia, to be followed by Regiemor Cadang.



MR. DUKE KUHIA:

Good evening, Chair and Members of the Budget Committee. My name is Duke Makani Kuhia. I'm a forestry worker at DLNR and I work part-time at Delta Airlines. I'm here to ask for your support for Ho`oulu Na Kamali`i Program. I wouldn't be the young man I am today, without the life skills and job skills that I have learned from the program that Aunty Leslie was in when I was in the in seventh grade. I am now in my twenties, had a lot of challenges in my life. Going to Aunty Leslie's program helped me deal with my struggles, helped me learn skills that helped me overcome the trials as a teen.

Going to her program weekends and week days helps me focus on what really matters in life and keeps me away from the negative influences. I believe that it's our kuleana to take care and show the youths what's right from wrong because they are our future. So now it's my time to give back. Till this day, I volunteer my time when I have time with the program. I humbly ask for your support for Ho`oulu Na Kamali`i program. Thank you for your time.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Thank you. Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: The next testifier is Regiemor Cadang, to be followed by Stephen West. Mr. West is the last individual who has signed up to testify in the Council chamber.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: If there's anybody else wishes to testify, that hasn't, please go to the lobby and sign up at the desk.

Proceed.

MR. REGIEMOR CADANG:

Good evening, County Council and Budget Committee. My name is Regiemor Cadang. I am a master tech at Nissan. I am testifying on behalf of Ho`oula Na Kamali`i. I met Aunty Leslie when I was in the eighth grade at 13 years old and now I am 23. And from there she has become my, pretty much my second mom. From there I learned many skills that got me to where I am today. From the program we learned to become problem solvers and role models for the youth. As a former

member of the program, we got to experience many activities and also help us, oh help the community. This program also got me into sports, like paddling and track and field, which got me, which kept me out of trouble.

From the program, they helped us become better people and keep us drug free, alcohol free, tobacco free. The program throughout the years helped me prepare myself for the outside world, which most schools nowadays don't teach you. I feel like I learned a lot from the program so when I have time in my schedule, I volunteer to help the youth. I ask to please support Ho`oulu Na Kamali`i as a program because I believe we are building a stronger future.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Thank you. Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

Mr. Clerk.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: The last individual that signed up to testify is Stephen West.

MR. STEPHEN WEST:

Good evening, Council Chair Carroll and Councilmembers. Thank you for the opportunity, it's been a long night, I'll try to make this short and sweet. I'm here on behalf of our members, ILWU Local 142. We would like to continue, for you to continue to support funding for MVB, as well as funding for MEO, and another very important program amongst many, the Maui High Automotive Program. We would like to offer our testimony in support of that and ask that you continue the requested funding for these programs. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Any clarification needed from the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

Members, that was our last testifier.

Mr. Clerk, did we receive any written testimony.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Mr. Chair, we have received written testimony.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: Any objection to entering the written testimony into the record.

MEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTION.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, WRITTEN TESTIMONY RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WERE MADE A PART OF THE RECORD OF THIS PUBLIC HEARING:

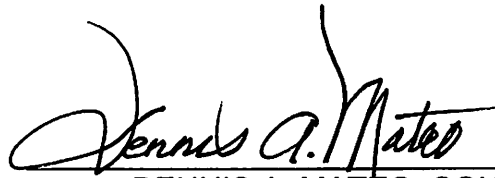
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6. Pat Borge;
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26. Lalaine Pasion;
27. Ivania Pereira Morera; and
28. Naphin Sonis.

VICE-CHAIR CARROLL: So be it.

Members, there being no further business at this public hearing, this hearing now stands adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

The public hearing of *APRIL 18, 2018*, was adjourned by the Chair at 8:34 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis A. Mateo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "D".

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DENNIS A. MATEO, COUNTY CLERK  
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*Maui Aloha*

April 18, 2018

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RE: Recommending Full Funding for Maui Economic Development Board

Aloha e Chair White and members of the Maui County Council,

It is my honor and privilege to serve as president of the Maui Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce. Our mission is to promote and sustain our culture, nurturing a strong community of Hawaiian Values to enhance opportunities for success in business and education. We achieve this mission, in part, through partnerships and collaborations with other Hawai'i organizations such as the Maui Economic Development Board.

Under the guidance of their board chair Ryan Churchill and president & CEO Leslie Wilkins, MEDB continues to work tirelessly toward the much needed diversification of our local economy. Since the loss of agricultural giants Maui Pineapple Company and HC&S, Mauians are more dependent upon tourism than ever before. Because a one sector economy puts every one of us at risk, Maui County's top priority must be economic diversification. A diversified economy is a healthier, more productive and more stable economy.

For more than a decade, we have been encouraging our island-born youth to pursue education in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). While such an education prepares them for lucrative and fulfilling careers, it also means that we are exporting our best and brightest to other places because Maui has very little to offer them in terms of quality careers. This is especially concerning for our Native Hawaiian youth who are forced to choose between a rewarding career and raising their families in their ancestral homeland. Why can't they have both?

MEDB's vision is a future in which abundant opportunities for rewarding employment are met by a qualified, resident workforce in Maui County. The Maui Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce passionately support the expansion of career options available to the next generation of island-born youth. We as a community must invest in the development of economic sectors that are not tied to tourism.

For the future of our own children and for their children, I urge the Maui County Council to fully fund the Maui Economic Development Board during this budget cycle.

Mahalo for your kind consideration,

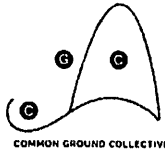
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Aloha Kākou,

My name is Jennifer Karaca, Co-Founder and Executive Director for Common Ground Collective. I am speaking in support of \$250,000 of funding for our organization, as one of the line items under Agriculture, on the 2019 County Budget. Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony this evening.

We would like Common Ground Collective to be considered for support in the upcoming 2019 County Budget. Support from the County would help to augment the fundraising, grant writing and income from the administrative services that we are currently providing.

Common Ground Collective is new a non-profit organization, with the goal to increase local food security, economic and educational opportunities through providing assistance for landowners, and small farms in the form of convenient administrative and mobile farming services in order to increase food security, economic and educational opportunities here in Maui County.

Maui has an abundance of agricultural lots that are underutilized and yet we are completely reliant on imports for food, to the tune of 85 to 90% shipped in from out of state. The State Strategic/Functional Plan reports that with just a 10% increase of locally sourced food production, we would be able to keep approximately \$313 million in tax revenue circulating locally.

We can structure or tailor our service to fit their needs, whether big or small, a local family farm, or older residents who no longer have the energy to harvest by themselves. We offer a la carte services that include the installation and maintenance of backyard gardens, including the harvesting and delivering of produce to markets. By providing a sliding scale installation cost based on income, utilizing the 2017 Federal Poverty Guidelines for Hawaii, CGC is set up to work with families who are wanting to grow food, but are not able to while also empowering our own organization not to be 100% reliant on grants and funding in the future. Other services will include helping property owners with dedicated their ag lands or coming into compliance, ag and market data collection, and creating a resource database to increase communication and community building within the community.

By using regenerative farming practices on these various properties we can help to amend the soil, protect the watersheds, and coral reefs surrounding the island. Great care will be placed on the methods we use and what we teach our clients and foodscapers. By emphasizing caution with the spread of invasive species, using eco-friendly pest management and green waste disposal solutions, we can create awareness and spur change in these areas.

Another important benefit to the community will be the increase to affordable healthy foods, right outside our clients doorstep and by increasing the flows into our local market to reduce healthcare costs due to diet related illnesses. Hawaii spends at least \$470 million on medical costs related to obesity and \$770 million on medical costs related to diabetes. Feeding our community from locally grown organic food will no doubt increase the health and vitality of our residents.

Please consider Common Ground Collective in the upcoming year's budget.

Mahalo,

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# Common Ground Collective



Maui's Nonprofit Administrative and Mobile Farming Service Providers

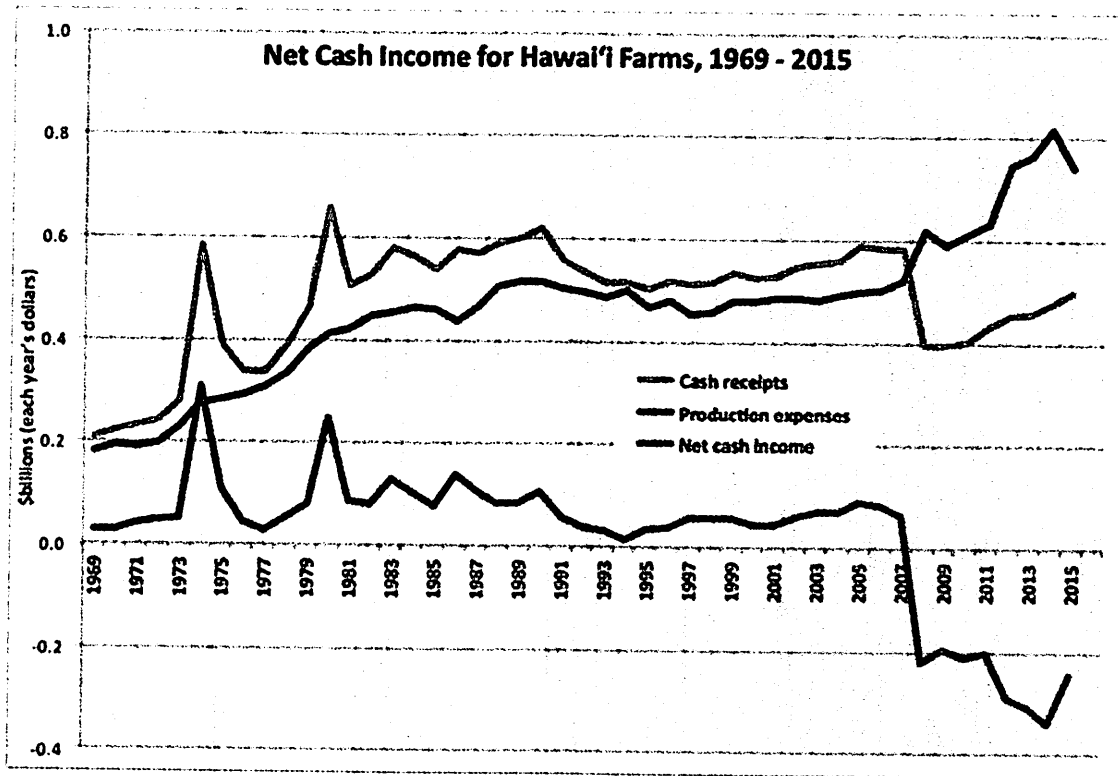
Maui County 2019 Budget Request



The Common Ground Collective (CGC) is a non-profit organization aimed to fill in gaps in the agricultural sector by providing technical administrative services and employing mobile farmers, aka foodscapers, to improve the regional food system, in Maui County. By providing support for landowners and farmers with our mobile farming and administrative services we will help to transition our regional food system through convenience, systems thinking and community building. The services that are provided will help to address current issues that are creating barriers to the average resident to be able to produce food on their land, by working for residents and with the county, it is Common Ground Collective's goal to promote food security, economic and educational opportunities to all of Maui County.

## Issue Facing our Community

- Food Insecurity
  - Imports reliance for food is upwards of 90% (Hawai'i's food consumption and supply sources: benchmark estimates and measurement issues." Agricultural and Food Economics 1.1.,2013)
  - 12% Food Insecurity & 19.4% Child Food Insecurity (2015 SocioNeeds Index for Maui County)
- Poor Community Wellness Indicators
  - Hawaii spends and estimated \$1,240,000,000 on obesity and diabetes related medical costs annually. (Hawaii Dept. of Health, 2015)
  - Health Challenges are more prevalent in the Native Hawaiian Population (Healthcare Association of Hawaii, 2015)
- Diminishing Agricultural Industry
  - Net Income for Hawaii Farmers has decreased dramatically and so has the workforce.
  - Since the 1980's, Ag land acreage has reduced by 50% and has remained largely for export. (UH Hilo, Statewide Agricultural Land Use Baseline, 2015)
  - New models of farming need to be fostered and developed because current practices are not sufficient for current/ emerging markets and community demands.



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Infrastructure and Support for our regional food system is needed to create a sustainable regional food system. This food system needs to be Economically viable for farmers and consumers, Use ecologically sound production and distribution practices, Enhance social equity and democracy for all members of the community, and increase communication between the actors in the food system and consciousness of ecological and socioeconomic feedback in the system.

# CGC Overview

## Organizational Structure

- Non-profit run as a social enterprise
- Local, state, federal and foundational grants
- Income from sliding scale used to generate revenue for our organization so that is self-sustaining in the long run and can also fund services to those in need, that would no otherwise be able to afford support.

## CGC's Mission & Vision Statement



It is our mission at Common Ground Collective to transform Maui into a bountiful and productive island that benefits both the environment and the people who live here, for generations to come. We will employ mobile farmers with the skills and passion to transform unproductive land into blossoming small farms throughout the community. While also using our administrative staff to provide the support for full-cycle agricultural system. To promote food security, education, and economic opportunities here in our beautiful island community and set-up the framework to bring this model to other much deserving areas in Hawaii and abroad.

## Common Ground Collective's Goals

- Create food security while minimizing the use of natural resources and reversing the effects of past environmental degradation
- Promote education vertically and horizontally throughout the community to promote healthier lifestyles, thriving natural environments, and boost community engagement
- Create long lasting economic and educational opportunities available to residents of Maui
- Elevate the Kanaka Maoli by providing resources, collaboration of education, and community building

The vision of the Common Ground Collective is to create a place where anyone, with land, a farm or agricultural related business, or aspirations of farming can find the help and connection they need to be more successful. We are striving to fill in the gaps in Maui's agricultural sector, to boost local food production, increase economic security, promote environmental education, and increase the use of regenerative farming practices.

CGC is working hard to help transform as many unproductive agricultural lots into productive ones, as possible, to increase local food production. We are also working to engage the community to promote education horizontally to be more impactful. We hope to help the State of Hawai'i reach their goal of doubling local food production, create more jobs and economic opportunities while doing so. Last, but not least, we want to make sure we have a large focus on making sure that the Kanaka Maoli (Native Hawaiian) community will really benefit from this organization as well. Much of the time they are left out of the planning processes and projects; and in general, have faced too much adversity and oppression by outside forces.

### Native Hawaiian Concerns

- Of all major ethnic groups in the state, Native Hawaiian's have the lowest mean family income. (Income and Poverty Among Native Hawaiians: Summary of Ka Huaka'i findings. 2005)
- Native Hawaiian families size are larger than average, which means they support more individuals than the average household. (Income and Poverty Among Native Hawaiians: Summary of Ka Huaka'i findings. 2005)
- 50.2% of Native Hawaiian Adults suffer from obesity (Healthcare Association of Hawaii. 2015)
- Low unemployment rate means high underemployment rate for Hawaii as livable income trends among Native Hawaiian households decline.
- As livable income trends decline and costs of living increases, increasingly Native Hawaiians are forced to move out of Hawaii.

# Services

## Mobile Farming:

- Installations
- Maintenance
- Harvesting

## Emergency Farm Help

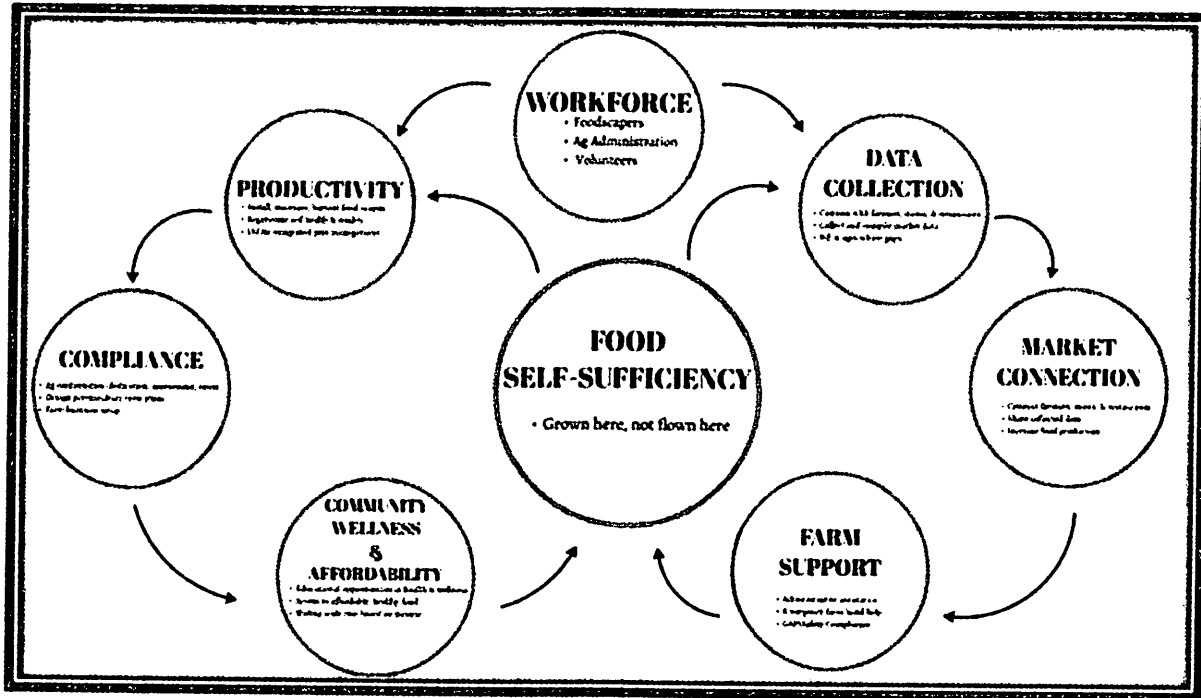
## Administrative:

- Help finding and securing tax credits, grants and/or loans.
- Market connections
- Data Collection & Management
- Design and Crop Selection
- Research
- Business Development
- Compliance Assistance

## Education & Outreach:

- Internships
- Educational workshops
- Volunteer opportunities
- Community engagement & Outreach

CGC strives to fill in gaps in the Agricultural Sector by:



## WORKFORCE

- Foodscapers to farm our fleet
- Ag administration
- Volunteers

## PRODUCTIVITY

- Install, maintain, harvest foodscapes
- Regenerate soil health & vitality
- Utilize integrated pest management

## DATA COLLECTION

- Connect with farmers, stores, & restaurants
- Collect and compile market data
- Fill in agriculture gaps

## COMPLIANCE

- Ag conformities (dedication, assessment, rates)
- Design permaculture farm plans
- Assist in farm business setup

## MARKET CONNECTION

- Connect farmers, stores, & restaurants
- Share collected data
- Increase food production

## COMMUNITY WELLNESS & AFFORDABILITY

- Access to affordable, healthy food

- Educational opportunities in health & wellness
- Sliding scale cost based on income

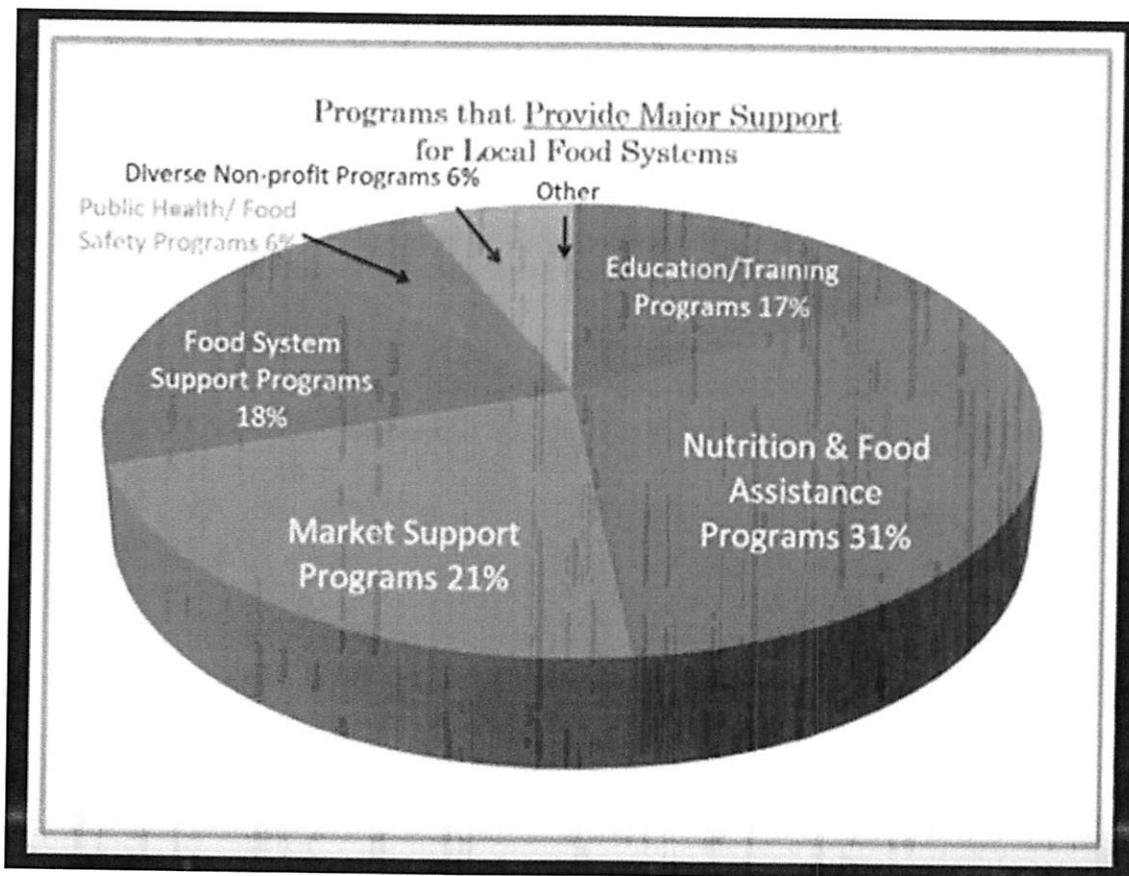
**FARM SUPPORT**

- Administrative assistance
- GAP/Safety Compliance
- Emergency farm hand help

**FOOD SELF-SUFFICIENCY**

- Grown here not flown here

Common Ground Collective is a non-profit that through designed addresses major areas of the food system



Market Support  
 Food Systems Support  
 Education/ Training support  
 State, County, Market Compliance Collection of Agricultural and Market Data

By addressing these areas CGC aims to create a sustainable regional food system here in Maui County, and create a solid frame work that can be recreated throughout the Hawaiian Islands and in other needing areas in our global community.

### Benefits to the County & Local Community

- ✦ Increased Food Security (True Sustainability)
- ✦ Boost Local Economy/ wealth distribution
- ✦ Provides Jobs
- ✦ Educational Opportunities
- ✦ Community Outreach and Engagement
- ✦ Generates Agricultural Data
- ✦ Promotes Biodiversity
- ✦ Increases Ecosystem Health and Longevity
- ✦ Combats Gentrification & Urbanization

### Economic Impacts

By increasing local food production through dispersed family owned farms could generate millions of dollars in the local economy and could also create a much-needed financial boost to so many individuals on the island through food production, added value products and even saving on grocery bills. Our model is not aimed at creating wealth for a specific company or agricultural producer but instead focuses on wealth distribution and true food sovereignty.

A 10% increase of locally sourced food production would create approximately \$313 million in tax revenue circulating locally. (Office of Planning., Increased Food Security and Food Self-sufficiency Strategy. 2012.)

	Local production minus export*	Estimated total consumption from local production*	Potential import replacement*	Economy-wide impact on			
				Sales	Earnings	State tax collections	Jobs
				(\$ million)	(\$ million)	(\$ million)	(number)
Beef	5.08	4.50	5.08	9.64	2.59	0.32	123
Pork	4.55	3.90	4.55	8.65	2.32	0.29	110
Eggs	8.98	20.00	8.98	17.06	4.58	0.57	217
Fresh milk	18.39	10.00	18.39	34.94	9.38	1.16	445
Fresh fruits	21.40	34.78	21.40	41.73	12.41	1.60	668
Fresh vegetables	60.92	33.50	60.92	125.49	32.90	4.75	1,602
Total	119.31	n.a.	119.31	237.51	64.17	8.69	3,165

Notes: \*At farm-gate values, 2005. \*\*Hawaii Department of Agriculture's estimates.

### Community Need and Network Support

- ✓ Properties waitlisted
- ✓ Farms waitlisted
- ✓ Currently working with farmers and distributors by providing marketing assistance and administrative support.
- ✓ Currently helping landowners become compliant with ag dedication requirements, and



- farm plans.
- ✓ Currently collecting data from various local restaurants, markets and added-value product vendors.
  - ✓ Currently building network connections with organizations such as UH-CTAHR Agribusiness Incubator and The Kohala Center to provide the community with a resource directory.
  - ✓ Evolution Development LLC are committed to working with CGC (Two future developments, Kihei & Haiku)

Thank you for your consideration for this the 2018-2019 Maui County Budget.

For more information please feel free to contact us.

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# CGC Sliding Scale

## Annual 2017 Poverty Guidelines for Hawaii

Household/ Family Size	0% Upfront	0% Upfront	0% Upfront	0% Upfront	0% Upfront	0% Upfront	10% Upfront	20% Upfront	30% Upfront	45% Upfront	60% Upfront	75% Upfront	90% Upfront	Full Price
	25%	50%	75%	125%	150%	175%	185%	200%	225%	250%	275%	300%	325%	
1	3,465	6,930	10,395	13,860	17,325	20,790	24,255	25,641	27,720	31,185	34,650	38,115	41,580	45,045
2	4,668	9,335	14,003	18,670	23,338	28,005	32,673	34,540	37,340	42,008	46,675	51,343	56,010	60,678
3	5,870	11,740	17,610	23,480	29,350	35,220	41,090	43,438	46,960	52,830	58,700	64,570	70,440	76,310
4	7,073	14,145	21,218	28,290	35,363	42,435	49,508	52,337	56,580	63,653	70,725	77,798	84,870	91,943
5	8,275	16,550	24,825	33,100	41,375	49,650	57,925	61,235	66,200	74,475	82,750	91,025	99,300	107,575
6	9,478	18,955	28,433	37,910	47,388	56,865	66,343	70,134	75,820	85,298	94,775	104,253	113,730	123,208
7	10,680	21,360	32,040	42,720	53,400	64,080	74,760	79,032	85,440	96,120	106,800	117,480	128,160	138,840
8	11,883	23,765	35,648	47,530	59,413	71,295	83,178	87,931	95,060	106,943	118,825	130,708	142,590	154,473
9	13,085	26,170	39,255	52,340	65,425	78,510	91,595	96,829	104,680	117,765	130,850	143,935	157,020	170,105
10	14,288	28,575	42,863	57,150	71,438	85,725	100,013	105,728	114,300	128,588	142,875	157,163	171,450	185,738
11	15,490	30,980	46,470	61,960	77,450	92,940	108,430	114,626	123,920	139,410	154,900	170,390	185,880	201,370
12	16,693	33,385	50,078	66,770	83,463	100,155	116,848	123,525	133,540	150,233	166,925	183,618	200,310	217,003
13	17,895	35,790	53,685	71,580	89,475	107,370	125,265	132,423	143,160	161,055	178,950	196,845	214,740	232,635
14	19,098	38,195	57,293	76,390	95,488	114,585	133,683	141,322	152,780	171,878	190,975	210,073	229,170	248,268

**Common Ground Collective Budget**  
**Fiscal Year 2018-2019**

**Mobile Farming Costs**

Hand-Helds	\$	6,000
Trailer	\$	2,000
Compact Tractor and attachments	\$	50,000
Truck	\$	20,000
Construction Materials	\$	10,000
Starter Plants	\$	10,000
Inputs	\$	5,000
Nutrients	\$	2,000
Soil	\$	5,000
Subtotal	\$	110,000

**Location and Admin Expenses**

Rental	\$	24,000
Office Equipment	\$	16,860
Utility/ deposit	\$	500
Legal and accounting fees	\$	2,500
Software	\$	3,766
Professional services	\$	5,000
Misc	\$	5,800
Subtotal	\$	58,426

**Labor**

Director	\$	72,800
Operations Manager	\$	62,400
Grantwriter / Bookkeeper	\$	41,600
Mobile Farm Worker	\$	31,200
Mobile Farm Worker	\$	31,200
Subtotal	\$	239,200

**Total Costs** \$ 407,626

**Income**

County	\$	250,000
Other Grantors	\$	20,000
Operatons	\$	125,000
Fundraising	\$	12,626
<b>Total Income</b>	\$	407,626

# Testimony for April 18, 2018 Central Maui Hearing Budget -Halas opposition Wailuku Civic Hub (CBS-2789)

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**Testimony in opposition to the CIP Appropriation for the Wailuku Civic Hub (CBS-2789) from Susan Halas of Wailuku for Council Budget Hearing on April 18, 2018. I expect to testify in person and I also expect to submit additional testimony.**

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## **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 all of Maui 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 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>.

This appropriation is excessive, it is also unwelcome.

The financial factors are not the only reason I oppose this project. 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 and more in harmony with the character of the existing neighborhood - the neighborhood where I live, work and own property.

I 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  
Wailuku resident and property owner

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# Fwd: April 18 B&F-1 Item 2. b. - Proposed \$85 Million CIP Project

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Mark Hyde sent this to me and asked me to forward as his testimony for the Central Maui budget hearing on April 18, 2018 in council chambers beginning at 6pm. This references CIP item CBS-2789

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The proposed Wailuku downtown project was initially conceived as a two story parking garage but has morphed into that + a plaza (do we really want to attend events next to a concrete parking garage?), commercial space (not needed), a restaurant (there are several in the area already), meeting space (what about better use of the Lao Theater for meetings and events?) and a home for the real property division (which doesn't need to be downtown). While there might be a need for additional parking (I doubt carpooling incentives and ride sharing opportunities have been tried and/or exhausted), the cost for doubling the number of existing parking stalls equates to well over \$500,000 per additional stall if you count the total cost of the project and divide it by the number of new stalls - roughly 150 - which I think is fair because other than the parking garage, the other elements of the project are not needed.

Making things worse, there isn't even a space plan for the county, now or projected for future growth, which is what a responsible management team would develop before proposing a project like this. And the existing county buildings downtown are old and inefficient. Consider the 9 story county building and nearby planning building. Both are relics; neither provides an anchor for this proposed \$85 million expenditure.

The county needs to examine locating the county government center elsewhere, perhaps in central Maui, which would be a much more convenient location for all residents, then plan for transition over time to a new location. Just because the county seat has been in Wailuku for decades is not reason enough to forgo imagining alternatives based on data, analysis, projections, community engagement and a financial plan that takes into account the county's pressing social and infrastructure needs.

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# Additional testimony Wailuku Civic Hub, Susan Halas CIP CBS-2789 April 18, 2018 Budget Hearing Central Area

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Dear B&F and Clerk's Staff:

I expect to give testimony tonight at the Central Maui Budget Hearing in council chambers beginning at 6 pm. Earlier I submitted written testimony. Here is additional testimony I will deliver in person (3 min).

What follows is a little longer than the time limit, when I speak I will cut it down to fit that time. I am submitting the entire testimony so that the record will reflect my true thoughts.

I have included for B&F committee members and staff several attachments showing where the numbers mentioned were derived, as well as one link to a video with a virtual tour of the proposed project.

I would like to thank the BF staff and the Clerk's staff for their help, am very appreciative of their assistance. SH

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## **Additional TESTIMONY OF SUSAN HALAS IN OPPOSITION TO WAILUKU CIVIC HUB Appropriation \$81,195,000 (CBS-2789) of the Capital Improvement Budget (CIP) for County of Maui (2019)**

Mr. Chair and members of the Maui County Council:

My name is Susan Halas. I live, work and own property on Vineyard St. in Wailuku. I have lived on Maui since 1976, most of that time I have lived in the Wailuku area. I am here tonight to give testimony related to the proposed Wailuku Civic Hub with a proposed CIP expenditure of \$81,195,000.

Before I get into the main points I would like to thank Council Member Riki Hokama, the chair of Budget & Finance and Carol Ball, the Wailuku resident who chaired the Maui Redevelopment Agency, the group that put forward this proposal.

I know that they both have long wanted to do "something good for Wailuku" and that this proposal comes out of a sincere desire to make the town a better place. I am gratified that they have made this the largest single number in the CIP budget - because I think it shows both "sincerity of purpose" and "good faith."

That said, it is a very large and generous amount. Dare I say excessive?

At \$81,195,000 -- the Wailuku Civic Hub is the biggest single number in next year's Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) budget.

The total CIP for the coming year is almost \$215 million which 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.**

**Let me say that again 38%!!**

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

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.

Because MRA Chair Ball was gracious enough to share all the particulars with me, I am pretty much up to speed on this proposal, but I doubt that the rest of the community knows very much about it. If you folks, in your wisdom give it final approval, it is scheduled to break ground in the not too distant future.

So while I am happy that **Wailuku Town upgrades are the #1 CIP priority**, I am not so sure that the Civic Hub is in line with the real needs and desires of Maui County.

Delighted as I am to see my neighborhood vaulted to the mega-bucks top spot in the money line, I can not support this appropriation as envisioned and here are some of the reasons why:

This gigantic new construction will irreversibly change the face and scale of Wailuku Town and open it to gentrification and speculation. Wailuku is one of the last unspoiled small towns on Maui, and one of the last places where some rents and homes are still affordable. Building the Civic Hub at great expense adds little in the way of actual parking spaces, and what is built will be a magnet for the homeless. Despite the grand scale there are few benefits to present residents and smaller property owners. The construction alone will shut down Wailuku for two years or more.

As a licensed real estate broker specializing in Wailuku I'd like to give you all little update on what's going on in town right now:

Actually the town is doing pretty well: the Umi sushi shop on Vineyard is very busy, the new Escape Room venue on Market is drawing good reviews. The Wai Bar that opened a few months back on Market is picking up a clientele; the Wailuku Coffee Company is always full and busy, to name a few.

The Maui Academy of Performing Arts- MAPA (which already owns the old Dollar Store on Main) has also recently purchased the Wailuku Promenade (also on Main) for a price reported to be about \$5 million.

There have been some good recent sales, including the old Wailuku Federal Credit union at the top of Mill St. to Kamehameha Schools for just under a million dollars.

Also in the neighborhood Tamura's is building a large grocery local style grocery store next door to the post office in the Millyard which should open within the year.

On my block alone there are new restaurants, several new property owners and multiple property renovations underway. There are also a number of transactions in escrow and being negotiated that indicate even more favorable prospects for our neighborhood may not be far off.



In other words things are moving right along in a positive and reasonable manner and all of these improvements are being privately funded.

But back to the Civic Hub proposal.

Although there have been a number of events to ask for input on this project I don't think the complete plan has ever been widely circulated in our neighborhood nor have any of the details been revealed or discussed. I do not think this is an oversight or an accident.

But that's not the main point.

The main point is if our primary goal is "affordable" housing, I do not see how we can veer off course and spend \$81.1 million on a parking structure and events venue that provides only a few more spaces than presently exist and build a "civic center" for which there has been - at least to my knowledge - little or no demand.

Over the years various insiders have attempted to dominate the planning process for this area. So far the only results have been to narrow Market St. and remove quite a bit of parking and add a monthly community event. Otherwise I don't see many changes.

I do see a big influx of homeless and more random violence, mental illness, substance abuse and crimes from small to large. For example, the Jodo Mission, the long time Buddhist congregation on Central Avenue had it's historic bell stolen recently. Police coverage of the area is thin. Maintenance of what already exists is sketchy at best.

As I said earlier, Wailuku is actually doing quite well -- very little of it is distressed; it is one of the last reasonably priced areas for both residential and commercial property and it seems to be turning the the corner on its own. Individual property owners are buying, selling, leasing, making improvements.

Our neighborhood is really looking to the county for much more down-to-earth assistance, like fixing the roads and sidewalks, adding more police and public safety officers, goals that can be accomplished with considerably less expense.

In fact we have been very pleased with the results from "Wailuku Clean and Safe" which has helped to provide a security presence in the area and has helped in the maintenance of the main business area.

Though I personally can recognize and appreciate a truly grand gesture when I see one, (and in this case I know that it comes from the heart), I don't really think there is a lot of support for the plan as presently conceived.

I oppose the Wailuku Civic Hub as not wanted, not needed and providing few actual benefits to the residents or business people of my neighborhood.

Even though I oppose this particular appropriation and this particular plan, I commend you for being bold and I hope you will continue to keep Wailuku on the front burner and in the CIP budget - but maybe not on such a lavish scale.

I'm not asking you to eliminate this funding. I am asking you to cut it back substantially and reconsider what the money will be used for, and to put the bulk of the money toward our top priorities, housing, water and infrastructure.

I have attached the link of a virtual video tour to my testimony and also several pdfs showing where the numbers I cited come from. I would be happy to answer any question you may have.

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

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~~(2) Water Fund - Unrestricted~~  
~~(i) West Maui Reliable Capacity~~ 6,100,000  
~~(1) West Maui Source Development~~

TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT APPROPRIATIONS

CIP → 214,922,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS (OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT  
PROJECTS)

819,962,082

# Appendix C - p 3. CBS-2789

26	CBS-3567	<b>f. Central Maui Landfill Land Purchase</b>	250,000
		Acquisition of 17 acres to complete the Central Maui Landfill subdivision parcel, approved by the County Development Services Agency in 2009.	
27	CBS-5019	<b>g. Central Maui Landfill Phase III</b>	250,000
		Design and Hawaii Department of Health, Solid Waste Branch permitting for Phase III at the Central Maui Landfill Facility.	
28	CBS-1131	<b>h. Wailuku-Kahului Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Compliance Sewer Rehabilitation</b>	2,000,000
		Construction, rehabilitation and/or replacement of major gravity sewer lines that have reached the end of their useful life and/or have been found to be damaged or in disrepair via video investigation or other means. Includes construction of Iao Valley Line replacement.	
29	CBS-5034	<b>i. Wailuku-Kahului Recycled Water Pump Station</b>	600,000
		Design and construction of a recycled water pump station to pump treated effluent to potential agricultural and other users and convey to the County's Soil Aquifer Treatment basins.	
30	CBS-5035	<b>j. Wailuku-Kahului Wastewater Reclamation Facility (WWRf) Emergency Effluent Force Main</b>	450,000
		Design and replacement of an existing 850 linear feet of force main pipe from the Wastewater facility storage pond to the headworks.	
		<b>7. West Maui Community Plan Area</b>	
31	CBS-1124	<b>a. West Maui Recycled Water System Expansion</b>	500,000
		Design, permitting and construction of upgrades, modifications and additions to the West Maui recycled water distribution system. This includes a new tank and force main in Kaanapali.	
32	CBS-1161	<b>b. Napili No. 3 Force Main Replacement</b>	1,800,000
		Design and replacement of a 2,074 foot long, 16 inch diameter ductile iron pipe force main within Lower Honoapiilani Road (between Hui Nui Place to Hoohui Road).	
33	CBS-1174	<b>c. Napili No. 4 Force Main Replacement</b>	1,800,000
		Design and replacement of a 2,040 foot long, 14" diameter ductile iron pipe force main within Lower Honoapiilani Road (between Hui Road "F" and Napilihau St.).	
34	CBS-1180	<b>d. Napili Wastewater Pump Station No. 4 Modifications</b>	400,000
		Design and construct upgrades (pumps, motors, generators, etc.) and required modifications (building, piping, electrical) to the existing pump station.	
		<b>Department of Finance</b>	
		<b>1. Countywide</b>	
35	CBS-1218	<b>a. Countywide Equipment</b>	4,020,000
		Purchase of equipment for: Department of Environmental Management (Solid Waste Operations) in the amount of \$2,120,000 for (4) 28-Cubic-Yard Automated Refuse Trucks (\$460,000 each) and (1) Roll-off Truck for Residential Drop-off at Central Maui Landfill in (\$280,000); and Department of Fire and Public Safety (Fire/Rescue Operations) in the amount of \$1,900,000 for (2) 1500 GPM Pumper Trucks for Napili and Wailuku Fire Stations (\$950,000 each).	
		<b>2. Wailuku-Kahului Community Plan Area</b>	
36	CBS-2789	<b>a. Wailuku Civic Hub</b>	81,195,000
		Acquisition, design, planning, permitting, construction and construction management of a Multi-Use Facility in the Wailuku redevelopment area.	
37	CBS-5058	<b>b. Real Property Assessment Office</b>	30,000
		Interior design for the Real Property Assessment Office to be located in the Wailuku Civic Hub.	

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2. Wailuku-Kahului Community Plan Area		
a. Government Facilities		
(1) Bond Fund		
(i) Wailuku Civic Hub		77,000,000
(2) General Fund		
(i) Wailuku Civic Hub		2,000,000
(ii) Real Property Assessment Office		30,000
(3) Lapsed Bond Proceeds		
(i) Wailuku Civic Hub		2,195,000
C. Department of Fire and Public Safety		
1. Countywide		
a. Government Facilities		
(1) General Fund		
(i) Countywide Fire Facilities		308,000
2. Lanai Community Plan Area		
a. Government Facilities		
(1) General Fund		
(i) Lanai Fire Station Improvements		100,000
3. Molokai Community Plan Area		
a. Government Facilities		
(1) General Fund		
(i) Pukoo Fire Station Relocation		300,000
D. Department of Housing and Human Concerns		
1. Countywide		
a. Other Projects		
(1) Bond Fund		
(i) Acquisitions for Homeless Sheltering and Affordable Housing		9,000,000
E. Department of Management		
1. Countywide		
a. Other Projects		
(1) Bond Fund		
(i) Public Safety Radio System Replacement		1,200,000
F. Department of Parks and Recreation		
1. Countywide		
a. Parks and Recreation		
(1) General Fund		
(i) Countywide Parks Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Improvements		250,000
(ii) Countywide Park Playground Improvements		1,000,000
(iii) Countywide Parks Facilities		500,000
(iv) Countywide Light Ordinance Compliance		1,100,000

Aloha County Council and members my name is Shantel and I m a single mother of four kids. That have been in and is attending Meo Head Start. I've been in Meo for four years now. If it wasn't for Meo head start I don't know we're i'll be in life. But thanks to them for taking all my kids teaching them and getting them ready for the kindergarten so on. And thanks to them for taking my two youngest kids. I'm able to find a job at kahi kamalii and work doing the day while I know that my two youngest kids are in school learning. I'm not only hear for myself and my kids I'm also hear for other parents and their children. Thank you for your support. Aloha's

*Shantel Naauao-Keanini*



April 17, 2018

Honorable Riki Hokama, Chair  
Budget & Finance Committee  
200 High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Subject: Proposed Operating Budget and Capital Program  
II. Special Purpose Revenues-Schedule of Revolving/Special Funds for  
Fiscal Year 2018

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Dear Chair Hokama and Committee Members:

Mahalo for all the hard work put into the crafting and review of the annual Budget, recognizing the need to balance so many worthy causes and the costs and benefits for the people in our community. We appreciate the leadership you demonstrate in this rigorous process.

We would like to opine on three areas of the budget under the responsibility of the Department of Housing and Human Concerns:

1. Down payment Assistance
2. Interim Financing and Buy-Back of deed restricted properties
3. Affordable Housing Fund

Na Hale O Maui strongly supports all affordable and workforce housing initiatives. We believe that we must all work together as partners in order to be able to deliver as many homes as quickly as possible, to make inroads in the pent-up and future housing needs in Maui County.

Down payment Assistance.

Many of our qualified buyers and other potential buyers of affordable and/or workforce housing in the community have good jobs. They have developed and maintained good credit. The most difficult hurdle for homebuyers is the down payment and closing cost. Rents continue to escalate, requiring 50% or more of monthly income, leaving little for nutritious food, medical expenses, education, let alone saving.

NHOM has a Matching down payment assistance grant available to our buyers based on need, up to \$10,000 per family. This has allowed many of our families to afford a safe, secure home, that they would otherwise never qualify for. To date, we have granted more than \$105,000. The grant creates a 15-year lien that is only repaid if the homeowner ceases to be an owner-occupant, refinances or sells the home. At the end of the 15-year period, the grant is forgiven, the lien is released.

The budget proposal to provide a down payment (assistance) grant would help more deserving families with good credit and good jobs afford a home.

Housing Interim Financing and Buy-Back Revolving Fund (Ch. 3.32 MCC) for \$1,582,592. The county of Maui has a purchase option to buy back deed restricted homes during the restriction period. This fund will provide a means of carrying out this option and preserving the affordability of the homes.

Act 159 provides the means for the State or County to waive this option in favor of a qualified non-profit housing trusts than can step into the State or County's position. NHOM and several other nonprofit organizations are experienced and able to manage this process efficiently. Best of all, allowing a nonprofit to buy back the property would preserve the affordability of the home, and prevent it from going to market rates for a longer period of time, as has often been the case in the past. Na Hale O Maui, given the opportunity, would result in perpetual affordability. Our homes never go to market rates.

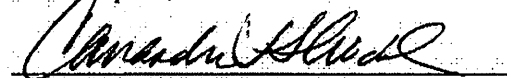
Affordable Housing Fund (Section 9-20, Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended; Chapter 3.35 MCC) for \$21,019,165, that provides in part:

- 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;
- was created to increase the supply of affordable rental or owner-occupied housing; and
- grants or loans to any nonprofit or community land trust that complies with Section 501(c) of the IRS Code....

The greater the amount of funds contributed to the Affordable housing Fund, the more affordable/workforce housing that we can develop in Maui County. Therefore we strongly support the proposed \$21,019,165 in the current budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to take part in the budgeting process and for all that you do to support and improve our community.

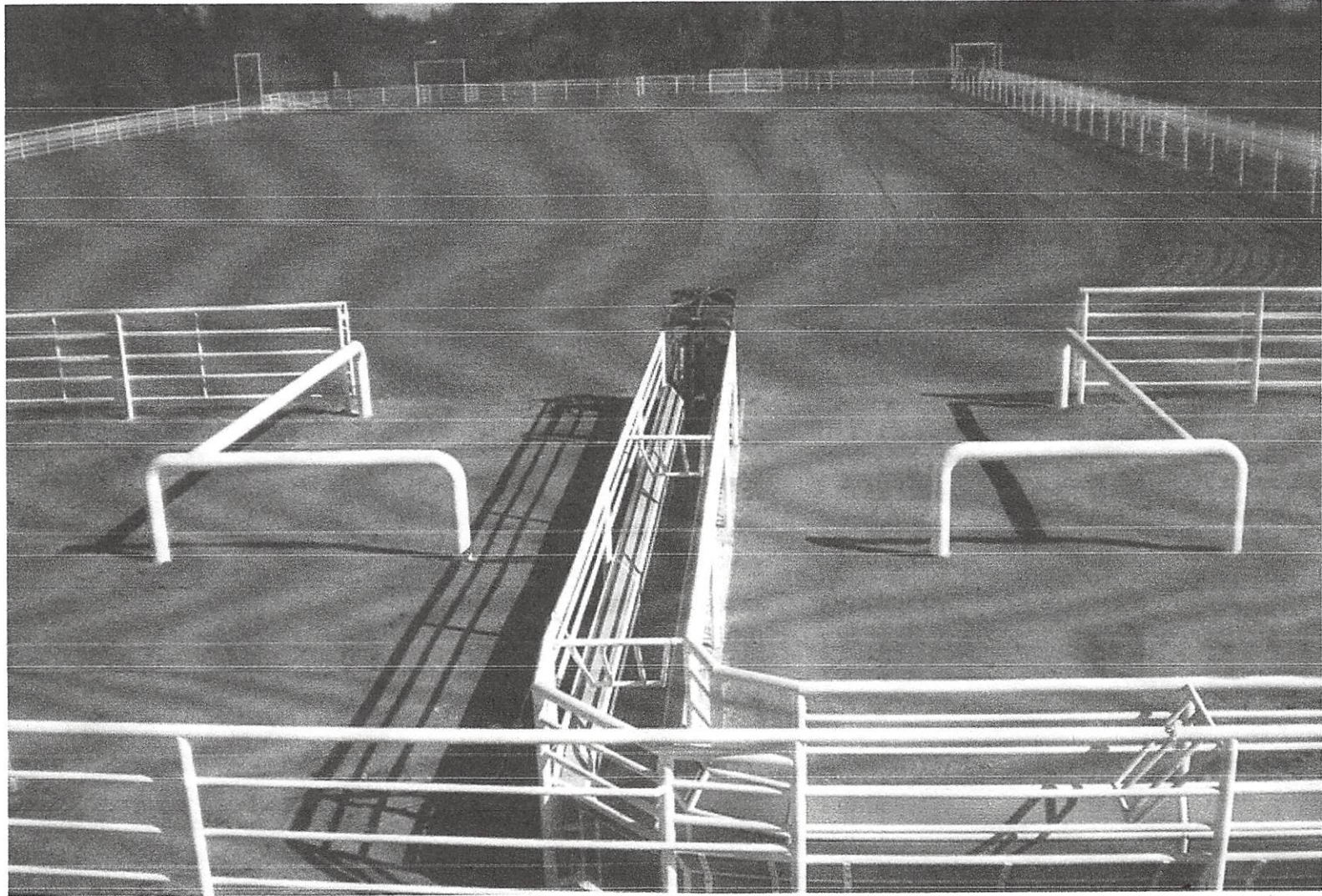
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Executive Director



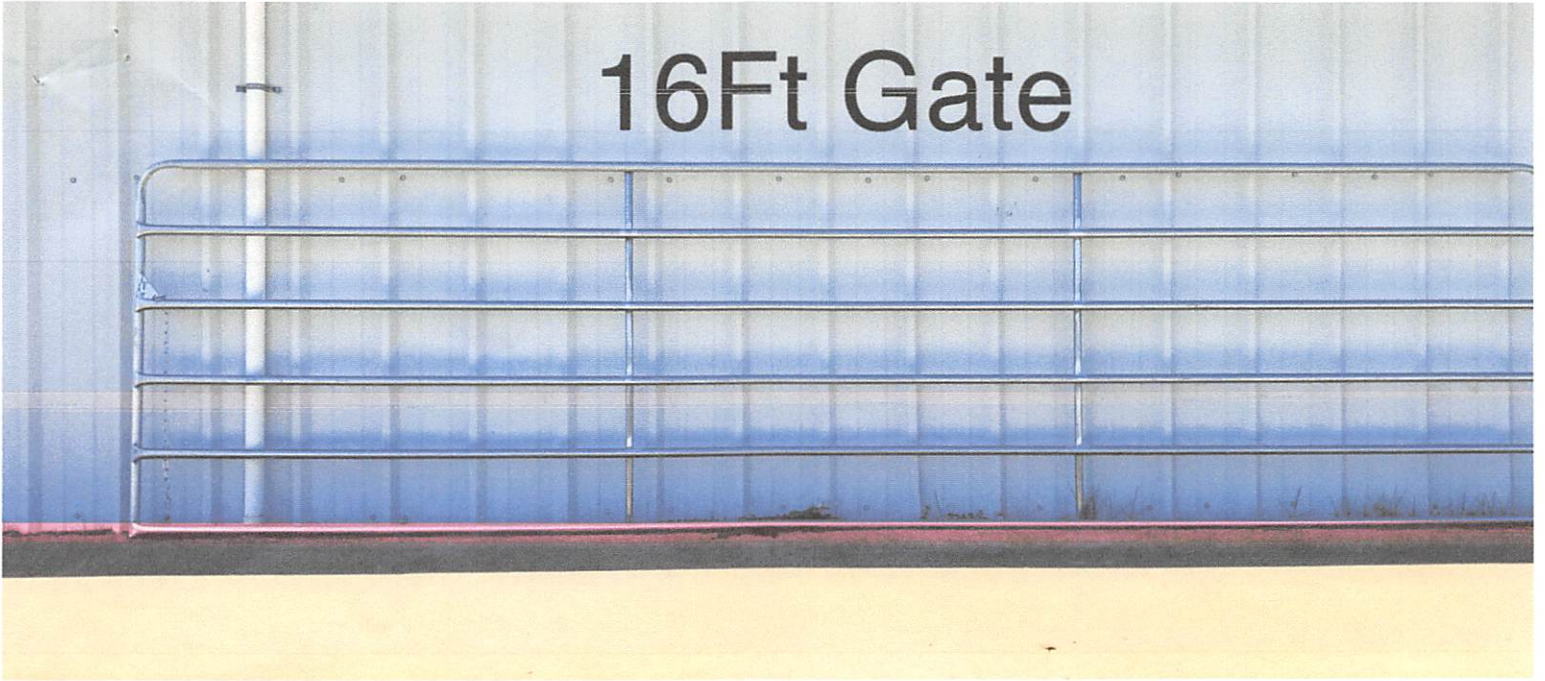
2018 PROPOSAL FOR  
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Pat Borge



# 16Ft Gate



5X8 Gate

*RIDE THROUGH*





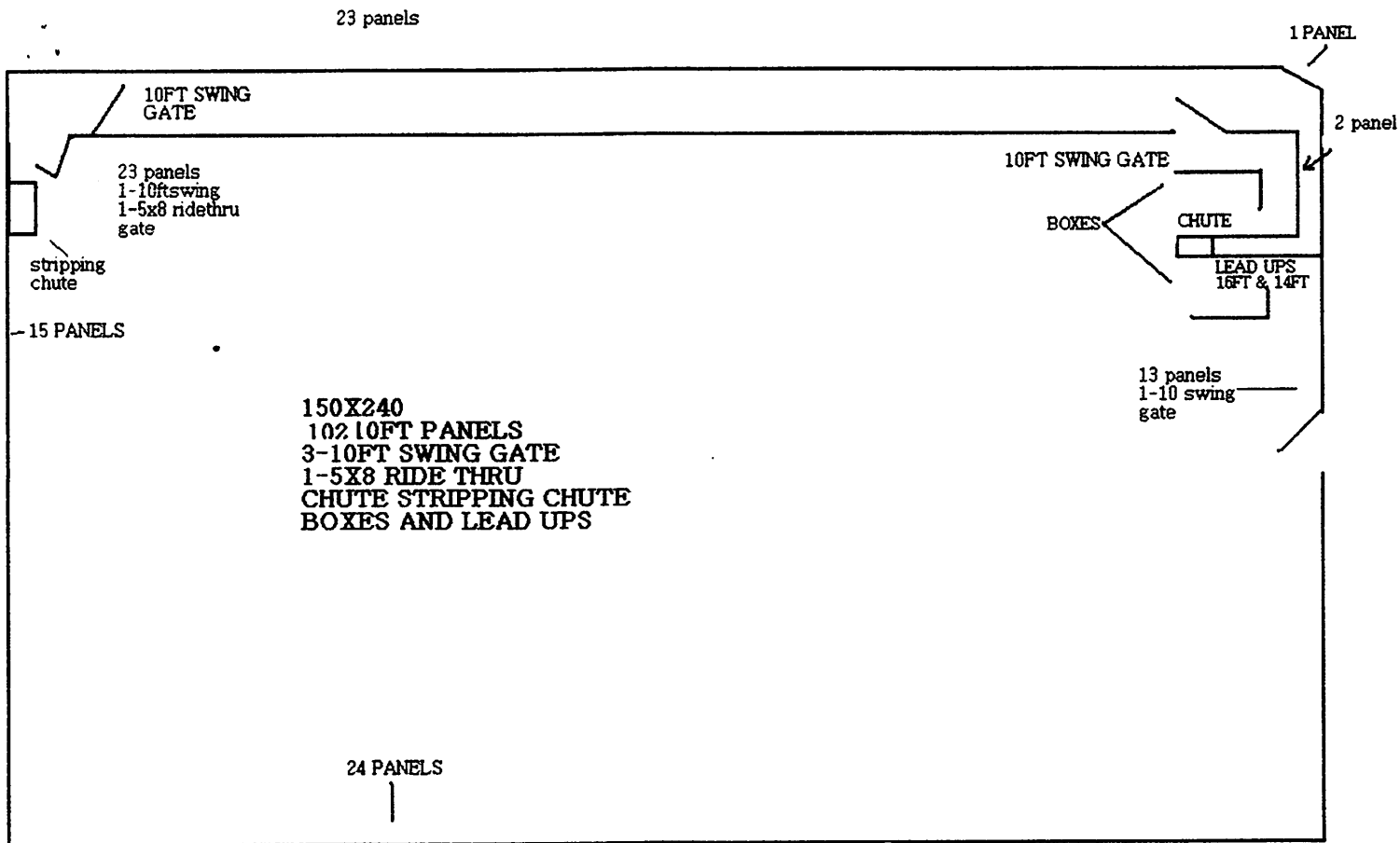
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STRIPPING CHUTE



ROPING CHUTE



ARENA 150 x 240

65 PANELS (5'10 6 RAILS, 16 GAUGE)

XTRA 60 PANELS FIT IN 20 FT. CONTAINER TO BE USED FOR HOLDING PENS

ARENA COST - \$ 6,995.00

SHIPPING - \$ 4,200.00

TOTAL 11,195.00

ON ISLAND MATERIAL

GRAVEL - \$ 12,000.00

SAND - \$ 41,000.00

CINDER - \$ 20,100.00

TRUCKING \$ 10-12,000.00

5-10 ACRES LAND?

TOTAL W/SAND 52,195.00

w/ CINDER 31,195.00



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Heidi Kumpulainen	70 Naele Rd Hailu 96708	Heidi
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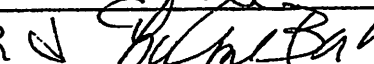
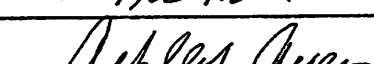
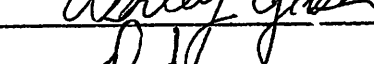





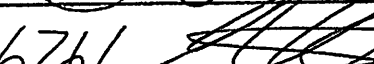
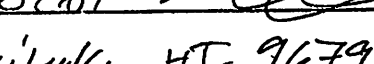
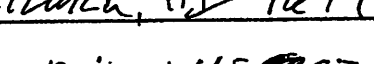
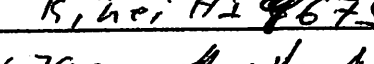
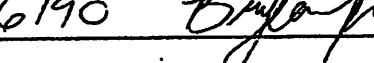
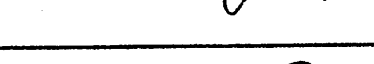
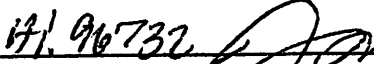
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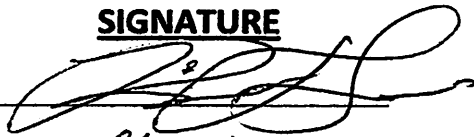
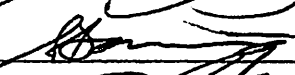
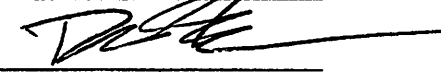

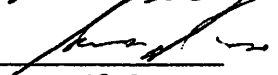


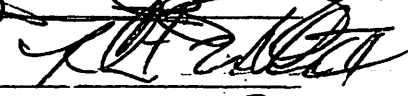

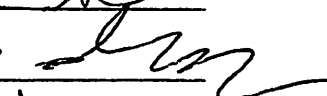

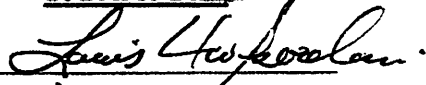

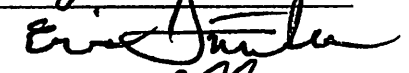
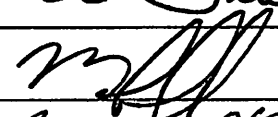
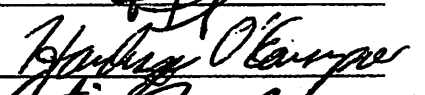
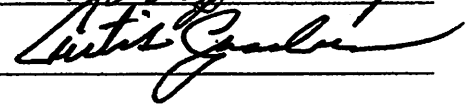
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**I support the move of the Tom Morrow Memorial Equestrian Arena  
to a new location to be safer and more user friendly.**

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## Maui County Paramedics Association

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Riki Hokama, Chair  
Budget and Finance Committee  
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Chair Hokama and members of the Budget and Finance Committee:

**The Maui County Paramedics Association strongly supports the FY2019 budget appropriation that would provide Ocean Safety lifeguard coverage at Pu'u Keka'a, or Black Rock.**

Black Rock has consistently ranked as one of the **top three deadliest beaches in the entire State of Hawaii**. In the ten years from 2007 to 2016, there were (24) fatal cases of drowning at Black Rock. There have been exponentially greater numbers of non-fatal drowning and other injuries at that location, some leading to lifelong disability.

For well over a decade, our paramedics and EMTs have been advocating for greater injury *prevention* at Black Rock. Our EMS providers are extraordinarily dedicated and skilled, however when we arrive at a patient's side who is already in cardiopulmonary arrest due to drowning, the chances of a successful resuscitation are negligible. It is heartbreaking for our paramedics to routinely pronounce deaths at Black Rock that could have been prevented.

Survival from a water emergency is dependent on primary injury prevention, early recognition, and immediate rescue. As an EMS educator who regularly provides medical training to Ocean Safety Officers, I can attest that they are highly competent in all of these aspects of injury prevention and emergency response.

From all outward appearance of Pu'u Keka'a, it is perfectly understandable that visitors and residents alike would not fully appreciate the level of risk inherent at Black Rock. A properly equipped and staffed lifeguard tower will be a critical step towards education and mitigation of that risk.

**Please ensure funding of Ocean Safety lifeguard coverage for Pu'u Keka'a, or Black Rock. Your action will literally save numerous lives.**

Respectfully,

*David N. Kingdon*

David N. Kingdon, MPH, Paramedic  
On behalf of the Maui County Paramedics Association

# Testimony

Dian Taroma <dian.taroma@gmail.com>

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Aloha Chair and Committee Members,

My name is Dian Taroma and I am a member of MEDB's STEMworks Program at Maui High School. Thank you all and the Office of Economic Development for the continued support of our future. I am here tonight in support of MEDB's STEM programs. I have been a participant in the MEDB STEMworks program for over 3 years. Through STEMworks, I have been exposed to the latest technologies and software such as AutoCAD, 3D Printing and also be a part of the FIRST Robotics program to help and inspire the community/ future generations to take part and obtain lifelong skills that the program offers. As one of the team captains for the Robotics program, I have worked with my advisors Mr.Keith Imada and Mr.Neill Nakamura to continue and strengthen the Robotics/STEMworks program of Maui High School. I have also build strong bond and teamwork with people around me through this program.

In addition to supporting valuable technical skills, MEDB's programs allows students to learn about different career opportunities that exist in our state. By providing resources such as industry trainings, resources reflecting our local Hawaii job market, networking opportunities for students to talk story with STEM professionals to learn valuable advice and gain insight into the rewarding career opportunities in their respective fields, and internship and mentorship opportunities so that students can be fully immersed in a professional environment and gain an understanding of what different careers really entail.

As a student, these programs have personally helped me gain confidence in my abilities to collaborate, work successfully on a team, problem solve, work with industry grade tools and technologies, and help prepare for my future. My dream is to be a financial analysts or a medical doctor.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in support of MEDB's STEM initiatives.

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Chairperson Michael White and  
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TESTIMONY: PROPOSED BUDGET 2019

Please consider that the budget proposal submitted by the Mayor appeared to promote the careers of self and friends.

In the Mayor's proposal it thanks its budget director by name on the inside cover of its proposal. The Mayor praises my name a managing director at page 62 of the proposal for leadership in development by an internal committee of CIP proposals. Throughout its Message in the proposal it uses first person singular to affirm the authority of its proposal.

In Our Charter legislative policy enacted as law, drives governance.

There has been a continuing effort to change how we are governed, that first surfaces on April 3, 1992 in a State of the County Address (Address)

The entrepreneur who found itself elected to administer an enormous budget proclaimed, "...we are striving to turn our citizens into our partners." (emphasis added) See Address at page 3). This is governance by a different political structure. It is governance by a structure driven by an individual: status, expertise, discretionary application of power; as opposed to individual power managed by consent to be governed, by Policy established by elected representatives.

I request that this Council set forth as a condition in our Budget ordinance that administration of the terms of this budget by the executive branch shall affirm that its power stems from the consent by citizens to be governed by law .

Jim Smith  
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**Testimony for the Office of Economic Development to keep Agriculture  
For the council session on Wednesday April 18, 2018**

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April 17, 2018

Dear Council Chair White and other Council Members,

I am writing in favor of keeping all elements of agriculture in Maui County under the umbrella of the Department of Economic Development.

I understand the suggestion has been made to move agriculture to the Department of Environmental Management.

I have had the opportunity over the past few years to work with the Maui County Farm Bureau and the OED on projects relating to the landscape and horticulture industry on Maui through my time as a volunteer on the board of the Maui Association of Landscape Professionals (MALP), an organization that has supported the landscape industry on Maui for over 20 years. I have found working with the staff of these offices to be uncomplicated as they clearly understand and anticipate the needs of the agriculture industry as a whole.

I have researched the background of the OED and its counterpart, the Department of Environmental Management to come to the following conclusion:

I have come to believe agriculture should stay under the auspices of the OED based on Maui County's own distinctions between the departments.

To transfer agriculture to the Dept of Environmental Management would require a change in the mission statement of this department. The mission statement of the DEM as published is:

"To protect the public's health, safety, property, and environment by developing and operating the County's infrastructure."

This mission statement is all encompassing of "protection" and "infrastructure" but nowhere does it state "business development and support."

In turn, the Office of Economic Development's published overview of work is: "The OED works in partnership with the community, business and government sectors to:

- Strengthen and diversify the economy by supporting existing businesses
- Assisting in the attraction, development and expansion of new businesses and events that will in turn provide new jobs for our community."

The OED departmental overview was clearly designed to support all business sectors in the community.

Yes. Agriculture, in all of its facets, works the land (aka the environment), but have no doubt that agriculture is business. Strictly business. Business needs support.

Through many media venues, including print and numerous statements on the radio, the mayor has stated that he has been working to attract large scale farmers to the island to fill the land vacated by the sugar cane operations. Clearly, by his statements on this subject alone, his goals unmistakably fall under the mission of the OED - the "attraction, development and expansion of new businesses."

Agriculture on Maui is expanding rapidly but not in the traditional sense of large scale farms. Instead many boutique farms are appearing, new plant nurseries are entering the market and cannot keep up with demand for projects, and the explosion of business in the landscape and horticulture industry which alone are bringing in many millions of dollars to the economy.

On the landscape side, I can offer examples of business expansion. I purchase landscape plants on a daily basis. I have a general idea of what everyone has in their inventory. Did you know that on Maui there is a plant nursery that provides plant starts and full size plants to the landscape industry to all of the islands? It holds in regularity several millions of dollars in inventory to keep up with the demand. And it cannot always keep up with the demand of the rapidly growing

landscape industry on all of the islands. In the past few years, several new small and large scale nursery operations have opened on Maui. These new businesses lower the requirement of me needing to ship plants in from other islands or from the mainland. But there is still room for more growth.

The landscape installation business on Maui is being kept busy as well. Just for the current airport project, the installation will take a many months but the plants will need to be grown as well - 15,000 of this plant, 10,000 of that plant, and don't forget the 300 coconut palms which are near impossible to find right now.

I understand that the position of the agriculture specialist would also transfer to the DEM, but supporting agriculture is a team effort of the entire department, not just the job of one person. As these and other agriculture businesses grow, they should be supported by an organization whose mission is to support businesses not an organization whose mission is to manage infrastructure, i.e. roadways.

Again, please consider keeping the agriculture sector in the OED.

Thank you for your time.

Allison Wright  
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# SUPPORT Women in Technology Program

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To:County Clerk <County.Clerk@mauicounty.us>;

Maui County Council  
Attn: Council Members

**Subject: Mayor's Proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2019 and Capital Program - Support Women in Technology Program**

Dear County Council Members,

I urge you to support the Women In Technology (WIT) program of Maui Economic Development Board through the Mayor's Proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2019 and Capital Program. WIT enables local, talented, young people who know how to thrive within the very special culture of Hawai'i to pursue STEM careers at home, and I stand as a woman forever changed and made better by this program.

Years ago, I arrived at H.P. Baldwin high school with a variety of talents and interests, and joined one of MEDB's after-school programs, Future Scientists and Engineers of America. WIT created incentives for kids to get involved in after-school STEM programs by providing funding for travel and lab materials. By senior year, I'd become chapter co-president and led a team to victory at UH Engineering Expo, and won international praise with colleague Kaitlin (Luther) Sommer for our multi-year science fair project working with sharks. I now work in the non-profit conservation science sector on Maui along-side some of my heroes – and I can clearly look back to the moments 15 years ago when this door opened for me – and it was because of WIT's involvement in my high school.

I remember creating electric circuits, simulating the technology used to map the surface of Mars, building and testing trebuchets, and parachuting eggs from a three-story building. I was able to sit with a group of friends after school in this club and open up to my own exploration of science – a subject that previously intimidated me. I am forever grateful to the WIT staffers that visited our class and inspired and enabled me to pursue a profession in the sciences. I feel that because of this experience, I can now give back to Hawai'i in meaningful ways.

The long-term commitment WIT has shown to Hawai'i's youth and future STEM leaders is clear, and this program deserves your support.

Mahalo nui,  
Alana Yurkanin  
26 Ololi Place

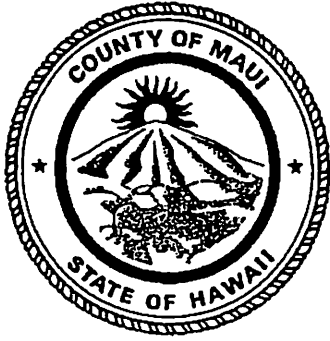


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Request/Issue:

Aloha,

My name is Lacie Cabrido, and my son goes to Wailuku B Headstart. I would like to extend my gratitude for MEO and its programs that I was able to receive as a newly single mother. Without ~~the~~ headstart, I would not have been able to ~~find~~ find and continue employment and also have my son in the classroom learning ~~and~~ growing everyday.

Funding Request (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Responsible County Department: \_\_\_\_\_

To: Maui County Council

From: Wailea Point Village AOA

Re: Maui County Council Meeting, April 25, 2018

Mayor's Proposed Budget: 50% Tax Penalty on Non-Resident Homeowners

The Wailea Point Village AOA, representing 130 residential properties in Wailea, South Maui, including resident and nonresident owners,

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**OPPOSES the mayor's proposed tax penalty of 50% on properties owned by nonresidents with an assessed value above \$1.5 million.**

The proposed tax increase will

- Impose a disproportionate tax burden on nonresidents who spend only part of the year on Maui and who use fewer county services than full time residents;
- Present an immediate and material, unplanned financial burden on nonresident homeowners;
- Upset the real estate market in a clearly negative way; and
- Degrade the marketability and price of existing homes when viewed by potential non-resident buyers, not to mention having a probable negative effect on potential new construction.

Also,

- Generally, all the Wailea Point residential properties have an assessed value over \$1.5 million.
- Recently enacted federal tax reform legislation imposes a \$10,000 limit on deductibility of local real property taxes, accentuating the negative effect of the proposed tax penalty.

The Wailea Point AOA urges the council (1) to reject the mayor's proposed real property tax structure and (2) to approve operating expenses in line with reasonable revenue expectations consistent with good government and improved efficiency.

Respectfully Submitted for the Wailea Point Homeowners,



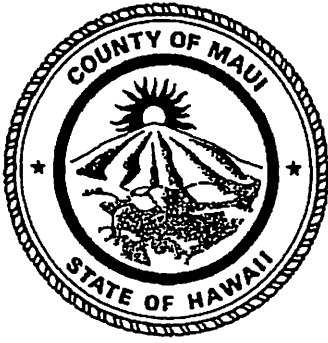
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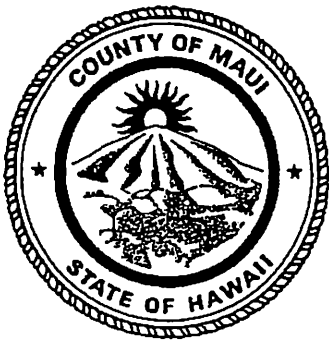
Jenna Cruz

Request/Issue: I want to thank all the MEO

staff that work so hard to keep  
the doors open for our keiki. It  
has been such a blessing to have  
our daughter be apart of the  
school at Wailuku B. Not only has  
the school helped enrich my  
daughter Rhia personally but having  
the facility has helped our family  
sustain more work hours and support  
our family. Thank you all for  
your help in our community. So many  
families benefit from MEO.

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 Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Request/Issue: ALOHA AND MAHALO FOR THE OPPORTUNITY FOR MY  
FAMILY, ESPECIALLY MY SON TO BE ABLE TO ATTEND  
SCHOOL DUE TO THE FUNDING YOU PROVIDE. MY SON HAS  
GREATLY IMPROVED IN SCHOOL DURING THIS PAST COUPLE  
OF MONTHS WHILE MY DAUGHTER IS NEXT IN LINE. IF  
ANYTHING, PLEASE CONTINUE TO FUND AND SUPPORT  
THIS PROGRAM THAT GREATLY BENEFIT SOME IF NOT MOST  
OF US AND IF CAN, INCREASE THE FUNDING SO  
THAT MORE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND BENEFITS CAN  
BE ADDED TO THIS VERY USEFUL AND PENERPITING  
SCHOOL PROGRAM.  
ONCE AGAIN, MAHALO NUI AND ALOHA.

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Responsible County Department: \_\_\_\_\_

First, on behalf of Kahi Kamali'i, I would like to take the time to recognize and thank the county council members for supporting funding for MEO Kahi Kamali'i.

The funding for Kahi Kamali'i does not only benefit my son but also benefits me a single mom. With the cost of living in Hawai'i, it is almost impossible for parents to afford paying for a reliable day care. With the help of funds such as the one provided at Kahi Kamali'i, I was able to enroll my son in a day care where he could be surrounded by children his age and also be surrounded by caring adults that are knowledgeable of supporting his learning and development. The funds provided for MEO Kahi Kamali'i really helped me gain financial stability. I don't have to worry about calling in to work because I didn't have a reliable sitter...I don't have to worry about being short on cash because I can now work extra hours... and I can continue to go to school on pursue my Bachelors degree in early childhood education.

Kahi Kamali'i became a second home for me and my son. The staff and all the parents whos children attend Kahi Kamali'i all benefits from these funds. Continuing to provide the financial support for Kahi Kamali'i will not only benefit parents but also continue to support the children of Maui today and hopefully the children of tomorrow.

Thank you

Kyra Gamit

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Date: April 17, 2018

To: Maui County Council  
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Attention: Chair Hokama  
April 18, 2018 9am

From: Paula Hegele, President  
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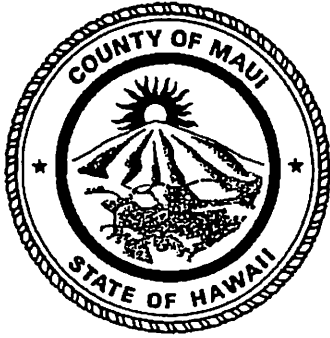
RE: Office of Economic Development

I would like to submit my support for continuing to keep agriculture, commodity groups and the Maui County Farm Bureau grants with the Office of Economic Development. The future of diversified agriculture is dependent on the economic development of programs that support farming, like ag-tourism and the manufacturing of value-added products created from Maui grown crops. In addition, OED provides and facilitates educational opportunities for compliance and quality control standards.

The OED office has done a fantastic job of supporting, educating, encouraging and marketing the developments of agriculture on Maui Country. This office is recognized by the agriculture community as a professional and supportive resource for a variety of challenges and opportunities that we face.

Please support Maui agriculture by understanding that our future is dependent on our diversification and economic viability. Keeping agriculture closely aligned with the Office of Economic Development shows that our County Council believes in the successful transition of agriculture for our community.

Thank you for allowing my testimony.



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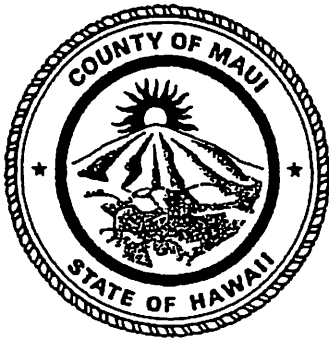
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Request/Issue: MED Headstart has benefited my child as well as myself in so many ways. My child was given the <sup>an</sup> early opportunity to make friends while broadening his interpersonal skills in classroom setting. In this setting is where we <sup>also</sup> discovered his love for reading. Now he tells me the story instead of I telling him. MED headstart allowed me the opportunity to continue working my full time job with peace of mind that my child was in a safe learning environment. Thank you.

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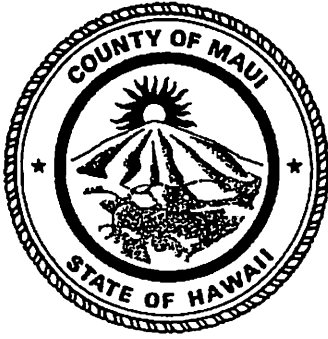
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I Represent:  Myself  
 Organization MEO HEADSTART

Request/Issue: THIS PROGRAM IS VERY IMPORTANT TO NOT  
ONLY MYSELF BUT MY FAMILY AS WELL. BECAUSE  
OF THIS PROGRAM I WAS ALLOWED TO HAVE MY CHILDREN  
ATTEND SCHOOL SO I COULD WORK FULL TIME AND BE  
ABLE TO PROVIDE FINANCIALLY FOR MY CHILDREN. THIS  
PROGRAM HAS BEEN SO BENEFICIAL FOR BOTH OF MY  
CHILDREN, THEY WERE ABLE TO LEARN THINGS I WOULD  
NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO IF IT WAS NOT FOR MEO.  
I AM SO THANKFUL FOR EVERYTHING THIS PROGRAM  
HAS DONE OVER THE LAST 3 YEARS.

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Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Request/Issue: The issue I'm acknowledging is the funding for the MCO HeadStart Program. They've been having some budget problems and they need help. This program has done wonders for my grandson. He's been attending the one at Luana Gardens, building A for quite sometime and he's been excelling ever since. They've been giving him the education he needs in order to be ready for Elementary school. The staff genuinely care about the kids and are very protective over them. The program and all the teachers are loved by not just the kids, but us parents also. If the Head Start program were to be shut down I'd have to find

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Responsible County Department: \_\_\_\_\_

a different school for my grandson which would be  
hard on him and myself. on behalf of the program  
I please ask you to keep funding the meo  
Head start program.

Maui County Council Budget Hearing Chair & Members  
April 17, 2018

Aloha, my name is Courtney Lau Hee, daughter of Leslie Lau Hee, and I'm testifying on behalf of *Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i*.

I was introduced to my hanai family fairly early in my life, thanks to my mom working at MEO Youth Services. I was first introduced to them when I was in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade when my mom picked me up from school with a van full of teenage strangers. As you could assume, I was very shy and intimidated but, they welcomed me with open arms. Little did I know that these strangers were going to play, and continue to play, a huge role in my life today. From 5<sup>th</sup> grade to high school, I continued to attend her youth program and my extended family continued to grow. After her time with MEO Youth Services came to an end, she talked about creating her own youth group because she felt the youth deserved a program where they could learn valuable knowledge about the community and themselves. She didn't realize the journey she was about to sign up for but, she had everyone's support.

When she started to discuss the idea about creating her own youth program openly, it was very exciting to see that spark in her eye reappear after so long. She's so passionate about helping the youth in our community and I was so proud to see her dreams becoming a reality. Once the ball started rolling, everything was falling into place. Kids were signing up, land to work on became available, and she had a tremendous amount of support lined up behind her. What we weren't prepared for was the hardships we would soon have to face; the lack of funding to provide the youth with the resources needed. Although I saw this as an issue, my mom stayed composed and quietly worked on ways to get funding: car washes, food sales, etc. And recently putting her truck up for sale to help purchase a van for the program.

My mom is continuing to put her name out there so these kids can have a chance. According to statistics, Maui's youth is not doing very well. A program like *Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i* is needed to teach our youth the basic knowledge of respecting and helping others while also teaching them how to help themselves. My mom built this program from the ground up and I feel she deserves to have all the funding in the world but, I am biased. I'm biased because I see the efforts she puts into these kids. I see how she struggles paying out of pocket to provide resources for them. I see how crushed she gets when she gets denied the funding she needs. But with the struggle she goes through, I also see how determined she is to fight for our island's youth.

The youth need a role model to guide them into the right direction and my mom could be that role model. She's not only my mom, but the mom to all of my hanai brothers and sisters that I gained through being a part of the her youth program at MEO. We are all products of her after-school and weekend programs, always keeping us busy either at Uncle Alex's farm or out in the community helping others or doing prevention and awareness work. Just speaking for myself I know that all the stuff that we did with her, didn't seem like much at the time because we were all having fun doing it, but it really did matter. I experienced bullying and cyber-bullying in high school, unhealthy relationships and I knew someone that died by suicide and knows someone who attempted. All of these experiences impacted my life in a huge way, but

I knew how to cope with them, because she taught all of us how to deal with these life changing events: the warning signs, protective factors and talking to someone you trust. I'm fortunate that I have a great support system, that continues to support me as a young adult, but there are kids out there that don't have the support they need. There's no hesitation when it comes to my mom helping the youth, she always put the youth before herself and will do whatever she can to help them achieve a better life. Many young adults, including me, are successful because of her guidance and support and I believe her youth program, *Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i* will give the youths the opportunity to experience that same sense of love and success. Her affection and determination is contagious; I hope you can all have the chance to witness it.

Please support *Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i*.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Courtney Lau Hee (20)  
Western Oregon University

Maui County Council Budget Hearing Chair and Members  
18 April 2018

Aloha kakou, my name is Jennifer Aleysa Martin. I am here to testify on behalf of *Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i*.

There are not enough words in this world to describe what I have learned and gained from my experience working alongside with Lesie Lau Hee. Many other people may say the same, but I would not be the person I am today if I had never volunteered for previous youth programs such as MEO Youth Services and Uncle Alex Bode's farm at Waikikena. Their compassion, dedication, and commitment that they put into the keiki of Maui is what inspired me the most. They have left a positive impact on a lot of people and I am a living proof of it. I believe that *Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i* will prepare and structure the keiki into becoming successful individuals.

I have volunteered in youth programs since I was 13 years old, which was 8 years ago. Around that age, young teens are susceptible to being sucked into social media and introduced to alcohol, drugs, and many other bad habits. Fortunately, I kept myself busy with all of the activities and work that Aunty Leslie and Uncle Alex offered to us. I was able to obtain skills such as farming; sustainability; cultural practices; suicide, alcohol and drug prevention; cooking; communication; leadership; and more. Aunty Leslie introduced me to outrigger canoe paddling when I started in the MEO youth program. I have learned to love the sport and gain confidence in a team setting and with the ocean. I got the chance to paddle next to whales, sharks, rays, and more! This is how I gained a lot of interest in the ocean and the organisms that live in. Now, I am currently pursuing a degree in Marine Science at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. These programs have shaped me into becoming a better and wiser person.

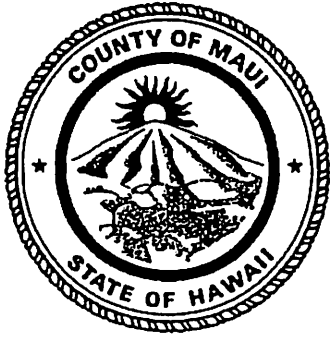
Uncle Alex was the foundation of Waikikena. His commitment to the farm has allowed me to learn the importance of sustainability and cultural practices and how to imply them into today's society. I was able to gain hands-on experience with planting and harvesting taro at this farm. Although I enjoyed getting my hands dirty, I have come to learn that farming can be hard work. With doing hard work under the hot sun, it is easy to say that team work is a must. Being able to work with a wide variety of kids has improved my communication skills. In college, I also learned how to make my own papa ku'i 'ai (poi pounding board) and Uncle Alex couldn't have been prouder of me. He allowed me to teach his keiki how to pound kalo and it is such a wonderful experience to pass down my knowledge. Because of experiences like this, I was able to break out of my shy shell and I realized that these programs aren't only about obtaining skills.

Aunty Leslie is one of those who I now consider to have become one of my family members. She is kind, generous, and selfless. She puts the keiki of these programs before herself. Many youth advisors just clock in and clock out ~ except for her. She takes the time and effort to get to know these kids and to help them in whatever hardships they are experiencing. Aunty Leslie guided me into all of the right tracks. In high school, I did not date the best guys or hung out with the ideal group of people. I used to go through much hardships when I was younger and I would go to the after-school programs and the programs during break so I can run away from my problems. I enjoyed going because of the positive and energetic environments. I am so grateful I had a program to go to and Aunty Leslie to vent all of my problems to. I cannot express how

much times I have gone to or called her to talk about my problems. She helped me get through terrible breakups, family problems, or any situation I went through. I know I would not be in the right state of mind if I did not have somewhere to go or an adult figure to go to. Youth advisors like her is the reason why I prospered into becoming an outstanding individual, today.

I also developed numerous friendships from these programs. Most of these friendships ended up being one of the best parts of my life. Over the years, these friendships evolved into my second family. I continue to stay in contact with many of the people I have met. They are the most loving and caring brothers and sisters that I could ever ask for.

As a young adult, I fully support the new program, *Ho'oulu Na Kamali'i*, for all of the keiki on Maui. This program will allow them to be open to positive eye-opening opportunities I am living proof that youth programs help shape and guide keiki into being better individuals. I could not be any more thankful for what these programs and youth advisors has done for throughout these years. I hope that the generations after me will still be able to have programs like this. Thank you for your time and consideration.



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**Community Budget Request**

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Request/Issue: I am writing on behalf of myself, one of the  
parent's of Keiki's who are studying @ Kahului A  
headstart located @ Luana Garden.

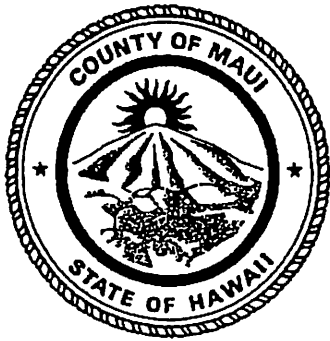
Mr. Arakawa thank you for your full support  
& generosity concerning to our Keiki's needed vpecially  
to the billings of our Keiki's headstart school electric  
bill, hopefully you guy's continue your full support or  
the next coming mayor will continue what ever you guy's  
started for the good of our Keiki's.

Again, thank you ~~so~~ more power to your office sir.

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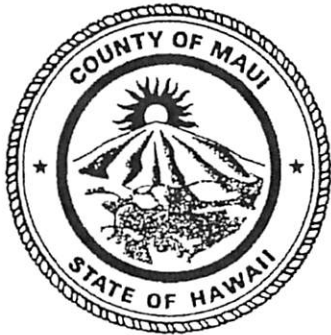
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Organization MEO Headstart

Request/Issue: PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE MEO  
HEADSTART PROGRAM. THE MEO HEADSTART PROGRAM  
IS SO WONDERFUL AND MY DAUGHTER HAS  
LEARNED A WHOLE LOT IN HER FIRST YEAR.  
THIS PROGRAM HAS HELPED ME GREATLY  
WITH PROVIDING AN EDUCATION FOR MY DAUGHTER,  
AS WELL AS PROVIDING ME WITH INFORMATION  
AND RESOURCES PERTAINING TO CHILD DEVELOPMENT,  
Potty TRAINING ETC. I VERY MUCH ENJOY  
THIS PROGRAM.

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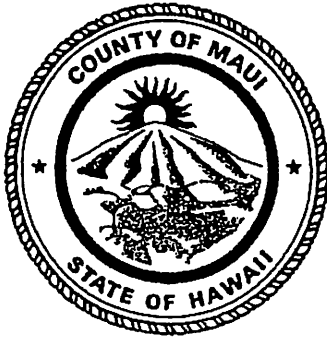
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Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Request/Issue: HeadStart has helped my son be independent. Teaches  
him to read write. They teach him to be responsible.  
I had two other kids who were in headstart.  
And it was a great experience. And I think that  
they should be open for other children to come  
learn. It's a great place and my son loves it. He's  
made some great friends. And his behavior and  
attitude has changed for the better since he's been here.  
The teacher and staff are awesome.

Funding Request (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

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MEQ - support for continued funding

Request/Issue:

Every child needs just one caring adult to believe in their potential. my daughter madison was lucky to have a "community" of support at MEQ's headstart at Wailuku B.

As a ~~year~~ second year recipient of this program we ask that you continue to provide fundings. She has exceeded all expectations and as I had mentioned before there is no other program that exists that provides community resources and family engagements. ~~Education~~ SHE

is all ready. Reading because of the ~~fundamental~~ educational curriculum that is provided. A confident little girl showed so many progress in this

Funding Request (if known):

Proven program.

Responsible County Department:

On behalf of my family, I would like to express our most sincere gratitude for providing and funding Head Start.

For the past year, both of my kids have been part of this amazing program. I have been able to watch them learn and enjoy themselves with all the great activities that the teachers prepare for them. It's wonderful to see the kids get excited about going to school and learning.

Thank you for all the hard work and effort that it takes to keep this program running. Our community is very fortunate to have programs such as Head Start.

Sincerely, Ivania Pereira Moreira.

MEO HEAD START - KAHULUI B

03/27/2018

Aloha Maui County Councilman Alike Atay,

I, Naphin Sonis along with my family, would like to thank you for the aid that we have been receiving from the **Early Childhood Programs- Maui County Child Care Subsidy and Kahi Kamali'i County Subsidy**. We are hoping that the programs can be continued for the next year so that it may, not only, help our family but other families as well.

As I was saying, my name is Naphin Sonis. I am a mother of 5 children. It is almost impossible for a family of 7 to have only 1 working parent. Because of the aid that we receive from both programs, my husband and I are able to work full time jobs and afford childcare costs. These 2 programs have really helped our family in so many ways. Our children are able to receive gifts/ rewards for their hardwork/special occasions because we are able to work full time. If it weren't for the aid that we receive, we would probably be a "1 working parent family" and we wouldn't be able to "live comfortably."

With a humble heart, we would like to ask that the programs are continued for the next year so that my family and other families like ours will be able to afford childcare costs and so much more. Thank you very much for having these programs available to families. You are a true blessing.

Mahalo,

Naphin Sonis

MEO HEADSTART