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October 7, 2016

Honorable Alan M. Arakawa
Mayor, County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mayor Arakawa:

**SUBJECT: USE OF COUNTY PROPERTIES IN THE HAIKU
SUGAR EAST SUBDIVISION (EAR-67)**

Thank you for your recent announcement that you will be issuing an executive order to direct County agencies to assist Councilmember Elle Cochran, me, and others in developing a master plan for the 267.74 acres recently acquired by the County of Maui in the Haiku Sugar East Subdivision, Hamakualoa, Maui.

As you pointed out, because of the size, location, and cultural, economic, and environmental significance of this land, a countywide effort will be needed to develop a master plan that ensures the community's interests are furthered and protected in perpetuity. I envision the need for amendments to the Paia-Haiku Community Plan, the Maui Island Plan, and multiple titles in the Maui County Code to achieve these objectives and adopt the Hamakualoa master plan. Clearly, this effort will extend well into the next Council term, and perhaps beyond, which is one reason your issuance of an executive order to formalize this collaborative effort is so important.

May I respectfully suggest that your executive order be issued and submitted to the Economic Development, Energy, Agriculture, and Recreation Committee by noon on **Wednesday, October 12, 2016**, so that it may be posted with the Committee's agenda for its next meeting on October 18, 2016?

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In addition, may I suggest your order include the following elements:

1. A directive that all County agencies make their personnel and other resources available to me, Councilmember Cochran, other Councilmembers, and any relevant Council committee, temporary investigative group, or other entity to assist in the development of the Hamakualoa master plan.
2. A designation of me and Councilmember Cochran as co-chairs of any body that may be formed under the executive branch relating to this matter.
3. A term until January 2, 2019.

At the October 18th Committee meeting, I intend to propose the establishment of temporary investigative group, chaired by myself with Councilmember Cochran serving as the co-chair and Council Chair Mike White as a member. The TIG's purpose would include working with your Administration to evaluate and recommend a process for developing the master plan. By necessity, with the Committee's existence and authority expiring concurrent with the Council term, the TIG will cease to exist as of January 2, 2017 or earlier. I see the TIG as a short-term initiative, complementary to your executive order, to begin work on the master plan, leaving open the possibility of a new TIG to perform more in-depth work in the next term.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Sharon Brooks at ext. 7137, or Pauline Martins at ext. 8039).

Sincerely,



DON S. GUZMAN, Chair
Economic Development, Energy,
Agriculture, and Recreation Committee

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