

## BF Committee

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**From:** Milton Bradley <miltonbravo1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 8:56 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Fwd: Important comment re: Budgetary process

Hi, thank you for this opportunity to give input.

Myself and 7 business owner friends of mine discussed one item in the budget that caused us alarm.

If we think about what is best for Maui and give you perspective on how you should think about spending our money, we all understand and hope to impress on all of you, that spending \$9 million dollars on "acquisitions for the homeless" is the least compassionate and intelligent thing you can do.

We know and deal with many of the homeless. We feel for some of them, not all as much of their problems are within their control, while we clean up after them and offers ways to help besides just giving them money.

Some get flown into our island as they all show up at the same time. I have seen it happen over 20 years. Many need just storage for their items that can make them safe and off of Kahului roads. Most need some help with government problems such as getting an ID, getting past drivers license/court problems resolved as well as a basic place to camp.

PLEASE FOR ALL THAT IS PROPER AND RIGHT DO NOT BUY THEM HOUSES AS MANY DO NOT WANT THAT AND THERE ARE MANY OTHER PROGRAMS THAT CAN HELP KEEP PEOPLE OUT OF BECOMING HOMELESS THAT DESERVE THAT MONEY.

If there are families that demonstrate they can be responsible and clean up then by all means reward the best of them. But please, don't think being compassionate means spending our \$9 million dollars to house many who do not want to be housed. Better to buy many a set of used clothes, a meal and a plane ticket. These times warrant smart decision that take all the citizens needs into effect, not a very tiny minority. Your compassion, or lack of smart compassion will be observed and addressed so please use our funds wisely and cancel any ideas about buying homeless a place as it will only serve to increase the numbers and is the opposite of compassionate.

Thank you,  
Milton Bailey

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**From:** Penny <pennysfh@hawaii.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 9:45 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** info@mnbg.org  
**Subject:** FY2019 budget hearings\_letter of support for MNBG  
**Attachments:** EKKA letter of support\_MNMG\_10Apr2018.pdf

Aloha;

Please find attached a letter of support for the Maui Nui Botanical Gardens for the Councils' FY2019 Budget deliberations.

Mahalo.

Penny Levin, Coordinator

E kupaku ka aina



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10 April 2018

Aloha mai kakou;

E kūpaku ka 'āina – the Hawai'i Land Restoration Institute (EKKA) is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit whose mission is *bringing severely degraded lands back to places of ecological health and abundance*. We are dedicated to fostering an economy of abundance through the critical business of land restoration and the art of traditional cultural practice. We do so by assisting agencies, organizations, landowners and communities to develop practical skills and affordable strategies for degraded lands and native ecosystems recovery, and agriculture fit to the land...because if the 'āina is not well, neither are we.

As a partner and supporter of Maui Nui Botanical Gardens, E kūpaku ka 'āina would like to express our wholehearted support for MNBG's budget request to the County of Maui.

Maui Nui Botanical Gardens' role in maintaining one of the most complete collections of traditional Hawaiian food crops from Hawai'i and the Pacific continues to grow each year. Their collections of kalo, mai'a, 'awa, kō and 'uala, along with 'ulu, kukui, wauke, numerous cordage and dye plants, and a number of Maui Nui's native and endangered species are a fabulous resource for learning. This is an exceptional gathering of important heritage plants that are used daily to connect teachers, schools, residents and visitors alike to Hawaiian culture. Cultural practitioners and hālau are regularly able to gather resource materials from the Gardens to perpetuate their own craft. The Garden has recently begun to establish the only seed bank on Maui as an important step towards increasing protections for endangered and core native species specific to Maui in the face of such threats as Rapid Ohia Death and climate change.

The Gardens are increasingly a desirable location for cultural events, such as Ho'ōmau and Arbor Day, as well as, a successful workshop and small event host on its own. In 2017, La Ulu, a celebration of breadfruit held by the Garden, attracted over 2,000 visitors and residents in a single day. This year and next, the Gardens will continue to produce La Ulu and other events focused around Hawaiian food plants. The Garden also hosts a series of educational events and workshops geared toward increasing knowledge of Hawaiian cultural foods, native plants and endangered species in the local community. It provides training workshops on the resources available at the Gardens for teachers to incorporate in school curriculum. 'Ohana gatherings, organizational fundraisers and even business meetings are a regular occurrence at the Gardens.

The County's support for the day-to-day management of the MNBG provides critical leverage for other grants and a great group of volunteers that support all these uses and events.

EKKA continues to encourage collaboration and sponsorship of MNBG's work to maintain these collections, bring them to life through education, and increase community and visitor exposure to them.

Please join me in supporting Maui Nui Botanical Gardens so that this jewel of a resource within Central Maui, so accessible to our schools and community, and so close to many of our visitor access points, can continue to be enjoyed in more ways, by more people, in the future.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Penny Levin', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Penny Levin  
Project Coordinator

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**From:** Gina Flammer <flammerfamily@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 10:33 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Kula Community Association Budget Priorities  
**Attachments:** KCA Budget Priorities 2018.doc

# KULA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

<http://www.kulamaui.com/>

*The VISION of the Kula Community Association is to preserve open space, support agriculture, maintain a rural residential atmosphere, and to work together as a community.*  
*The SPECIFIC PURPOSE of this association is to improve the quality of life for the residents of Kula, to promote civic welfare, and generally to benefit the community of Kula.*

## The Kula Community Association BUDGET PRIORITIES Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **County Ag Support** – The KCA is asking that the Council keep the Agriculture Specialist, associated Ag grants, and other personnel in the Office of Economic Development (OED). The Ag work should continue to be part of OED, since OED is the department to support economic opportunities. The DEM is big enough already and has a very different mission.

We also request funding to enable the County to ensure consistency among County departments in how agriculture is viewed and supported. None of the departments which farmers and ranchers deal with most, e.g., Water, Planning, and Real Property Tax, have experienced, educated agriculture inspectors. Farmers and ranchers are faced with appealing decisions that have been made incorrectly regarding water rates, building permits, and/or property taxes. We need either funding for new inspectors or funding to train existing inspectors. Increased support, training, and land is needed to help new farmers get back onto the land.

2. **Bike Safety** – Safety on the upcountry highways is seriously compromised by inadequate and poor maintenance of the highways used by the downhill cyclists. This is both a public safety and County and State liability issue. (We believe that the State gave administrative authority for bikes to the County. We strongly request adequate funding for proper maintenance along the highway shoulders, plus bicycle pullouts along Crater Road and Haleakala Highway towards Makawao, as detailed in the 2010 Kimura Study, perhaps by utilizing State-collected TAT funds or by establishing fee assessments on the tour-bike company's per-bike rental.
3. **Invasive Species Control** – KCA strongly supports County efforts to control, reduce and eradicate invasive species, especially the Little Fire Ant, glycine, coqui frogs and Axis Deer. Please include very much needed, increased funding for Maui Invasive Species Control (MISC) and other programs. (Glycine weed needs to be emphasized as a destroyer of Jacaranda trees.)
4. **MCC Title 19 Update** - KCA supports the Planning Department's efforts to continue work to revise Title 19. KCA Board endorses the expenditure funds to comprehensively update Title 19 zoning code to meet the needs of the County in the future.
5. **Water Supply** - The Kula Community Association Board continues to prioritize the creation of a system that provides dependable, quality water for all our residents and that provides water meters for the Upcountry Water Meter List. We encourage the County Council to insure that funding is available for water storage alternatives and to request cost estimates for various sized reservoirs in the upcountry area.
6. **Children's Safety** - The County of Maui should assure that actions are taken to construct the connector sidewalk to the existing Lower Kula sidewalk, in the vicinity of Haleakala Waldorf School. There is no safe way for the 264 children and their parents to walk between the school on Lower Kula Road and the County's Kula Gym. The County is encouraged to cooperate with the State to complete sidewalks that connect Kula Elementary School to residential areas within one mile of the

school. The high volume of traffic on Kula Highway indicates the need for a crosswalk with flashing lights from Rice Park to Kula Country Farms. Speed limits need to be enforced.

7. **Replacement of Playground Equipment and Planting Trees** - We request the vandalized toddler playground equipment be replaced and that shade trees be planted for the picnic areas and for spectators on both the upper and lower fields.
8. **Road improvements and maintenance** - We would like to see the Mayor and the Public Works Department establish a priority list of roads on the county's web-site that need to be repaved within each district of the County, and then budget and build the highest priority road improvements.
9. **Upcountry Greenways Master Plan** – The County has already developed an excellent recreational master plan that would connect all the upcountry communities: Kula, Pukalani, Makawao, Olinda and Haiku with a series of trails for hiking, cycling and equestrian activities. We ask that the plan be included in the Mayor's budget for implementation over a multi-year period.
10. **The Kula Bus–Route Extension** - The Kula community appreciates the recent extension of the Kula Bus Route to serve the Waiohuli Hawaiian Homelands and to help commuters, students and Kula Hospital workers. Mahalo for addressing the particular needs of this area and for revising the bus schedule to reflect our community's needs.
11. **Kula Community Center** - This is a facility on leased land for which the County has already spent millions of dollars. Please finalize the actual allocation of funds to acquire the land under the Kula Community Center and tennis courts this year. The cost will only rise as the land's lease-term comes to an end.
12. **Kula Recycling** – We request that:
  - a) a recycling site be established in the Kula area;
  - b) a location for the disposal of appliances, TVs, etc. be located at the central landfill or similar central location to keep this kind of trash off our road-sides; and
  - c) expand the support of organic composting capacity for purely non-toxic materials, e.g., green-waste, restaurant waste, etc.
13. **Tiered Tax Rates** - We request information on the impacts of the Mayor's proposed progressive, tiered tax rates. is not enough data to know who will be affected, by how much, and how much revenue this would bring the County. We ask the Council to make that info available to Maui residents and communities, so they can give the needed testimony.

If you have any questions, please contact KCA President Gina Flammer at [flammerfamily@aol.com](mailto:flammerfamily@aol.com) or

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**From:** jns\_dejesus@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 11:19 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** 23 cent Bio diesel road tax

Please do not ruin a good thing. We don't have much left on the island. Vote NO on this measure.

*Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE device*

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**From:** Margarita Viramontes <mviramontes@biodiesel.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 11:24 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** BF-1

Aloha,

As a concerned citizen I am asking the county to approve a 100% tax exemption for biodiesel in the FY 2018 budget.

- Pacific Biodiesel collects UCO at no charge saving the local restaurants at least \$285,000 in 2017 and over 1.5 million in the past 8 years
- Our environment matters and climate change is real. Why tax something that reduces emissions by 85%
- Adding 23 cents tax on biodiesel would hurt our mission, we want 100% renewable energy by 2045
- Locally made, keeping revenues in the local economy

Please support renewables and approve a 100% exemption

Mahalo

### **Dora Viramontes**

Administrative Assistant

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**From:** Georgia P <mauitimeisright@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 12:53 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** BF 1 testimony - support for Common Ground Collective  
**Attachments:** BF 1 Support Common Ground letter.pdf

Aloha

Please see attached testimony in support of BF1 - funding for Common Ground Collective

Mahalo  
Georgia Pinsky

April 10, 2018

To Members of the Maui County Council

Aloha,

I am writing today to share my support and enthusiasm for a Maui non-profit called Common Ground Collective (CGC). Common Ground is needed here on Maui, as we continue to increase our local agriculture production, and increase the number of people on the island.

Please fund Common Ground Collective for the full amount requested, and the results will be apparent and abundant in a very short time.

I am deeply involved in the local food movement blossoming here on Maui. There is lots of demand for locally grown food, from residents and restaurants, farmers markets and value-added product companies seeking raw ingredients. There is more demand than there is supply, and lots of new farmers giving it a try. There are many various aspects to being a successful farmer, sometimes too many. Everything from crop and variety choices, to weather challenges, to finding purchasers, to bookkeeping, not to mention the cost of land.

Common Ground Collective is actively supporting local food production through providing Farm Support Services to Maui Farmers.

Founded by Jennifer Karaca and Terese Masters, CGC is looking to complete the missing pieces in our local food distribution system. They are looking to create neighborhood or community based co-operative growing systems, allowing neighbors to share in the abundance, and increase the village autonomy. These neighborhood-based growing cooperatives have the potential to pool their production and thereby provide high quality local produce to larger purchasers.

CGC will offer Farm Business Services, for the small farmers who are soil-based, and may find the numbers side of farming challenging. It's like hiring a bookkeeping service, specifically for your farm.

Common Ground is NEEDED here on Maui. There is clearly a missing link in the ongoing efforts of OED, and our State Dept of Agriculture. There needs to be a support network for our small farmers. CGC founders have spent many hours, days, and weeks examining the Maui farming challenges, and have done a great job creating a solution.

CGC will increase local food production, increase waste mitigation for food already being grown, but not making to market, and overall, increase the number of farms and farmers through their various support systems and small-farmer enterprise options.

PLEASE fund Common Ground Collective for their full amount. I am a resident of Huelo.

*Georgia Pinsky,*

Maui County Resident and Voter  
Owner, Honopou Village Farms and Fences

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**From:** Cindy's Gmail <cindyhaggai@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 1:28 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Maui Lani Parkway Roundabout

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> Aloha!  
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> I am writing to let you know that I am absolutely thrilled to hear that a roundabout is being considered for the Kamehameha and Maui Lani Parkway intersection!!! I am in full support and believe this will make our community so much safer! Thank you so much and I am keeping my fingers cross that this will pass and be implemented ASAP!!!  
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> Warm Regards,  
>  
> Cindy McCall

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**From:** Georgia P <mauitimeisright@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 1:42 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** BF 1 testimony - in support of the Farm Apprentice Mentorship program  
**Attachments:** FAM 2018 support letter to council.pdf

Aloha

I am submitting testimony regarding BF 1 in support of the Farm Apprentice Mentorship Program of the Hawaii Farmers Union United.

mahalo nui for all that you do  
Georgia Amber Pinsky

April 10, 2018  
RE: BF1

Aloha, to the Maui County Council

My name is Georgia Amber Pinsky

I live in Huelo. I am writing today in support of the Farm Apprentice Mentorship Program (FAM), of the Hawaii Farmers' Union United.

I am a landless farmer, doing my best to contribute to our islands' needs for increased food sovereignty and self-sufficiency. Local people are becoming an endangered species here in the islands, and as we consider how we're going to spend money in this county, we need to recognize which appropriations directly support our local people. This is one of them.

Regenerative, aina-based, local agriculture is blossoming on Maui, and across the State. Last Saturday's Maui Ag Fest evidenced this, where despite the weather, thousands of people turned out at the Maui Tropical Plantation to learn about, and try tasty samples of Maui's incredible local food.

I completed the FAM program in 2017 because I have a farm vision in mind and need the skills and knowledge and attitude to realize that vision.

The FAM curriculum is incredible. It begins with 'aina observations, water access and use, soil types and nutrient options, and takes the apprentices right on thru the business of Farming. The FAM program is working for it's participants, and deserves to continue to grow.

My vision is to directly increase access to local food for local people. I want to focus on a few crops with high yields, and high usability. These include breadfruit, kalo, pineapples, avocados, and coconuts. I want an on-farm health certified kitchen for increasing "shelf-life" and storing foods for off-season. One of the things I've noticed is that many people, myself included have no idea how to process these foods.

Traditional skills and knowledge is being lost day to day. I have a vision for a "make-your-own meal" On-farm restaurant, where guests work alongside chefs to learn about how the food is prepared before they eat it. Increasing traditional food-knowledge is an important aspect to increasing our island self-sufficiency. Relearning the recipes and meals that incorporate these traditional island foods is an important aspect of my farm vision. I want to establish a farming system that increase direct accessibility to these foods, AND provides people the knowledge to consume the foods

FAM is asking the County Council to go beyond the Mayor's budget and fund the expansion of FAM to both Hana and Moloka'i. This year's Cohort of the FAM program has 3 members from Hana. These 3 take the FAM coursework via a webinar but must drive to the other side from Hana for both their immersion experience and for hands on farm experiences that reinforce the course work. FAM needs mentors in Hana.

As I'm sure you're aware, Moloka'i has had recent lay offs from Mycogen and Monsanto of approx. 80 workers. Some of these workers want to go on farming. FAM is offering an introductory workshop on Moloka'i this month (APRIL) and will be meeting with potential mentors for the next FAM cohort that will begin in December.

These expansions to Moloka'i and Hana are greatly needed. These rural areas are the traditional breadbaskets of our community, and we need to do all we can to support the increasing local agriculture.

Mahalo for your ongoing support the Farm Apprentice Mentorship program of the Hawaii Farmers Union United. Thank you for considering going above and beyond the Mayor's funding requests to allow this much needed expansion to happen!

Georgia Amber Pinsky  
Huelo

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**From:** Robert Carroll  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 3:52 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** FW: "Save The Hana Coast" - County Budget Request Letter  
**Attachments:** Maka'ala Open Space Budget Request 2018-0403.pdf

Please place in the committee record for consideration.

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**From:** Dawn Lono  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 3, 2018 2:04 PM  
**To:** Robert Carroll <Robert.Carroll@mauicounty.us>  
**Subject:** "Save The Hana Coast" - County Budget Request Letter

**Ke Ao Hali'i**  
**Save the Hana Coast**  
HC1 Box 6, Hana, HI 96713

April 3, 2018

Robert Carroll, Council Member  
Maui County County  
East Maui Representative  
VIA E-MAIL – [robert.carroll@mauicounty.us](mailto:robert.carroll@mauicounty.us)

Re: Open-space Funds for Purchase of Maka'alaе Lands

Aloha Council Member Carroll,

Ke Ao Hali'i is a local Hana group recently organized to "Save the Hana Coast." It is the long-term purpose of the organization to acquire, or otherwise work with governmental or other land trust partners to protect Hana lands for conservation, open space, agriculture and traditional Hawaiian cultural practice.

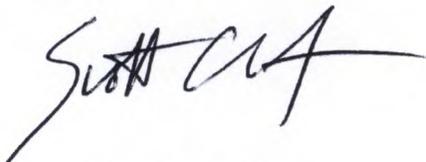
We are in discussions with Hana Ranch Partners regarding 46 acres of the Maka'alaе coastline. This property can be acquired for under \$2,000,000 and includes some of the most pristine coastline in East Maui. The 46 acres includes TMK #s – 1-4-12-02, 21, 22, 01, 17, 27, 28, & 29 (see attached map). Because seven of the eight parcels are under conservation easement with the Hawaii Islands Land Trust, the price is quite low for oceanfront property of this acreage.

We are requesting that monies from the County Open Space Fund budget be earmarked for assisting with this purchase.

We would be glad to meet with you to discuss the organization, its intention and answer questions you might have.

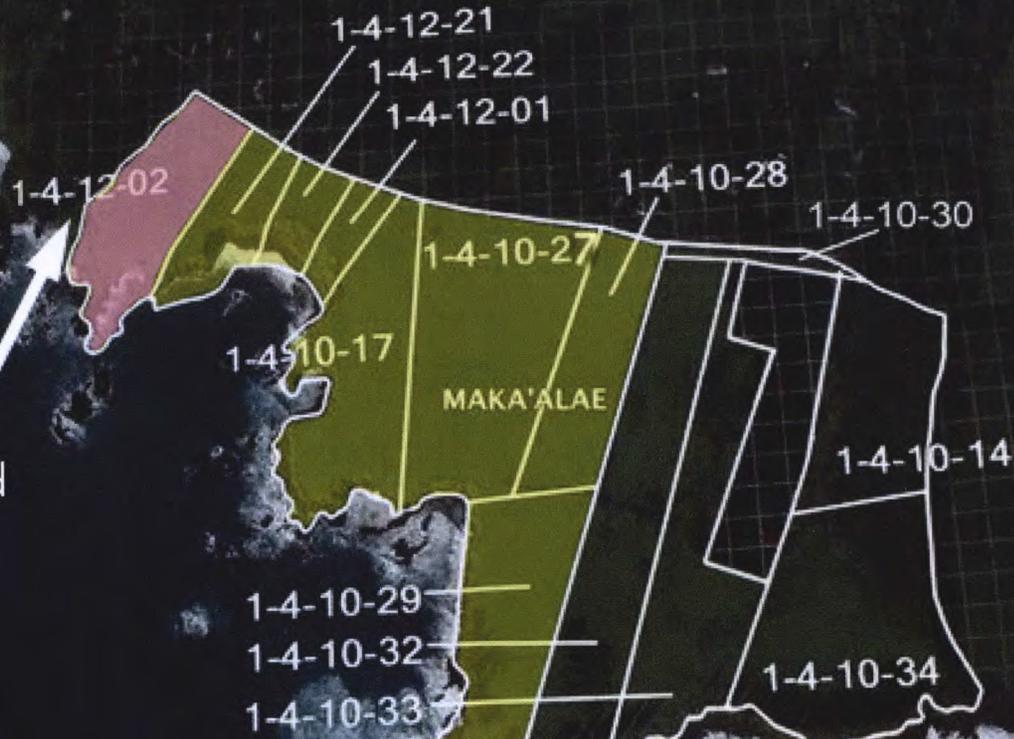
We appreciate your support in requesting these funds.

Mahalo nui loa,



Scott Crawford, President  
Ka Ao Hali'i

Waioka Pond



Conservation Easement

Developable - Not under Conservation Easement

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**From:** Robert Carroll  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 4:54 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** FW: Maui Inline Hockey Association - Budget Request

**From:** Kris Vadla [mailto:krisv@vikingmaui.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 4:19 PM  
**To:** Robert Carroll <Robert.Carroll@mauicounty.us>  
**Subject:** Maui Inline Hockey Association - Budget Request

Aloha Robert,

My name is Kris Vadla, and I am on the board of directors for Maui Inline Hockey Association (MIHA), a non-profit organization that operates and maintains the Skate (Hockey) Rink in Kalama Park, Kihei. I was one of the original members, and helped establish the relationship between MIHA and the County Parks Department and then went on to build the facility. That was more than 20 years ago. MIHA provides training and youth hockey leagues to children from 5 to 18 years old, as well as several adult hockey leagues. We also open the facility to the public for free open skating on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday nights. The open skate is very popular and generates a large crowd on any given night. This gives residents and visitors a safe and healthy alternative sport at one of the most magnificent rink locations in the world.

We had requested financial assistance through Roxanne Teshima with the Parks and Recreation Grant Division in October, 2017, for the replacement of the dasher boards that surround the rink and also for the upgrade of the facility lighting to LED with built in glare control. The Mayor's Budget included \$150,000.00 for the Dasher Boards and the Lighting Improvements at the April 3rd Budget Committee meeting. With the close proximity to the ocean, the dasher board steel frames are deteriorating and are a safety concern to skaters and Kalama Park visitors, and the lighting upgrade is an issue to comply with a local ordinance.

Roxanne had given me notice for the meeting and requested our MIHA board and members to attend the meeting so that we could testify and answer any questions. Unfortunately I was on a family trip, literally on the other side of the world, and the other board members that I was able to contact had prior commitments.

I apologize for our absence from the Budget Meeting, however, I am now asking for your assistance to help maintain our request in your budget. I would be happy to talk and or meet with you to discuss the reasons for our improvements, in more detail at your convenience.

Please contact me at: Wk 879-4128 or Cell 870-4128

I will also be reaching out to your fellow council members.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this request.

Mahalo!

Kris Vadla  
MIHA Board Member

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