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April 2, 2025

Ms. Cynthia Lallo, Chief of Staff  
Office of the Mayor  
County of Maui  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Ms. Lallo:

SUBJECT: **FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET** (BFED-1) (OM-04)

Thank you for participating in the Committee's discussion on April 1, 2025. The Committee respectfully submits the follow-up questions listed below. May I further request that you transmit a written response to [bfed.committee@mauicounty.us](mailto:bfed.committee@mauicounty.us) by **April 8, 2025**.

1. When is the Office of Economic Development hosting their next grant workshop? (SS)
2. Please provide this year's deadline for submitting OED grant applications. (SS)
3. Please list the programs and the total amount of funds transferred from the Office of the Mayor to other departments. What are the additions to the Office of the Mayor's budget in FY 2026 compared to FY 2025? (ALL)
4. Please identify any changes to Equivalent Personnel positions from FY 2025 to FY 2026. (ALL)
5. The Budget Details for Office of the Mayor shows three vacancies. Please clarify whether these vacancies are for the OED Director, Energy Commissioner, and Chief Sustainability Officer. (TP)

6. Please provide a detailed breakdown of how much is still owed to Johnson Controls Inc. for their contract with the County. (YLS)
7. In the FY 2025 Budget, \$2,300,000 was appropriated for Professional Services under the Office of Innovation. Please provide a breakdown of how the Office of the Mayor used the funds, including the amount spent on resiliency hubs. (Page 15-9, Mayor's Proposed Budget Details, FY 2025 Budget) (TP)
8. Please confirm with the Department of Management that the \$55,000 appropriation for Maui Community Theater can be deleted because a Capital Improvement Project for the Theater will be submitted instead. Please inform the Committee of the Department of Management's response. (Page 557, Program Budget) (YLS)
9. Please confirm who employs the Maui County Film Commissioner, if not the County. (YLS)
10. Please provide a breakdown of the \$345,000 appropriation for the Maui Economic Development Board for Film Promotion under the Economic Development Program. (Page 15-42, Budget Details) (TC)
11. In 2009, under Executive Order 4033, the State of Hawai'i granted 4.02 acres, identified for real property tax purposes as tax map key (2) 4-4-991:106, on Honoapi'ilani Highway, Lahaina, to the County. Please confirm which County department is responsible for the property - Office of the Mayor, Department of Management, or Department of Human Concerns. Can the parcel be used for safe parking or affordable housing? (TP)
12. For OED, please provide the ratio between grants written and grants allocated. (NUH)
13. The Office of the Mayor proposed \$113,000 for the West Maui Hospital. Please confirm if the State is providing funding for the West Maui Hospital in FY 2026. (Page 553, Program Budget) (YLS)
14. Property for the Kaiaulu O Napili Affordable Housing Project located at tax map key (2)4-3-001:096 was purchased with Open Space Funds. Please confirm when the Open Space Fund will be reimbursed. (YLS)

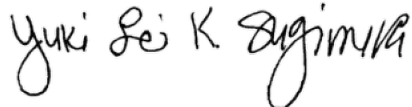
15. Please provide a list of all recipients and amounts received under the four Feral Animal Management grants for FYs 2024 and 2025. (TC)
16. When the Office of the Mayor was responsible for funding the retention and recruitment campaign, please provide the following:
  - a. A copy of the program's final report, the RFP for the contract, and a copy of the program's expense report;
  - b. The recommendations provided to the Office of the Mayor to assist with recruitment and retention efforts;
  - c. Statistical data generated from the program; and
  - d. The reasons for discontinuing the program despite recruitment being an on-going issue. (TC)
17. The previous OED Director discussed plans for small businesses in Lahaina. What is the status of that initiative? Please explain how the Office of the Mayor will ensure small businesses continue to have space in the Lahaina Commercial District. (TP)
18. Please explain whether the Office of the Mayor is open to creating career path incentives for County positions, specifically hard-to-fill positions like IT personnel, land surveyors, and engineers. Could the County provide incentives such as student loan assistance or scholarships in exchange for a commitment to work for the County for a specified number of years? (TP)

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Thank you for your attention to this request. Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Kirsten Szabo at ext. 7662, James Krueger at ext. 7761, Jarret Pascual at ext. 7141, Clarissa MacDonald at ext. 7135, or Pauline Martins at ext. 8039).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Yuki Lei K. Sugimura". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA, Chair  
Budget, Finance, and Economic  
Development Committee

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cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.  
Budget Director