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November 7, 2017

Ms. Carol Reimann, Director  
Department of Housing and Human Concerns  
County of Maui  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Ms. Reimann:

**SUBJECT: FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS PROGRAM (HHT-24)**

At its meeting of November 2, 2017, the Housing, Human Services, and Transportation Committee discussed the feasibility of reviving the First-Time Homebuyers Program for Fiscal Year ("FY") 2019.

As the Committee intends to continue discussion of this matter, may I please request the following:

1. Current data that supports the need to revive the program.
2. Statistics during FYs 2010 through 2013, when the program was in existence.
  - a. What is the breakdown of the 52 households provided with grants, per grant amount, per FY?
  - b. Of the 52 households, did any require repayment? And if so, what was the reason for the repayment? How is this being monitored?
  - c. Of those applicants who applied, but were unable to secure a Program grant, is the Department aware whether they were able to secure other financing to help with down payment and closing costs?
3. How was the grant amount of \$15,000 calculated? How was it determined who received the full grant amount and who did not?
4. Financing options to increase the grant award amount and ensure monies revolve back into the General Fund (for example, the feasibility

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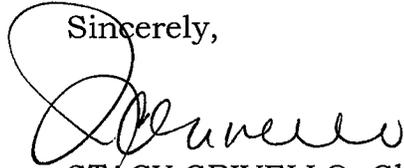
of either increasing the grant amount to \$25,000 or issuing a \$15,000 grant with a \$10,000 no-interest loan).

5. Strategies to increase the number of applicants that are awarded funds through this program.

May I further request a response **no later than Monday, November 20, 2017**. To ensure efficient processing, please include the relevant Committee item number in the subject line of your response.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Shelly Espeleta at ext. 7134, or Tammy Frias at ext. 8005).

Sincerely,



STACY CRIVELLO, Chair  
Housing, Human Services, and  
Transportation Committee

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cc: Mayor Alan M. Arakawa