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The Honorable Alice L. Lee
Council Chair
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Lee:

SUBJECT: **YOUTH COUNCIL** (PAF 21-290)

May I request the attached proposed resolution, entitled "PROPOSING THE YOUTH COUNCIL," be placed on the next Council meeting agenda.

Sincerely,

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KELLY TAKAYA KING
Councilmember

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PROPOSING THE YOUTH COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Council, the Mayor, and other decision makers must ensure that youth's voices are heard in the County government on important policies that will have long-term effects; and

WHEREAS, youth leaders across Maui County have voiced concerns about the future through participation in events such as the Global Climate Strike, and have actively proposed solutions such as those submitted for the `Imi Pono Challenge; and

WHEREAS, opportunities for civic education and participation are fundamental for an engaged citizenry and robust democracy; and

WHEREAS, leadership by Maui County's young people gives hope and inspiration to all generations; and

WHEREAS, the Maui Countywide Policy Plan states in part that the County should "Maximize community-based educational opportunities," "Promote civic engagement," and "Promote and ensure public participation and equal access to government among all citizens"; and

WHEREAS, for these and many other reasons, both Councilmembers and the Commission on Children and Youth have been considering the formal creation of a Youth Council for the County of Maui; and

WHEREAS the Council would like to receive comments on a potential Youth Council from the Commission on Children and Youth, while allowing for related discussions and research to continue; and

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WHEREAS, the Council would particularly welcome comments on appropriate recruitment and application procedures, curriculum, and activities for prospective members of the Youth Council; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it authorizes Councilmembers and their offices to devote resources toward assisting the Commission on Children and Youth in responding to this Resolution and toward discussion and research on creating a Youth Council; and
2. That it authorizes the creation of a pilot Youth Council program consisting of high school students throughout Maui County, to provide suggestions to the County Council regarding proposed bills to establish the Youth Council; and
3. That it authorizes Axel Beers, an employee of the Maui County Council and licensed secondary social studies teacher, to serve as advisor to the pilot Youth Council Program; and
4. That the authority of the pilot Youth Council shall be advisory only, that it may express policy priorities of the Maui County's youth; and
5. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Corporation Counsel, the Director of Housing and Human Concerns, the Director of Council Services, and the Commission on Children and Youth.