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July 20, 2017

Honorable Alan M. Arakawa
Mayor, County of Maui
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL

Mayor Date 7/27/17

For Transmittal to:

Honorable Stacy Crivello, Chair
Housing, Human Services, and Transportation Committee
Maui County Council
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Crivello:

**SUBJECT: COUNTY-OWNED PARCEL ON NORTH PAPA AVENUE
(KAHULUI) (HHT-14)**

This is in response to your letter dated July 11, 2017, in which you ask if County's in-house engineers can assist with evaluating the existing structures on the subject property and determine suitability for use.

While the Department of Public Works (Department) does have engineers on staff, none are structural engineers, and the Department does not believe that use of staff engineers would be the best option for evaluating the structures.

In a letter to you dated July 10, 2017, the Department of Housing and Human Concerns (DHHC) indicated that they are in the process of preparing an RFP to hire a structural engineer to conduct an assessment of the structures. The assessment scope will likely include, but not be limited to: general physical condition; structural soundness; water/mold/insect/drainage issues; condition of utility services, roofing, windows and interior elements; building code issues; and an opinion of probable repair costs.

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This type of assessment is beyond the capabilities of staff engineers, so the Department supports DHHC's proposal to hire a structural engineer to conduct the assessment. This comprehensive assessment should provide your Committee with a better basis for making a decision on best use of the property.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Ext. 7845.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Goode', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

DAVID C. GOODE
Director of Public Works