

# Resolution

No. 22-248

AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF ASHLEY HOOKS  
V. COUNTY OF MAUI, ET AL., CIVIL NO.: 2CCV-21-0000034

WHEREAS, Plaintiff Ashley Hooks filed a complaint in the Second Circuit Court for the State of Hawaii on April 23, 2021, Civil No. 2CCV-21-0000034, against the County of Maui, et al. alleging violation of HRS § 378-62, whistleblower protection and unlawful termination; and

WHEREAS, the County of Maui, to avoid incurring expenses and the uncertainty of a judicial determination of the parties' respective rights and liabilities, will attempt to reach a resolution of this case by way of a negotiated settlement or Offer of Judgment; and

WHEREAS, the Department of the Corporation Counsel has requested authority to settle this case under the terms presented in an executive meeting before the Governance, Ethics, and Transparency Committee; and

WHEREAS, having reviewed the facts and circumstances regarding this case and being advised of attempts to reach resolution of this case by way of a negotiated settlement or Offer of Judgment by the Department of the Corporation Counsel, the Council wishes to authorize the settlement; now, therefore,

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

1. That it approves settlement of Ashley Hooks v. County of Maui, et al. under the terms discussed in an executive meeting before its Governance, Ethics, and Transparency Committee;

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2. That it authorizes the Mayor to execute a Release and Settlement Agreement on behalf of the County in this case, under terms and conditions as may be imposed by the Corporation Counsel consistent with the Council's settlement approval;

3. That it authorizes the Director of Finance of the County of Maui to satisfy settlement of this case, under terms and conditions as may be imposed by the Corporation Counsel consistent with the Council's settlement approval;  
and

4. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Director of Finance, the Director of Water Supply and the Corporation Counsel.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY



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Department of the Corporation Counsel  
County of Maui

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INTRODUCED BY:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James K. Lee", written over a horizontal line.

Upon the request of the Mayor.