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March 20, 2023

Mr. Bradford Ventura, Chief
Department of Fire and Public Safety
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chief Ventura:

SUBJECT: **MARITIME DISASTERS** (DRIP-2(1))

The Council's Disaster, Resilience, International Affairs, and Planning Committee intends to discuss maritime disasters at its March 22, 2023, meeting at 1:30 p.m. In preparation for the meeting, may I please request your Department's response to the following:

1. Please describe your Department's responsibilities and protocols for responding to shipwrecks.
2. Please share any data the Department has related to shipwrecks, including how many shipwrecks have been responded to in the last year.
3. What are the Department's biggest challenges when responding to shipwrecks? What opportunities does the Department foresee to remedy those challenges?
4. What suggestions, if any, does your Department have to better collaborate with the United States Coast Guard and State Department of Land and Natural Resources to prevent and respond to shipwrecks?
5. Please share any suggestions for the Council to assist your Department in responding to future shipwrecks.

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I would appreciate receiving your response **by noon on March 22, 2023**, for consideration during the Committee's meeting. 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 (Paige Greco at ext. 7660, or Maria Leon at ext. 7866).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tamara M. Paltin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

TAMARA PALTIN, Chair
Disaster, Resilience, International
Affairs, and Planning Committee

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cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.
Deputy Fire Chief
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