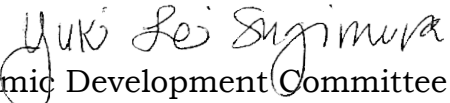


April 6, 2023

MEMO TO: Members of the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee

F R O M: Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Chair 
Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee

SUBJECT: **MAKAWAO-HA'IKŪ-PĀ'IA RESIDENCY AREA MEETING
REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2024 BUDGET** (BFED-1)

On April 3, 2023, the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee held a public meeting in Pā'ia regarding the proposed FY 2024 Budget.

The following persons testified:

1. The Director of the Maui Film Festival expressed support for funding for Maui Film Festival.
2. The Board President of Pā'ia Youth and Cultural Center (PYCC) requested a 65% funding increase to \$450,000 to increase staff salaries and improve facilities. The PYCC Director also expressed support for funding.
3. An individual expressed support for funding for MEO Core Four business planning course and scholarship programs.
4. Two individuals testified in support of funding for Boys & Girls Club of Maui's five programs serving youth in six clubhouses on Maui. A youth BGCM member said the program has benefited her and expressed support.
5. A Pā'ia resident and park user requested that beach parks in addition to Ho'okipa be opened by 5:30 a.m. She requested more parking at Ho'okipa and added that the Lāhainā Civic Center playground needs updating. The testifier also submitted written testimony.
6. An individual testified in support of Hui Mālama Pā'ia and the Clean and Safe Program. She requested that a task force and clean-up be added to the safety issues to be addressed. In addition, she

requested funds for a crosswalk at the stoplight on Hāna Highway and to change the parking lines on Baldwin Avenue from angled to parallel. The testifier also submitted written testimony.

7. The Vice President and board member of Malama Hamakua Maui each testified in support of the organization which partners with the community to perform monthly cleanups and helps to reduce illegal activity at Hāmākualoa Open Space Preserve. The organization has successfully removed 40 abandoned vehicles and rubbish from the preserve, working with new partners and kanaka volunteers. The grant funding allows them to leverage matching funds and other grants. Continued funding would be used for tools and safety equipment for volunteers and allow proper recycling and disposal of waste from the site. One of the testifiers also submitted written testimony.
8. A Ha'ikū resident requested funds for Kalakupua Playground and that \$42,000 be spent on plaques and statues in Kepaniwai Park instead of rehabilitating the New England house.
9. A testifier expressed concern about community safety and other issues relating to houseless persons in Pā'ia.
10. A representative of Hawai'i Workers Center, and resident of Makawao, requested that the County: 1) pay all non-union workers a livable wage (\$20 per hour); 2) pay for rent vouchers; 3) increase the housing fund to \$100 million; 4) institute higher taxes for vacant and abandoned homes; 5) institute higher taxes on second and third homes; 6) provide relocation assistance for those evicted from their homes; 7) provide down payment and mortgage assistance for long-term residents seeking to purchase a home; and 8) provide rental assistance for those earning less than \$100,000 income. He also submitted written testimony.
11. A Huelo resident requested that the budget include funds to address affordable housing and the houseless situation, improve the Maui Bus system including creating a route running from Makawao to Pā'ia to Ha'ikū (as far as Twin Falls), implement curbside recycling, and provide tennis and pickleball courts in Ha'ikū. He also requested the County work with the State Department of

Transportation to rename one of the two “Pi’ilani Highways,” as they don’t connect to one another.

In addition, 24 individuals submitted written testimony in support of continued and increased funding of PYCC.

Five individuals submitted written testimony in support of continued and increased funding for Hui No‘eau Visual Art Center.

Written testimony was also received from an individual in support of continued funding for Malama Hamakua Maui; and an individual requesting updating the basketball court at Baby Park and funding for updated playground equipment and lights at Baby Park, Baldwin Park, and Skill Village.

For questions relating to the Makawao-Ha‘ikū-Pā‘ia residency area meeting, please contact Paige Greco, Ellen McKinley, Clarita Balala, or Maria Leon. If you have any questions relating to the FY 2024 Budget, please contact the Committee staff (Lesley Milner, Kasie Apo Takayama, James Krueger, Ana Lillis, or Yvette Bouthillier). Thank you for your cooperation.