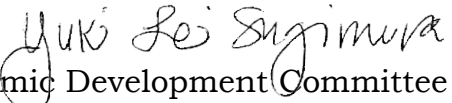


April 6, 2023

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: **WEST MAUI RESIDENCY AREA MEETING REGARDING THE
FISCAL YEAR (“FY”) 2024 BUDGET** (BFED-1)

On March 30, 2023, the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee held a public meeting in West Maui regarding the proposed FY 2024 Budget.

The following persons testified:

1. Seven people requested the County’s assistance with Hui Road F. Testifiers noted the poor conditions of the road, specifically with potholes, and requested the County’s assistance for maintenance. The Committee also received 36 pieces of written testimony requesting maintenance for Hui Road F.
2. Twelve individuals shared concerns for transportation infrastructure. Testifiers noted that tourism impacts West Maui infrastructure and the infrastructure needs appropriate support. Several testifiers also promoted the West Maui Greenway and the benefit multimodal transportation could bring to the community. One person asked for the County’s support in sponsoring Maui Bicycling League to obtain grants from the Service Transportation Block Grant and Transportation Alternatives Program under the U.S. Department of Transportation. One testifier noted Niheu Street in particular needed support. Another testifier said more parking was needed at Wahikuli Wayside Park. The Committee also received seven pieces of written testimony in support of transportation infrastructure, including the West Maui Greenway.
3. Ten individuals testified in support of several West Maui parks. They noted the playgrounds at Lahaina and Honokowai parks were in poor condition and needed improvement. One testifier requested funding for parks repair and maintenance. The Committee received

two pieces of written testimony in support of West Maui parks facilities.

4. Seven testifiers expressed support for various Maui Economic Opportunity (“MEO”) programs. Individuals noted the positive impact this program has personally had on their families and their ability to support their children. Other testifiers noted how MEO programs, particularly their transportation services, support seniors and keep them engaged and active in the community. The Committee received one piece of written testimony in support of MEO.
5. Seven testifiers provided testimony relating to tennis courts in West Maui. Testifiers expressed the need for the Shigeto “Shigesh” Wakida Tennis Courts to be repaired. Other testifiers shared that they were told by County personnel that they could not utilize the tennis courts in West Maui for futsal but requested the ability to do so.
6. Six testifiers expressed the need for more health and safety infrastructure in West Maui. The lack of a West Maui hospital is a major concern. One testifier requested matching funds for \$1.5 million for a hospital. Several testifiers expressed support for additional fire stations; one suggested the creation of a fire substation in Olowalu, and another advocated for modular fire stations as an alternative. One testifier suggested training firefighters as emergency medical technicians.
7. Two testifiers expressed support for the Boys and Girls Club.
8. One testifier requested \$25,000 for the Lahaina Restoration Foundation be added to their current grant for a conditional assessment of the perimeter wall surrounding Hale Pa‘ahao, also known as the Old Lahaina Prison.
9. One testifier expressed support for Ka Ipu Kukui Fellows Leadership and Mālama Maui Nui.

Additionally, two pieces of written testimony were received in support of Central Maui pickleball courts, and one piece of written testimony relating to the Molokai Rural Health Community Association.

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For questions relating to the West Maui residency area meeting, please contact James Krueger, Jarret Pascual, Clarita Balala, or Jocelyn Moniz. 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.

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