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April 10, 2023

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

Dear Chief Ventura:

SUBJECT: **FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2024 BUDGET** (BFED-1) (FS-3)

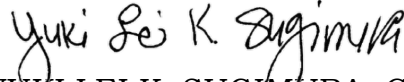
Thank you for participating in the Committee's discussions on April 5, 2023. The Committee respectfully submits the follow-up questions listed below. May I further request that, after approval by the Office of the Mayor, you transmit a written response to bfed.committee@mauicounty.us by **April 17, 2023**.

1. If land is donated for a fire station in Olowalu, how will the Department determine where the station will be placed? (TP)
2. Regarding Puko'o Fire Station:
 - a. What is the monthly call volume from 2019 to date?
 - b. Is there a minimum call volume to qualify for the grant?
 - c. Does the call volume justify a third Firefighter I position? (NUH)
3. Regarding the Kihei Fire Station:
 - a. Is the Kihei Fire Station located in a tsunami zone?
 - b. Does the Department have any plans to relocate the station?
 - c. If yes, has a site been identified? (TC)
4. What expertise is used to review blasting permits? (SS)

Chief Bradford Ventura
April 10, 2023
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Thank you for your attention to this request. Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Lesley Milner at ext. 7886, Kasie Apo Takayama at ext. 7665, or Yvette Bouthillier at ext. 7758).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Yuki Lei K. Sugimura". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA, Chair
Budget, Finance, and Economic
Development Committee

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cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.
Budget Director

BFED Committee

From: BFED Committee
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2023 1:07 PM
To: Bradford Ventura
Cc: Michelle Santos; Zeke Kalua; Maria Zielinski; Desiree Echalas; Janina Agapay; Chasserae Kaawa; BFED Committee
Subject: PLEASE READ attached letter re: Fiscal Year ("FY") 2024 Budget (BFED-1) (FS-3)
Attachments: (FS-3) Correspondence to Fire and Public Safety 04-10-2023.pdf

Mr. Ventura: Please refer to the attached letter from the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development (BFED) Committee Chair, dated 04/10/2023.

Mayor's Office (Attention: Michelle Santos and Zeke Kalua): Please forward the attached letter to Mayor Bissen for his information.

Ms. Zielinski: FYI

Mahalo, Clarita Balala

RICHARD T. BISSEN, JR.
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April 12, 2023

Ms. Maria Zielenski
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200 South High Street
Wailuku, HI 96793

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Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr.
Mayor, County of Maui
200 South High street
Wailuku, HI 96793

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL

4-14-23
Mayor Date

For Transmittal to:

Honorable Yuki Lei K. Sugimura
Chair, Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee
Maui County Council
200 South High Street
Wailuku, HI 96793

Dear Chair Sugimura,

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2024 BUDGET (BFED-1) (FS-3)

The Department of Fire & Public Safety is in receipt of your letter dated April 10, 2023. Please see our responses below.

1. If land is donated for a fire station in Olowalu, how will the Department determine where the station will be placed?

Placement of the station on the donated plot will be based on a variety of factors. These include, but may not be limited to, the following:

- **Existing Infrastructure** (roadway access, water and wastewater lines, electrical). All else being equal we would choose the simplest and least costly means of tying in for infrastructure needs.
- **Existing Grading**. All else being equal, we would like to minimize the need to remove large trees, boulders, etc.
- **SHPD/Archeological Concerns**. We don't want to disturb any culturally/historically significant areas.

- **Parking and Driveway Construction.** It's important to remember that the building itself is not the only thing we need to put in place. We will need to consider parking needs as well as the best available ways for our apparatus to enter and exit the property.
- **Landscaping and Drainage.** We will want at least some simple landscaping on property, and of course must take into account drainage of rainwater so as not to impact the structure.
- **Preferred Orientation.** Orientation can influence cooling costs and other livability factors.
- **Aesthetic Considerations.** For example, we may consider how best to minimizing impact on current and proposed neighbors, as well as providing the best views of the response area for our firefighters.

2. Regarding Puko'o Fire Station:

- a. What is the monthly call volume from 2019 to date?

Personnel assigned to Puko'o Fire Station responded to the following calls:

FY 2019 – 82

FY 2020 – 78

FY 2021 – 104

FY 2022 – 118

FY 2023 – 80 (Up to March 31, 2023)

- b. Is there a minimum call volume to qualify for the grant?

No. However, call volume and population served are significant factors in the scoring of our grant application and the likelihood of receiving an award. While these factors may not work in our favor, other selection factors provide reason to be optimistic. These include the financial stability of the County, our history of exemplary performance managing federal awards; our plans to provide industry standard medical examinations in addition to our existing wellness programs; and the fact that we are currently two full positions per watch below the NFPA standard for engine companies (four personnel) and three below that of our other stations.

- c. Does the call volume justify a third Fire Fighter I position?

The call volume at Puko'o Fire Station justifies a third position because it has been steadily increasing. In most instances, Kaunakakai Fire Station sends personnel to assist with CPR calls or motor vehicle accidents due to the amount of personnel assigned to the Puko'o Fire Station. When the same type of incidents occur in Kaunakakai or Ho'olehua's district, they do not require additional personnel unless there's special circumstances.

3. Regarding the Kihei Fire Station:

- a. Is the Kihei Fire Station located in a tsunami zone?

Yes, the Kihei Fire Station is located in the tsunami zone according to the Pacific Disaster Center maps. Additionally, if the sea level rises it may impact the current fire station. There has not been a new site identified to move the fire station outside of the tsunami zone yet.

- b. Does the Department have any plans to relocate the station?

Since other county departments have facilities located in the tsunami zone we believe it would be better to identify a future parcel where multiple county facilities can be relocated to.

- c. If yes, has a site been identified?

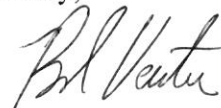
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4. What expertise is used to review blasting permits?

While explosives permit applications are quite rare (we've only had one such permit issued in the last two years), a variety of expertise is involved in making the determination to issue the permit. The Department of Transportation is consulted for issues regarding the transportation of the explosives. With respect to their storage, the Fire Department reviewers require multiple documents, including ATF approvals of both the applicant and the storage plan. Fire Inspectors trained in the applicable fire code then go out to the site—accompanied by our Hazardous Materials company (trained to the technician level in hazardous materials) and the in-district fire company—to verify that all storage and facility layout requirements of the National Fire Protection Association have been met and to ensure that response personnel are aware of the hazard existing at the facility. We also consult with third-party explosives experts (e.g., Detecht) to ensure that the explosives will be used in accordance with NFPA standards and applicable regulations.

If you have additional questions or require further clarification, please contact the Office of the Fire Chief at (808) 270-7561.

Sincerely,



BRADFORD K. VENTURA
Fire Chief

BFED Committee

From: Shirley Blackburn <Shirley.Blackburn@co.maui.hi.us>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 8:37 AM
To: BFED Committee
Subject: FY 2024 Budget (BFED-1)(FS-3)
Attachments: Shirley Blackburn.vcf; FY24 (BFED-1)(FS-3) Response.pdf

Good morning,

Please see attached FY 2024 Budget (BFED-1) (FS-3) response.

Mahalo,

Shirley L. Blackburn

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