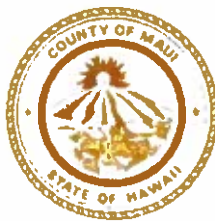


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For Transmittal to:

Honorable Gabe Johnson, Chair
Agriculture, Diversification, Environment, and Public Transportation Committee
200 South High Street
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Dear Chair Johnson:

SUBJECT: COUNTY OF MAUI ARBORIST (ADEPT-1(16))

At the March 21, 2024 ADEPT Committee meeting, the Committee will be considering the establishment of a County Arborist position. Please let this letter serve to inform you and the ADEPT Committee that the Planning Department (Department) fully supports the hiring of a County Arborist. As you may be aware, the Department regularly reviews landscape plans associated with various types of development applications on private property. The Department does not have the expertise of an arborist on its staff, and therefore a County Arborist, whom would be available to assist the Department from time to time, would be a valuable asset to the Department and Community.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our input. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Kate L. K. Blystone, written in a cursive style.

KATE L. K. BLYSTONE
Planning Director

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