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MEMO TO: Riki Hokama, Chair
Budget and Finance Committee

F R O M: Robert Carroll
Councilmember, East Maui



SUBJECT: **VALLEY ISLE TIMING ASSOCIATION / MAUI RACEWAY PARK**

I would like to express my strong support and urge for the acceptance of \$2,000,000 in funding appropriated in H.B. 500 for the purposes of capital improvements at Maui Raceway Park. Our Maui County legislators worked diligently to create funds for specific projects such as repaving of track and ancillary roads, conditioning of a concrete launch pad, replacing the restrooms, purchase improved timing, lighting and maintenance equipment.

The Valley Isle Timing Association / Maui Raceway Park has been in existence for 53 years and is a Maui institution. It provides an invaluable service in training our youth in good sportsmanship, responsible motoring and learning the fundamentals of mechanical operations in autos, trucks and other modes of transportation. Please find attached testimony submitted by Irene Hulquist, secretary to the VITA / Maui Raceway Park, detailing the history and future growth of this outstanding organization.

Attachment

cc: Members of the BF Committee

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TESTIMONIAL FOR

VALLEY ISLE TIMING ASSOCIATION/MAUI RACEWAY PARK

My name is Irene Hultquist, This is my ninth year as Secretary and Board of Director for The Valley Isle Timing Association/Maui Raceway Park. We are sanctioned by the National Hotrod Association and registered with Department of Commerce and Consumer Affair. Our non-profit organization, by-laws state: A.) To promote and understand the safe use and operation of motor vehicles; B.) To learn and understand the fundamentals and mechanical operations of motor vehicles; C.) To promote good sportsmanship and fellowship among corporation members and the community; D.) To prove for the regulation of motor sports activities including specifically drag racing.” Our organization has been in existence for over 53 years providing the Community with education and safety in driving and a safe place to race their cars as an alternative to racing on the streets. There are Jr. Dragsters and Jr. Street classes from ages 8-15 learning about cars and the competitive spirit. We donate money to the Maui College Automotive Tech Classes under Mr. Thomas Hussey who also races. We give scholarship money to race members who want to attend the Maui College. The Maui Fire Dept., the Maui Police Dept., the County trucks as well as a driving school use the track for driver’s education. We bring in and pay for our own electric power with

generators and fuel, water, restrooms, safety workers, ~~and other staff~~

The members also maintain and clean the park every month.

. Because we are a non-profit

organization, we are dependent on donations and sponsors for major projects for our race track at Maui Raceway Park.

In January of 2015, I wrote to Rep. Kyle Yamashita for funding with specific projects so stated in H.B. No. 500, under Capital Improvement Project, County of Maui. "Maui Race way Park, Maui, Construction to repave portions of Track and ancillary roads; Rebuild concrete launch pad; replace restrooms; purchase improved timing, lighting, and maintenance equipment. Construction total funding: \$2,000,000."

With the diligent work of Representatives Joe Souki, Kyle Yamashita and Angus Mckelvey, the line item was passed by the State.

My constituents and I are asking that the County Budget Committee and Administration please accept this funding from the State and disperse it to Maui Raceway Park which we desperately need to maintain the park. We would not be taking away monies from the Maui County Budget, we will be spending monies from the State, but we need the help of the Maui County Budget Committee.

Funds should be in the Maui County Budget FY of 2016 – 2017 for Maui Raceway Park.

Irene Hultquist, Secretary, VITA/Maui Raceway Park