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April 1, 2019

Mr. Don S. Guzman, Prosecuting Attorney Department of the Prosecuting Attorney County of Maui Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Guzman:

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2020 BUDGET (PA-2) (EDB-1)

May I please request you respond to the following:

- 1. Relating to page 16-2 of the Budget Details on expansion positions for two Internship Law Clerks:
 - a. How will these positions be utilized? Are they for the summer only?
 - b. What are plans to recruit for these positions, if approved?
- 2. Relating to page 16-11 of the Budget Details on expansion positions for Office Operations Assistants:
 - a. Explain the need for full-year funding for PA-0082 that was approved for partial funding in the FY 2019 Budget and 8-month funding for PA-XXXX that is being requested in the FY 2020 Budget.
 - b. What are the cost impacts to overtime and fringe benefits if these positions are approved at their funding requests?
- 3. Relating to page 16-11 of the Budget Details on the expansion position for the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney:

- a. Explain the need for the additional position.
- b. In what division will this position assist the Department (Victim Witness, Investigation, etc.)?
- 4. Relating to page 16-13 of the Budget Details (index code 906156B, sub-object code 6132 Professional Services) and page 532 of the Program Budget, explain the additional \$25,000 needed for additional court report transcript requests, on-call physician requests, lab testing, and anticipated increases in expert witness fees due to high-profile cases.
- 5. Relating to pages 531 and 532 of the Program Budget, what are the Department's plans to apply for additional State and Federal grants to supplement the need for additional staff, to purchase needed equipment, and provide employee training? Who in the Department is responsible for seeking new grants?
- 6. By correspondence dated March 6, 2019, to the Council's Governance, Ethics, and Transparency Committee, the top three strategic goals for the Department were identified to be: the establishment of a Maui County Children's Peace Center, the proactive recruitment of qualified Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys, and the development of a Statewide Victim/Witness Advocate Academy.
 - a. Relating to the Maui County Children's Peace Center:
 - 1. What are the Department's plans to apply for funding through Victims of Crime Act ("VOCA") and other Federal grants to assist with moving, renovation, and construction costs? Will these grants require a County match?
 - 2. Which Department personnel are planned to relocate to the Center and in turn help to free up office space at your current location?
 - 3. What is the anticipated timeframe for completion of the Center?

- b. Relating to the recruitment of deputies and the development of a Statewide Victim/Witness Advocate Academy, what is the Department's plan to simultaneously work on filling current vacancies for two Law Clerks, one Operations Office Assistant I, and two Victim Witness Counselors?
- c. Identify the funding requests included in the FY 2020 Budget that relate specifically to the implementation of these strategic goals.

May I further request you transmit the information by **April 15, 2019**, to enable the Committee to discuss your responses while deliberating the FY 2020 Budget.

To ensure efficient processing, please duplicate the coding in the subject line above for easy reference.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Leslee Matthews at ext. 7662, Shelly Espeleta at ext. 7134, Christy Chung at ext. 7137, or Yvette Bouthillier at ext. 7758).

Sincerely,

KEANI RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, Chair Economic Development and Budget Committee

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cc: Mayor Michael P. Victorino Budget Director