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July 17, 2019

Mayor Michael Victorino
Office of the Mayor
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mayor Victorino:

**SUBJECT: MAUI COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS SENT
TO MAUNA A WĀKEA**

First and foremost, I strongly request that you withdraw our Maui County police officers from the situation on Mauna a Wākea, in the County of Hawai'i, immediately. Our county has not agreed upon any action to be taken by our County or its police force, much less discussed any support for this effort.

I also request that you provide information on how your administration plans to cover the expenses of sending our law enforcement officers to another island when it was not included in our FY2020 budget. This action was not discussed during the very recent budget process and no funding was specifically allocated for this action that does not serve the needs of our county taxpayers. I ask that you provide me with the details pertaining to the budget, specifically:

- 1) Exactly how much money will our taxpayers be expected to pay for the travel expenses for Maui County police presence on Mauna Kea?
- 2) How much overtime will be paid out?
- 3) How many officers are being deployed to the County of Hawai'i and how will the loss of these officers be covered in our county in their absence?
- 4) Were interdepartmental or interfund transfers used to pay for any of these expenses, and if so who approved these transfers?

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5) Has any county-owned equipment been transported or used in the County of Hawai'i? If so, please provide the justification for its removal from our county and how will it be reimbursed, since it is not being used for our county and was not allocated for use in any other County?

Please respond by 4:00 pm July 17, 2019.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keani F.', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

KEANI RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ
Chair, Economic Development and
Budget Committee

cc: Chief Tivoli Faaumu, Maui Police Department
Managing Director Sandy Baz, Office of the Mayor
Director Scott Teruya, Department of Finance
Budget Director Michele Yoshimura, Office of the Mayor
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