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Honorable Michael P. Victorino Mayor, County of Maui 200 South High Street Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

For Transmittal to:

Honorable Michael J. Molina Chair, Governance, Ethics, and Transparency Committee Maui County Council 200 South High Street Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Molina:

SUBJECT: PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS (AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND (GET-10 (3))

Thank you for your January 23, 2020 correspondence pertaining the annual Affordable Sales Price Guidelines prepared by the County. The questions posed in your letter are listed below in bold and are followed by the Department's responses.

1. Is the County required to use average annual median income guidelines, as determined by HUD, to calculate very low to gap median income limits?

The County is not required to use HUD's median income. However, we do so to be consistent with the other Counties and ensure we are in line with various Federal and State funding sources such as Low Income Housing Tax Credits and the Rental Housing Revolving Fund.

2. Or can the County use information as noted in the Affordable Sales Price Guidelines to determine these limits?

All of the information in the Affordable Sales Price Guideline chart is calculated based on the HUD median income for Maui County. For example, the HUD median income for Maui County is currently \$83,800. Every other number in the chart is calculated from this number.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Ext. 7805.

Sincerely,

FOR LORI TSUHAKO, LSW, ACSW

Director of Housing and Human Concerns

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