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The Honorable Alice L. Lee
Council Chair
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Dear Chair Lee:

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
COUNCIL CHAIR TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR
PROPOSAL FOR A COMPREHENSIVE AFFORDABLE
HOUSING PLAN**

May I request the attached proposed resolution, entitled "AUTHORIZING THE COUNCIL CHAIR TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR A COMPREHENSIVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN," be placed on the next Council meeting agenda.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Molina".

MICHAEL J. MOLINA
Councilmember

Enclosure

cc:

COUNTY COMMUNICATION NO. 20-228

Resolution

No. _____

AUTHORIZING THE COUNCIL CHAIR TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR A COMPREHENSIVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3-6 of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended (Charter), the Council has the authority to legislate appropriations for County purposes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 8-10.3 of the Charter, the Director of Housing and Human Concerns (DHHL) is responsible for developing a comprehensive approach to the effective administration and coordination of programs and plans of action designed to meet human needs, including housing needs, in the County; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Hawaii Housing Planning Study (Planning Study) suggested the State is in an affordable housing crisis, due to the current and projected lack of affordable housing units for its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Study estimates that the County of Maui will require an additional 7,449 affordable housing units for families below 180 percent of median income by the year 2025; and

WHEREAS, the County Council is reviewing various options for enhancing the availability of affordable housing by considering the bifurcation of the Department of Housing and Human Concerns, the creation of a housing authority, the use of existing county owned parcels for housing, increasing the annual appropriation to the Affordable Housing Fund and a housing czar, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, a Comprehensive Affordable Housing Plan (Plan) could review existing and proposed projects; availability of infrastructure and community services; potential funding options; revising existing regulations such as the Residential Workforce Housing Ordinance; expansion and review of current county affordable housing programs;

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assessment of proposed ideas such as bifurcation, a housing authority or a housing czar; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2020, the Council's Affordable Housing Committee reviewed the matter relating to the funding of the Plan and received presentations on the proposal, including the opportunity to vet the proposal; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii, County Administration and the County Council have conducted numerous studies on the need of affordable housing and the Council now believes it's time to determine how to make housing a reality; and

WHEREAS, the Plan will not focus on need, but will concentrate on methods to create housing and place needy families into safe, secure and affordable housing; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it hereby urges the Council Chair to issue a Request for Proposals for a Comprehensive Affordable Housing Plan; and
2. That the Council request the Mayor and Department of Housing and Human Concerns assist in developing the parameters, the scope of work, deliverables for a contract, qualifications for potential consultant(s) of the Plan and assessing proposals received; and
3. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director and the Director of Housing and Human Concerns.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

Department of the Corporation Counsel
County of Maui

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