

# Resolution

No. 21-4

## ESTABLISHING THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL, DEFINING THEIR DUTIES, AND APPOINTING THEIR MEMBERS

WHEREAS, the primary purpose of the Maui County Council's standing committees is to provide well-considered recommendations to the Council on legislation referred to the standing committees; and

WHEREAS, standing committees also may provide oversight of agencies of the County and receive informational presentations on issues within the committees' subject-matter jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended, establishes the powers, duties, functions, and declared policy of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Maui County General Plan establishes the following objectives:

- A. Protect the Natural Environment;
- B. Preserve Local Cultures and Traditions;
- C. Improve Education;
- D. Strengthen Social and Healthcare Services;
- E. Expand Housing Opportunities for Residents;
- F. Strengthen the Local Economy;
- G. Improve Parks and Public Facilities;
- H. Diversify Transportation Options;
- I. Improve Physical Infrastructure;
- J. Promote Sustainable Land Use and Growth Management; and
- K. Strive for Good Governance; and

WHEREAS, the standing committees should be organized to help the Council further the powers, duties, functions, and declared policy of the County as established in the Charter and the objectives in the General Plan; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui that the following standing committees of the Council are established for the 2021-2023 Council term:

1. Affordable Housing Committee (AH);
2. Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee (BFED);
3. Climate Action and Resilience Committee (CAR);
4. Environmental, Agricultural, and Cultural Preservation Committee (EACP);
5. Governance, Ethics, and Transparency Committee (GET);
6. Parks and Human Concerns Committee (PHC);
7. Planning and Sustainable Land Use Committee (PSLU); and
8. Water, Infrastructure, and Transportation Committee (WIT);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui that, to expedite the business of the Council, standing committees of the Council are formed to make recommendations to the Council and ensure the most efficient alignment of subject matter and expertise, as follows:

1. Affordable Housing Committee (AH)
  - a. Affordable or residential workforce housing programs, including expedited approvals of housing projects under Chapter 201H, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and related District Boundary Amendments, and under Chapter 2.97, Maui County Code.
  - b. Amendments to the Residential Workforce Housing Policy and other affordable housing ordinances.
  - c. Homeless programs and related matters.
  - d. Proposals for increasing the availability or affordability of housing.

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e. Oversight of the Department of Housing and Human Concerns' Housing Division.

f. Implementation of the following General Plan objective:

Expand Housing Opportunities for Residents.

### **2. Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee (BFED)**

a. Financial audits and the finance component of all County grants.

b. Budget, capital program, bond authorizations, intergovernmental agreements with a financial impact on the annual budget, including intergovernmental loans.

c. Taxes, rates, fees, and assessments for inclusion in the budget, except that revenue ordinances may also be considered by other standing committees.

d. Revisions and updates to Real Property Tax ordinances.

e. Business and economic development issues.

f. Oversight of the Department of Finance, Office of the County Auditor, Office of the Mayor's Office of Economic Development, and Community Development Block Grant Program.

g. Review of the annual Audit Plan issued by the Office of the County Auditor, and review of audit findings and recommendations in the County Auditor's reports.

h. Implementation of the following General Plan objective:

Strengthen the Local Economy.

### **3. Climate Action and Resilience Committee (CAR)**

a. Issues relating to sea-level rise, shoreline erosion, managed retreat, deforestation, drought, wetlands, carbon emissions, pollution, and other related contributors to climate change.

b. Oversight of the Maui Emergency Management Agency.

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- c. Energy issues, including solar, geothermal, wind, biomass, hydropower, wave energy production, biofuel and synthetic fuel production, power systems, and energy-efficient technologies for building.

- d. Implementation of the following General Plan objective:

- Protect the Natural Environment.

### **4. Environmental, Agricultural, and Cultural Preservation Committee (EACP)**

- a. Issues relating to the protection, preservation, and enhancement of the environment, including recycling.

- b. Conservation and protection of agricultural lands, promotion of diversified agriculture, increasing agricultural self-sufficiency, and assuring the availability of agriculturally suitable lands.

- c. Water for agricultural use.

- e. Oversight of the Department of Environmental Management's Environmental Protection and Sustainability Division.

- f. Implementation of the following General Plan objectives:

- i. Protect the Natural Environment.

- ii. Preserve Local Cultures and Traditions.

### **5. Governance, Ethics, and Transparency Committee (GET)**

- a. Mayoral and Council appointments requiring Council approval, including board and commission members and administrative heads of departments, except appointments to community plan advisory committees.

- b. Litigation matters, including appointment of special counsel, indemnification, and authorization of settlement.

- c. Issues relating to government ethics and transparency.

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- d. With Council authorization, conduct investigations of: (i) the operation of any department or function of the County; and (ii) any subject over which the Council has legislative authority.
  - e. Amendments to the Charter and oversight of implementing amendments passed in the previous election.
  - f. Intergovernmental issues, including the Hawaii State Association of Counties and non-financial intergovernmental agreements.
  - g. Oversight of the Office of the Mayor (except the Office of Economic Development), Department of the Corporation Counsel, Department of Management, Office of Council Services, Office of the County Clerk, Department of Fire and Public Safety, Department of Liquor Control, Department of Personnel Services, Department of Police, and Department of the Prosecuting Attorney.
  - h. Implementation of the following General Plan objective:  
  
Strive for Good Governance.
6. Parks and Human Concerns Committee (PHC)
- a. Social services and animal management programs and related grants, including grants of interest in real property.
  - b. Cultural, leisure, recreational, and parks matters.
  - c. Management and potential acquisition of public recreational lands, including parks, open space, natural and cultural resources, and scenic views preservation, including grants of such real property.
  - d. Authorization of concessions at and permits for events and activities conducted at Maui County's public parks and facilities.

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- e. Oversight of the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Department of Housing and Human Concerns (except the Housing Division).
- e. Implementation of the following General Plan objectives:
  - i. Improve Education.
  - ii. Strengthen Social and Healthcare Services.
  - iii. Improve Parks and Public Facilities.

### **7. Planning and Sustainable Land Use Committee (PSLU)**

- a. Project-specific amendments of State land use district boundaries, the General Plan, community plans, and zoning designations, except District Boundary Amendments specific to expedited approvals of housing projects under Chapter 201H, Hawaii Revised Statutes.
- b. Other land use entitlements requiring Council review and approval, such as Conditional Permits.
- c. Land use ordinances not specific to a project, except amendments to the Parking Code.
- d. Processing procedures for the General Plan and community plans.
- e. Non-project-specific amendments to the General Plan and comprehensive community plan updates.
- f. Appointments to community plan advisory committees.
- g. Implementation of the digital mapping project.
- h. Oversight of the Department of Planning.
- i. Issues related to deferral agreements and land consolidation.
- j. Implementation of the following General Plan objective:  
  
Promote Sustainable Land Use and Growth Management.

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8. Water, Infrastructure, and Transportation Committee (WIT)
  - a. Amendments to and enforcement of the County Water Code, including the Water Use and Development Plan.
  - b. Amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance and Building and Construction Codes.
  - c. County facilities construction and maintenance, including road, bridge, drainage, and waste-management systems.
  - d. Oversight of the Department of Environmental Management (except the Environmental Protection and Sustainability Division), the Department of Public Works, and the Department of Water Supply
  - d. All issues pertaining to water except water for agricultural use.
  - e. Issues relating to traffic safety, transit, bikeways, walkways, and complete streets.
  - f. Issues relating to interisland transportation, within the County and within the State.
  - g. Issues relating to traffic impact fees.
  - h. Amendments to the Parking Code.
  - j. Oversight of the Department of Transportation and Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization
  - k. Implementation of the following General Plan objectives:
    - i. Diversify Transportation Options.
    - ii. Improve Physical Infrastructure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui that the following voting members are appointed to the various standing committees of the Council:

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### **1. Affordable Housing Committee**

\_\_\_\_\_, Chair

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Gabe Johnson, Voting Member

Tasha Kama, Voting Member

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Alice L. Lee, Voting Member

Michael J. Molina, Voting Member

Tamara Paltin, Voting Member

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Shane M. Sinenci, Voting Member

Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Voting Member

### **2. Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee (BFED)**

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui that all Councilmembers who are not voting members of a standing committee serve as non-voting members of the committee and may participate in the proceedings, but may not be counted toward quorum for the committee.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY



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