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The Honorable Alice L. Lee
Council Chair
County of Maui
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Dear Chair Lee:

SUBJECT: **LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR SUSTAINABILITY'S
CIRCLE CITY SCAN PILOT PROJECT** (PAF 21-070)

May I request the attached proposed resolution, entitled "ACCEPTING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR SUSTAINABILITY'S INVITATION FOR MAUI COUNTY TO JOIN THE CIRCLE CITY SCAN PILOT PROJECT," be placed on the next Council meeting agenda.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly T. King".

KELLY TAKAYA KING
Councilmember

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Enclosure

COUNTY COMMUNICATION NO. 21-175

Resolution

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ACCEPTING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR SUSTAINABILITY'S INVITATION FOR MAUI COUNTY TO JOIN THE CIRCLE CITY SCAN PILOT PROJECT

WHEREAS, Local Governments for Sustainability is the leading local-government network dedicated to sustainability and climate action, representing the voice of cities and counties on the global stage; and

WHEREAS, the organization's Circle City Scan Pilot Project is intended to help municipalities transition to a circular economy; and

WHEREAS, as noted in Resolution 20-108, titled "SUPPORTING 'ĀINA ALOHA ECONOMIC FUTURES INITIATIVE AND TRANSITION TO A CIRCULAR ECONOMY," a circular economy decouples economic growth from environmental degradation and is consistent with the values of Aloha 'Āina; and

WHEREAS, Senate Resolution 38 (2021) and Senate Concurrent Resolution 56 (2021), both titled "SUPPORTING AN ECONOMIC TRANSITION THAT COMBATS CLIMATE CHANGE AND INCORPORATES CIRCULAR ECONOMY GOALS ROOTED IN ALOHA 'ĀINA PRINCIPLES," have been introduced at the State Legislature and, if adopted, would recommend creation of the Hawai'i Circular Economy Task Force; and

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2021, Calyn Hart, Program Officer with Local Governments for Sustainability, USA, led a presentation to the Council's Climate Action, Resilience, and Environment Committee on the Circle City Scan Pilot Project; and

WHEREAS, according to Ms. Hart, the Circle City Scan Pilot Project will be limited to five municipalities in the United States this year and will include four phases:

- Socio-economic analysis to ensure a focus on relevant and impactful sectors;
- Material-flow analysis to identify the most significant opportunities for circularity and positive impact;

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- Exploration of an array of possible circular strategies and their potential impacts; and
- Action plan to implement the circular strategies and elaborate on the next steps; and

WHEREAS, by correspondence dated March 29, 2021 (Exhibit “A”), the County was invited to join the Circle City Scan Pilot Project, and a response confirming participation is required by April 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the County is poised to be a leader in the transition to a circular economy by participating in the Circle City Scan Pilot Project, which would be an effective tool to implement Resolution 20-108 and other County policies; and

WHEREAS, as an active Local Governments for Sustainability member, the County would incur no costs for joining the Circle City Scan Pilot Project; now, therefore,

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

1. That it accepts Local Governments for Sustainability’s invitation for Maui County to join the Circle City Scan Pilot Project;
2. That it will collaborate with the County’s Office of Climate Action, Sustainability, and Resilience and other executive-branch agencies to support Maui County’s participation in the Circle City Scan Pilot Project; and
3. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Scott Saiki, Speaker, State House of Representatives; the Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, President, State Senate; Maui County’s delegation to the State Legislature; Angie Fyfe, Executive Director, Local Governments for Sustainability, USA; Calyn Hart, Program Officer, Local Governments for Sustainability, USA; Kamanamaikalani Beamer, Ph.D., Associate Professor, University of Hawai’i at Mānoa; the Office of Climate Action, Sustainability, and Resilience, County of Maui; and the Honorable Michael P. Victorino, Mayor, County of Maui.



March 29, 2021

To: Councilmember Kelly King
RE: Invitation to participate in ICLEI's Circle City Scan Pilot
From: Angie Fyfe, Executive Director, ICLEI USA angie.fyfe@iclei.org

Dear Councilmember King:

Maui County has shown itself to be a leader in climate action and resilience. As an island community, you know so very well the benefits of creating circular loops in your economy to combat climate change and create opportunities for Maui businesses and citizens.

We are especially excited to see the introduction of Hawaii Senate Resolution No. 38 which provides:

(1) Consideration of circular economy values in decision-making in all economic transition efforts across government operations, including service delivery, infrastructure, purchasing decisions, and regulatory frameworks

(2) Incorporation of circular economy principles in future policy and regulatory actions;

(3) Restoration of 'āina and communities in a manner that elevates local self-sufficiency;

(4) Supporting efficient processing and reduction of waste streams across economic sectors to produce regenerative impacts on Hawaii's 'āina and resources; and

We therefore invite Maui County to participate as one of five U.S. local governments in ICLEI's Circular Economy pilot during 2021. As an active ICLEI member, there is no cost to the county for its participation. We anticipate that the county will spend 90 – 120 hours to complete the Circle City Scan tool, with assistance from ICLEI USA staff.

The Circle City Scan Tool aims to allow any local government to identify and prioritize circular opportunities for their city or region, based on socioeconomic and material flow data about their context. The tool has been developed in its prototype version by Circle Economy with support from MAVA Foundation.

To ensure the tool can be adapted to fit the U.S. context and addresses the practical needs of cities and counties, ICLEI experts will be testing the tool with 5 pilot local governments in the U.S. The analysis will provide the pilot cities and counties with an overview of how much of the materials flowing through their jurisdiction are consumed and wasted, and where they can intervene to shift their economies toward circularity.

The steps are envisioned as follows:

Work Streams	Milestones and Deliverables
Scan preparations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Conduct an initial needs assessment and simple stakeholders mapping to ensure the project can be linked to local circular economy priorities and existing leverages.Work with ICLEI staff to map data availability (and gaps) and identify pathways for data collection and processing steps.





	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data sections: (1) Gross Value Added (economic productivity per sector) (2) GHG emissions per sector (3) Employment per sector (4) Material Flows – inputs and outputs per sector.
Circle City Scan Tool trainings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in 3 training sessions organized by Circle Economy (“train the trainer” package) to ensure the proper use of the platform all along the project. Provide feedback and inputs on the training sessions to make them as effective as possible.
Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage with ICLEI and stakeholders to gather the data and information needed, work with ICLEI to move through the tool and related process and collect feedback. Please note that the testing of the tool doesn’t only include data collection and uploading but also a simple stakeholders engagement process to ensure the sectors and materials interventions prioritization reflect local needs. Coordinate logistical arrangements of stakeholders’ engagement in the pilot cities (1 online workshop for each of the 4 phases)
Evaluation framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare short digital reports (no layout needed) that document the feedback and inputs provided by pilot city staff across the different phases of the process. Participate in feedback and product discovery sessions in collaboration with Circle Economy in order to process feedback from the cities and provide input on product development processes, including on the future business model of the tool
Dissemination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the dissemination of the results of the piloting (e.g. key priorities identified for Maui) through U.S. and international channels to increase the use of the tool

Information regarding the Circle City Scan Tool is available [here](#). Please contact me or Calyn Hart, ICLEI Program Officer, to learn more. We look forward to learning about your interest in this pilot. Your response is kindly requested by April 15, 2021.