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September 16, 2021

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Michael P. Victorino 9/17/21
Mayor Date

For Transmittal to:

Honorable Gabe Johnson, Chair
Affordable Housing Committee
Maui County Council
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Johnson:

**SUBJECT: COMPREHENSIVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN: EFFECTIVELY
PROMOTING THE AVAILABILITY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR
MAUI COUNTY RESIDENTS (AH-14(3))**

Thank you for your communication dated September 9, 2021 in which you requested information on the Section 8 waiting list, number of households currently residing in Section 8 housing, staff persons assigned to the Section 8 program, and management of the Section 8 waiting list.

The Section 8 waiting list was open for accepting applications in January 2021. A total of 2,004 families applied to the waiting list. The Section 8 program currently has 1,804 families on the Section 8 waiting list, and staff continue to process applications for an eligibility determination as vouchers become available. The Section 8 program currently has 1,491 families receiving rental assistance.

The Housing Division has 17 staff members assigned to the Section 8 program. The Section 8 waiting list is currently managed by one staff member. This staff member uses a spreadsheet for tracking and updating the status for each applicant family. There are two other staff members that assist in receiving and reviewing preliminary applications and verification documents to determine completeness of applicants' files.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lori Tsuhako", written in a cursive style.

LORI TSUHAKE, LSW, ACSW
Director of Housing and Human Concerns

xc: Housing Division