

**MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**April 17, 2025
9:00 AM**

Pursuant to §92-3.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the meeting was conducted as a remote meeting by interactive conference technology, via Microsoft Teams, <http://tinyurl.com/2p9zhjr2>.

In person testimony and viewing: Council Chamber, Kalana O Maui Building, 8th Floor, 200 S. High Street, Wailuku, Hawaii.

Video recording of meeting available at: www.mauicounty.legistar.com

TIME MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 9:06 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember	Pres.	Abs.	Exc.	Time(s) In/Out (during meeting)
CM Pro Tempore Tasha Kama	√			
Vice Chair Yuki Lei Sugimura	√			
CM Tamara Paltin	√			
CM Gabe Johnson	√			Exc: 2:26 p.m. – end of meeting
CM Keani Rawlins-Fernandez	√			
CM Tom Cook			√	Arr. 9:42 a.m.
CM Nohelani U‘u-Hodgins	√			
CM Shane Sinenci	√			Exc: 2:36 p.m. – end of meeting
Chair Alice L. Lee	√			Exc: 1:44 p.m. - 1:51 p.m.
TOTAL PRESENT	8		1	

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS

Reso 25-91 "CONGRATULATING THE SEABURY HALL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE DIVISION II STATE TITLE AT THE 2025 STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	9:15 a.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	9:15 a.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	ADOPT
CM Paltin	√			Maker	U‘u-Hodgins
CM Johnson	√			Seconder	Sugimura
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	9:21 a.m.
CM Cook			√		
CM U‘u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	8		1	MOTION PASSED	

Reso 25-92 "RECOGNIZING APRIL 2025 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN MAUI COUNTY AND THE ROLE OF PREVENTION IN LONG-TERM RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE FOR MAUI COUNTY'S ‘OHANA AND WORKFORCE"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	10:00 a.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	10:00 a.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	ADOPT
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Johnson
CM Johnson	√			Seconder	Sinenci
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	10:07 a.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U‘u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

Reso 25-93 "HONORING WALTER RITTE FOR HIS LIFETIME OF ADVOCACY, LEADERSHIP, AND DEDICATION TO THE PEOPLE AND ‘ĀINA OF HAWAI‘I"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	11:13 a.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	11:13 a.m.

VC Sugimura	√			Motion	ADOPT, as amended
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Rawlins-Fernandez
CM Johnson	√			Second	Sinenci
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	11:35 a.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	11:14 a.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	11:14 a.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	SUBSTITUTE
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Rawlins-Fernandez
CM Johnson	√			Second	Kama
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	11:35 a.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS:

CC 25-4 COUNCIL CHAIR LEE, transmitting an amendment to Resolution 25-85, entitled "AMENDING RESOLUTION 22-193, CD1, FD1, TO ALLOW THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING TO EXTEND TIME DEADLINES FOR COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION OF KUIKAHI VILLAGE WORKFORCE HOUSING PROJECT"

Postponed, without objection, until Resolution 25-85 was called up.

CC 25-5 COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN, relating to a report by Councilmembers on the State of Hawai'i Commission on Water Resource Management Lahaina Community Meeting of April 7, 2025, held at the Lahainaluna High School Cafeteria.

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	12:08 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	12:08 a.m.

VC Sugimura	√			Motion	FILE
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Paltin
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Kama
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	12:21 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CR 25-25 Recommending FIRST READING of Bill 18, CD1 (2025), to establish pay scales for the Board of Ethics' Executive Director, Investigator, and Administrative Assistant positions.

12:22 p.m.: Recommit to the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee.

RESOLUTIONS

Reso 25-87 "AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF AN UNENCUMBERED APPROPRIATION BALANCE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE, FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	12:24 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	12:24 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	DISCHARGE
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Kama
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	12:25 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC		
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	12:25 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	ADOPT
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Kama

CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	12:26 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

Reso 25-94 "APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF TIARE K.C. DEL CASTILLO AS LEGISLATIVE ANALYST IN THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL SERVICES"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	12:27 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	12:27 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	ADOPT
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Kama
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	12:28 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

ORDINANCES

Bill 15 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, ESTIMATED REVENUES; DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COUNTYWIDE COSTS; AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT, COUNTYWIDE"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	12:31 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	12:31 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	DISCHARGE
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Kama
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	12:39 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	12:39 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	12:39 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	FILE
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Sugimura
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Kama
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	12:40 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U‘u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

Bill 51 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, ESTIMATED REVENUES; CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, COUNTYWIDE, ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, GENERAL FUND, COUNTYWIDE TRAFFIC AND SAFETY PROGRAM, AND APPENDIX C, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, COUNTYWIDE, COUNTYWIDE TRAFFIC AND SAFETY PROGRAM"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	1:44 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	1:45 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	PASS on first reading
CM Paltin	√			Maker	U‘u-Hodgins
CM Johnson		√		Secunder	Sinenci
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	1:48 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U‘u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee			√		
TOTAL VOTES	7	1	1	MOTION PASSED	

Bill 52 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, ESTIMATED REVENUES; CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, COUNTYWIDE AND APPENDIX C, DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, COUNTYWIDE"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	1:49 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	1:49 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	PASS on first reading
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Kama
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Cook
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	1:50 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U‘u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee			√		
TOTAL VOTES	8		1	MOTION PASSED	

Bill 53 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, GRANTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY, KAHULUI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS, HĀLAU HULA KA ULU O KALĀ AND HĀLAU KEKUA O KALA ‘AU ‘ALA ‘ILIAHI"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	1:51 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	1:51 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	PASS on first reading
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Kama
CM Johnson	√			Secunder	Cook
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	1:52 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U‘u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

ORDINANCES SECOND AND FINAL READING:

Bill 3, CD1, FD1 (2024) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.56.060, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	1:52 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	1:53 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	PASS on second and final reading
CM Paltin	√			Maker	U‘u-Hodgins
CM Johnson	√			Seconder	Cook
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	1:54 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U‘u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	9			MOTION PASSED	

Bill 3, FD1 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO RATIFY ORDINANCE 5702 (2024), AMENDING THE LĀNA‘I COMMUNITY PLAN FOR 268.349 ACRES LOCATED IN LĀNA‘I CITY, LĀNA‘I, HAWAII, IDENTIFIED AS TAX MAP KEYS (2) 4-9-001:021, 024, 030; (2) 4-9-002:001 (POR.), 061 (PORS.); (2) 4-9-018:002 (PORS.), 003 (PORS.), 005; AND (2) 4-9-021:009 (LĀNA‘I PROJECT DISTRICT 2 (KŌ‘ELE))"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	1:54 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	1:55 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	PASS on second and final reading
CM Paltin		√		Maker	Kama
CM Johnson		√		Seconder	Cook
CM Rawlins-Fernandez		√		Time Vote Taken	2:25 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U‘u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci		√			
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	5	4		MOTION PASSED	

Bill 16 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF HAWAII, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS, HAWAII OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH DIVISION, FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS AT THE KIHEI WASTEWATER RECLAMATION FACILITY"

Bill 19, CD1 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY FOR A GROUNDWATER AVAILABILITY STUDY IN WEST MAUI"

Bill 28, CD 1 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 16.29, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO FLOOD HAZARD AREAS"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	2:26 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	2:27 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	PASS Bills 16, 19 & 28 on second and final reading
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Cook
CM Johnson			√	Secunder	U‘u-Hodgins
CM Rawlins- Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	2:29 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U‘u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	8		1	MOTION PASSED	

Bill 33, CD1 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, APPENDIX A, PART II, AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND, KAIAULU NAPILI"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	2:30 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	2:30 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	PASS on second and final reading
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Kama
CM Johnson			√	Secunder	U‘u-Hodgins

CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	2:30 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	8		1	MOTION PASSED	

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Reso 25-80 "AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, FOR A GRANT UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	2:31 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	2:31 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	ADOPT
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Kama
CM Johnson			√	Secunder	Cook
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	2:32 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	8		1	MOTION PASSED	

Reso 25-85 "AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 22-193, CD1, FD1, TO ALLOW THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING TO EXTEND TIME DEADLINES FOR COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION OF KUIKAHI VILLAGE WORKFORCE HOUSING PROJECT"

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	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	2:32 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	2:33 p.m.

VC Sugimura	√			Motion	ADOPT Reso 25-85, as amended
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Kama
CM Johnson			√	Secunder	U'u-Hodgins
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	2:36 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	8		1	MOTION PASSED	

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	2:33 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	2:33 p.m.
VC Sugimura	√			Motion	SUBSTITUTE with FD1 version/FILE CC 25-4
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Kama
CM Johnson			√	Secunder	U'u-Hodgins
CM Rawlins-Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	2:36 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci	√				
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	8		1	MOTION PASSED	

Unfinished business SECOND AND FINAL ORDINANCES

Bill 37, CD1 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, ESTIMATED REVENUES; CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY; APPENDIX A, PART II, GENERAL EXCISE TAX FUND; AND APPENDIX C, DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY"

Bill 38 (2025) "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3.100, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO GENERAL EXCISE AND USE TAX SURCHARGE"

	AYE	NO	EXC	Time Deliberations Began	2:36 p.m.
Pro Tem Kama	√			Time Motion Made	2:37 p.m.

VC Sugimura	√			Motion	PASS Bills 37 and 38 on second and final reading
CM Paltin	√			Maker	Kama
CM Johnson			√	Secunder	Cook
CM Rawlins- Fernandez	√			Time Vote Taken	2:58 p.m.
CM Cook	√				
CM U'u-Hodgins	√				
CM Sinenci			√		
Chair Lee	√				
TOTAL VOTES	7		2	MOTION PASSED	

TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 3:01 p.m.

TRANSCRIPTION

Council of the County of Maui on 2025-04-17 9:00 AM - Regular Meeting

[GAVEL] WILL THE COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 17TH, PLEASE COME TO ORDER. GOOD MORNING EVERYONE. MS. CLERK. >> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, PROCEEDING WITH ROLL CALL, I DON'T SEE ANY MEMBERS WHO WILL BE PARTICIPATING FROM NON-PUBLIC LOCATIONS SO WE'LL SKIP THAT AND GO TO ROLL CALL. COUNCIL MEMBER PRO TEMPORE TASHA KAMA. >> ALOHA KAKAHIKA, CHAIR.\r\n\r\nIT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU BACK IN THE CHAMBERS IA LIVE AND WELL. LOOK FORWARD TO A GREAT MEETING. >> ONLY ALIVE, NOT WELL. >> VICE-CHAIR YUKI LEI SUGIMURA. >> GOOD MORNING, CHAIR, IT'S SO WONDERFUL TO SEE ALL OF OUR FRIENDS IN THE CHAMBERS, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE RESOLUTIONS. THIS GOING TO BE A VERY SPECIAL DAY. THANK YOU.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. >> COUNCIL MEMBER TAMARA PALTIN. >> ALOHA KAKAHIKA KAKOU. >> COUNCIL MEMBER GABE JOHNSON. >> GOOD MORNING, CHAIR, COUNCIL MEMBERS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS. THERE'S TESTIFIERS AT THE LANA'I DISTRICT OFFICE TODAY. THANK YOU.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. >> COUNCIL MEMBER KEANI RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> ALOHA KAKAHIKA KAKOU. THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO TESTIFIERS IN THE MOLOKA'I DISTRICT OFFICE AND I LOVE HAVING OUR CHAMBERS FULL OF OUR COMMUNITY. MAHALO, CHAIR. >> THANK YOU. >> COUNCIL MEMBER TOM COOK?\r\n\r\n>> EXCUSED FOR NOW. >> COUNCIL MEMBER NOELANI UU-HODGINS. >> GOOD MORNING EVERYONE, GOOD MORNING, CHAIR. >> COUNCIL MEMBER SHANE SINENCI. >> ALOHA KAKAHIKA. NO TESTIFIERS IN HANA, CHAIR. >> COUNCIL CHAIR ALICE LEE.\r\n\r\n>> ALOHA MAI KAKOU. >> A QUORUM IS PRESENT TO CONDUCT THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL, I'M DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK RICHELLE THOMSON AND COUNTY CLERK MOANA LUTEY AND JOYCE MURASHIGE, DELL YOSHIDA AND ARTHUR SUYAMA AND JOINING THE MEETING FROM THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL SERVICES IS DIRECTOR DAVID RAATZ AND LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY MEGAN MONIZ. >> ALL RIGHT, THIS MORNING, THE REMARKS WILL BE PROVIDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SHANE SINENCI. >> MAHALO, CHAIR. CHAIR, TONIGHT IS OUR FINAL REGIONAL BUDGET MEETING FOR THE WAILUKU-KAHULUI DISTRICTS AND LAST WEEK WE VISITED THE FAMILIES ON LANA'I, MOLOKA'I, AND IN LAHAINA. AND PRIOR TO THAT, WE VISITED EAST MAUI AND UP COUNTRY. THIS WEEK WE HEARD FROM THE KIHEI AND PA'IA COMMUNITY AND WANTED TO SEND A BIG MAHALO TO EVERYONE WHO TOOK THE TIME TO JOIN US AND SHARE THEIR MANA'O WITH ALL OF US.\r\n\r\nAS COUNCIL MEMBERS, WE LISTEN TO THE VOICES OF THE PEOPLE AND MAKE SURE THAT THEIR VALUES AND THEIR PRIORITIES ARE REFLECTED IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET. I KNOW THE GENERAL SENTIMENT SINCE LAST YEAR HAS BEEN MAUI STRONG, MAUI NUI STRONG. HOWEVER, THIS YEAR, THE OVERWHELMING MESSAGE I GOT WAS MAUI NUI FIRST. TO TAKE CARE OF OUR PEOPLE FIRST AND FOREMOST. DO INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE AND OUR KEIKI THAT THEY HAVE MORE SCIENCE AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES. MORE AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS, AND MORE TRAVEL FUNDS SO THAT THEY CAN PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS. AND OTHER EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.\r\n\r\nWE HEARD ALSO MALAMA KUPUNA, THAT THEY RECEIVE THE CARE AND THE ATTENTION THAT THEY NEED, INCLUDING PROPER NUTRITION, AND MEALS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK. THAT THEY HAVE CONTINUED ADA ACCESS AND TRANSPORTATION, AND MOST IMPORTANT THAT EMERGENCY EVACUATION SERVICES HELP THEM IN TIMES OF CRISES. WE HEARD FROM OUR HOUSELESS ADVOCATES THAT ARE IN THE STREETS, AND HOW THEY DESPERATELY NEED KOKUA WHEN HELPING OUR LESS FORTUNATE RESIDENTS, AND HOW OUR CAREGIVERS WHO SERVE IN PUBLIC HEALTH, NEED OUR ASSISTANCE IN LIGHT OF FEDERAL SPENDING CUTS. FINALLY, WE HEARD ABOUT COST OF LIVING IN THIS COUNTY, CHAIR AND HOW ONE HOUSEHOLD EMERGENCY OR ONE MISSED RENTAL PAYMENT CREATES ADDITIONAL STRESSORS FOR WORKING FAMILIES AND CAN QUICKLY LEAD TO CONTEMPLATING LEAVING THE ISLAND. SO IN THE FINAL WEEKS, CHAIR, OF BUDGET DELIBERATIONS, LOOK FORWARD TO MORE OF OUR DISCUSSIONS OF TAX VALUATIONS AND RATE AND MORE LIVABLE WAGES FOR OUR PEOPLE. IT WAS ALSO NICE, CHAIR, TO HEAR FROM PEOPLE WHO SEE THIS COUNCIL WORKING TOGETHER AS A TEAM, AND DURING THESE BUDGET

HEARINGS, AND OF OUR DEDICATION TO MAKING SURE THAT OUR TAX DOLLARS ARE SPENT PROPERLY. >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.\r\n\r\nNOW PLEASE JOIN ME IN RECITING THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL. I SEE IN THE AUDIENCE WE HAVE A FORMER COUNTY OFFICIAL. PLEASE RISE AND BE RECOGNIZED. FORMER COUNCIL MEMBER WAYNE NISHIKI. BEFORE WE START TODAY, MAY I PLEASE REQUEST THAT EVERYONE KEEP THEIR MICROPHONES MUTED UNLESS IT'S YOUR TURN TO SPEAK. AS A REMINDER, TESTIMONY MUST PERTAIN TO ITEMS ON THE MEETING AGENDA.\r\n\r\nWHEN TESTIFYING, PLEASE DIRECT YOUR REMARKS TO THE COUNCIL, AND NOT TO ANY INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBER OR MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. EACH TESTIFIER WILL BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK FOR UP TO THREE MINUTES ON EACH ITEM. FOR INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO TESTIFY ON TEAMS PLEASE CLICK THE RAISE YOUR HAND BUTTON TO BE ADDED TO THE TESTIFIER LOG. IF YOU ARE CALLING IN, PLEASE FOLLOW THE PHONE PROMPTED TO BE ADDED TO THE LOG. ANY PERSON WHO BEHAVES IN A MANNER THAT DISRUPTS, DISTURBS OR IMPEDES THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF ANY COUNCIL MEETING CAN AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER OR A MAJORITY OF PRESENT COUNCIL MEMBERS BE EJECTED OR BANNED FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS, OR IF PARTICIPATING REMOTELY, MUTED OR DROPPED FROM THE MEETING. EXAMPLES OF DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR INCLUDE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO HECKLING, SHOUTING, USE OF PROFANITY, THREATENING OR SLANDEROUS REMARKS MADE TO ANY MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL, STAFF OR GENERAL PUBLIC. MS.\r\n\r\nCLERK, PLEASE PROCEED. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. WE HAVE THREE CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS THIS MORNING, AND WE'RE GOING TO CALL FOR CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION TESTIMONY ON OUR FIRST RESO. IT'S 25-91. THIS IS FOR THE SEABURY HALL STUDENTS. SO IF THERE'S ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY ON THIS -- AND THE REASON FOR IT BECAUSE THEY NEED TO GO TO SCHOOL. THEY ARE DYING TO GET BACK AND I THOUGHT I CONVINCED A COUPLE OF THEM TO TESTIFY -- >> ANYBODY BRAVE ENOUGH TO COME UP? >> I THOUGHT I WAS PRETTY PERSUASIVE CHAIR.\r\n\r\n>> DON'T BE SHY. >> THERE WE GO. >> YAY. WHEN YOU COME UP, JUST STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD, PLEASE. >> HELLO. I'M BROMO DORN. FIRST, I JUST LIKE TO THANK OUR COACHES, YOU KNOW?\r\n\r\nOUR COACHES DID AN AMAZING JOB THIS YEAR, ALL THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. SCOUTING OTHER TEAMS AND BEING LEADERS ON AND OFF THE COURT AND POSITIVE ROLE-MODELS FOR US. SO THANK TO ALL OUR COACHES, YOU KNOW? BEHIND-THE-SCENES, SHE DOES A LOT FOR US. SO THANK YOU TO COACH AND TO MY TEAMMATES IT WAS AN AMAZING YEAR AND HAD A LOT OF FUN AND MADE HISTORY. THANK YOU, GUYS. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\nVERY GOOD. ANYBODY ELSE? PROCEED, MS. CLERK. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. I WILL CALL THE OTHER TESTIFIERS AFTER WE GET THESE GUYS OUT. THERE'S A NUMBER FOR THE OTHER RESOLUTIONS.\r\n\r\nSO I THINK IT WOULD BE MEMBER UU-HODGINS. >> MEMBER UU-HODGINS THANK YOU, CHAIR, I MOVE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 25-91. >> SECOND. >> MOVED BY MEMBER UU-HODGINS AND SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. DISCUSSION, MEMBER UU-HODGINS. >> CHAIR, I'M SO SORRY, I GOT SO DISTRACTED CONVINCING PEOPLE TO TESTIFY I FORGET TO READ IT INTO THE RECORD. >> GO AHEAD. >> THANKS.\r\n\r\nCHAIR, BEFORE YOU IS RESOLUTION 25-91 CONGRATULATING THE SEABURY HALL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE DIVISION II STATE TITLE AT THE 2025 STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS. >> AND THEN WE HAVE HAD THE MOTION ALREADY. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR AT THIS TIME MAY I WILL PLEASE REQUEST THAT THE CLERK READ THE RESOLUTION IN ITS ENTIRETY. >> MS. CLERK. >> CHAIR, WE JUST NEED A SECOND. >> OKAY.\r\n\r\n>> PERFECT, THANK YOU. >> WE DO NEED A SECOND. WE HAVE VICE-CHAIR. >> OKAY. >> THANK YOU MOVED AND SECONDED. YOU ARE NOT COUNTING THE FIRST ONE? OKAY, MOVED BY MEMBER UU-HODGINS AND SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION.\r\n\r\nAND NOW COULD YOU READ THE RESOLUTION IN ITS ENTIRETY. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. RESOLUTION NO. 25-91 CONGRATULATING THE SEABURY HALL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE DIVISION II STATE TITLE AT THE 2025 STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS. WHEREAS, THE

SEABURY HALL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM WON THE 2025 DIVISION II STATE TITLE AT THE HAWAI'I HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS FEBRUARY 19-21, 2025 IN HONOLULU, HAWAI'I; AND WHEREAS, SEABURY HALL'S ROUTE TO THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP INCLUDED A QUARTER FINAL VICTORY OVER KAISER ON FEBRUARY 19, 2025 AND A SEMIFINAL WIN AGAINST KOHALA ON FEBRUARY 20, 2025 BOTH AT KAIMUKI HIGH SCHOOL GYM; AND WHEREAS, THE SPARTANS SECURED SCHOOL'S FIRST BOYS BASKETBALL STATE TITLE WITH THE DECISIVE 49-33 VICTORY OVER HAWAI'I PREPARATORY ACADEMY AT STAN SHERIFF CENTER ON FEBRUARY 21,2025; AND WHEREAS, STANDOUT PERFORMANCES IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME INCLUDED BROMO DORN'S 20 POINTS, SEVEN REBOUNDS, TWO ASSISTS AND THREE STEALS WITH NO FOULS AND SEBASTIAN PETERSON'S 17 POINTS WITH THREE REBOUNDS, THREE ASSISTS AND TWO STEALS INCLUDED SEVERAL CLUTCH FREE-THROWS TO SEAL THE WIN; AND WHEREAS, BROMO DORN WAS VOTE BY THE MEDIA AND HS YAO AS THE MOST OUTSTANDING PLAYER AND SEBASTIAN PETERSON WAS SELECTED TO THE ALL TOURNAMENT TEAM; AND WHEREAS, THE TEAM ACHIEVED A RECORD- BREAKING 30-WIN SEASON, MOST IN SCHOOL HISTORY; AND WHEREAS, SEABURY HALL'S BOY BASKETBALL TEAM HAS DEMONSTRATED CONSISTENT IMPROVEMENT OVER RECENT YEARS IN STATE TOURNAMENTS PLACING 5TH IN 2023 AND SECOND IN 2024 BEFORE WINNING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP THIS YEAR; AND WHEREAS, THE 2025 SEABURY HALL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM CONSISTS OF: REAGAN AGUAS, JACK BENDON, AIDAN CHILDERS, DUKE DODGE, BROMO DORN, CASH DRIFTMIER, ELIJAH GURLEY, CARSON HOLLIFIELD, DYLAN MAIER, SOREN MOOG, CIAN O'DWYER, SEBASTIAN PETERSON, MILES RAPPENECKER, CARSON ROSENTHAL, NOBU SHING, KEAHI SJOSTRAND, AND BRYSON TASAKI; AND HEAD COACH SCOTT PRATHER, ASSISTANT COACHES -- ASSISTANT COACHES JOHN DUDLEY, KALEB PALMER, JUSTIN FARMER, AND NEIL YASHIRO, ATHLETIC TRAINER KEVIN YAMASHIRO, AND STRENGTH & CONDITIONING COACH MELISSA RAJESH INCLUDING ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY PARENTS CONTRIBUTED TO THE TEAM'S SUCCESS; AND WHEREAS, THE PERSEVERANCE AND TEAMWORK AND SPORTSMANSHIP OF THE SEABURY HALL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM WITH THE SUPPORT OF THEIR FAMILIES AND SCHOOL COMMUNITY HAVE BROUGHT GREAT PRIDE TO THE COUNTY OF MAUI. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI: 1, THAT IT CONGRATULATES THE SEABURY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE DIVISION II STATE TITLE AT THE 2025 STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS; AND 2, THAT CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO TEAM MEMBERS AND COACHES; MAUREEN MADDEN, HEAD OF SCHOOL, SEABURY HALL; YACINE ENRIQUEZ-MEYER, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, SEABURY HALL; JOSEPH BALANGITAO, JR., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MAUI INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE; CHRISTOPHER CHUN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HAWAII HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION; AND THE HONORABLE RICHARD T. BISSEN, JR., MAYOR, COUNTY OF MAUI. [APPLAUSE] DISCUSSION, MEMBER UU-HODGINS.\r\n\r\n>> THIS DIVISION II STATE TITLE AND THEIR RECORD-BREAKING SEASON AND IT A RESULT OF YEARS' OF DEDICATION, SACRIFICE, AND BELIEF NOT ONLY FROM THE PLAYERS ON THE COURT, BUT FROM THE COACHES, FAMILIES, TEACHERS AND THE OWN TIRE SEABURY COMMUNITY WHO STOOD BESIDE THEM EVERY STEP OF THE WAY. CONGRATULATIONS TO SEABURY HALL FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AND FOR REPRESENTING MAUI WITH PRIDE. I RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR MEMBERS' SUPPORT OF MY MOTION AND LATER OUR TEAM -- THANK YOU, CHAIR. >> THANK YOU. ANY MORE DISCUSSION? VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\n\r\nI PROBABLY STAND AS A SEABURY PARENT -- PROUDLY STAND AS A SEABURY PARENT AS MY SON GRADUATED YEARS AGO. I'M SO PROUD OF THE SCHOOL. I STILL STAND VERY STRONGLY BEHIND THEM AND I WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE CRAFT FAIR COMING UP BEGINNING OF MAY. BUT THROUGH THE YEARS I HAVE SEEN THE COMMITMENT OF THE TEACHERS, I SEE OUR HEAD MASTER HERE AT THE VERY END, I THINK, AT SEABURY ALSO SUPPORTING THE STUDENTS AND BASKETBALL TEAM. I THINK THE SPEAKER, THANKS FOR YOUR COURAGE FOR MAKING THAT SPEECH, BUT YOU ARE ONE OF THE HEROES OF THE TEAM AND YOU ARE VERY TALL. THANK YOU, MEMBER UU-HODGINS FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\n\r\nANY MORE DISCUSSION? IF NOT, ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION, RAISE YOUR

HAND, SAY AYE? EIGHT AYES ONE EXCUSED MOTION CARRIES AND NOW, WE INVITE ANY OF YOU TO COME DOWN AND SAY SOMETHING, AND THEN TO BE FOLLOWED BY TAKING PICTURES. >> FIRST OF ALL THANK SO MUCH COUNCIL MEMBERS. >> COULD YOU SPEAK INTO THE MIC, PLEASE, JUST BRING THE MIC TO YOU. OKAY. >> SORRY.\r\n\r\nI JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU AGAIN, JUST TO THE COUNCIL FOR INVITING US HERE FOR THIS CEREMONY. IT'S AN HONOR AND BLESSING TO BE AMONGST YOU ALL IN THE CHAMBERS. I'M NOT GOING TO LIE IT'S A LITTLE SCARY UP HERE. BROMO DID A GOOD JOB. THEY SAID EVERYBODY GETS THREE MINUTES, BUT I GET UNLIMITED TIME AND I GET TISSUES WHEN I START CRYING. SO I WILL TAKE YOU BACK ONE YEAR PRIOR TO THIS AMAZING RUN THAT WE HAD, AND WE GOT LITERALLY THIS CLOSE ALL YOU GUYS WHO WERE THERE JUST KNOW THE PAIN THAT WE FELT LAST YEAR COMING SO CLOSE AND HAVING IT SLIP AWAY. OH, MY GOSH -- JUST KIDDING.\r\n\r\nJUST KIDDING. SO THE PERSEVERANCE THAT THESE BOYS SHOWED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO GET NOT ONLY GET BACK TO THE SAME STAGE TO PUT IN ALL OF THAT WORK TO FIGHT THROUGH THE HEARTBREAK, BUT TO PUT IT ALL TOGETHER. WE LOST AN AMAZING SENIOR CLASS LAST YEAR, BUT TO GET BACK ON THAT STAGE AGAIN, TO HAVE THE PERSEVERANCE AND JUST THE CONFIDENCE AND JUST KNOWING THAT THIS WAS GOING TO BE DIFFERENT THIS TIME, AND TO BREAKTHROUGH AND GET IT DONE. JUST SO PROUD OF THESE BOYS. I'M JUST SO PROUD. NOT ONLY THEM, BUT THE COACHES, ESPECIALLY, TO SOME OF MY BEST FRIENDS THAT COACH ALONGSIDE ME THAT BELIEVE IN ME AS THEIR LEADER . JUST COULDN'T BE MORE PROUD OF THE RIDE. YOU KNOW?\r\n\r\nIT'S AN EXPERIENCE TO COACH IT'S A LOST TIME, A LOT OF EFFORT, A LOT OF ENERGY, A LOT OF LOVE, BUT WIN-OR-LOSE, THERE'S A CONNECTION BUILT AND THAT IS SPECIAL WHEN YOU TAKE THAT AWAY, AND EVEN LAST YEAR DIDN'T WORK OUT IN OUR FAVOR, I JUST LOVE THOSE GUYS SO MUCH THAT IT'S STILL A VERY POSITIVE EXPERIENCE. YOU ARE LEFT EMPTY IN THE HEART, A LITTLE PIECE THAT IS NOT FULFILLED WHEN YOU DON'T GET IT DONE AND YOU ARE THAT CLOSE. THANK YOU GUYS FOR GETTING IT DONE. BUT IT'S A TEAM EFFORT, TOP TO BOTTOM. IT'S NOT JUST THE KIDS, BUT ALL THE PARENTS THAT MADE IT HERE TODAY, ALL THE HOSTING, ALL THE ROAD-TRIPS, ALL OF THE HEY, WE NEED SOME FOOD AFTER THIS GAME, RECOVERY STARTS NOW. CAN YOU GUYS GET US SOME POPEYES CHICKEN SANDWICHES? IT'S DONE IN A HEARTBEAT.\r\n\r\nTHIS GROUP IS AMAZING. THE PARENTS ARE AMAZING AND WE DON'T GET IT DONE WITHOUT ALL HANDS ON DECK. AND ONE THING TO MENTION ABOUT LAST YEAR,, AS MUCH AS IT HURTS, THE HEAD OF SCHOOL MAUREEN MADDEN, WHO I LOVE DEARLY, SHE TOLD ME THIS YEAR GOING INTO THE SEASON SHE SAID MAMA WANTS A STATE TITLE. [LAUGHTER]SHE DOESN'T REALIZE HOW MUCH I WANTED THIS FOR HER. AND I WAS DRIVEN. I WAS DRIVEN, THE BOYS WERE DRIVEN. IT WAS SOMETHING THAT DEEP IN MY HEART [INAUDIBLE] THERE'S A LOT OF GREAT TALENT HERE AND THAT THIS IS A SPECIAL GROUP.\r\n\r\nWHEN YOU START THINKING ABOUT THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THIS TEAM, WE HAD SOME REALLY GREAT TEAMS. I HAVE BEEN THE HEAD COACH FOR 13 YEARS -- IS SOMEONE TRYING TO GET IN? WE HAD SOME GREAT TEAM COACH AND YOU DO THE STATS AND THE RECORD SPEAKS FOR ITSELF, THE ONE THING MISSING IN OUR RESUME WAS THAT STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND IT'S NOT EASY. WE DO THINGS THE RIGHT WAY. WE DON'T DO THINGS THAT, YOU KNOW, THAT WE TRY TO DO THINGS THE RIGHT WAY, AND JUST BUILD FROM WITHIN, WORK WITH THE KIDS THAT WE HAVE, SHOW THEM THE RIGHT WAY AS BROMO SAID, TRY TO BE THE BEST ROLE-MODEL AND POSITIVE INFLUENCES ON THESE GUYS AS WE CAN. SO IT'S -- YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT EASY. IT'S NOT EASY TO BEAT ALL THE OTHER BEST TEAMS IN THE STATE.\r\n\r\nBUT WE FINALLY GOT IT DONE AND WE FINALLY CHECKED THAT BOX ON OUR RESUME. AND IT'S JUST AMAZING FEELING BECAUSE IT'S NOT -- IT'S NOT AN INDIVIDUAL THING. IT'S A SHARED COLLECTIVE THING AND IT'S A MEMORY THAT WE CAN SHARE WITH EACH OTHER THE REST OF OUR LIVES WHENEVER WE SEE ANY OF THESE GUYS, LATER IN LIFE, WHEN THEY ARE BUSINESS OWNERS AND HAVING THEIR KIDS, WHEN THEY'RE IN THE STORE, WE CAN ALWAYS COME UP TO EACH OTHER, AND YOU JUST KNOW, HEY WHAT IS UP STATE CHAMP? IT'S PART OF WHAT WE DO NOW. I'M RAMBLING.

[LAUGHTER]. ALL RIGHT. YOU SAID IT WAS UNLIMITED TIME.\r\n\r\nTHAT IS WHAT I WAS TOLD. SORRY IF YOU GUYS HAVE OTHER THINGS GOING ON TODAY. I DO WANT TO MENTION A COUPLE OF THINGS. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT MY SENIORS. I WILL GRAB THIS JUST IN CASE IT GETS A LITTLE EMOTIONAL. SO I WANT TO TALK -- USUALLY I DO THIS AT THE END OF EACH SEASON. I DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE THIS YEAR.\r\n\r\nSO JUST WANT TO TALK ABOUT STARTING WITH MILES. MILES ISN'T NECESSARILY A GUY THAT GETS THE CREDIT THAT HE MAYBE DESERVES, BUT IF YOU WANT IT TALK ABOUT A GUY WHO HAS THE HEART OF GOLD >> WHICH ONE IS MILES? >> THE REDHEAD. [APPLAUSE] >> THAT HANDSOME GUY. TAKE A PICTURE OF HIM AND GET THE HEAT OFF ME FOR A SECOND POUND-FOR-POUND THE TOUGHEST KID ON THE TEAM. SO THANKFUL FOR YOU. NEXT LET'S TALK ABOUT SOREN MOOG.\r\n\r\nTHIS GUY ALMOST DIDN'T COME TO US. IT WAS TRULY A TWIST OF FATE. HE WAS GOING TO GO IT A DIFFERENT SCHOOL AND WITH THE UNFORTUNATE INCIDENTS WITH THE FIRES, HE WAS LEFT WITHOUT A HOME. SO HE RELOCATED, AND THANKFULLY HIS FAMILY, HIS PARENTS TRUSTED US TO TAKE CARE OF HIM. SO HE CAME TO SEABURY AS A JUNIOR. YOU KNOW, HE IS A BIG LOVEABLE TEDDY BEAR. AND THE BEST WAY POSSIBLE JUST A GREAT KID.\r\n\r\nHE HAS NEVER COMPLAINED. HE HAS NEVER TALKED BACK. HE HAS ALWAYS TAKEN CORRECTION WITH YES COACH, YES, SIR. I DIDN'T REALIZE HOW MUCH PAIN HE HAD BEEN THROUGH ALL YEAR WITH HIS KNEES AND HE FOUGHT THROUGH THE IT WITHOUT COMPLAINING. WE DON'T GET THIS DONE WITHOUT YOU. THANK YOU, SOREN AND THANKS, PARENTS, FOR BELIEVING IN US. NEXT I WANT TO TALK ABOUT BRYSON OUR ACE OF THE TEXTING STAFF AS WELL, MULTI-TALENT BRYSON IS A GUY I DIDN'T THINK WOULD SURVIVE CONDITIONING.\r\n\r\nLAUGHTER LAST YEAR. LAST YEAR IT WAS, YOU KNOW, WE HAD TO MAKE SURE KEVIN WAS ON STANDBY, KEVIN OUR TRAINER, BUT HE FOUGHT THROUGH IT. TO HIS CREDIT HE FOUGHT THROUGH IT WITHOUT ANY SORT OF PROMISE OF PLAYING TIME OR ACCOLADES OR ANYTHING, HE FOUGHT THROUGH IT. A GREAT TEAMMATE, JUST A GREAT GUY TO HAVE IN THE LOCKER ROOM, JUST POSITIVE. GOOD GUY. KIND OF GUY -- THANK YOU JACK FOR PUSHING THE BOYS, KEAHI SINCE FRESHMAN YEAR YOU HAVE BEEN A KID THAT THE COACHES AND I JUST KNEW THAT YOU HAD SO MUCH TALENT, SO MUCH ABILITY, SO MUCH PROMISE, AND THAT WHEN YOU FIGURED IT ALL OUT, YOU WOULD BE A SPECIAL, SPECIAL PLAYER. ON ANY OTHER TEAM, YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE MIL PLAYER OF THE YEAR AND YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN ALL STATE, EVERYTHING.\r\n\r\nI KNOW YOU MAYBE GOT A LITTLE BIT OVERSHADOWED, BUT THERE'S NOTHING TO OVERSHADOW YOU AND THE IMPACT YOU MADE ON THE TEAM WITH THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME AND THE REBOUNDS AND DEFENSE HUSTLE AND BIG 3S NOT ONLY THAT GAME, BUT IN THAT GAME WHEN WE NEEDED YOU TO BE BIG, TO BE TOUGH, YOU WERE EVERYTHING AND MORE. FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE YOU CAN BE REMEMBERED AS A LEGEND FOR GETTING IT DONE IN THE BIG MOMENT. SO THANK YOU. I THINK THAT'S IT. THERE'S NO MORE SENIORS. TIME TO TALK ABOUT ONE GUY OVER THERE, MR. GATORADE.\r\n\r\nYOU KNOW, YOU REMEMBER THIS RIGHT BROMO BACK IN EARLY SEPTEMBER, LATE AUGUST WE HAD JUST A SHOOT AROUND IN THE GYM. AND WE JUST SHOOT-AROUND AND NEXT THING WE'RE IN THERE THREE HOURS, I DON'T KNOW HOW THE TIME PASSED SO FAST, BUT IN THAT MOMENT, THAT LONG MOMENT THAT I REALIZED HOW MUCH BROMO DORN AND I WERE SIMILAR IN THE BEST WAY POSSIBLE. HE IS LIKE A BROTHER OF MINE, YOUNGER BROTHER, SOMEONE I SAW COME THROUGH OUR SYSTEM AS A VERY PROMISING, TALENTED GIFTED YOUNG MAN THAT JUST NEEDED TO PUT IT ALL TOGETHER, AND DANG, DID YOU PUT IT ALL TOGETHER, AND BECOME AN ABSOLUTE LEGEND. WHEN YOU LOOK BACK AT THE I HAVE A STRONG ARGUMENT WHEN YOU LOOK BACK AT THE YEARS, THE MANY YEARS THE MIL, YOU PUT ALL THE BEST PLAYERS THAT HAVE COME THROUGH THE MIL, THAT HAVE A STRONG CASE TO SAY SITTING AMONGST THE BEST PLAYER TO HAVE PLAYED IN THE MIL. IT WAS JUST AN HONOR TO HAVE YOU IN OUR PROGRAM. IT WASN'T THAT YOU ARE JUST A GREAT PLAYER, BUT YOU LED BY EXAMPLE. YOU LED BY EXAMPLE EVERY DAY, WORKING THE HARDEST.\r\n\r\nYOU BROUGHT IT EVERY DAY. YOU WANTED IT. YOU WANTED IT, AS MUCH AS THE COACHES DID, WHICH IS A SAYING A LOT, BECAUSE WE REALLY WANTED THIS. BUT JUST WANT TO SAY THANK

YOU. THANK YOU FOR BELIEVING IN US, FOR COMING BACK. I KNOW THERE'S OPTIONS FOR GUYS LIKE YOU TO GO ELSEWHERE, BUT YOU ARE LOYAL. YOU STAYED TRUE TO YOURSELF, YOUR FAMILY, YOUR COACHES AND TEAMMATES.\r\n\r\nIT'S BEEN A BLAST GETTING TO KNOW YOU AND WATCH YOU MATURE THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. I'M SO EXCITED FOR YOU THE OTHER SENIORS FOR YOUR FUTURES, NOT ONLY ON THE COURT, BUT IN LIFE. I HOPE ALL YOU GUYS KNOW THAT NO MATTER WHERE YOU GUYS GO, WHATEVER YOU GUYS DO, IF YOU NEED A RECOMMENDATION OR A FRIEND TO TALK TO, LIKE ME OR ANY OF THE OTHER COACHES WILL BE HERE FOR YOU GUYS FOREVER. SO WITH THAT BEING SAID, MY CHARGE TO THE FRESHMEN SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS ON THE TEAM, AGAIN THERE'S SOME TALENTED BOYS COMING BACK. IT'S NOT JUST THIS SENIOR CLASS, BUT THERE IS TALENT WITHIN, SEBASTIAN POTENTIALLY ALL STATE LEAGUE NEXT YEAR AND CHARGE TO CONTINUE TO BUILD ON THE LEGACY THAT HAS BEEN LAID BEFORE YOU GUYS? OKAY, YOU ALL KNOW WHAT IT TAKES ALL ABOUT HARD WORK AND STAYING FEW TO YOURSELVES AND STAYING TRUE TO YOUR TEAMMATES AND FAMILIES AND PUTTING THE WORK IN AND LET THE CHIPS FALL WHERE THEY MAY. I'M EXCITED TO SEE WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS FOR ALL YOU GUYS., AGAIN, I'M HONORED AND BLESSED TO BE IN FRONT OF YOU SPEAKING THIS MORNING.\r\n\r\nI DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN TELL, BUT I GET NERVOUS DURING PUBLIC SPEAK, BUT I'M HAVING A LITTLE BIT OF FUN AND I DON'T KNOW IF I SHOULD STOP TALKING, BUT IT'S JUST BEEN A BLAST. I THINK I JUST THINK SOME THINGS ARE MEANT TO BE, AND THE HEARTBREAK FROM LAST YEAR HAD TO HAPPEN. IT WAS MEANT TO HAPPEN, BECAUSE IT MADE US TOUGHER AND STRONGER. IT FORTIFIED OUR WILL TO GET THINGS DONE. AND WE GOT IT DONE. TO THE COUNCIL MEMBERS AND EVERYBODY ELSE WHO ENDURED THAT LONG SPEECH, THANK YOU ALL. I THANK EVERYBODY HERE, AND THANK TO MY FAMILY FOR LETTING ME COACH, AND FOR THE SACRIFICE THAT THEY MAKE TO ALLOW ME TO BE WITH THESE GUYS.\r\n\r\nIT'S BEEN AN HONOR AND BLESSING, AND HOPE TO DO THIS AGAIN AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE. THANK YOU AGAIN. ALOHA. >> THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] ANYONE ELSE? WOULD ANYONE ELSE LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS? IF NOT, CAN WE ASK ALL OF YOU TO COME DOWN AND TAKE A PICTURE, PLEASE.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS. I JUST WANT TO SAY AS THE SEABURY HALL TEAM IS LEAVING THAT ONE OF THE COACHES USED TO BE THE STARTER AT WAIOHU GOLF COURSE. SO HE IS EVERY GOLFER'S HERO, NEIL YASHIRO. LET THE RECORD SHOW THAT MEMBER TOM COOK IS HERE. GOOD MORNING, TOM. >> GOOD MORNING, CHAIR, ALOHA, AND SORRY FOR MY TARDINESS.\r\n\r\n>> THAT'S OKAY. ALL RIGHT. WE LOST TWO OR THREE -- WE LOST ONLY TWO. ONE. MEMBERS, WE'RE NOT ON RECESS. LET PROCEED, MS. CLERK.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, WE'RE GOING TO PROCEED TO TESTIMONY ON RESOLUTION 25-92. SO I WILL CALL THE TESTIFIERS IN ORDER TESTIFYING ON 25-92. THE FIRST TO TESTIFY IS PAUL TONNESSEN. >> GOOD MORNING, COUNCIL MEMBERS I'M PAUL TONNESSEN FRIENDS OF THE CHILDREN'S JUSTICE CENTER AND MY ORGANIZATION WAS ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE PARTNERSHIP IN 2008 AND LEAD ON THE HUI COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE. ONE OF YOUR FORMER COUNCIL MEMBERS GLADYS BISSAU WAS INSTRUMENT WALL WHEN SHE ANNE OTHER NONPROFIT LEADERS FORMED THE ORGANIZATION AND THE FOCUS ON IMPORTANCE OF COLLABORATION TO ENSURE THEY HAVE GREATEST IMPACT SERVING ALL OF MOLOKA'I, LANA'I AND MAUI. 2007, FIVE MEMBERS OF THE NONPROFITS GOT TOGETHER AND FORMED A HUI CALLED HO'OIKAIKA PARTNERSHIP OVER 17 YEARS WITH THE SIMPLE, BUT POWERFUL PURPOSE TO PREVENT CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT BY BRINGING THE NECESSARY GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS AND, ENTITIES TO THE SAME TABLE. OVER THE YEARS WE HAVE GROWN INTO A COALITION OF OVER 75 ALLIES AND UNITES GOES BACK TO GLADYS VISION 36 YEARS AGO THAT NO SINGLE AGENCY OR GOVERNMENT ENTITY CAN SOLVE THESE CHALLENGES ALONE. WE MUST ALL COLLABORATE. OUR MISSION IS ROOTED IN CONNECTION AND IN OUR STRATEGIC PLAN FOCUSES ON CREATING A SEAMLESS SAFETY NET OF SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.\r\n\r\nOUR NAME MEANS TO STRENGTHEN, EXACTLY WHAT WE AIM FOR DO FOR OUR FAMILIES, SERVICE PROVIDERS AND THE BROADER COMMUNITY. 2014 WE ENGAGED OVER 2000 FAMILIES AND QUICK STORY TO SHARE DURING THE WILDFIRES ABOUT THE

IMPORTANCE IN THIS -- ALOHA PAUL. I WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP TODAY. WE WERE ABLE TO BUY FOOD FROM WAL-MART AND ALSO BABY FOOD TO LAST US A WEEK UNTIL WE GET THE EBT CARD. WE EVEN MANAGED TO BUY A SMALL EDUCATIONAL TOY FOR DANIEL'S BIRTHDAY. WITH ME LOSING MY JOB AND OM PROVIDER OF THE FAMILY BECAUSE OF THE FIRES THIS GESTURE OF KINDNESS SHOWED US TODAY REALLY BROUGHT FAITH AND RELIEF AND JOY THAT WORDS CANNOT DESCRIBE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH ALOHA.\r\n\r\nAS WE KNOW THE GOVERNMENT LEADERS COULD NOT IMMEDIATELY MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND SOMETIMES THEY APPEARED TO BE INSENSITIVE TO THE SITUATION INCLUDING STRESS FACTORS THROUGH COLLABORATION AND HAVING RESOURCES WE'RE ABLE TO REDUCE THE STRESS FACTORS PLACED UPON THEM. THE MAUI COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE, WHICH WAS OVERSEEING THE HYATT CENTER AT THE TIME OF THE FIRES, WERE GIVEN \$200 WAL-MART CARDS FROM THE FRIENDS TO GIVE TO EACH CHILD THAT CAME TO THE CENTER, AND THAT IS WHERE THAT THANK-YOU NOTE CAME FROM. IT PERFECTLY ALIGNED WITH OUR ONE OF OUR PROTECTIVE FACTORS CONCEIT SUPPORT IN TIMES OF NEED WHICH IS GIVING ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL RESOURCES LIKE FOOD, HOUSING HEALTH CARE AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DURING TIME OF HARDSHIP. TRYING TO RUSH. FROM THE PURPORT'S OFFICE TOLD ME WHEN THEY RECEIVED THE GIFT CARDS THEY LITERALLY BROKE DOWN AND CRIED AND THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THEY WOULD DO UNTIL THEY GOT THE PAPER TO BE PROCESSED. THANK YOU TO YOUR SUPPORT AND COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON FOR YOUR PAST SUPPORT AND YOUR STAFF, WE APPRECIATE IT. MAHALO.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH. DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER TESTIFIERS? >> MADAM CHAIR, KRISTEN MILLS IS FOLLOWED BY TINA CROWELL. >> ALOHA EVERYONE. MY NAME IS KRISTIN MILLS AND WHILE I'M A HEALTH EDUCATOR, I'M HERE AS AN INDIVIDUAL AND MEMBER OF THE HUI PARTNERSHIP SINCE 2018. THANK YOU FOR RECOGNIZING AND BRINGING AWARENESS TO CHILD ABUSE AND PREVENTION THROUGH RESOLUTION 25-92. I'M HERE TO SPEAK FROM THE LENS OF CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION AND HEALTH PROMOTION. ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES ALSO KNOWN AS ACES, ARE AN IMPORTANT AS PEG OF CHILD ABUSE AND PREVENTION. AND ARE IMPORTANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE.\r\n\r\nACES ARE POTENTIALLY TRAUMATIC EVENTS IN CHILDHOOD, AND CAN INCLUDE ABUSE, NEGLECT, WITNESSING VIOLENCE, ASPECTS OF A CHILD'S ENVIRONMENT THAT UNDERMINES THEIR SENSE OF SAFETY, STABILITY AND BONDING, AND OF COURSE, THIS CAN INCLUDE COMMUNITY TRAUMA SUCH AS THE WILDFIRE. NOT ONLY ARE ADVERSE EVENTS IMPORTANT TO PREVENT IN THE FIRST PLACE, THEY ARE ALSO IMPORTANT TO BUILD RESILIENCY THROUGHOUT THE LIFE SPAN. ACES CAN IMPACT PHYSICAL, MENTAL, EMOTIONAL, AND BEHAVIORAL DEVELOPMENT. WHEN ACES ACCUMULATE AND ARE EXPERIENCED CONTINUOUSLY, OR CHRONICALLY, CHILDREN CAN SUFFER FROM TOXIC STRESS. FURTHER, ACES CAN INCREASE ONE RISK FOR MANY CHRONIC DISEASES AND BEHAVIORAL CHALLENGES, INCLUDING OBESITY, HEART DECEASE, DIABETES, LUNG DISEASE, CANCER, DEPRESSION, ANXIETY, SUICIDAL IDEATIONS AND SO MUCH MORE AND WE KNOW HOW MUCH OF THOSE CONDITIONS CAN COST OUR COMMUNITY AND FAMILIES. ACES CAN ALSO INCREASE ONE RISK'S FOR TAKING PART IN UNHEALTHY BEHAVIORS, SUCH AS UNHEALTHY EATING, SUBSTANCE USE AND MISUSE, INCLUDING TOBACCO, VAPING ALCOHOL, AND OTHER SUBSTANCES, NOT GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL, UNEMPLOYMENT, THE LIST GOES ON. ACES CAN ALSO ECHO ACROSS GENERATIONS.\r\n\r\nTHE CONSEQUENCES OF ACES CAN BE PASSED DOWN FROM ONE GENERATION TO THE NEXT IF CHILDREN DON'T HAVE PROTECTIVE BUFFERS, LIKE POSITIVE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES, AND/OR IF NEW PARENTS DON'T LEARN POSITIVE PARENTING TECHNIQUES TOGETHER WE CAN PREVENT ACES BY BUILDING PROTECTIVE FACTORS AND POSITIVE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES AND TEACH AND ENCOURAGE SKILLS AND RESILIENCY AND POSITIVE PARENTING TO HELP PEOPLE WITH ACES TO LIVE HEALTHIER LIVES THEMSELVES AND GO ON TO RAISE HEALTHIER GENERATION AND MUCH HEALTHIER ENVIRONMENT. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TO TESTIFIER IS TINA CROWELL FOLLOWED BY MARCIE PUALANI . >> ALOHA, CHAIR. AND COUNCIL MEMBERS. I'M TINA CROWELL FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CHILD ADOLESCENT HEALTH DIVISION MAUI

GUIDANCE CENTER AND AS A MEMBER OF OUR HO'OIKAIKAI LEADERSHIP HUI AND I ALSO SERVE AS CO-CHAIR OF OUR PUBLIC EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE. PREVENTING ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES SUCH AS CHILD ABUSE ISN'T JUST A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE.\r\n\r\nIT IS A POLICY OPPORTUNITY, WE NEED FAMILY CENTER SOLUTIONS LIKE PAID FAMILY LEAVE, AFFORDABLE CHILD-CARE AND TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE. RESEARCH SHOWS THAT EVERY DOLLAR INVESTED IN PREVENTION YIELDS UP TO \$7 IN SAVINGS THROUGH REDUCED HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL SERVICE COSTS, AND LOWER INCARCERATION RATES. THOUGH PREVENTABLE, ACES CANNOT BE ERASED. AT HO'OIKAIKA WE EDUCATE POLICY MAKERS ABOUT THESE ISSUES AND BUILD PLATFORMS FOR PROVIDERS TO COME TOGETHER AND COORDINATE CARE TO HELP MITIGATE THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF ACES. WE ALSO PROVIDE OUR PROVIDER NETWORK WITH ONGOING TRAINING AND TO LEARN ABOUT SELF-CARE, SO THEY CAN CONTINUE TO DO THE WORK THAT -- EXCUSE ME. THAT DIRECTLY STRENGTHENS FAMILY RESILIENCE, REDUCED LONG-TERM HEALTH CARE COSTS. SINCE GOVERNOR GREEN DESIGNATED HAWAI'I AS A TRAUMA-INFORMED STATE, WE HAVE MADE PROGRESS.\r\n\r\nBUT WE STILL HAVE FAR TO GO ESPECIALLY HERE IN MAUI COUNTY POST-DISASTER. A CROSS-SECTOR MODEL OF COLLABORATION THAT THE HO'OIKAIKA PARTNERSHIP ENCOMPASSES HELPS US MOVE FROM AWARENESS TO ACTION. FOR THE LAST 17 YEARS, WE HAVE DILIGENTLY PROVIDED FOR EDUCATING FAMILIES, SUPPORTING PROVIDERS, AND ALIGNING SERVICES TO PREVENTING TRAUMA AND PROMOTE HEALING. MAHALO FOR THIS RESOLUTION, AND FOR STANDING WITH OUR KEIKI AND 'OHANA. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] >> THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE ANY MORE TESTIFIERS?\r\n\r\n>> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS MARCIE PU'ULANI, FOLLOWED BY ADELE BAGUIO-LARENA. >> ALOHA COUNCIL MEMBERS. MAHALO, CHAIR, AND COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH YOU THIS MORNING. AND SO MY NAME IS MARCIE PU'ULANI WITH WAILUKU FAMILY AND CHILD SERVICE, AND IT'S A HAWAI'I BORN NONPROFIT AGENCY SINCE 1899. THIS YEAR WE MAKE 125 YEARS SERVING OUR FAMILIES, BECAUSE WE'RE ALL ABOUT FAMILY. I ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE TOO THAT NEIGHBORHOOD PLACE IN WAILUKU IS ONE OF THE CO-FOUNDERS OF THE HO'OIKAIKA PARTNERSHIP SINCE 2008, ADVOCATING FOR THE LAST 17 YEARS FOR MAUI FAMILIES AND THEIR NEEDS. HO'OIKAIKA PARTNERSHIP ALSO PROVIDES FOR US AS MAUI COMMUNITY RESOURCE PROVIDERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HEALING THE HEALER SESSION, LEARNING TO TAKE CARE OF OURSELVES AS PROVIDERS, WHICH REDUCES BURNOUT, AND WHICH REVITALIZING OUR COMMITMENT TO OUR MAUI FAMILIES. IT ALSO OFFERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO STEP AWAY FROM DAILY STRESSES AND LEARNING STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS COMPASSION FATIGUE.\r\n\r\nTHERE ARE SEVERAL COMMITTEES WITHIN HO'OIKAIKA PARTNERSHIP WORKING ON DIFFERENT ASPECTS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR FAMILIES AND PROVIDERS. I SERVE IN THE PUBLIC EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE. COLLECTIVELY AS COALITION, WE'RE ABLE TO DISTRIBUTE IN 2024 BOOKS AND I BELIEVE SOME OF YOU MAY HAVE ALREADY GOTTEN ONE. ACROSS MAUI COUNTY. TO PROMOTE PROTECTIVE FACTORS AND EARLY LITERACY. THE BOOK OFFERS A CULTURALLY GROUNDED WAY TO TALK ABOUT FAMILY'S STRENGTH, RESILIENCE AND HEALING. WE STARTED DISTRIBUTING THE BOOKS AFTER THE AUGUST WILDFIRES AND SINCE THEN MORE THAN 5,000 COPIES HAVE BEEN DISPLAYED ACROSS THE COUNTRY.\r\n\r\nINCLUDING OUR MORE RURAL AREAS OF MOLOKA'I, LANA'I, AND HANA. AS WELL AS OUR OTHER ISLANDS. I ALSO USE IT IN THE PARENTING CLASSES, AND PARENTS LOVE IT AS WE GO THROUGH IT. I WANT TO SHARE WHAT WE TEACH IN THE CLASS ABOUT PROTECTIVE FACTORS TO HELP PARENTS AND FAMILIES REMEMBER -- I THINK YOU HAVE A HANDOUT THAT I GAVE YOU. SO WE'RE GOING TO DO A LITTLE EXERCISE. IT'S NOT GOING TO BE STRENUOUS. AS I GO AND READ, FIRST OF ALL, TO REMEMBER THE FIVE PROTECTIVE FACTORS USED.\r\n\r\nTHE THUMB, USE YOUR THUMB TO REMEMBER SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL COMPETENCY OF CHILDREN, BECAUSE A THUMB'S UP IS ONE OF THE BEST WAYS WE COMMUNICATE OUR EMOTIONS. YOUR INDEX FINGER REPRESENTS KNOWLEDGE OF PARENTING AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT, BECAUSE YOUR YOU ARE YOUR CHILD'S FIRST TEACHER AND MIDDLE FINGER REMEMBERS

EMOTIONAL CONNECTIONS IMPORTANT FOR FAMILIES BECAUSE NEVER IS IT ALONE, BUT ALL NEED POSITIVE SOCIAL NETWORK. THEN WE HAVE YOUR RING FINGER STANDS FOR RESILIENCE, BECAUSE YOUR FIRST COMMITMENT MUST BE TO YOURSELF IN ORDER TO BE STRONG FOR OTHERS AND LAST, YOUR PINKIE FINGER SIGNIFIES CONCRETE SUPPORT AND TIMES OF NEED, BECAUSE IT'S A SMALLEST FINGER AND IT REMINDS US THAT WE ALL NEED HELP SOMETIMES. MAHALO FOR RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF PREVENTION. WE HOPE YOU WILL SUPPORT US TO ENSURE THAT HO'OIKAIKA PARTNERSHIP WORK CONTINUES AND GROWS. MAHALO. [APPLAUSE] >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS ADELE BAGUIO-LARENA.\r\n\r\nI APOLOGIZE IF I DIDN'T SAY YOUR NAME CORRECTLY. >> NO WORRIES. ALOHA, CHAIR. COUNCIL MEMBERS, GOOD MORNING. AND MAHALO FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY. MY NAME IS ADELE BAGUIO-LARENA, THE CEO OF MAUI FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES, AND ALSO PART OF THE LEADERSHIP HUI OF HO'OIKAIKA PARTNERSHIP. I ALSO SERVE AS THE CO-CHAIR FOR THE TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE PARTNERSHIP.\r\n\r\nMAUI FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES IS ONE OF THE ORIGINAL FUNDERS OF HO'OIKAIKA, AND ARE AGENCY ALREADY SERVE AS THE FISCAL SPONSOR FOR HO'OIKAIKA HELPING TO COORDINATE EFFORTS ACROSS MANY AGENCIES AND MOST IMPACTFUL IS NAVIGATION SUPPORT TO FAMILIES NAVIGATING VERY COMPLEX SYSTEMS, IN 2024, OUR NAV GATOR ASSISTED MORE THAN 450 FAMILIES INCLUDING 60 FROM MOLOKA'I. THE NAVIGATOR ALSO ENGAGED OVER 2600 FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS AT COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENTS, INCLUDING OUR VERY RURAL AREAS OF MOLOKA'I, HANA AND LANAI AND DISTRIBUTED CONCRETE DIRECT SUPPORT TO FAMILIES THAT INCLUDE RENTAL AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE, DIAPERS, AND HYGIENE SUPPLIES. ONE OF THE NAVIGATION SERVICES PARTICIPANTS SAID, " THIS SUPPORT CAME AT A GREAT TIME. I FIND A LOT OF ASSISTANCE DOESN'T HELP YOU UNTIL YOU ARE ALREADY IN CRISIS. AND I WAS SO RELIEVED TO BE ABLE TO AVOID THAT. THIS GAVE ME A MUCH-NEEDED BREAK, AND TOOK A HUGE WEIGHT OFF MY SHOULDERS, AND ALLOWED ME TO GET THINGS IN ORDER." HO'OIKAIKA FOR THE HEALING THE HEALERS IN 2024, AND WE ENGAGED 116 PROVIDERS, AND OUR MONTHLY COALITION MEETINGS WE BROUGHT TOGETHER 87 INDIVIDUALS FROM 48 AGENCIES. THIS IS THE BACKBONE OF A COORDINATED SYSTEM OF CARE, AND IT MUST BE PROTECTED. AT THE SAME TIME, WE MUST ACKNOWLEDGE THE FRAGILITY OF OUR WORK.\r\n\r\nIT'S EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN CONSISTENCY IN FUNDING, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S CYCLICAL AND IT'S UNCERTAIN. EARLIER THIS YEAR, WE LOST OUR NAVIGATOR DUE TO A GAP IN GRANT FUNDING. HEALING THE HEALERS HAS ALSO BEEN ON PAUSE SINCE JANUARY, FOR THE SAME REASON. THIS IS HARD NOT JUST FOR OUR STAFF, BUT FOR THE COMMUNITY, WHO RELIES ON THESE SERVICES. WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT OF FUNDERS LIKE MAUI STRONG FROM HAWAII COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, CASEY FAMILY PROGRAMS THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS, THE CONSUELO FOUNDATION AND FRIENDS OF THE JUSTICE CENTER OF MAUI, BUT WE NEED STABLE INVESTMENT TO SUSTAIN THIS CRITICAL WORK. MAHALO FOR RECOGNIZING CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH. [APPLAUSE] >> THANK YOU SO MUCH.\r\n\r\n>> CHAIR, CURRENTLY THERE'S NO ONE ELSE SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY ON RESOLUTION 25-92. SO WITH YOUR APPROVAL I WILL GO AHEAD AND CALL THAT RESOLUTION UP. >> ANY MORE TESTIFIERS? IF NOT, PROCEED, MS. CLERK. >> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR . RESOLUTION 25-92 RECOGNIZING APRIL 2025 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN MAUI COUNTY AND THE ROLE OF PREVENTION IN LONG-TERM RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY -- RESILIENCE FOR MAUI COUNTY'S 'OHANA AND WORKFORCE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR, I MOVE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 25-92. >> SECOND.\r\n\r\n>> MOVED BY MEMBER JOHNSON, SECONDED BY MEMBER SINENCI TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 25-92. DISCUSSION, MEMBER JOHNSON? >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST TO READ THE RESOLUTION IN IT'S ENTIRETY. >> MS. CLERK. >> IF I COULD DO THAT? >> OH, IF YOU COULD.\r\n\r\nI'M SORRY. BY ALL MEANS. >> THANK YOU. RESOLUTION 25-92 RECOGNIZING APRIL 2025 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN MAUI COUNTY ANDE THE ROLE OF PREVENTION IN LONG-TERM RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE FOR MAUI COUNTY'S 'OHANA AND WORKFORCE; WHEREAS, ALL

CHILDREN DESERVE TO BE IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT KEEPS THEM SAFE FROM ABUSE AND NEGLECT; AND WHEREAS, CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT AFFECT ALL SOCIOECONOMIC GROUPS, EDUCATIONAL, RELIGIOUS, ETHNIC AND CULTURAL GROUPS WITH THE HIGHEST RATES AFFECTING CHAIRMAN OF NATIVE HAWAIIAN ANCESTRY; AND WHEREAS, ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES OR ACES ARE TRAUMATIC EVENTS OR UNSTABLE ENVIRONMENTS THAT CHILDREN EXPERIENCE BEFORE AGE 18 THAT CAN HARM SOCIAL COGNITIVE AND EMOTIONAL FUNCTIONING AND UNDERMINE THE SAFE, STABLE AND NURTURING RELATIONSHIPS AND SURROUNDINGS THAT KEIKI NEED TO THRIVE; AND WHEREAS, ON FEBRUARY 20, 2024 GOVERNOR JOSH GREEN, M.D., DESIGNATED HAWAII'S AS A TRAUMA-INFORMED STATE WITH THE EXPRESS GOALS OF ALLEVIATING IMPACTS OF ACES THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND BUILDING FAMILY RESILIENCE; AND WHEREAS, RESEARCH HAS SHOWN THAT WE CAN STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITIES AND SUPPORT OUR FAMILIES THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROTECTIVE FACTORS WHICH ALLOW PARENTS OR GUARDIANS TO COPE WITH THEIR DAY-TO-DAY STRESSES; AND WHEREAS, KNOWLEDGE OF CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT ESSENTIAL LEARNED SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL COMPETENCE, AND CONCRETE SUPPORT, SUCH AS ACCESS TO CHILD CARE AND HEALTH CARE, ARE PROTECTIVE FACTORS LINKED TO A LOWER INCIDENCE OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT; AND WHEREAS, ENACTING FAMILY CENTER POLICIES AND ENHANCING ECONOMIC SECURITY AND BOOST PROTECTIVE FACTOR SUCH AS INCREASING FINANCIAL RESILIENCE INVESTING IN PREVENTION PROGRAMS, STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND AND WHEREAS, ENSURING THE WELL-BEING AND RETENTION OF MAUI COUNTY'S HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES WORKFORCE IS CRITICAL TO LONG-TERM RECOVERY EFFORTS AND INITIATIVES SUCH AS HEALING THE HEALERS HAVE DEMONSTRATED THE NEED FOR ONGOING INVESTMENT IN WORKFORCE SUPPORT AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT; AND WHEREAS, THE AFTERMATH OF 2023 WILDFIRES HAVE PLACED INCREASED DEMANDS ON MAUI COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES PROVIDERS WHO CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE WITH WORKFORCE SHORTAGES AND SUSTAINED CRITICAL SERVICES FOR FAMILIES; WHEREAS, HUMAN SERVICES AGENCIES SUCH AS THOSE IN THE HO'OIKAIKA PARTNERSHIP ARE CREATING A SEAMLESS SAFETY NET INCLUDING NAVIGATE SERVICE AND OTHER SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR CAREGIVERS; AND WHEREAS, CROSS SECTOR COLLABORATION PARTNERSHIPS HAVE PROVEN EFFECTIVE IN STRENGTHENING FAMILIES PROMOTING PROTECTIVE FACTOR AND FOSTERS A SENSE OF BELONGING WITH MAUI COUNTY FAMILIES; AND WHEREAS, THE MAUI COUNTY HAS A MORAL OBLIGATION AND SHARED RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT EVERY CHILD FROM ABUSE, NEGLECT, MALTREATMENT OR EXPLOITATION AND PROTECT AND SUPPORT FAMILIES ON LANA'I, MOLOKA'I AND MAUI, AND RECOGNIZING APRIL 2025 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH THE COUNCIL CAN RECOMMIT TO PROMOTE A HEALTHIER AND SAFER COMMUNITY. NOW, THERETO BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI: 1, THAT IT RECOGNIZES APRIL 2025 AS CHILD ABUSE AND PREVENTION MONTH AND THE ROLE OF PREVENTION IN LONG-TERM RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE FOR MAUI COUNTY'S 'OHANA AND WORKFORCE; AND, 2, THAT CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED AND, 2, THAT CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO EDELUISA BAGUIO-LARENA, CEO, MAUI FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES, INC.; PAUL TONNESSEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FRIENDS OF THE CHILDREN'S JUSTICE CENTER OF MAUI; DEAN WONG, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, IMUA FAMILY SERVICES; AMANDA PUMP, M.S., CSAC, ICADC, PRESIDENT AND CEO, CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES; RYAN KUSUMOTO, PRESIDENT AND CEO, PARENTS AND CHILDREN TOGETHER; ELLIOT KAWAIHOHLANA MILLS, CHAIR, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS; WILLIAM C. BELL, PH.D., PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CASEY FAMILY PROGRAMS; DEBBIE CABEBE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, MAUI ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, INC.; RYAN YAMANE, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN SERVICES, STATE OF HAWAII; ELLADINE OLEVAO, CHILD WELFARE SERVICES BRANCH ADMINISTRATOR, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, STATE OF HAWAII; VALERIE M. KATO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, STATE OF HAWAII; DEBBIE KIM MORIKAWA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR HEALTH RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, STATE OF HAWAII; MARIAN TSUJI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, STATE OF HAWAII; KIMBERLY

ARAKAKI, CHIEF, MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH BRANCH CHIEF, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, STATE OF HAWAII; LORI TSUHAKO, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN CONCERNS, COUNTY OF MAUI; AND THE HONORABLE RICHARD T. BISSEN, JR., MAYOR, COUNTY OF MAUI. >> DISCUSSION, MEMBER JOHNSON? >> THANK YOU, CHAIR.\r\n\r\nAS I JUST READ DURING BUDGET SESSION APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH, I'M CONFIDENT THAT WE ALL AGREE THAT IT SHOULD BE CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AWARENESS EVERY MONTH AND IT'S SUCH A CRITICAL ISSUE TO PREVENT ABUSE AND NEGLECT OF OUR ECKMEIER AND I'M GRATEFUL TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE THE CRITICAL WORK OF OUR LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS TO PREVENT CHILD ABUSE AND THANK THEM ESPECIALLY DURING THESE TRYING TIMES I BELIEVE STRONGLY DURING BUDGET TIME AS POLICY MAKERS AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH IT'S OUR TUTY TO MAKE POLICIES AND FUN PROGRAMS THAT PROTECT OUR MOST VULNERABLE, OUR KEIKI DESERVE TO GROW UP FEELING SAFE AND LOVED IN A NURTURING ENVIRONMENT. WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO NURTURE OUR CHILDREN AND SUPPORT THOSE WHO MAKE THEIR LIVES WORK DO SO. I ASK FOR MEMBERS' FULL SUPPORT OF MY MOTION. >> THANK YOU. ANYONE ELSE? DISCUSSION? VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MEMBER JOHNSON, FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. I THINK ALL OF US KNOW WHAT IT TAKES, WELL WE DON'T KNOW ALL THAT IT TAKES TO DO THE WORK THAT IS NEEDED IN THIS FIELD. THE TESTIFIERS THAT TESTIFIED I HAVE KNOWN THEM THROUGHOUT THE YEARS AND THEY HAVE LIVED THIS WORLD FOR THOSE WHO NEED THEIR HELP. I JUST WANT TO THANK THEM AND THIS ORGANIZATION. I THINK WE CAN NEVER DO ENOUGH, AND I BELIEVE THAT IF YOU LOOK AT THE WHOLE LIST OF THOSE THAT ARE GOING TO GET CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION, YOU WILL SEE THE BREADTH OF THE TALENT AND SKILLS NEEDED TO CARRY FORWARD. SO THANK YOU, MEMBER JOHNSON. THANK YOU COUNCIL, AND I TOTALLY SUPPORT THIS.\r\n\r\n>> ANYONE ELSE? IF NOT, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND SAY AYE NINE AYES, ZERO NOS, MOTION CARRIES. >> MAHALO, MEMBERS. [APPLAUSE] >> AND NOW IS THERE ANYONE ELSE THAT WOULD LIKE TO COME DOWN AND SAY A FEW WORDS FROM THE ORGANIZATION? IF NOT, WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE A PICTURE WITH THE COUNCIL MEMBERS? PLEASE COME FORWARD. IT'S ONLY \$5 PER PICTURE -- [LAUGHTER]. MEMBERS, WE'LL TAKE A VERY SHORT BREAK, TEN MINUTES, AND BE BACK AT 10:22. THANK YOU.\r\n\r\nRECESS. [GAVEL] VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA MS. CLERK, LET'S GO. >> MEMBERS COUNTING DOWN, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. [GAVEL] >> WILL THE COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 17TH, PLEASE RECONVENE. MS. CLERK. >> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND PROCEEDING WITH TESTIMONY ON RESOLUTION 25-93, THE FIRST TESTIFIER SIGNED UP IS MALANI BRIGHT WILHELM FOLLOWED BY -- >> I THINK THE FIRST TESTIFIER IS AUTUMN NESS.\r\n\r\n>> I'M SO SORRY, I WILL CALL MS. NECESSARIES AFTERWARDS. >> WHO IS FIRST. >> MALLANI BRIGHT-WILHELM. >> ALOHA KAKOU COUNCIL CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR AND HONORABLE COUNCIL MEMBERS. MY NAME IS MALANI BRIGHT WILHELM AND TESTIFYING IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THE RESOLUTION 25-93. THIS IS ANY FIRST TIME TESTIFYING AND WHAT AN AMAZING AND MOST PERFECT REASON TO TESTIFY. I WAS RAISED ON THE ISLAND OF MOLOKA'I AND MOVED HERE ALMOST TWO YEARS AFTER GRADUATING.\r\n\r\nGROWING YOU I REMEMBER UNCLE WALTER SHOWING HIS VISIONS AND TRIUMPHS THROUGH HIS LIFE, UNCLE WALTER WAS STANDING PROUD AS AN AMAZING ROLE-MODEL FOR ALL KANAKA. I WANTED TO EXPRESS MY DEEPEST MAHALO THIS BODY FOR SUPPORTING THIS RESOLUTION AND NOT ONLY HONORING UNCLE WALTER AS THE AMAZING INDIVIDUAL HE IS, BUT HIS LEGACY AND DEDICATION TO OUR ISLAND. OUR PEOPLE, AND OUR CULTURE. THIS IS A MOMENTOUS DAY FOR ALL OF HAWAI'I TO SEE THAT THOUGH OUR PEOPLE HAVE FACED ONGOING HARDSHIPS STRONG LEADERSHIPS LIKE UNCLE WALTER SUPERSEDE EXPECTATION AND GRANT OUR PEOPLE A PATH TO REMAIN -- RECLAIM OUR VOICE AND POWER WITH ANY OBSTACLE THAT MAY STAND IN OUR WAY. I WOULD LIKE TO END WITH SAYING MAHALO UNCLE WALTER FOR YOUR STRENGTH, INSPIRATION AND LOVE FOR THE 'AINA OF HAWAI'I. MAHALO. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] MS.\r\n\r\nCLERK. >> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS AUTUMN NESS, TESTIFYING ON RESOLUTION 25-93 FOLLOWED BY

CARLE KANEKOA. >> ALOHA EVERYBODY, MY NAME IS AUTUMN NESS AND HERE TO THANK UNCLE WALTER. I HAVE BEEN OBSESSED WITH STORIES ABOUT THE INCREDIBLE POWER OF PEOPLE TO OVERTURN INJUSTICE AND BROKEN SYSTEMS AGAINST ALL ODDS. OF COURSE, THE STORY OF KAHO'OLAWA IS ONE OF THEM. I KEEP A LITTLE LIBRARY OF THE STORIES CLOSE TO MY HEART AND REFER TO THEM OFTEN WHENEVER I NEED A LITTLE PEP TALK OR PUSH TO KEEP GOING THESE STORIES ARE MEDICINE OR AN OVERWHELMED ORGANIZERS' LEADERS. YOU HAVE GIVEN US SO MANY STORIES, UNCLE WALTER AND SO IN RETURN, I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU THE NEWEST EDITION TO MY STORY LIBRARY THE STORY OF KLAMATH RIVER, BORN ON THE TOP OF KLAMATH WATERSHED AND THIS STORY IS PARTICULARLY CLOSE TO MY HEART.\r\n\r\nLONG STORY, REALLY SHORT, 100 YEARS AGO, DAMS WERE PLACED IN THE KLAMATH RIVER TO GENERATE ELECTRICITY, CREATING MAN-MADE LAKE, LAKE SIDE RECREATION AND REAL ESTATE INTERESTS. THE DAMS ALSO DESTROYED ECOSYSTEMS AND PREVENTED THE SALMON FROM COMING UP THE KLAMATH'S BASIN, SOME OF THE NATIVE PEOPLE OF THAT AREA RELIED UPON FOR CENTURIES. 30 YEARS THE TRIBES AND ENVIRONMENTALISTS STARTED TALKING ABOUT RESTORING THE ECOSYSTEM AND BRINGING SALMON HOME AND EVERYBODY THOUGHT THEY WERE CRAZY, NO WAY. IT REALLY SEEMED LIKE THE IMPOSSIBLE TASK AND I HAVE BEEN OBSESSED WITH THIS STORY. I CAME ACROSS UNDAM KLAMATH MEETINGS HAPPENING IN SCHOOL CAFETERIAS 25 YEARS AGO AND PUT MYSELF IN THEIR SHOES, WHILE THE GENERAL POPULATION THINKS YOU ARE TOTALLY NUTS AND WASTING YOUR TIME. THERE IS TOO MANY ECONOMIC INTERESTS IN THE STATE. THEY WOULD NEVER LET THE DAMS COME DOWN AND THEN IT HAPPENED.\r\n\r\nA FEW YEARS AGO THE FIRST DAM CAME DOWN AND LAST YEAR THE LAST ONE WAS REMOVED AND LAST FALL FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 100 YEARS, THE SALMON CAME HOME, TAKING 30 YEARS AND MANY PEOPLE WHO STARTED THIS WORK DIED BEFORE THEY SAW THE FIRST SALMON RETURN, BUT IT HAPPENED. THE WORK IN FRONT OF US THESE DAYS FEELS PARTICULARLY BIG AND I WENT TO THE FORMER SITE OF THE LARGEST DAM ON THAT RIVER, WHERE THE IRON GATE LAKE WAS. I NEEDED TO SEE IT FOR MYSELF, THE NEWLY LIBERATED KLAMATH RIVER AND ENORMOUS LAKE NOW DRAINED AND THE BEGINNINGS OF THE NATURAL RIVER TO MY RIGHT. IT WAS INCREDIBLE TO SEE THE SCALE OF THIS PROJECT HUMBLING AND INSPIRING. I JUST THINKING TO MYSELF, IF THEY CAN DO THIS, ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE. AS LONG AS THERE ARE DEDICATED PEOPLE WILLING TO FIGHT TO MAKE IT SO, EVEN IF THEY DON'T EVER SEE THE RESULTS, I GOT IN GIANT PEP TALK FROM THE KLAMATH RIVER WHO WAITED 100 YEARS TO BE FREE AND THE SALMON WHO WAITED 00 YEARS TO COME HOME. IT'S A REMINDER NO MATTER HOW LONG THE BROKEN SYSTEMS EXIST OR HOW ESTABLISHED THEY ARE, IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT.\r\n\r\nWE'RE ALL TACKLING MASSIVE BROKEN SYSTEMS THAT ARE SO ESTABLISHED NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH IS THE BELLIGERENT OCCUPATION OF THE HAWAIIAN KINGDOM, ONLY BECAUSE WE HAVE PEOPLE LIKE YOU, UNCLE WALTER, WHO ARE DEDICATED TO MAKING IT HAPPEN. AND WHO WE'RE ABLE TO WALK ALONGSIDE, AND IN THE FOOTSTEPS WHO HAVE ADDED STORIES OF THE IMPOSSIBLE TO THE LITTLE LIBRARIES IN OUR HEART. SO THANKS FOR THOSE STORIES, UNCLE WALTER AND THE COURAGE THEY CREATE. MAY WE HAVE MANY MORE TO ADD TO OUR LIBRARY FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY, I BROUGHT YOU SOME WATER FROM THE NEWLY LIBERATED KLAMATH RIVER. MAY ALL OUR WATERS KNOW FREEDOM. I LOVE YOU. HAPPY BIRTHDAY >> THANK YOU, MS.\r\n\r\nCLERK. >> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS CAROL LEE KANEKOA, FOLLOWED BY LORI BUCHANAN. >> ALOHA KAKAHIKA KAKOU. AS A DISCLAIMER I WANT TO STATE I'M TESTIFYING ON MY OWN TIME AS AN INDIVIDUAL, AS SO I HAVE NOT YET PUNCHED THE COUNTY TIME CLOCK. KALAMAI, BOSS, FOR MY TARDINESS. [LAUGHTER]MY NAME IS CAROL LEE KANEKOA AND I'M HERE TO TESTIFY ON RESO 25-93. UNCLE RITTE IS THE EPITOME OF ALOHA. HIS STEADFASTNESS AND HIS VALUES AND UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO HIS BELIEFS STAYING TRUE TO HIS IDENTITY, HIS CULTURE, AND HIS TRADITIONS AS A 'AINA.\r\n\r\nHIS WILLINGNESS TO PLACE HIS LIFE ON THE LINE FOR WHAT HE BELIEVES IN; TO STAND FIRM AGAINST ADVERSITY, THAT IS FORTITUDE, THAT IS A QUALITY NOT MANY HAVE

BUT MANY SHOULD ASPIRE TO. THAT IS WHAT MAKES A REAL LEADER. SO TO OUR FUTURE SEVEN GENERATIONS UNCLE WALTER, YOU WILL BE THE BEACON OF HOPE, DREAMS, COURAGE, AND CAN-DO ATTITUDE. MAHALO, FOR YOUR LIFE'S DEDICATION TO PROVIDE BETTER FOR YOUR PEOPLE, AND THE BELATED -- AS A SIDE NOTE, I WOULD LIKE TO MAHALO LORETTA FOR BEING HIS PILLAR OF SUPPORT. MAHALO NUI. [APPLAUSE] >> CHAIR, NEXT TESTIFIER IS LORI BUCHANAN, FOLLOWED BY TRICIA WATSON SPROUT. >> IS SHE ONLINE?\r\n\r\n>> YES, GO AHEAD, LORI. >> WHERE IS SHE? >> I CAN SEE THAT SHE IS ONLINE. WE'LL GO TO TRICIA WATSON BROUGHT AND COME BACK TO MS. BUCHANAN. >> IS MS. BUCHANAN'S VIDEO AND MIC ENABLED?\r\n\r\n>> I CAN WAIT. >> ALOHA MAI KAKOU. MY NAME IS TRICIA WATSON SPROUT AND TESTIFYING ON BEHALF OF OUR ORGANIZATION 'AINA MOMONA, HE STILL RUNS CIRCLES AROUND ME, BUT JUST VERY BRIEFLY, IT STARTED IN MY LIVING ROOM WITH A PIECE OF PAPER TEN YEARS AGO. AND IT WAS REALLY FUNNY AT TIME, HE WAS EVERYWHERE AND LIKE AUTUMN SAID ACCESS RIGHTS IS BECAUSE OF WORK QUALITY THAT HE HAS DONE FOR DECADES. WHEN I ASKED HIM WHAT HE WANTED TO DO WITH THIS ORGANIZATION AND REST OF HIS DAYS HE SAID HE WANTED TO GO HOME TO MOLOKA'I AND TO AUNTIE LORETTA, IF YOU HAVE SEEN THE TWO OF THEM, THEY ARE RELATIONSHIP MARRIAGE GOALS THAT NONE OF US WILL EVER ACHIEVE. AND WHAT WE COULDN'T HAVE IMAGINED AT THE TIME WAS THAT GOING HOME AND FOCUSING ON MOLOKA'I WOULD INCREASE HIS REACH EXPONENTIALLY. THE WORK WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO, THE WORK THAT CONTINUES TO INSPIRE IS TRULY BECAUSE OF THE LOVE THE TWO OF THEM HAVE, NOT ONLY FOR EACH OTHER, BUT FOR THE 'AINA, FOR HAWAII, FOR THE LAHUI; SO IT WAS TRULY BEEN ONE OF THE GREATEST HONORS OF MY LIFE TO BEAR WITNESS TO THAT, TO BE PART OF THAT, YOU KNOW HOW MUCH WE LOVE YOU, AND ALSO KNOW AUNTIE LORETTA IS THE MAGIC AND TO THE BOTH OF YOU, WE'RE SO GRATEFUL.\r\n\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS RESOLUTION AND THIS RECOGNITION. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] MS. CLERK. >> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WE'LL GO BACK TO MS.\r\n\r\n\r\nBUCHANAN, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU ARE UNMUTED ON OUR END. >> DO YOU SEE HER? >> I SEE HER IN THE MEETING. LORI BUCHANAN. WE'LL KEEP WORKING ON IT BECAUSE WE HAVE TO HAVE HER ON. >> WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY TO SIGN OUT AND SIGN BACK IN AND WE'LL KEEP A WATCH FOR YOU? SO WE'LL GO TO TIARE LAWRENCE AND RETURN TO AUNTIE LORI.\r\n\r\n\r\n>> WE HAVE TO HAVE AUNTIE LORI ON BECAUSE SHE ALWAYS TELLS US HOW GOOD WE HAVE. >> ALOHA MAI KAKOU. MAHALO COUNCIL MEMBER KEANI RUNS AND FOR PUTTING FORWARD THIS RESOLUTION, SUCH A BEAUTIFUL RESOLUTION. TODAY I OFFER MY DEEPEST GRATITUDE AND RESPECT TO UNCLE WALTER. A FEARLESS WARRIOR FOR OUR AINA, OUR FUTURE AND OUR PEOPLE. UNCLE WALTER YOUR COURAGE HAS SHAPED GENERATIONS YOU SHOWED US WHAT IT MEANS TO STAND UP, EVEN WHEN IT'S HARD AND ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S DANGEROUS. YOU FACED DOWN ONE OF THE GREATEST THREATS TO OUR ISLANDS THE UNITED STATES MILITARY AND YOU WON.\r\n\r\n\r\nYOU STOOD FIRM ON THE SANDS OF KAHOLAWE NOT WITH WEAPONS, BUT WITH TRUTH, CONVICTION AND THE POWER OF ALOHA 'AINA, BECAUSE OF YOU WE LEARNED BEING KANAKA MEANS NEVER BACKING DOWN FROM PROTECTING OUR HOMES. YOU DIDN'T JUST RESIST, BUT YOU INSPIRED A MOMENT AND GAVE US PERMISSION TO BE BOLD, TO RISE UP, AND TO NEVER FORGET WHO WE ARE. I AM FOREVER INDEBTED TO YOUR HEROISM AND BRAVERY. BUT I WOULD BE REMISS NOT TO HONOR THE QUIET STEADFAST FORCE THAT HAS WALKED BESIDE YOU THROUGH THE IT ALL, AUNTIE LORETTA. WITH UNMATCHED GRACE, PATIENCE AND ALOHA, YOU HAVE SUPPORTED AND STRENGTHENED THIS MOVEMENT IN YOUR OWN POWERFUL WAY. YOUR PRESENCE HAS BEEN THE FOUNDATION BENEATH UNCLE WALTER'S FEET, THE KAM THROUGH STORMS THE ALOHA IN THE RESISTANCE. YOU ARE A PILLAR OF STRENGTH AND WE SEE YOU AND HONOR YOU.\r\n\r\n\r\nI WANT TO SHARE A MOMENT THAT I HAD WITH UNCLE WALTER WE WERE ORGANIZING THE L.A. 'AINA UNITY MARCH NEARLY TEN YEARS AGO, MAYBE IT IS TEN YEARS. AND I NEEDED GUIDANCE WE WERE TAKING ON SUCH THIS BIG EVENT, AND I CALLED UNCLE AND I SAID UNCLE, I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO? AND I ASKED YOU FOR YOUR MANA'O AND YOU SHARED THIS AND YOU TOLD ME HOW DOES IT FEEL IN

YOUR GUT? AND SAID I DON'T KNOW, IT DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT. YOU TOLD ME, THAT IS YOUR KUPUNA TALKING. YOU NEED TO FOLLOW YOUR NA'AU. AND I CAN HONESTLY SAY THE MOMENTS THAT I DIDN'T FOLLOW MY THAT IS WHEN I EXPERIENCED TRAUMA AND I ALWAYS HELD THAT CLOSELY TO MY HEART, MAHALO, UNCLE.\r\n\r\nTO BOTH OF YOU, MAHALO NUI LOA FOR GIVING YOUR LIVES TO THIS WORK. YOUR LOVE FOR THE 'AINA AND FOR EACH OTHER IS A LEGACY THAT WILL ENDURE FOR GENERATIONS. YOU REMIND US ALL THAT TRUE LEADERSHIP COMES FROM A PLACE OF DEEP LOVE, SACRIFICE AND KULEANA. MAHALO, MAHALO, MAHALO. >> THANK YOU TIARE. [APPLAUSE] . >> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WE CAN SEE THAT LORI BUCHANAN IS ON.\r\n\r\nAND UNMUTED ON OUR SIDE. LORI BUCHANAN. PERHAPS IF YOU HAVEN'T SIGNED OFF AND SIGNED BACK IN, PERHAPS CALLING IN. >> SHE DID. >> SHE DOES SIGN OFF AND SIGN BACK IN. >> I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE ISSUE IS? IT LOOKS LIKE SHE IS OKAY IN TERMS OF BEING UNMUTED ON OUR SIDE.\r\n\r\n>> SHE SAID IT'S STILL DISABLED. >> WE HAVE HER IN THE RIGHT CATEGORY >> SHE SAYS SHE WILL TRY TO CALL IN. >> SO WE'LL MOVE ON TO LAMANA FOLLOWED BY KEALOHA AND KEEP A LOOKOUT FOR LORI BUCHANAN. LE MANA. >> ALOHA, CAN YOU HEAR ME? >> YES. >> OKAY (SPEAKING HAWAIIAN) ALOHA I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG THOSE NAMES WEREN'T SPOKEN OR HEARD, BUT THAT IS WHO WE COME FROM, THAT IS WHO OUR 'OHANA COME FROM, AND I BELOVED NIECE OF UNCLE WALTER AND HE IS THE ONLY BROTHER TO FIVE TITAS, AND I'M HONORED TO BE HIS NIECE.\r\n\r\nMAHALO UNCLE WALTER, MAHALO 'OHANA FOR ALWAYS STANDING UP FOR OUR 'AINA, AND I'M TRULY BLESSED AND HONORED TO HAVE WITNESSED HIS WORK IN MY LIFE. AND FOR THE GENERATIONS THAT HAVE PASSED WHO HE COMES FROM, HE STANDS PROUD, AND HONORED TODAY, AND FOR THE GENERATIONS TO COME, HE WILL BE A LEADER AND A ROLE-MODEL FOR OUR KEIKI ON MOLOKA'I AND HAWAI'I AND BEYOND. I WANT TO ALSO MAHALO ALL HIS TITAS FOR STANDING BY HIS SIDE AND SUPPORTING HIM IN ALL HIS CRAZY THINGS IN LIFE, AND HIS WAHINA AND THIE LORETTA WE LOVE YOU SO, SO VERY MUCH. AND I KNOW THAT BECAUSE I AM A CHILD OF MY MAMA AND SHE IS WAHINE. I WANT TO JUST UNCLE WALTER, WE LOVE YOU SO MUCH FROM MOLOKA'I, AND MAHALO NUI EVERYONE FOR SUPPORTING MY UNCLE AND MAKING THIS COME TO LIFE WHILE HE IS STILL HERE WITH US, AND VERY HONORED THAT HE GETS TO WITNESS THIS BEFORE, YOU KNOW, HIS TIME IS DONE IN HAWAI'I. MAHALO. ALOHA . >> OLA. >> THANK YOU >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\nMADAM CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS KEALOHA. AND THEN WE'LL RETURN TO SEE IF LORI BUCHANAN HAS BEEN ABLE TO CONNECT. >> YOU CAN HEAR ME? >> YES, WE CAN. >> YOU GUYS BETTER HEAR ME, I'M THE BIG MOUTH ON MOLOKA'I [LAUGHTER]RIGHT KEANI? JUST SAY YES. ANYWAY, I'M HERE TO TESTIFY IN SUPPORT OF UNCLE WALTER, BECAUSE HIM AND AUNTIE LORETTA ARE THE BACKBONE OF MOLOKA'I, LIKE TRULY THE BACKBONE.\r\n\r\nI AM IN FULL SUPPORT, AND I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT YOU KNOW YOU GUYS WRITE THAT CHECK FOR UNCLE WALTER AND SAY HAPPY BIRTHDAY UNCLE, THE BEST BIRTHDAY FOR HIM. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. MS. CLERK. >> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I DON'T KNOW IF KEALOHA IS TESTIFYING SEPARATELY, OR IF THEY ARE USING THAT CONNECTION, BUT WE'LL CALL FOR THE TESTIFIER WITH THE NAME KEALOHA.\r\n\r\n>> THAT'S ME. >> OKAY. THANK YOU. SO MOVING ON TO KAI NISHIKI. >> WHERE IS AUNTIE LORI? >> SHE IS ON. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\n>> SHE IS ON. >> PLEASE, GO AHEAD, LORI BUCHANAN. >> ALOHA, AND THANK YOU MAHALO CHAIR LEE AND I WANT TO MAHALO AND THE BEST-LOOKING COUNCIL IN ALL OF HAWAI'I. [LAUGHTER]I WANT TO THANK YOU GUYS FOR DOING THIS FOR WALTER TODAY, REALLY FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART, AND FROM MY FAMILY, MAHALO, AND ALOHA TO ALL OF YOU. YOU KNOW, I LOVE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU. AND I SUPPORT EVERYTHING THAT YOU GUYS DO ALL THE TIME. JUST LIKE THE WORK YOU DO FOR WALTER, YOU CAN LOVE HIM, AND YOU CAN HATE HIM, BUT EVERY COMMUNITY NEEDS A WALTER RITTE. AND SO I REALLY WANT TO THANK YOU GUYS.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU, KEANI. THANK YOU GUYS FOR SUPPORTING KEANI AND THIS RESOLUTION TODAY TO HONOR THIS MAUI KUPUNA, WE'RE ALL KUPUNA, BUT I REMEMBER GROWING UP ON MOLOKA'I, WATCHING THE SKYLIGHT UP ABOUT KAHO'OLAWA, WHEN THE FLARES WENT UP. AND SOME OF YOU ARE OLD ENOUGH ON THE

COUNCIL TO REMEMBER THIS FOLLOWED BY BOMBS AND YOU COULD HEAR THEM. AND IN THE DAYTIME, WHEN IT WAS WINDY, I REMEMBER SEEING THE PLUMES OF DUST JUST COME IN HORDES AND I SEE COUNCIL MEMBER COOK NODDING HIS HEAD. WE HAVE ALL SEEN THOSE PLUMES OF DIRT THAT COULD COME OVER FROM KAHO'OLAWA. SO LIKE LEIMANA MENTIONED EARLIER, OUR MAMA IS BORN AND RAISED IN EULPALEKA AND OUR WORK HAS BEEN FOR MAUI NUI, BUT WALTER'S REACH WAS RESONATED NOT ONLY IN HAWAI'I, BUT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. SO I WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR RECOGNIZING HIM TODAY.\r\n\r\nI REALLY APPRECIATE IT. I CANNOT THANK YOU ENOUGH, AND I WANTED TO GIVE YOU GUYS MANA'O AS WE HEAD INTO BUDGET SEASON, BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW IF YOU ARE GOING TO BE SMILING THAT MUCH AND LOOKING THIS GREAT AS YOU GUYS ALL LOOK TODAY. SO THANK. I LOVE YOU GUYS. MAHALO. >> THANK YOU, AUNTIE LORI, YES WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF BUDGET, AND WHATEVER YOU WANT, YOU ARE GOING TO GET, OKAY? [LAUGHTER] >> YOU GUYS ALL HEARD THAT?\r\n\r\nOKAY. [LAUGHTER] I LOVE YOU GUYS. >> IT'S IN THE RECORD NOW. >> MS. CLERK. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS KAI NISHIKI, FOLLOWED BY [SPEAKER NOT UNDERSTOOD] >> ALOHA CHAIR, COUNCIL MEMBERS. I DIDN'T THINK I WOULD GET EMOTIONAL, BUT AUNTIE LORI BROUGHT UP THE BOMBING AT KAHO'OLAWA, AND I USED TO SET AT THE BEACH AT MAKENA AND WITNESS THE DESTRUCTION AND WE COULD EVEN FEEL THE IMPACT.\r\n\r\nIT WOULD REVERBERATE ALL THE WAY TO THE SANDS OF MAKENA. SO JUST WANT TO MAHALO YOU AND ALL OUR KUPUNA WHO HAVE PROVIDED SUCH INSPIRATION TO CARRY ON THIS GOOD WORK OF PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT, AND PROTECTING OUR HOMES HERE. MAHALO VERY MUCH FOR THAT. JUST WANTED TO SHARE ALSO THIS MORNING I WENT OUT TO MY YARD, AND THERE'S THIS TREE THAT I PLANTED MOUNTAIN APPLE TREE. AND IT BLOOMED FOR THE FIRST TIME TODAY. AND THAT MOUNTAIN APPLE TREE CAME FROM WHEN YOU WERE RUNNING FOR STATE HOUSE TO REPRESENT US, AND WE WENT OUT TO HANA IN A VAN WITH A WHOLE BUNCH OF KALO AND VEGETABLES COLLECTED BY LOCAL FARMERS TO GIVE OUT, AND SPREAD AWARENESS FOR YOUR STATE HOUSE RUN. AND YOU TOLD US I WANT TO EAT MOUNTAIN APPLE, AND SO WE PULLED OVER ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD AND SAT ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD IN THE DITCH, EATING MOUNTAIN APPLE.\r\n\r\nI SAID, GIVE ME ALL OF THE SEEDS BECAUSE I'M GOING TO PLANT THEM IN MY YARD. AND I JUST THIS MORNING IT WAS JUST -- AND ALSO SEEING THE KEIKI HERE WITH THE RESOLUTION, AND THEN HONORING KUPUNA, THE LIFECYCLE OF HOW A SMALL SEED CAN BE PLANTED, AND IT CARRIES ON INTO THE FUTURE. SO THANK YOU FOR PLANTING ALL OF THE SEEDS IN OUR HEARTS, AND IN OUR MINDS TO INSPIRE, AND AWAKEN US. YOU AND MY DAD, REALLY, YOU KNOW, HAVE INSPIRED ME IN MY LIFE. WE'RE ALSO JUST SITTING HERE TALKING ABOUT HOW WE SAT IN THESE VERY CHAMBERS TO DEFEND KALO FROM GENETIC MODIFICATION. SO THERE'S ENDLESS STORIES AND INSPIRATION THAT YOU HAVE PROVIDED TO US. SO THANK YOU TO KEANI AND THE MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL FOR GIVING US A CHANCE TO HONOR OUR KUPUNA WHILE THEY ARE STILL HERE WITH US, AND SO THAT THEY TRULY UNDERSTAND HOW GRATEFUL WE ARE.\r\n\r\nMAHALO NUI. >> THANK YOU, KAI. [APPLAUSE] WE HAVE ANOTHER HANDSOME GUY NEXT TO YOU. I WONDER WHAT HIS NAME IS? >> IF I MAY SAY A FEW WORDS? >> THANK YOU, COUNTY COUNCIL. FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART.\r\n\r\nIT WAS A DAY I SPENT THE LAST DAYS WITH UNCLE HARRY MITCHELL AT THAT TIME HE WAS LOOKING FOR HIS SON KIMO, AND GEORGE WHO HAD BEEN LOST AT SEA. YOU KNOW, WHEN I SEE UNCLE WALTER AND LORETTA, I GUESS, I WAS ONCE LIKE YOU, A DIRTY MOUTH -- NOTHING NICE TO SAY, AND ALICE, YOU REMEMBER? THEY HAD TO REMOVE ME A COUPLE OF TIMES. [LAUGHTER] DURING THE BUDGET AND IN THE RUBBISH CAN, BIG BUDGETS WITH SICKLES READY TO CHOP THE MAYOR'S BUDGET. ANYWAY, I WANTED TO SAY TO UNCLE WALTER, WITH THESE LAST WORDS I REMEMBER GOING TO MOLOKA'I AND HEARINGS, WHATEVER COMMITTEE HEARINGS, AND HE STOOD AT THE FOREFRONT OF MANY PEOPLE ON MOLOKA'I THAT I DID NOT KNOW WELL. ALL THE PILA'A WORDS THAT CAME OUT OF THEIR MOUTHS I DON'T FORGET WHAT YOU FOUGHT FOR GEORGE HELM, KIMO MITCHELL, AND LILY COLLETTE, NAPOLEON, I WON'T FORGET PEOPLE LIKE YOU PEOPLE ARE VERY CRITICAL OF WHAT YOU HAVE SAID IN THE PAST.

ONE THING I REMEMBER, AND I WILL SAY TO MY ESTEEMED COUNCIL MEMBERS, DON'T WORRY WHAT PEOPLE TALK ABOUT YOU, PEOPLE WILL NEVER BE HAPPY WHAT YOU GIVE THEM DURING THE BUDGET HEARINGS YOU WALTER, YOU WALK YOUR TALK, NOBODY COULD EVER TAKE THAT AWAY FROM YOU.\r\n\r\nPEOPLE THINK YOU WALK YOUR TALK AND I HAVE SEEN IT OR HAVE HEARD YOUR VOICE OF HOW GOD BLESS YOUR FAMILY [APPLAUSE] [APPLAUSE] LASTY I WANTED TO TELL YOU, I HAD A DRINKING PROBLEM AND I HAD A STROKE. I SHOULD BE SIX FEET UNDER. WHILE THEY WERE CARTING ME TO THE HOSPITAL, I WAS PRAYING TO GOD AND THIS YEAR MAKES THREE YEARS SINCE I HAD A DROP OF ALCOHOL IN MY MOUTH [APPLAUSE] GOD BLESS YOU GUYS. >> THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> CHAIR NEXT TESTIFIER, HE IS LAST PERSON SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY. >> ALOHA KAKOU.\r\n\r\n>> ALOHA. >> MY NAME IS KEOMUKU FROM LAHAINA. THAT IS A HARD ACT TO FOLLOW. I WILL TRY. ONE THING I LEARNED ABOUT WALTER IS YOU GOT TO ADAPT, AND WE DEFINITELY ARE LEARNING TO ADAPT EVERY DAY. I THINK THE HARDEST PART FOR ME WAS THE DAY AFTER THE FIRE, BUT FROM THE GRACE OF GOD, THEY CAME TO OUR AID, AND I WOULDN'T HAVE TOOK ON THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF BEING THE CULTURAL OBSERVER AND MONITOR FOR THE BURN, IT WAS WASN'T FOR THEM, AND THE FINANCES THAT THEY PROVIDED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAD THE NECESSARY TOOLS TO BE IN THE FIELD. I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN ADAMANT ON THE WAY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAD ENACTED WHEN WE START TALKING ABOUT FEDERAL RECOGNITION.\r\n\r\nI HAVE ALWAYS BEEN ON THE FENCE. LO AND BEHOLD WHAT THAT DAY CAME, I HAD TO LEARN TO ADAPT. IF IT WASN'T FOR 'AINA MOMONA PROVIDING US WITH WHAT WE NEEDED SO WE CAN PUT ALL OUR FAMILIES ON THE FIELD FOR NAKANI, WHICH WAS THE ONLY EMPLOYMENT OF FIVE PEOPLE WITH THE HELP OF RESOURCES FROM THE COMMUNITY WE WERE ABLE TO BUILD OUR RESOURCES FROM FIVE EMPLOYEES TO 62 EMPLOYEES TO BE THE CULTURAL MONITORS FOR THE BURN IN LAHAINA TOWN. [APPLAUSE] I OWE A LOT TO THAT BROTHER OVER THERE. BECAUSE HE TAUGHT MY THE MOST VALUABLE LESSON, SOMETIMES WHEN WE LOOKING AT SOMETHING THAT IS VERY SERIOUS, IT'S BETTER TO FIGHT ON MY FEET THAN ON MY KNEES. BUT THEN AT THE SAME TIME, TO LEARN TO ACCEPT THE STATUS QUO SOMETIMES ABOUT WHAT WE NEED TO DO SO WE CAN STAY THE COURSE AND WE PERSISTENT, AND NEVER GIVE UP. TO STAND AND REPRESENT OUR LAHUI IN EVERY WAY WE CAN, EVEN IF IT MEANS THAT I HAVE TO TAKE ON FIVE FEDERAL CONTRACTS, WHICH WE DID.\r\n\r\nAND I OWE THAT TO THAT MAN RIGHT THERE, AND HIS ASSOCIATION, AND HIS AFFILIATES. I LOVE THAT FAMILY. MAHALO KAKOU. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] >> MS. CLERK.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THE NEXT AND CURRENTLY LAST TESTIFIER IS ZHANTELL LINDO. >> OUR SECOND FAVORITE. [LAUGHTER] >> SECOND? ALOHA MAI KAKOU. COUNCIL MEMBERS, I LOVE THE HARD-WORKING COUNCIL MEMBERS WE HAVE AND APPRECIATE YOU GUYS SO MUCH. AND DEFEND YOU WITH MY LIFE.\r\n\r\nSO THAT I CAN HAVE ANYTHING THAT I WANT FROM THIS COUNCIL -- [LAUGHTER]JUST WANTED TO JUMP ON AND TALK ABOUT A LITTLE BIT ABOUT JUST BEING SO GRATEFUL TO KEANI FOR PRESENTING A RESOLUTION, AND WANTING TO ASK THE COUNCIL TO DO MORE OF THESE, TO CREATE A CATEGORY FOR HONORING OUR LIVING LEGENDS. WE OFTEN ONLY SEE THESE KINDS OF STUFF WHEN FAMILIES HAVE TO COME SO WE CAN CELEBRATE SOMEONE AFTER THEY ARE GONE, BUT IF THEY CAN SEE OUR LOVE AND ALOHA FOR THEM AND THEIR LIFETIME ACCOMPLISHMENTS I THINK IT CREATES A BETTER COMMUNITY OF SUPPORT AND OVERALL UNITY. SO WANT TO HOPE THAT THE COUNCIL WILL DO MORE OF THESE LIVING LEGEND TYPE OF RESOLUTIONS. EVERYBODY HAS BEEN TALKING ABOUT UNCLE IN THE KU'AI AND ALL OF THE THINGS HE HAS DONE IN THE PAST AND BECAUSE I'M REALLY, REALLY YOUNG, I DIDN'T KNOW ALL THAT STUFF BEFORE. MY EXPERIENCE WITH UNCLE HAD ALWAYS BEEN HIS DAUGHTER WAS MY BEST FRIEND GROWING UP THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL, AND THEN I WAS KIND OF SHELTERED FROM THE REST OF THE FIGHTING THAT WAS GOING ON AND THE REST OF THE ADVOCACY. I WILL TELL YOU ABOUT UNCLE WALTER 2.0. HE AND I HAD ALWAYS BEEN UP TO 2017 ON DIFFERENT SIDES OF THE LINE, NOT THAT WE BOTH DIDN'T LOVE MOLOKA'I, BUT WE SAW DIFFERENT PATHWAYS. SO IN THE OUTPOINT DEVELOPMENT SITUATION THERE WAS AN EVENT THEY DID A

MARCH 500 PEOPLE UNCLE TAKING THEM IN ALL RED SHIRTS WHILE MOLOKA'I PEOPLE STOOD BY THE GATE OF MOLOKA'I RANCH ADVOCATING FOR SIT-DOWN TALK-STORY, AND THEY WALKED THROUGH AND I REMEMBER WATCHING HIM LEAD THESE GUYS THROUGH, AND I WAS, LIKE, OH, GOD, PLEASE HELP ME UNDERSTAND WHERE THIS IS COMING FROM?\r\n\r\nBECAUSE MY MANA'O IS JUST UNREST. IT DIDN'T HAPPEN UNTIL 2017 WHEN I WAS ON THE PRAYER TABLE IN TOWN AND UNCLE WALTER SAID HEY, I NEED YOUR HELP. WE NEED TO UNIFY OUR ISLAND, AND PAU ARE THE DAYS OF FIGHTING AND BEING ON THE DEFENSE. WE'RE GOING TO PLAY OFFENSE FROM NOW ON. AND SO HE AND I GOT TOGETHER, AND SINCE 2017, I HAVE BEEN HONORED TO STAND BY HIS SIDE, TO FIND AND PAVE NEW WAYS FOR THE NEW 2.0 KANAKA THAT HASN'T GIVEN UP ANY OF ITS INTEGRITY OR ABILITY TO STAND FIRM AND FIGHT SO FOR WHAT IS RIGHT, BUT WHO IS ALSO GUIDED BY WISDOM THAT ALLOWS US TO SIT AT THE TABLES OF GOVERNMENT, AND CORPORATIONS, AND HOLD OUR OWN BEING INTELLIGENT AND WISE AND PRODUCTIVE. UNCLE HAS TAUGHT US HE GO FROM THE FIELD TO THE BOARD ROOM AND JUST BE SO CHARISMATIC, AND SO, SO INSPIRING, AND NOT BECAUSE -- NOT JUST BECAUSE HE IS WALTER RITTE, AND HE GETS ONE LONG HISTORY OF ADVOCACY, BUT BECAUSE UNCLE COMES WITH WHAT HE BELIEVES, WHETHER YOU BELIEVE IT OR NOT, BY THE TIME HE LEAVES YOU, YOU WILL BE INSPIRED. SO I JUST WANT TO THANK UNCLE AND AUNTIE FOR SEWING INTO ME AND MY LIFE.\r\n\r\nI WANT TO THANK YOU FOR EVERY BREATH, WHEN YOU WALK INTO YOUR OFFICE AND COME TO YOUR WEEKLY WISDOM SESSION YOU ARE DOUSING IN OUR OFFICE AND I ALWAYS HAVE TO SMILE AND BE GRATEFUL THAT STILL GET PEOPLE LIKE YOU WHO ARE AUTHENTICALLY REAL. WHETHER YOU LIKE THAT OR NOT, TOO BAD. SO UNCLE, I HONOR YOU FOR THE AMOUNT OF HOURS AND LOVE YOU HAVE PUT INTO YOUR LAHUI AND OUR ISLAND. I HONOR YOU FOR WHAT YOU ARE TEACHING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND SHOWING BY EXAMPLE, PHYSICALLY, MENTALLY, SPIRITUALLY AND EMOTIONALLY. I LOVE YOU AUNTIE LORETTA AND I CANNOT BEGIN TO TELL YOU HOW GRATEFUL I AM FOR TO YOU. THANK YOU FOR TAKING ME UNDER YOUR WING WHAT YOU MEAN TO ME AND THE REST OF OUR ISLAND AND LAHUI. YOU ARE DESERVE THIS UNCLE.\r\n\r\nMAHALO. MAHALO, KEANI. [APPLAUSE] . >> THANK YOU. >> CHAIR, WE HAVE A TESTIFIER SIGNING UP UNDER THE NAME ROYAL HOUSE OF HAWAI'I. >> ALOHA. OKAY, I JUST WANTED TO TESTIFY THAT WE NEED TO DO A ROYAL PATENT ROUND UP BY RIGHT, BY LAW FROM ALL OF THE DECISIONS AND DISCUSSIONS BEING MADE IN MY PAPA'S KINGDOM, KAMEHAMEHA III. >> EXCUSE ME, PLEASE -- EXCUSE ME? PLEASE YOUR TESTIMONY NEEDS TO BE ON THE RESOLUTION REGARDING WALTER RITTE.\r\n\r\n>> OH, YES. >> DO YOU HAVE ANY TESTIMONY ON THAT? THANK YOU. >> IT'S MY PAPA'S KINGDOM KAMEHAMEHA 3 AND WE HAVE TO DO A ROYAL PATENT ROUND UP FOR EVERY ISLAND AND AHUPUA'A AND BENEFICIARIES BY RIGHT BY LAW. AND I JUST WANTED TO TESTIFY ON THAT, AND MAHALO [INAUDIBLE] >> HE IS STILL ON? ANY MORE TESTIFIERS? >> NO, NO ONE ELSE HAS SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY ON RESOLUTION 25-93 AND WE'LL GIVE LAST CALL.\r\n\r\nI SEE J.C. LAU MAKING HIS WAY TO THE PODIUM. >> HI AUNTIE ALICE. J.C. LAU, KULA, MAUI AHUPUA'A. WHEN I LIVED ON O'AHU, 1976-78, I WAS JUST A KEIKI, 10 YEARS OLD AND HEARD STORIES ABOUT YOU GUYS. I COULDN'T PICTURE -- I WAS SCARED TO EVEN GO INTO THE SURF AT WAIKIKI WITH THE BOOGIE BOARD AND WHEN I CAME HERE, I COULDN'T IMAGINE TAKING A SURFBOARD TO KAHO'OLAWA. WHAT THEY DID THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING, I WAS LOOKING AT THE MAP OF THE ISLAND OUT THERE, LOOKING AT KAHO'OLAWA. SO WE NEED EVERYBODY NEEDS TO REMEMBER TO INCLUDE THAT IN MAUI NUI. THANK YOU.\r\n\r\nMY DAD WAS IN A NAVY AND -- EXCUSE ME, I GOT WHAT YOU GOT, I GUESS. THAT IS WHAT I GET FOR EATING IN THE CHAMBER. THANK YOU BROTHER WALTER AND THE OTHER TWO GUYS THAT DIDN'T MAKE IT BACK IN. YOU BEAT THE UNITED STATES NAVY. I AM GOING TO TAKE ON THE UNITED STATES ARMY. >> THANK YOU. ANYBODY ELSE?\r\n\r\n>> CHAIR, I SEE -- DO YOU WISH TO TESTIFY ON THIS RESOLUTION? GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE ON YOUR END. >> DEGRAVE VANDERBILT. LAST CALL, DEGRAVE VANDERBILT. >> IS HIS VIDEO ENABLED? MR. VANDERBILT, YOU HAVE TO UNMUTE YOURSELF WITH THE MIC ICON AT THE TOP

RIGHT OF YOUR SCREEN.\r\n\r\nWE'RE GOING TO NEED TO PROCEED. >> SO WE'LL GIVE LAST CALL FOR ANY TESTIMONY ON RESOLUTION 25-93. CHAIR WE DON'T SEE ANYONE RAISING THEIR HANDS OR MAKING THEIR WAY TO THE PODIUM. LAST CALL, COUNTING DOWN, 3, 2, 1. CHAIR, THERE'S NO ONE ELSE TO TESTIFY. >> ANY OBJECTIONS TO CLOSING PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND EXCEPT FOR MR. VANDERBILT. >> NO OBJECTIONS. >> CHAIR, I HAVE MR.\r\n\r\nVANDERBILT ON HIS PHONE AND ASKING HIM TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME TO PUT HIM ON SPEAKER. GO AHEAD, MR. VANDERBILT. >> CAN ANYBODY HEAR ME? >> YOU HAVE TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME. GO AHEAD. >> OKAY.\r\n\r\n>> GOOD. GO. YOU ARE ON SPEAKER. >> CAN EVERYBODY HEAR ME? >> YES. >> I'M SORRY. I'M JUST A TECHNICAL NOVIAT HERE.\r\n\r\nMY NAME IS DEGRAY VANDERBILT, I WAS 38 YEARS ON MOLOKA'I. AND MY PARTNER NEVER WANTED TO MOVE TO MOLOKA'I, AND I CERTAINLY NEVER WANTED TO MOVE TO MAUI, BUT WE'RE GETTING OLDER. I'M UP AT ABOUT 83 RIGHT NOW. BUT I'M A FUNDING MEMBER OF KAL PAPUA AND FORTUNATE WHEN I WAS ON MOLOKA'I, ELECTED CHAIR OF THE MOLOKA'I PLANNING COMMISSION. AND I WANT TO SAY MAHALO TO WALTER FOR HIS YEARS' OF CARING FOR MOLOKA'I, PROVIDING A SUSTAINED IMPLEMENTATION OF CULTURAL VALUES. HIS WORK CONTINUES TODAY. HE IS FOCUSED ON MAKING SURE THAT KALAUPAPA DOESN'T GET TAKEN OVER BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, WHICH IS THE DIRECTION IT'S GOING NOW WITH THE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES INVOLVED. AND AS A FORMER SPEAKER SAID, WALTER HAS WALKED THE WALK AND MANY OF THOSE PEOPLE THAT ARE CRITICAL OF HIM HAVE NEVER WALKED THE WALK, AND NEVER WALKED ANY WALK.\r\n\r\nWALTER WAS ALWAYS PREPARED. HE WAS STEADFAST IN HIS BELIEFS AND ONE OF THE WORDS THAT I FEEL BEST CHARACTERIZES WALTER IS AND HIS SUCCESS IS STEADFAST, FIRM, RESOLUTE. IMMOVABLE. AND I WANT TO SHARE JUST ONE QUICK STORY WITH YOU. I WAS OVER ON MOLOKA'I, AND I WAS TALKING TO ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF SUSTAINABLE MOLOKA'I, A LOT OF YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE COME BACK. THE OLD FOLKS WHO FOUGHT ALL OF THE BATTLES AGAINST THE DEVELOPERS THEY TRIED TO COME INTO MOLOKA'I AND CHANGE THINGS AND LOST EVERY TIME AND THE OLDER FOLKS WONDER WHO WAS GOING TO TAKE OVER? THANKS TO WHAT WALTER AND OTHERS DID TO CONTRIBUTE TO MAKE MOLOKA'I WHAT IT IS, THE YOUNG FOLKS STARTED COMING BACK.\r\n\r\nONES EDUCATED ON THE MAINLAND AND O'AHU, BECAUSE THEY SAW THAT MOLOKA'I WAS PROBABLY ONE OF THE FEW PLACES IN THE WORLD WHERE THE COMMUNITY CONTROLLED ITS DESTINY. WHEN I WAS ON MOLOKA'I, I ASKED ONE YOUNG LADY, WHO I WON'T NAME. I ASKED HER, WHY DID YOU COME BACK TO MOLOKA'I? SHE SAID, WELL, I AM MAKING LESS MONEY BUT YOU DON'T KNOW HOW WONDERFUL IT IS TO KNOW YOU CAN GO ON AND LIVE YOUR LIFE, AND IT'S NOT GOING TO CHANGE BECAUSE OF SOME GOVERNMENT ACTION. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK WALTER FOR LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR MOLOKA'I BEING WHAT IT IS TODAY. SO THANK YOU, WALTER, AND HAPPY EASTER TO EVERYBODY. ALOHA. >> MAHALO, DEGRAY.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. MS. CLERK. >> CHAIR, WE'LL GIVE LAST CALL FOR ANY TESTIMONY ON RESOLUTION 25-93. SEEING NO ONE RAISING THEIR HAND IN TEAM OR MAKING THEIR WAY TO THE PODIUM, CHAIR, THERE'S NO ONE ELSE TO TESTIFY. >> MEMBERS, ANY OBJECTIONS TO CLOSING PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON RESOLUTION CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS, AND ACCEPTING WRITTEN. SO ORDERED MS. CLERK.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. BEFORE YOU IS RESOLUTION 25-93 HONORING WALTER RITTE FOR HIS LIFETIME OF ADVOCACY, LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION TO THE PEOPLE AND 'AINA OF HAWAI'I. >> MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> MAHALO, CHAIR. I MOVE IT ADOPT RESOLUTION 25-93. >> SECOND. >> IT'S BEEN MOVED BY MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, SECONDED BY MEMBER SINENCI TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 25-93. DISCUSSION, MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ? >> MAHALO, CHAIR. I AM ALSO GOING TO MAKE A MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE.\r\n\r\nALWAYS THE INSTIGATOR IN ALL THE WAYS UNCLE SCARLET WALTER'S SISTER WAS THE INSTIGATOR OF THIS RESOLUTION. HIS FIVE SERVICES PAY SUCH A PIVOTAL ROLE IN HIS LIFE AND YOU HEARD FROM AUNTIE SCARLET'S DAUGHTER THIS MORNING, WHO HELPED US TO MEET THE DEADLINE THAT WAS LAST THURSDAY, WITHIN LIKE THREE HOURS. SO MAHALO. WE WANTED TO GET THIS RESOLUTION ON THE COUNCIL

AGENDA AS CLOSE TO HIS BIRTHDAY AS POSSIBLE, WHICH WAS FIVE DAYS AGO. I MOVE TO SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION 25-93 WITH THE PROPOSED FD 1 VERSION DISTRIBUTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. >> MOVED BY MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, SECONDED BY PRO TEM KAMA TO SUBSTITUTE THE ORIGINAL RESOLUTION. DISCUSSION, MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ.\r\n\r\n>> MAHALO, CHAIR. I WOULD LIKE TO READ THE RESOLUTION INTO THE RECORD. AND THEN I WILL PAUSE AND I WILL INVITE MY OF MY COLLEAGUES TO SHARE MANA'O BEFORE I DO >> OKAY. >> RESOLUTION 25-93 HONORING WALTER RITTE FOR HIS LIFETIME OF ADVOCACY, LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION TO THE PEOPLE AND 'AINA OF HAWAI'I. WHEREAS, WALTER RITTE, A PROUD SON OF MOLOKA'I, HAS DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO THE PROTECTION OF HAWAIIAN LANDS, WATERS, CULTURE, AND PEOPLE RISING AS A POWERFUL VOICE FOR NATIVE HAWAIIAN RIGHTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUST; AND WHEREAS, IN THE EARLY 1970S HE ORGANIZED A GROUP ON MOLOKA'I TO FIGHT FOR ACCESS RIGHTS, FOR KANAKA TO EXERCISE THEIR TRADITIONAL SUBSISTENCE PRACTICES AND WHEREAS, HE LED A MARCH ALONG MOLOKA'I'S NORTH SHORE ASSERTING TRADITIONAL ACCESS RIGHTS UNDER THREAT OF ARREST BY THE MAUI COUNTY POLICE IN 1971. ; AND WHEREAS, UNCLE WALTER WAS ONE OF THE ORIGINAL PROTECTORS OF KAHO'OLAWA, RISKING HIS LIFE IN A MOMENT THAT AWAKENED A NEW ERA OF CULTURAL PRIDE SOVEREIGNTY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP IN HAWAI'I; AND WHEREAS, HE WAS A KEY PARTICIPANT IN THE 1978 CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION THAT LED TO THE FORMATION OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS AND WHERE HE HELPED TO AUTHOR ARTICLE 12, SECTION 7, OF THE HAWAI'I STATE CONSTITUTION, WHICH CODIFIED NATIVE HAWAIIAN CULTURAL AND GATHERING RIGHTS;; AND WHEREAS, UNCLE WALTER ALSO WENT ON TO BECOME ONE OF THE FIRST TO SIT ON THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS' BOARD OF TRUSTEES; AND WHEREAS, LEADER IN THE HUI 'AINA ORGANIZATION UNCLE WALTER JOINED OTHER MOLOKA'I RESIDENTS IN PROTECTING WATER, ACCESS RIGHTS FROM LARGE LANDOWNERS WHO SOUGHT TO DRILL AND PUMP A WELL THAT WOULD DIVERT MILLIONS OF GALLONS FROM HAWAIIAN HOMESTEADERS AND FISHERIES; AND WHEREAS, IN THE 1980S UNCLE WALTER AND OTHER PROMINENT LEADERS HAD COMPETE CROSS-EXAMINATIONS ON MOLOKA'I GROUNDWATER AND INSPIRING THE NEXT-GENERATION OF KANAKA. ; AND WHEREAS, IN THE 1990S UNCLE WALTER LED THE RESTORATION OF CENTURIES OLD FISHPONDS ON MOLOKA'I TO RECLAIM FOOD SUSTAINABILITY; AND WHEREAS, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OVER 100 YEARS, THESE LOCATIONS WERE BEING RESTORED AND UNCLE WALTER LED THE EFFORT TO REDISCOVER THE KUPUNA AND SCIENCE USED TO OPERATE THE COMPLEX AQUA CULTURE SYSTEM AND STREAM LINE THE POLICIES IMPEDING THIS IMPORTANT WORK; AND WHEREAS, UNCLE WALTER ESTABLISHED A NEW HAWAIIAN LEARNING CENTER TO TEACH FUTURE GENERATIONS ABOUT TRADITIONAL AQUA CULTURE AND AHUPUA'A LAND SYSTEM AND THE PRINCIPLE OF ALOHA 'AINA AS THE BASIS FOR TEACHING AND THE EDUCATION CENTER CONTINUES TO FLOURISH TODAY AND IS A SHINING EXAMPLE CULTURALLY INFORMATION, PLACE-BASED LEARNING AND UNCLE WALTER BATTLED MAUI COUNTY AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOMELANDS IN COURT FOR THE RIGHT TO BUILD A HOME ON HIS FAMILY'S HOMESTEAD USING TRADITIONAL DESIGN AND MODERN MATERIALS; AND WHEREAS, UNCLE WALTER PREVAILED AND NOT ONLY HAS HE AND HIS FAMILY HAVE BEEN LIVING IN THAT HOME FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS, BUT COUNTLESS OTHER FAMILIES HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO THE SAME THANKS TO HIS EFFORTS AND WHEREAS, IN THE EARLY 2000S UNCLE WALTER LED THE CHARGE TO PREVENT THE CRUISE LINE INDUSTRY FROM MAKING KAUNAKAKAI HARBOR A LANDING PORT WITH THE DESTRUCTIVE IMPACTS THAT THE INDUSTRY WOULD HAVE DETRIMENTALLY IMPACTING MOLOKA'I'S FRAGILE ECO AND REEF SYSTEM AND THE STRAIN IT WOULD PUT ON THE SMALL LOCAL COMMUNITY; AND WHEREAS, IN THE MID 2000S UNCLE WALTER ORGANIZED THOUSANDS OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS AGAINST THE PROPOSED LA HA POINT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND EVENTUALLY FORCED THE DEVELOPERS TO TAKE THE PROJECT OFF THE TABLE, ENDING WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE LONGEST SHORELINE DEVELOPMENT IN HAWAI'I; AND WHEREAS, HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN HEAVILY ACTIVE IN THE STATED WITH PUSH AGAINST THE CHEMICAL AND

GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISM BIOTECH INDUSTRY CALLING FOR GREATER OVERSIGHT AND TRANSPARENCY; AND WHEREAS, UNCLE WALTER AS A STAUNCH SUPPORTER OF SUSTAINABLE REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE AND TRADITIONAL AHUPUA'A MANAGEMENT HELPED ESTABLISH TWO GROUPS THAT WORKED TO RAISE AWARENESS SURROUNDING GMOS IN HAWAI'I; AND WHEREAS, MOST RECENTLY UNCLE WALTER HELPED TO LEAD THE PROTECTION BY ORGANIZING PROTECTORS OPPOSING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE 30 METER TELESCOPE ON MAUNAKAI. ; AND WHEREAS, AS ONE OF 37 KUPUNA WHO PUT THEIR BODIES ON THE FRONT LINE, UNCLE WALTER WAS ONE TO CHAIN THEMSELVES TO THE CATTLE GUARD FOR ELEVEN YEARS, SUCCESSFULLY PREVENTING CONSTRUCTION CREWS FROM MOVING FORWARD, AND WAS ARRESTED; AND WHEREAS, UNCLE WALTER'S COURAGE, WISDOM AND ALOHA HAVE INSPIRED COUNTLESS INDIVIDUALS ACROSS HAWAI'I, AND BEYOND TO STAND FOR JUSTICE, ALOHA 'AINA, AND TO UPHOLD THE VALUES OF OUR KUPUNA; AND WHEREAS, IN HONOR OF UNCLE WALTER'S 80TH BIRTHDAY, MAYOR RICHARD T. BISSEN PROCLAIMED APRIL 12, 2025 ALOHA 'AINA DAY. AND NOW, THEREFORE BE RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI: 1, THAT HONORS WALTER RITTE FOR A LIFETIME OF ADVOCACY, LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION TO THE PEOPLE AND 'AINA OF HAWAI'I. 2, THAT IT RECOGNIZES WALTER RITTE'S UNWAVERING DEDICATION AND LIFE-LONG CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LAHUI AND THE LAND AND3, THAT CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO THE HONORABLE JOSH GREEN, M.D., GOVERNOR, STATE OF HAWAI'I; THE HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, STATE OF HAWAI'I; THE HONORABLE RONALD KOUCHI, SENATE PRESIDENT, STATE OF HAWAI'I; THE HONORABLE NADINE NAKAMURA, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, STATE OF HAWAI'I; THE HONORABLE LYNN DECOITE; SENATOR, STATE OF HAWAII; THE HONORABLE MAHINA POEPOE, REPRESENTATIVE, STATE OF HAWAII; AND THE HONORABLE RICHARD T. BISSEN, JR., MAYOR, COUNTY OF MAUI.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. DISCUSSION? MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. I WILL INVITE MY COLLEAGUES TO PROVIDE THEIR COMMENTS AND THEN I WILL SHARE MY MANA'O. >> MEMBER SINENCI. >> MAHALO, CHAIR. AND MAHALO MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. THE EAST MAUI 'OHANA RISE IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS RESOLUTION.\r\n\r\n\r\nMY MAUI AKINA, MAI KAPO, OUR DEEPEST SINCEREST GRATITUDE TO UNCLE WALTER RITTE FOR HIS YEARS' OF ADVOCACY AND ALOHA 'AINA. ALSO TO AUNTIE LORETTA FOR ALWAYS STANDING BY HIS SIDE. YOU BOTH HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A POSITIVE ROLE-MODEL FOR OUR KANAKA AND YOU CONTINUE TO BE INSPIRATION FOR US TO -- MAHALO. >> THANK YOU. ANYONE ELSE? MEMBER PALTIN. >> THE WEST MAUI 'OHANA RISE IN FULL SUPPORT OF UNCLE WALTER RITTE.\r\n\r\n\r\nMAHALO. >> THANK YOU. ANYONE ELSE? IF NOT, >> CHAIR. >> PRO TEM KAMA. >> THANK YOU. I JUST WANTED TO SHARE THIS STORY WITH EVERYONE AND WITH WALTER.\r\n\r\n\r\nI DON'T KNOW IF YOU REMEMBER, BUT 2015, AT THE MANA WILI GOLF COURSE AND KEANI WAS THERE. WE WALKED THROUGH AND THEY WERE PROTESTING AND WE WALKED THROUGH NONETHELESS AND YOU DECIDED YOU WANTED TO JOIN THE CONVENTION. THE PEOPLE IN THE CONVENTION DECIDED, NO, THEYDON'T LIKE YOU COME. SO I WAS SITTING NEXT TO LORI. I TOLD LORI, TELL HIM COME. SHE SAID NO, BECAUSE HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO COLOR WITHIN THE LINES. WELL, I WOULD HAVE ADVOCATED FOR THAT.\r\n\r\n\r\nBUT YOU KNOW, IT'S ONLY ME. LORI SAID YOU CAN COLOR INSIDE THE LINE AND THE OTHER 121 DELEGATES, BUT NONETHELESS, I THOUGHT THAT WAS PRETTY FUNNY. I THOUGHT THAT WAS PROBABLY ONE INSTANCE WHERE IT'S, LIKE, I MAYBE SHOULD HAVE STOOD UP, EVEN IF I WAS ONLY ONE IN THAT 122 DELEGATES AND SPOKEN? MAYBE KEANI WOULD HAVE STOOD UP TOO, I DON'T KNOW. >> I DOUBT IT. [LAUGHTER]. >> THIS IS IN 2015. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR LIFE'S WORK. I REMEMBER YOU FROM WAY, WAY, WAY, WAY BACK DURING KAHO'OLAWA HAWAI'I TIMES WHEN THEY WERE BEATING THE DRUMS ABOUT A SOVEREIGN NATION.\r\n\r\n\r\nSO I'M GRATEFUL TO YOU, TO YOUR WIFE, TO YOUR FAMILY, AND THE SACRIFICE THAT THEY GAVE SO THAT YOU CAN WORK FOR US FOR MANA WAHI THANK YOU, THANK YOU, CHAIR . MEMBER JOHNSON >> THANK YOU, CHAIR, I RISE IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS RESOLUTION. WALTER RITTE HAS BEEN AN INSPIRATION FOR ME RUNNING FOR OFFICE. I LOOKED AT HIS WORK AND I LIVE ON LANA'I AND MOLOKA'I IS VERY

DIFFERENT FROM LANA'I, BUT WE'RE ALSO VERY SIMILAR IN MANY WAYS. JUST TO SEE HIM DO HIS WORK THEN IN THE PAST, AND THEN DOING HIS WORK NOW, THERE'S A POEM THAT COMES TO MIND, THE ROBERT FROST POEM ABOUT STONEWALLS; RIGHT? SO IF YOU ALLOW ME TO READ A COUPLE OF VERSES? HE ONLY SAYS GOOD FENCES MAKE GOOD NEIGHBORS, SPRING IS A MI CHIEF AND I WONDER IF I COULD PUT A NOTION IN HIS HEAD, WHY DO THEY MAKE GOOD NEIGHBORS IS IT WHERE THERE ARE COWS? HERE THERE ARE NO COWS.\r\n\r\nBEFORE I BUILD A WALL I WOULD ASK TO KNOW WHAT IS IT I WAS WALLING IN OR WALLING OUT? AND TO WHOM I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A FENCE? SOMETHING THERE IS THAT DOESN'T LOVE A WALL THAT WANTS IT DOWN. I COULD SAY ELVES TO HIM, BUT IT'S NOT ELVES EXACTLY. I WOULD RATHER HE WOULD SAY FOR HIMSELF. SO THE DIFFERENCES IN LANA'I WHERE WE HAVE ONE OWNER, AND WE HAVE NO SAY IN OUR ISLAND, AND THEN I SEE MOLOKA'I, AND HOW MUCH THEY HAVE A SAY IN THEIR ISLAND. THERE ARE WALLS THAT NEED TO BE TAKEN DOWN, BUT THERE ARE ALSO WALLS THAT PROTECT TO KEEP THE COWS OUT.\r\n\r\nSO I REALLY APPRECIATE ALL OF YOUR LIFE'S WORK, AND YOU INSPIRE US NOT JUST FOR TODAY, NOT JUST HERE, BUT HOPEFULLY FOREVER. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU, CHAIR. >> THANK YOU. MEMBER UU-HODGINS. >> THANK YOU, SINCE WE'RE ALL GOING I'M HAPPY TO SUPPORT THIS AS WELL. I WAS THINKING WOULD WHILE EVERYBODY WAS SPEAKING HOW FANCY YOU HAVE TO BE TO JUST GO BY YOUR FIRST NAME.\r\n\r\nUNCLE WALTER, LIKE NOBODY NEEDS TO SAY HIS LAST NAME, TO KNOW EXACTLY WHO THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT. THAT IS A HUGE FEAT TO JUST, YOU KNOW GO BY UNCLE WALTER PERIOD. I DON'T THINK I'LL EVER GET THERE, BUT I'M GLAD YOU DID. AS SOMEONE WHO SPENT MANY MORNINGS WELCOMING THE SUN THANK YOU FOR YOUR BRAVERY FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE. WE HAVE NEVER MET YOU BEFORE, BUT I WILL HUG IN A FEW MINUTES. I WANTED TO SAY MAHALO AND HAPPY BIRTHDAY. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\nMEMBERS, YOUR TURN? MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> MAHALO, CHAIR. I ONLY HAVE SEVEN PAGES. [LAUGHTER]. >> OKAY. >> WE WERE HOPING TO GO HOME FOR THE 6:00 NEWS. >> I THINK I CAN SUMMARIZE THE TWO PAGES.\r\n\r\nTHAT DAY AT 2016 EVENT COUNCIL MEMBER KAMA SPOKE ABOUT I WAS GIVEN DIRECT INSTRUCTIONS BY UNCLE WALTER TO GIVE -- SO THAT IS WHAT I DID. OH, MAN, ALL THE EMOTIONS. SO MUCH OF WOULD I AM TODAY IS BECAUSE OF YOU, UNCLE WALTER. I SIT IN THIS SEAT TODAY BECAUSE OF YOU, UNCLE WALTER. AND TODAY YOU GOT TO WITNESS A LITTLE OF THE MULTIPLIER EVERYTHING YOU HAVE HAD IN CREATING OUR NEXT-GENERATION. SO MUCH OF THAT FIGHTING SPIRIT WE DESPERATELY NEED TODAY IN PREPARING THIS RESOLUTION, I REFLECTED ON MY FIRST MOLOKA'I MAHIKI COMPETITION. I HAD THE HONOR OF REPRESENTING OUR FIRST GRADE AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN HOKAMA, WHERE YOU GRAB AND HOLD UP ONE LEG AND BALANCE ON THE OTHER.\r\n\r\nYOU GRASP THE HAND OF YOUR OPPONENT, AND THE OFFICIAL GRASPS THE CLASPED HANDS AND SAYS -- WE RESPOND MAI KAU KAU AND THE MAKAHIKI OFFICIALS SAYS -- -- MAKAHIKI OFFICIAL WAS UNCLE WALTER. I WILL NEVER FORGET THE PRIDE I FELT WATCHING EVERYONE PRACTICE THE TRADITIONS OF OUR KUPUNA AND HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PART MYSELF. I FELT SO PROUD TO BE KANAKA ESPECIALLY KNOWING THAT THE IMMEDIATE GENERATIONS BEFORE ME WASN'T AFFORDED SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY. THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE SUCH PRIDE IN OUR CULTURE, IN OUR LAHUI. AND MOLOKA'I MAKAHIKI CONTINUES TODAY. THESE TYPES OF PRACTICES HELP SHAPE MY WORLD VIEW, MY IDENTITY, AND DEFINE MY LIFE'S PURPOSE. MY KULEANA TO MOLOKA'I, TO OUR COMMUNITY, TO OUR LAHUI, PAST, PRESENT, AND SEVEN GENERATIONS INTO THE FUTURE.\r\n\r\nI KNOW THAT RINGS TRUE FOR SO MANY OTHERS AS YOU HEARD IN TESTIMONY TODAY. MOLOKA'I HAS A REPUTATION OF BEING FIERCE PROTECTORS OF OUR HOME IN LARGE PART BECAUSE OF UNCLE WALTER'S WORK AND WHILE UNCLE WALTER CERTAINLY IS KNOWN FOR KU'AI, HE IS ALSO -- HE SHOULD ALSO BE KNOWN FOR HIS WORK IN BUILDING CAPACITY IN THE 'AINA AND DEVELOPING AND MAINTAINING RELATIONSHIPS AND EFFECTIVE COLLABORATION. AND THIS CAPACITY-BUILDING MUST BE BUILT ON A STRONG FOUNDATION, A FOUNDATION OF THE TRUTH, AS UNCLE WALTER SAYS, THE TRUTH, THE TRUTH, THE TRUTH. AS CRATER G. WOODSON

SAID IF YOU CAN CONTROL A PERSON'S THINKING YOU DO NOT HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THEIR ACTIONS. WHEN YOU DETERMINE WHAT A PERSON SHALL THINK, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO CONCERN YOURSELF WITH WHAT THEY WILL DO. IF YOU MAKE A PERSON FEEL THAT THEY ARE INFERIOR, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO COMPEL THEM TO ACCEPT AN INFERIOR STATUS, THEY WILL SEEK IT THEMSELVES. IF YOU MAKE A PERSON THAT THEY ARE JUSTLY OUTCAST, YOU HAVE TO -- YOU DON'T HAVE TO ORDER THEM TO THE BACKDOOR, THEY WILL GO WITHOUT BEING TOLD AND IF THERE'S NO BACKDOOR, THEIR VERY NATURE WILL DEMAND ONE.\r\n\r\nSO THE TRUTH, THE TRUTH, TO TRUTH, TO DECOLONIZE OUR MINDS AND HAWAIIAN KINGDOM CONTINUES. UNCLE WALTERS TEACHES US EVERY DAY THE BATTLE AGAINST DISSEMINATION. AS THE TESTIFIERS ELOQUENTLY SHARED -- THAT WAS A TERRIBLE TRANSITION -- -- AUNTIE LORETTA, IF I FIRST KALALUA, TRULY THE EMBODIMENT OF ALOHA, THE MOST POWERFUL FORCE JUST AS SHE IS. YOU CAN SEE THAT ALOHA PERMEATE IN ALL THE KEIKI, ALL THEIR KEIKI. LEADERS LIKE UNCLE WALTER AND AUNTIE LORETTA NOT ONLY INSPIRE AND GALVANIZE THE MASSES GREAT LEADERS ARE GREAT BECAUSE OF WHO THEY ARE AND WHAT THEY DO, BUT THE GREATEST LEADERS ARE THE GREATEST BECAUSE OF THE PERSON THEY BRING OUT WITHIN US AND THE POWER WE WIELD TOGETHER. IN THIS VAST TIME/SPACE CONTINUUM, IT'S SUCH A PRIVILEGE TO SHARE THIS TIMELINE WITH THE TWO OF YOU, I LOVE YOU TWO SO MUCH. AND FOR YOUR 80TH BIRTHDAY, UNCLE WALTER THE 'AINA HELD BY MOLOKA'I RANCH WILL BE RETURNED TO OUR COMMUNITY.\r\n\r\nHAPPY BIRTHDAY! MAHALO, CHAIR. [APPLAUSE] >> THANK YOU. SO BEFORE WE TAKE THE VOTE ON THE SUBSTITUTION, I'M GLAD YOU MENTIONED THE MAKAHIKI, IN THE FIRST GRADE CELEBRATING IN THE 90S VOTED TO FUND THE MAKAHIKI, REMEMBER, WAYNE? >> WE STILL DO, MAHALO. >> WE DO A FEW GOOD THINGS AROUND HERE. ANY MORE COMMENTS OR DISCUSSION?\r\n\r\nTHEN I'M GOING TO ASK FOR YOUR VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT, WHICH IS THE SUBSTITUTION. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND, SAY AYE? >> AYE. >> NINE AYES, ZERO NOS, MOTION CARRIES. MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED. ANY MORE DISCUSSION? NO MORE DISCUSSION?\r\n\r\nALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION, RAISE YOUR HAND, SAY AYE? >> AYE. >> NINE AYES, ZERO NOS, MOTION CARRIES. MS. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> MAHALO, CHAIR. MAY I INVITE UNCLE WALTER TO SHARE A FEW WORDS?\r\n\r\n>> OF COURSE. WALTER, COULD YOU PLEASE COME DOWN. [APPLAUSE] MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, WHAT DO YOU WANT US TO DO? THANK YOU UNCLE DON ATAY. (HAWAIIAN MELE) ALOHA WALTER. >> ALOHA. ALL OF THIS HAPPENED SO FAST -- [LAUGHTER] WHAT IS REALLY HARD, GOING MAUI, OKAY, CALL THE AIRLINES, NO MORE FLIGHTS.\r\n\r\nMOLOKA'I'S STORY. OKAY. GETTING INTO BOATS GOING OVER AND PUT THE WORD OUT. OKAY, WE FOUND A BOAT. 7:00, GET IN THERE, I THINK WE CAN MAKE IT. HOW IS THE WEATHER? OH, THEN I GET A PHONE CALL, OH, THERE'S AN OPENING, 7:30 TONIGHT THERE'S AN OPEN SEAT.\r\n\r\nOH, WE CAN MAKE IT TO MAUI. GET THERE 7:30, NO, YOUR FLIGHT HAS BEEN CHANGED TO 9:00, MY GOSH. SO IT'S ALWAYS BEEN AN UPHILL BATTLE DOING WHATEVER IS RIGHT, AND THE REAL REASON WHY I WENT THROUGH ALL OF THIS JUST TO GET HERE WASN'T BECAUSE THIS IS ABOUT WALTER RITTE; THAT HAD NOTHING DO WITH IT. I WANTED TO COME BADLY, BECAUSE IT'S A CELEBRATION OF ALOHA 'AINA. THAT IS WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT ALOHA 'AINA TOOK ON THE UNITED STATES MILITARY AND WE WON. SO TO BE ABLE TO GIVE MORE CREDENCE TO THE 'AINA, THE 'AINA HAS TO SURVIVE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PACIFIC OCEAN. LITTLE DOTS.\r\n\r\nIT'S SO EASY TO SPOIL IT. IT'S SO EASY TO MISUSE IT, AND MAKE IT A PLACE WHERE NOBODY CAN LIVE ON IT ANY MORE. SO ALOHA CAN DEFEAT THE UNITED STATES MILITARY AND IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO UNDERSTAND THAT WITHOUT THE ALOHA, THE 'AINA CANNOT SURVIVE. AND THAT IS WHY I'M HERE TONIGHT IS BECAUSE -- NOT TONIGHT. TODAY, AND TONIGHT, AND THE NEXT DAY AND THE NEXT DAY. I'M OVER HERE FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS DOING ALL KINDS OF STUFF, SINCE I'M HERE. TO HAVE A DAY THAT WE START TO CELEBRATE THE 'AINA WITH ALOHA IS GOING TO BE CRITICAL FOR OUR SURVIVAL.\r\n\r\nSO MAHALO FOR THIS HONOR, BUT LET'S ALL START TO FIGURE OUT WHAT CELEBRATIONS WE'RE GOING TO DO IN

ORDER TO KEEP OUR 'AINA ALIVE? MAHALO, AND ALOHA. >> MAHALO. [APPLAUSE] >> CHAIR? BEFORE THE RITTES RUN AWAY, WE ARE GOING TO TAKE A PHOTO. I'M GOING TO SHARE ON THE SCREEN, IF LAUREN CAN HELP ME? >> WALTER, WOULD -- LORETTA, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS?\r\n\r\nYOU MAY AS WELL. >> IF EVERYONE WOULD LIKE TO JOIN ME. JOIN US IN 'OLELO MAHALO AND LAUREN, IF YOU COULD HELP US WITH THE SCREEN. (HAWAIIAN MELE) AND I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE EVERYONE TO COME AND TAKE A PHOTO WITH US ON THE CHAMBER FLOOR. THANK YOU. SO WE'LL DO COUNCIL FIRST AND THEN EVERYBODY, IF YOU WILL COME AND JOIN US, PLEASE. IS SOMEONE MISSING A HAT?\r\n\r\nWE HAVE A HAT. I WANTED TO ASK YOU IT'S ALMOST 12:00 AND I DON'T THINK A LOT OF WHAT IS COMING UP IS OUT OF THE ORDINARY AND I WAS WONDERING IF WE COULD TAKE A QUICK LUNCH BECAUSE WE HAVE A 4:00 MEETING AND 6:00 MEETING TONIGHT. DON'T WE STILL HAVE THE 4:00 MEETING? >> IT'S DEADLINE. >> OH, THAT IS THE DEADLINE. IT'S THE DEADLINE FOR THE MEMBERS. THE COUNTYWIDE PREFERENCES -- PRIORITIES.\r\n\r\nWE HAVE A DEAD LINE AT 4:00 AND THE 6:00 PUBLIC HEARING. SO LET'S TRY AND BE EXPEDITIOUS GOING THROUGH THE REST OF THIS AGENDA, MS. CLERK. >> CHAIR, AT THIS TIME WE'LL BE TAKING TESTIMONY ON ANY ITEMS ON THE MEETING AGENDA. WE CURRENTLY HAVE FOUR PEOPLE SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY AT THE BEGINNING. SO WE'LL START WITH DIANE PREZA, TESTIFYING ON BILL 3, FD 1 AND SHE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY MELVIN CATIEL. >> PLEASE PROCEED.\r\n\r\nALOHA CHAIR LEE AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, DIANE PREZA TESTIFYING ON BILL 3 ON BEHALF THE MARTHA EVANS. HER TESTIMONY READS ALOHA CHAIRWOMAN LEE AND MEMBERS OF THE MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL. MY NAME IS MARTHA ANN EVANS. ALTHOUGH I RESIDE IN HONOLULU, MY CHILDREN AND I STILL OWN OUR FAMILY HOME AND ANCESTRAL TIES AND EMPLOYED AT LANA'I HIGH AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AS A TEACHER AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR. MORE IMPORTANTLY, I WAS A COMMUNITY MEMBER AND PART OF LANA'I'S FOR SENSIBLE GROWTH, THE GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATION THAT CONTINUES TO ADVOCATE FOR THE KUPUNA OF LANA'I AND HOMELAND OF HAWAI'I IT'S A FACT THE COUNCIL PASSED THE EMPLOYER BILL ON FIRST READING ON AUGUST 27, 2024 AND ON SECOND AND FINAL READING ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2024. WITHOUT THE PUBLIC HEARING ON LANA'I REQUIRED BY CODE SECTION 2.80 B110D. ORDINANCE 5702 WAS MADE EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 18, 2024 AND IT'S ALSO A FACT THIS PROCEDURAL ERROR NECESSITATED THE COUNCIL TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING MONTHS AFTER COUNCIL BILL 23 CD 14 WAS PASSED AT SECOND AND FINAL READING ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2024. ON MARCH 28TH, 2025, I ATTENDED THE VIRTUAL MEETING TO CORRECT THE PROCEDURAL ERROR AND SURPRISED TO HEAR COUNCIL MEMBERS CHASTISING TESTIFIERS FOR NOT SPEAKING AT THE LANA'I PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS AND PERHAPS THE SAME QUESTION SHOULD I BE DIRECTED TO TO THE COUNCIL? WHY WAS THE BILL PASSED ON TIME READING WITHOUT A PUBLIC HEARING ON LANA'I. I'M OPPOSED TO BILL 3 NO ACTION TO THE CONCERNS THAT I RAISED DURING THE MARCH 28TH MEETING I ASK YOU TO RECONSIDER THE DECISION AND THE ISSUE THAT IS TOP MOST IN MY MIND MINDS OF OTHERS IS THE RELOCATION ON DEMOLITION OF WOULD RANCH HOMES CURRENTLY KNOWN AS THE RICHARDSON HOMES THE COUNCIL AND DEVELOPERS SEEM NOT TO UNDERSTAND THAT THESE STRUCTURES REPRESENT MORE THAN OLD BUILDINGS OCCUPIED BY THE COWBOYS AND THEIR FAMILIES THESE BUILDINGS TIE US TO THE LAND. THEY ARE THE ANCHORS THE PI'ILANI OF THESE AND OTHER RANCH FAMILIES WHO MADE IT WHAT IS AND REMODELED, HUGE FOREIGN SCULPTURES WERE INSTALLED.\r\n\r\nS IT SAID THAT BEAUTY IS IN THE EYE OF BEHOLDER. TRUE FOR SOME, BUT FOR US, WHO KNOW THE LAND AND ITS HISTORY, THOSE SCULPTURES WERE A WAY OF MARKING TERRITORY, AND STAKE CLAIM. OUR KUPUNA WERE SPIRITUAL, EXPLICIT AND REFERENT AND DELIBERATE WHEN THEY BUILT STRUCTURES. DO NOT STAKE CLAIM TO YOU ARE 'AINA WITH WHAT YOU THINK IS APPROPRIATE. YOU MAY OWN -- THE LAND IS NOT YOURS. YOU WILL SEE IN TIME THAT THE LAND DOES WHAT IT -- IT'S WANTS. WE HAVE KULEANA TO THE LAN AND TO THOSE BUILDINGS.\r\n\r\nWE'RE TIED TO THE LAND. AND THOSE TWO HOMES ARE THERE FOR A REASON. THEY ARE THE PILINA THAT REMIND US OF OUR HISTORY, SACRIFICES AND WHAT IS

POSSIBLE WHEN WE COME TOGETHER SEVEN GENERATIONS BACK AND SEVEN GENERATIONS FORWARD. PLEASE ENSURE THAT THE HOMES REMAIN WHERE THEY LONG. RESPECTFULLY MARTHA ANN EVANS. MAHALO. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\nANY QUESTIONS? MEMBER PALTIN. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. SO I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY THE REQUEST IS FOR A NO-VOTE ON BILL 3? >> THAT'S CORRECT. >> THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU >> THANK YOU. >> ANY MORE QUESTIONS?\r\n\r\nIF NOT, MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT TESTIFIER, PLEASE. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS MELVIN CATIEL, FOLLOWED BY LAWRENCE CARNICELLI. >> MR. CATIEL. >> HELLO, COUNCIL MEMBERS. CAN YOU HEAR ME? >> YES.\r\n\r\n>> OKAY. MY NAME IS MELVIN CATIEL, BORN AND RAISED -- THIRD GENERATION ON LANA'I. THE FAMILY ON LANA'I. I WAS RAISED -- NOT RAISED, BUT WE SPENT A LOT OF TIME AT THE TWO HOMES. ONE AUNTIE LIVED THERE 50 YEARS AND SHE SAID THEY WANT TO MOVE DOWN TO THE CITY. SHE WANTED TO STAY UP KO'ELE. SO IT WAS A HOT ISSUE AT THAT TIME, BECAUSE RESIDENTS RESPECT THEM. SO THE COMPANY DECIDED TO MOVE THE TWO HOUSES TO THE SIDE, AND PUT THEM IN THAT HOUSE TO LIVE OUT THEIR LIVES. I WAS WORKING FOR THE KO'ELE COMPANY AND AUNTIE, MY BOSS AT THE TIME, THE OCEANIC PROPERTIES TOLD ME, GAVE ME THE HONOR OF PUTTING THE PIN WHERE THE TWO HOUSES WOULD BE RELOCATED.\r\n\r\nTHAT WAS IN 1987, OR 89. SO I DID THAT, SO THEY CLEARED THE LAND AND PREPARED TO MOVE THE HOUSE FOR THEM TO LIVE THERE. SO I AM OPPOSED OF THAT BILL. BILL 3, FD 1 (2025) BECAUSE I GOT A LOT OF FEELINGS UP THERE. I WAS MY COUSINS WERE RAISED THERE AND WE USED TO PLAY THERE. IT WAS A PLAYGROUND FOR US WHAT WE WERE YOUNG, PROBABLY 8 YEARS OLD, 7 YEARS OLD. WE WOULD GO UP THERE EVERY WEEKEND, DURING DEER SEASON BECAUSE MY OTHER UNCLE LIVED IN ONE OF THE HOUSES WORKING FOR THE STATE FISH AND GAME. SO LIKE TO SEE ALL THE DEERS THERE.\r\n\r\nLIKED TO GO THERE DURING DEER SEASON. AND AGAIN, A LOT OF FEELING FOR THAT PLACE. I HAVE SEEN THAT PLACE FROM THE BEGINNING. I WAS IN CHARGE DURING THE GRUB WORK PREPARING FOR THE HOTEL. SO I LEFT THE COMPANY BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, THE WAY I SEE THEY WERE BUILDING. SO I LEFT THE COMPANY AND I WORKED FOR THE COUNTY IN THE SEWER PLANT AND WORKED FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC WORKS, AND I STAYED THERE 22 YEARS UNTIL I RETIRED. I GOT A LOT OF FEELING UP THERE, AND A HOT OF PEOPLE TELL ME YOU DIE, YOU ARE GOING TO HEAVEN -- NO, I WANT TO LIVE MY LIFE THERE.\r\n\r\nTHAT WAS THE BEST TIME OF MY LIFE. I SAID I DON'T WANT TO GO TO HEAVEN, I WANT TO RELIVE MY CHILDHOOD LIFE UP THERE. WE COULDN'T BEAT THE PLANTATION LIFE IN LANA'I. SO NOW EVERYTHING IS CHANGING. NOW WE HAVE A LOT OF THESE RICH PEOPLE BUYING LAND, DOING WHAT THEY WANT. SO I CANNOT STAND IT ANY MORE. SO I HOPE YOU GUYS REALIZE THAT PROGRESS IS NOT ALWAYS GOOD. SO FEEL FOR THE LOCAL PEOPLE WHO WERE BROUGHT UP AND LIVE HERE.\r\n\r\nDON'T GET THE OTHER PEOPLE SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF THE PROJECT, BUT THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT WE GREW UP WITH UP THERE, YOU KNOW? THEY WORK FOR THE COMPANY AND JUST SAY WHAT THE COMPANY IS TELLING THEM WHAT TO DO. SO I SEE THAT IN THE MURDOCH ERA AND SEE THE SAME THING HAPPENING AND SEE THE SAME THING HAPPENING AGAIN. THAT IS ALL I HAVE TO SAY RIGHT NOW. I HOPE YOU GUYS REVOTE BILL 3 FD 1 (2025). THANK YOU. >> ANY QUESTIONS? IF NOT, NEXT TESTIFIER.\r\n\r\n>> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS LAWRENCE CARNICELLI, IF YOU COULD PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT ITEM YOU ARE TESTIFYING ON, FOLLOWED BY LESLEY MILNER. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. I WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY WHAT THE ITEM COMES UP COUNTY COMMUNICATION 25-4. >> NEXT. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS LESLEY MILNER. >> ALOHA CHAIR, ALOHA COUNCIL MEMBERS. GOOD TO SEE YOU BACK IN THE CHAMBERS, CHAIR OF THE JUST VERY BRIEFLY, RESOLUTION 25-87 WAS DISCUSSED IN THE BFED COMMITTEE ON THE 14TH JUST TO LET YOU WE TRANSMITTED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE COMMITTEE AND THAT SHOULD BE AVAILABLE UNDER THE BFED ITEM. BILL 15 JUST TO REITERATE WHAT I SAID THE OTHER DAY THE ADMINISTRATION IS LOOKING TO RECOMMIT THE BILL.\r\n\r\nBILL 51 IS ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR PHASE 1 GATES DUE TO PERMIT AND THINGS LIKE THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST FLOOR ACTION ON THAT ITEM. AND BILL 53 IS THE KAHULUI RESIDENCY

FUNDS . SO I WILL DEFER TO THE MEMBERS IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO TAKE FLOOR ACTION ON THAT. THANK YOU, CHAIR. >> ANY QUESTIONS, MEMBERS? IF NOT, THANK YOU. MS. CLERK.\r\n\r\n>> CHAIR, AT THIS TIME WE'LL CLOSE PUBLIC TESTIMONY AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING. FINAL CALL, IF THERE'S ANYBODY TO TESTIFY AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY. CHAIR, THERE'S NO ONE INDICATING A DESIRE TO TESTIFY. >> ANY OBJECTIONS TO CLOSING PUBLIC TESTIMONY AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING? >> NO OBJECTIONS. >> SO ORDERED. MS.\r\n\r\nCLERK. >> CHAIR, WE'LL MOVE ON TO OPENING PUBLIC TESTIMONY UNDER COUNTY COMMUNICATION. AT THIS TIME ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY ON ANY OF THE COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS, THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY. AND AT THIS TIME WE'LL HAVE LAWRENCE CARNICELLI. >> LAWRENCE? >> I HAD TO UNMUTE. THANK YOU, CHAIR.\r\n\r\nLAWRENCE CARNICELLI TESTIFYING ON COUNTY COMMUNICATION 25-4 AND RESOLUTION 25-5 FD 1. BEING A MORNING OF GRATITUDE I WANTED TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO YOU, CHAIR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS, FOR YOUR EXPEDITIOUS WORK ON THIS. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE WHAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR US. SO I JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU. AND ALSO JUST TO KIND OF REITERATE THAT ALL WE'RE DOING AND ALL OF THIS IS REQUESTING A TIME EXTENSION ON THE APPROVALS THAT YOU HAVE ALREADY GRANTED UNANIMOUSLY TO THE KUIKAHI PROJECT. ANYTHING THAT WOULD BE CHANGE IN THE PROJECT BEYOND WHAT YOU HAVE ALREADY UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED WOULD HAVE TO COME BACK TO YOU FOR APPROVAL. SO THIS HAS NO FINANCIAL ALLOCATIONS, OR NEGATIVE IMPLICATIONS, OR LIABILITIES TO THE COUNTY AT ALL. SOTHANKS, CHAIR.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU, COUNCIL MEMBERS. APPRECIATE YOUR WORK. CH MEMBERS, DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS? IF NOT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MAY WE HAVE THE NEXT TESTIFIER. >> CHAIR, THERE'S NO ONE ELSE CURRENTLY SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY. THIS IS LAST CALL FOR COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS.\r\n\r\nAND THE COUNT DOWN IS 3, 2, 1. CHAIR, THERE'S NO ONE INDICATING A DESIRE TO TESTIFY. >> ANY OBJECTIONS TO CLOSING PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS AND TAKING WRITTEN TESTIMONY? SO ORDERED. THANK YOU. MS. CLERK. >> CHAIR, BEFORE YOU IS COUNTY COMMUNICATION 25-4 COUNCIL CHAIR LEE TRANSMITTING AN AMENDMENT TO 25-85 ENTITLED "AMENDING RESOLUTION 22-193 CD 1, FD 1 TO ALLOW DIRECTOR OF HOUSING TO EXTEND THE DEADLINES FOR COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION OF KUIKAHI VILLAGE WORKFORCE HOUSING PROJECT.\r\n\r\n>> PRO TEMPORE TASHA KAMA. >> MAY I ASK THIS IS POSTPONED UNTIL THE ITEM IS CALLED. >> ANY OBJECTIONS TO POSTPONING? >> THANK YOU. >> ALL RIGHT. CHAIR, BEFORE YOU IS COUNTY COMMUNICATION 25-5, COUNCIL MEMBER PALTIN RELATING TO A REPORT BY COUNCIL MEMBERS ON THE STATE OF HAWAI'I COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT LAHAINA COMMUNITY MEETING OF APRIL 7, 2025 HELD AT THE LAHAINALUNA HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA. >> MEMBER PALTIN.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU, CHAIR. I MOVE TO FILE COUNTY COMMUNICATION 25-5. >> SECOND. >> MOVED BY MEMBER PALTIN, SECOND BY PRO TEM KAMA TO FILE COUNTY COMMUNICATION 25-35. DISCUSSION, MEMBER PALTIN. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. I'M PROVIDING THIS REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE SUNSHINE LAW SPECIFICALLY SECTION 92-2.5(E) HAWAI'I REVISED STATUTES ON MONDAY, APRIL 7TH 2025 COUNCIL MEMBERS KEANI RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, TOM COOK, YUKI LEI SUGIMURA AND MYSELF TAMARA PALATIN ATTENDED THE STATE OF COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT MEETING AT LAHAINALUNA HIGH SCHOOL. THERE WERE ABOUT 200 COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE. SO IF YOU ASKED FOR A REPORT, I THINK YOU COULD GET 200 DIFFERENT REPORTS.\r\n\r\nBUT THE MEETING WAS A PRESENTATION, YOU KNOW, BASICALLY ABOUT THE CURRENT AND FUTURE INTEGRITY OF THE WATER SUPPLY IN WEST MAUI SPECIFICALLY. AND ACTIONS THAT CWRM PROPOSED TO AVOID WORSENING THE PROBLEM OF WATER SCARCITY SOMETHING WE ALREADY FACE WITH PRECIPITATION. WITH RESPECT TO GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABLE YIELD THE CURRENT VALUES USED BY CWRM TO REGULATE PERMITS IN THIS DESIGNATED AREA ARE GUESSTIMATES BASED ON WHAT WAS KNOWN ABOUT O'AHU AQUIFERS TO 1990 WITHOUT ANY BASIS OR DATA FROM MAUI. CWRM KNOWS THE AQUIFERS ARE DIFFERENT THAN THOSE ON MAUI. WE DO NOT HAVE THE MOUNTAIN

RANGE AND IT RELATES TO DUE TO THE DIFFERENCE IN AGE OF THE TWO ISLANDS. THE LITTLE WE KNOW ABOUT THE LAHAINA AQUIFER SECTOR AREA IS BASED ON THE ONLY DEEP MONITOR WELL IN THE WEST SIDE OF MAUI IN THE WATERSHED AND THERE HAS BEEN ALARMING CHANGES IN THE DEPTH TO FRESHWATER, THE THICKNESS OF THE BRACKISH WATER TRANSITION ZONE, AND THE DEPTH TO SEAWATER. EARLIER LARGER CHANGES EXIST WHICH CWRM ATTRIBUTED TO INSTRUMENT PROBLEMS.\r\n\r\nBUT, IN FACT NO ONE HAS EXPLAINED WHAT WAS WRONG AND WHY THE DATA CHANGED? REGARDLESS, CWRM PRESENTED THE SAME LAHAINALUNA MEETING WATER QUALITY CONTINUES TO INCREASINGLY DETERIORATED TO SALTWATER CONTAMINATION DUE TO INTRUSION AND NO ONE HAS ANY IDEA THIS IS DUE TO SOLELY OVERPUMPING THE CURRENT HYPOTHESIS, THAT IS THE CURRENT HYPOTHESIS. NO ONE KNOWS IF IT'S REVERSIBLE? AND NO ONE KNOWS WHAT THE IMPACT IS ON THE FIVE OTHER AQUIFERS THAT CWRM OFFICIALLY ASSUMES EXIST INDEPENDENTLY WITHOUT ANY EMPIRICAL BASIS FOR THAT BELIEF. RECENT STUDIES RELEASED BY THE U.S.G.S. EMPHASIZE THE UNCERTAINTIES IN THE WATER SUPPLY IN THE LAHAINA AQUIFER SECTOR AND THROUGHOUT HAWAI'I SPECIFIC U.S.G.S. STUDIES WITH THE NEED FOR LONG-TERM MONITORING OF WATER SUPPLY. THIS SITUATION IS NOT SOMETHING NEW. THE CURRENT PROBLEM OF WATER SCARCITY HAS BEEN BUILDING FOR MORE THAN 100 YEARS, AND NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE TO AVOID IT IN ALL THAT TIME.\r\n\r\nWHERE WAS THE LEADERSHIP THEN, AND WHERE IS IT NOW? AND YET DESPITE THIS KNOWLEDGE AND THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, CWRM IS REVISING THE SUSTAINABLE YIELD NUMBERS BASED ON WE DON'T KNOW WHAT. THERE WERE A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT QUESTIONED WHY THE GOVERNMENT IS ALLOWING THE BUILDING OF NEW SWIMMING POOLS IN WEST MAUI FOR THE REBUILD? BUT WE'RE NOT ALLOWING THE BUILDING OF NEW HOMES FOR PEOPLE TO RETURN TO WEST MAUI. AND I INVITE THE OTHER MEMBERS, WHO WERE IN ATTENDANCE TO SHARE THEIR RECOLLECTION OF THE MEETING. A QUORUM OF THE COUNCIL WAS NOT PRESENT AT THIS MEETING. NO DISCUSSION RELATED TO OFFICIAL BUSINESS OCCURRED, NOR ANY COMMITMENT RELATING TO A VOTE ON ANY COUNCIL BUSINESS WAS MADE, OR SOUGHT AT THE EVENT.\r\n\r\nFURTHER, THE MEETING WAS NOT SPECIFICALLY AND EXCLUSIVELY ORGANIZED FOR OR DIRECTED TOWARD COUNCIL MEMBERS, BUT RATHER WAS OPEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. CHAIR, THAT CONCLUDES MY REPORT. I WELCOME FURTHER COMMENTS FROM THE OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO ATTENDING THE MEETING OR QUESTIONS FROM THE REMAINING COUNCIL MEMBERS. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU FOR THE REPORT. MEMBER COOK. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR.\r\n\r\nI CONCUR WITH MY COLLEAGUE, MEMBER PALTIN, HER RECOLLECTIONS ARE VERY ACCURATE. AND I THANK HER FOR SPENDING TIME AND THOROUGHNESS IN DOING THIS. IT WAS A VERY INFORMATIVE MEETING. THE TECHNOLOGICALLY AND SCIENTIFIC PROOF FROM CWRM WAS VERY IMPRESSIVE WITH THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND THEIR ENGAGEMENT. THANK YOU. >> ANYONE ELSE? VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MEMBER PALTIN, FOR DOING THAT. I THINK THE INTERESTING THING THAT I LIKED -- THE THING I LIKED IS THAT THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF DLNR WAS THERE AND ANSWERED QUESTIONS. I DID -- I THINK AS BEST AS YOU CAN FOR YES OR NO, AND WITH THE AMOUNT OF QUESTIONS THAT THEY GOT, WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM THE ATTENDEES, THEY ARE HAVING AN IMPORTANT MEETING, I BELIEVE, ON THE 28TH OF THIS MONTH, AND I THINK AT 9:00. THAT IS THE DAY THAT WE HAVE -- WE BEGIN -- CORRECTIONS. DECISIONS IS NEXT WEEK AND INSTEAD OF STARTING AT 9:00 EXACTLY, I IMAGINE IMAGINE MEMBER PALTIN WILL BE LISTENING TO THE MEETING AND TO ENTERTAIN THE THOUGHT OF STARTING OUR MEETING A LITTLE LATER SO SHE DOESN'T HAVE TO SIMULTANEOUSLY LISTEN. >> MAYBE YOU CAN SEND A REVISED SCHEDULE. >> I WANTED THE MEMBERS TO THINK ABOUT IT. ANYWAY, IT WAS A GOOD MEETING.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> ANYONE ELSE? MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> MAHALO, CHAIR. MAHALO, MEMBER SUGIMURA FOR THAT SUGGESTION. I THINK IT'S AN EXCELLENT ONE. I SUPPORT THAT.\r\n\r\nAND YOU KNOW, IF WE ARE ABLE TO GET THE CORRECTIONS DONE APRIL 28TH WE DON'T NEED TO MEET ON THE 29TH. SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE TO THINK ABOUT. I MAHALO MEMBER PALTIN FOR A VERY THOROUGH REPORT. MY TAKEAWAY IS THAT I WAS VERY ALARMED AND

VERY SCARY AND I DON'T EXPECT ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS TO IMPROVE SOON. AND THAT WE NEED TO AS A COUNTY TAKE A VERY ACTIVE ROLE IN ENSURING THAT WE ARE NOT CONTINUING TO PROMISE WATER THAT IS NOT EVEN THERE. SO I THINK WE NEED TO BE MORE RESPONSIBLE AND JUDICIOUS, AND REALLY MAKE SURE THAT THE WATER THAT IS THERE TODAY IS BEING USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF OUR RESIDENTS, AND PERPETUATING CULTURAL AND TRADITIONAL PRACTICES THAT RELY ON THE WATER MAKAI TO MAUKA CONNECTION TO RECHARGE THE AQUIFER. I KNOW WE'LL LIKELY TALK MORE ABOUT THIS, BUT I WANTED TO MAKE SURE I SHARED THAT COMMENT.\r\n\r\nIT WAS VERY -- WHAT IS THE WORD? ALARMING IS THE BEST, BUT IT WAS NOT A VERY OPTIMISTIC REPORT, AND WE NEED TO INVEST HEAVILY INTO THE PROTECTION AND RESTORATION OF OUR WATERSHEDS VERY QUICKLY. MAHALO, CHAIR. >>> MEMBER PALTIN. >> I FORGOT TO MENTION CWRM STAFF VIDEOED THE MEETING AND THEY WERE GOING TO POST IT ON THEIR WEBSITE ALONG WITH COPIES OF THE SLIDES THAT THEY SHARED WITH THE AUDIENCE. SO YOU DON'T NEED TO TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT, BUT YOU CAN SCRUTINIZE THE SLIDES AND THE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS THEMSELVES AND ANY QUESTIONS THEY WEREN'T ABLE TO ANSWER ON THE SPOT, THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO POST IT. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\nPRO TEM KAMA. >> SO MEMBER PALTIN, YOU MENTIONED THAT CWRM BELIEVES THERE ARE FIVE AQUIFERS THAT ARE NOT CONNECTED TO EACH OTHER? THAT THEY ARE INDEPENDENT OF EACH OTHER? >> I THINK THEY DON'T ACTUALLY KNOW, AND THAT IS WHY UNDER THE FORMER DIRECTION OF FIRST DEPUTY MANUEL, THERE WAS A DESIGNATION OF THE LAHAINA AQUIFER GROUND AND SURFACE WATER. SO THERE'S HONOKA'A, HONOLULU, HONOKOWAI, LANI POKO AND -- HONE KANAI AND LAHAINA, WHAT LAHAINA, BEFORE THE FIRE WAS ALREADY KIND OF BEYOND, AND A LOTS OF PEOPLE THINK HONOKOWAI IS BEYOND THE SUSTAINABLE YIELD. I THINK ON THIS AGENDA WE'RE APPROVING A PARTNERSHIP WITH USGS FOR THE HOENE POKO AQUIFER, BUT THE TRENDS THAT THEY ARE SEEING THE SALINITY AND CHLORIDES FOLLOW THE PUMPING, BUT OVERALL IT'S TRENDING UPWARDS TO MORE SALTY WATER AND THEY ARE NOT SURE WHY IT WAS ALSO A REVIEW -- THERE HAS BEEN ANECDOTAL THOUGHT THAT THE DITCH WAS NOT NEEDED TO BE FIXED, BUT IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE MEASUREMENT AT THE GAGE IS THE SAME AS THE MEASUREMENT AT THE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY, WHICH I THINK WAS LIKE CLOSE TO 500,000 GALLONS, AND A FOLLOW-UP TO THAT WAS THAT HAWAI'I WATER SERVICE IS NOT ABLE TO DIVERT ANY OF THE WATERS. SO IN ALL OF THE USAGE THAT HAWAI'I WATER SERVICE IS CURRENTLY USE RIGHT NOW IS FRESHWATER INCLUDING I BELIEVE FOR THE GOLF COURSES, AND SO THE HEARING ON THE 18TH SPECIFICALLY IS FOR DECLARATORY RULING FOR THE WELL TO BE PUT IN SERVICE BY THE COUNTY OF MAUI BECAUSE THEY FEAR WITHOUT THAT WELL IN SERVICE, THIS SUMMER WE COULD HAVE STAGE 2 AND 3 WATER SHORTAGES FOR WEST MAUI.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. THANK YOU, CHAIR. >> ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR THE REPORT . SO ANY OBJECTIONS TO FILING THIS MATTER? >> NO OBJECTIONS. >> SO ORDERED. MS.\r\n\r\nCLERK. >> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. SO WE HAD A MOTION ON THE FLOOR AND RECORD THAT AS NINE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITHOUT OBJECTION. COMMITTEE REPORTS THERE IS CURRENTLY NO ONE SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY ON COMMITTEE REPORTS. SO LAST CALL FOR TESTIMONY ON COMMITTEE REPORTS. COUNTING DOWN, 3, 2, 1. CHAIR, THERE'S NO ONE SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY ON COMMITTEE REPORTS. >> ANY OBJECTIONS TO CLOSING PUBLIC TESTIMONY?\r\n\r\n>> NO OBJECTIONS. >> SO ORDERED. MS. CLERK. >> THANK YOU. CALLING COMMITTEE REPORT 25-25 REREFERRAL TO THE BUDGET, FINANCE, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. RECOMMENDING FIRST READING BILL 18 CD 1 (2025) TO ESTABLISH PAY SCALE FOR THE BOARD OF ETHICS' EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, INVESTIGATOR AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITIONS.\r\n\r\n>> ANY OBJECTIONS TO REFERRING THIS MATTER TO BFED? >> SO RECOMMIT? >> SO ORDERED. >> WE'LL MOVE TO RESOLUTIONS. CURRENTLY WE HAVE NO ONE SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY -- >> CHAIR? >> ONE MOMENT. I THINK SHE NEEDS HELP.\r\n\r\n>> THAT IS OKAY. LET'S START ON RESOLUTIONS. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. WE HAVE ONE PERSON J.C. LAU MAKING HIS WAY TO THE PODIUM. >> APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT TIARE K.C. DEL CASTILLO AS LEGISLATIVE ANALYST IN THE

RESOLUTION 25-94 AND I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING HER THANK YOU. >> MORE DISCUSSION? >> MAHALO, CHAIR. I AM IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEFLY MEET WITH MS. CASTILLO, AND ENJOYED LEARNING ABOUT HER ONLINE, AND LOOK FORWARD TO BEING ABLE TO GET TO KNOW HER BETTER WHEN SHE BEGINS.\r\n\r\nMAHALO, CHAIR. >> ANY MORE DISCUSSION? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION, RAISE YOUR HAND, SAY AYE? >> AYE. >> NINE AYES, ZERO NOS, MOTION CARRIES. MS. CLERK.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU, MAD CHAIR . KEEP ROLLING. >> YES, MOVING ON TO TESTIMONY FOR THE ORDINANCES. CURRENTLY THERE'S NO ONE SIGNED UP -- J.C. LAU IS MAKING HIS WAY TO THE PODIUM. HE HAD CURRENTLY OUR ONLY TESTIFIER. >> HAWAIIAN WORD OF THE DAY -- -- YOU KNOW THAT ONE, CHAIR LEE? THAT IS FOR YOU. TO CLEAR, TO EXPLAIN CLEARLY TO CALM, CHEER AND DISPEL GLOOM.\r\n\r\n\r\nWELCOME BACK TO THE CHAMBER. BILL 3 FD 1 (2025) THE ONE ON LANA'I COMMUNITY PLAN . SO IN THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR, I SAID I WAS GOING TO SUPPORT MR. JOHNSON THIS YEAR AND I ENCOURAGE YOU ALL TO LISTEN TO HIM VERY CAREFULLY TOO. I HAVE NEVER BEEN TO LANA'I, AND I KIND OF WONDER HOW THIS ONE GUY CAN BUY THE WHOLE ISLAND, AND THEN -- BECAUSE I HAVE -- WITH PEOPLE TELLING ME IT'S PRIVATE PEOPLE AND THEY ARE NOT EVEN THERE. SO THIS PERSON PUTS CAMERAS ALL OVER THE ISLAND AND STILL TRYING TO FIGURE THAT OUT. SO I GO BACK TO HAWAIIAN SAYING -- THE LAND IS THE CHIEF, AND THE MAN IS THE SERVANT. SO THEN I READ DOWN HERE IN THE FOOTNOTES IT SAYS, THE WORD "PROPERTY" STICKS OUT TO ME AGAIN.\r\n\r\n\r\nIS THE PROPERTY THE BUILDINGS OR SOMEBODY IS CLAIMING THAT THE PROPERTY IS THE -- YOU GUYS KNOW WHAT I MEAN? THE LAND CANNOT BE PROPERTY, THE MAN IS THE PROPERTY. SO THAT MIGHT HELP YOU IN YOUR DELIBERATIONS ON THIS ONE. THANK YOU, MR. JOHNSON FOR WORKING SO HARD. SORRY ALICE, THE RULES ARE SUPPOSED TO BE DIRECTED TO YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR WORK.\r\n\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. ANY MORE TESTIFIERS? >> NO, CHAIR, THERE'S NO ONE ELSE SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY. SO WE'LL HAVE LAST CALL FOR TESTIMONY ON THE ORDINANCES. COUNTING DOWN, 3, 2, 1. CHAIR, I DON'T SEE ANYONE WISHING TO TESTIFY. >> ANY OBJECTIONS TO CLOSING PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON ORDINANCES? >> NO OBJECTIONS.\r\n\r\n\r\n>> SO ORDERED. YOU CAN RECEIVE THAT PUBLIC TESTIMONY IN WRITING. MS. CLERK. >> THANK YOU. BEFORE YOU IS BILL 15 (2025) A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI ESTIMATED REVENUES, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COUNTYWIDE COSTS, AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT COUNTYWIDE. >> VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA.\r\n\r\n\r\n>> CHAIR, I MOVE TO DISCHARGE THE BUDGET, FINANCE, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE FROM FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS OF BILL 15 (2025). >> SECOND. >> MOVED BY VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA, SECONDED BY PRO TEM KAMA TO DISCHARGE COMMITTEE OF BILL 15 (2025). DISCUSSION? VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. >> THE MAYOR HAD REQUESTED TO RESCIND BILL 15 (2025) ON MARCH 24TH, THE DAY BEFORE WE GOT AREA BUDGET, APPROVAL OF OUR MOTION WILL ALLOW THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER FILING BILL 15 (2025) AT TODAY'S MEETING. >> ANY MORE DISCUSSION IN ALL THOSE IN FAVOR -- MEMBER PALTIN. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MEMBER SUGIMURA FOR THE EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION WE HAD EARLY YESTERDAY.\r\n\r\n\r\nON BILL 15, AS WELL AS THE PRESENTATION FROM PERSONNEL. IT SEEMS THAT MY UNDERSTANDING OF THIS IS HOW MUCH CARRY OVER SAVINGS FROM FISCAL YEAR 24, AND PRIOR TO YESTERDAY'S PRESENTATION FROM PERSONNEL, I NEVER UNDERSTOOD THAT WE COULD DO A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT TO THE MASTER AGREEMENT AND WITH ALL OF THAT KNOWLEDGE PROVIDED YESTERDAY, YOU KNOW? I STILL WOULD HAVE TAKEN THE SAME AMOUNT THAT THE MAYOR GAVE TO EMERGENCY FUND, BECAUSE YOU KNOW WE HAVE QUITE A BIT OF EMERGENCIES. BUT I THINK THE BALANCE, I WOULD -- I AM CONSIDERING TO PUT TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT AFTER THE MASTER AGREEMENT. BECAUSE A LOT OF THE CARRY-OVER/SAVINGS COMES FROM VACANCIES, AND WHEN WE HAVE THOSE VACANCIES, IT'S THE PEOPLE THAT SHOW UP THAT DO THE EXTRA WORK WHETHER IT'S OVERTIME OR NOT AND IT'S TIME AWAY FROM THEIR FAMILIES. THEN IT'S THE COMMUNITY

THAT GETS HELP, BUT NOT HAVING THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF PEOPLE TO DO THE JOB, AND THEN SOMETIMES THEY TAKE IT OUT ON THE PEOPLE THAT DO SHOW UP TO DO THE JOB. AND SO THAT IS ONE OF MY PRIORITIES TO TAKE THAT CARRY-OVER SAVINGS AND PUT IT ASIDE FOR SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IN THE AREAS THAT WE'RE CHRONICALLY SHORT WORKERS, IN THOSE AREAS AND UNITS THAT HAVEN'T, YOU KNOW, GOTTEN THE INCREASES.\r\n\r\nI'M NOT TALKING ABOUT LIKE FIRE AND POLICE, AND LIKE THAT. I'M SPEAKING SPECIFICALLY TO LIKE UNIT 3, WHICH FOR THE MAJORITY OF MY CAREER I WAS A MEMBER OF UNIT 3. AND WE NEVER GOT THOSE DOUBLE DIGIT INCREASES UNTIL WE BROKE AWAY FROM UNIT 3. SO THOSE ARE WHAT I WOULD GO WITH THE CARRY-OVER/SAVINGS, BECAUSE REALISTICALLY, IF YOU LOOK YEAR AFTER YEAR AFTER YEAR, THOSE ARE POSITIONS THAT WE CAN'T FILL, BECAUSE NO ONE IN THEIR RIGHT MIND WILL TAKE A JOB THAT PAYS THAT LITTLE BIT AND BE ABLE TO RESIDE ON MAUI AND RAISE A FAMILY. THANK YOU. >> SO ARE YOU SPEAKING AGAINST FILING? >> I'M OKAY WITH FILING IT. BUT I'M GOING TO APPROPRIATE THAT AS THOUGH IT WEREN'T FILED, AND SO THEN I GUESS WE HAVE TO FIND LIKE \$30 SOMETHING MILLION IN CUTS. \$32 OR SO, BECAUSE I HEARD WE MAY HAVE COME IN SHORT.\r\n\r\n>> CHAIR? >> YES. VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. >> KIND OF INTERESTING DISCUSSION; RIGHT? SO THIS \$51 MILLION HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN OUR FISCAL YEAR BUDGET THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT. SO IN ORDER FOR US TO DO A FRACTION OF WHAT IS BEING DISCUSSED, WE HAVE TO TAKE A DIFFERENT LOOK AT THIS BILL 15, BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO FIND \$51 MILLION OR WHATEVER THE NUMBER IS IN CUTS IN THE EXISTING BUDGET THAT THE MAYOR HAS PROPOSED. AND WE'RE GOING TO GET CERTIFICATION ON MONDAY AND WHO KNOWS WHAT THAT IS GOING TO BE AND THE PICTURE OF WHAT THAT PICTURE IS GOING TO BE; RIGHT?\r\n\r\n? SO WE HAVE KIND OF IMPORTANT DECISIONS AHEAD OF US. SO IF YOU WANT TO THINK ABOUT THIS BEFORE WE MOVE FORWARD? I DON'T KNOW -- I DON'T KNOW WHAT MAYOR -- NOT MAYOR. MEMBER PALTIN. >> OH, STOP. [LAUGHTER] >> I THINK I'M OKAY WITH FILING IT, BUT EVENTUALLY, THE MONIES, WHETHER WE FILE IT OR DON'T FILE IT, THE MONEY IS GOING TO SHOW UP IN FISCAL YEAR 26. THE QUESTION IS HOW TO OFFSET OR WHATEVER? SO IT WILL BE A FOCUSED DELIBERATION WEEK I'M SURE WITH DECISIONS THAT WILL KEEP US LATE INTO THE NIGHT, BECAUSE YOU KNOW, WE LOVE TO DO STUFF.\r\n\r\nTHE ACTION TODAY, IT DOESN'T MATTER. I MEAN, THE OUTCOME WILL BE WHAT IT WILL BE REALISTICALLY. >> OKAY. >> WE UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE THINKING OF DOING, AND THE MONEY CAN BE FOUND ELSEWHERE. OKAY. SO WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THIS. YES, VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA.\r\n\r\n>> SO I REALLY APPRECIATE MEMBER PALTIN'S THOUGHTS BECAUSE WE HAVE A KIND OF RIGOROUS DECISIONS AHEAD OF US NEXT WEEK AND WE'LL GET THE RPT CERTIFICATION TO FIGURE OUT WHAT OUR TOTAL PICTURE IS FOR OUR BUDGET. JUST TO MAKE THINGS CLEANER; RIGHT? WE HAVE TO BUDGET REALLY THAT WAS OVERSTATED, THAT WAS OUT OF BALANCE BECAUSE WE HAD \$51 MILLION IN OUR POCKET. BUT JUST TO MAKE IT CLEAN, AND MEMBER PALTIN, WE CAN DO EXACTLY WHAT YOU SAID BY SHARPENING OUR PENCILS AND FINDING -- SHARPENING OUR SCISSORS SHE JUST SAID. ANYWAY, I STILL STAND BY MY MOTION TO FILE BILL 15. >> ALL RIGHT. LET'S SHARPEN RIGHT NOW, BECAUSE WE'RE NOT INTO SHARPENING RIGHT NOW AND YOU CAN GET MONEY FOR YOUR FUTURE PROJECTS ANOTHER WAY. >> CHAIR, I'M SORRY FOR INTERRUPTING.\r\n\r\nTHE MOTION ON THE FLOOR IS TO -- >> THIS IS HOW WE ROLL. ALL OVER THE PLACE. YES,. >> I MOVE TO FILE BILL 15. >> YOU ALREADY DO D THAT. YOU MADE THAT MOTION? >> CAN WE HAVE A VOTE ON THE DISCHARGE FIRST? >> YES, JUST ASKING -- JUST VERIFYING THAT THE MOTION WAS MADE, AND SECONDED BY PRO TEM KAMA. SO THIS IS THE MOTION TO DISCHARGE.\r\n\r\nDON'T BE TALKING ABOUT PLANS TO SPEND MONEY, OKAY? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION, RAISE YOUR HAND, SAY AYE? >> AYE. >> NINE AYES, ZERO NOS. MOTION CARRIES. NOW YOU CAN JUST QUICKLY GO THROUGH YOUR DISCUSSION. YOU HAVE TO MAKE A MOTION.\r\n\r\n>> I MOVE TO FILE BILL 15 (2025). >> SECOND. >> MOVED BY VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA, SECOND BY PRO TEM KAMA TO FILE BILL 15 (2025). DISCUSSION? VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. >> THE MAYOR HAD REQUESTED TO RESCIND BILL

15 TO EFFECTUATE THAT REQUEST THE COUNCIL WILL NEED TO FILE THE BILL, WHICH I AM RECOMMENDING THAT WE DO TODAY. THE CERTIFIED REVENUES INCLUDED IN BILL 15 HAS ALSO BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THE MAYOR'S PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET. FILING THIS BILL WILL MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THOSE FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION IN FISCAL YEAR 26. I RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR MEMBERS' SUPPORT OF MY MOTION. >> ANY MORE DISCUSSION?\r\n\r\nALL IN FAVOR, RAISE YOUR HAND SAY AYE. NINE AYES, MOTION CARRIES MS. CLERK . THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, DID YOU WISH TO CONTINUE ON WITH THE AGENDA, OR I THINK YOU WANTED TO TAKE A LUNCH BREAK. >> TAKE A LUNCH BREAK. >> TAKE A SHORT LUNCH BREAK. OKAY. WHAT IS THE SHORTEST WE CAN TAKE?\r\n\r\n>> DID YOU BUY US LUNCH -- KIDDING. >> I'M NOT BUYING YOU NOTHING [LAUGHTER]I WILL TELL YOU WHAT I WILL BUY YOU COUGH DROPS. [LAUGHTER]. >> I LEFT SOME IN THE DRAWER FOR YOU. >> I KNOW, I HAVE BEEN USING THEM ALL DAY. THANK YOU. SHE PUT QUITE A BIT. THANK YOU.\r\n\r\nMEMBERS, JUST PICK A TIME. 20 MINUTES? I MEAN FROM 12:40 TO 1:00, IS THAT WHAT YOU ARE SAYING? >> WHAT IS THE MINIMUM REQUIRED BY OUR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING? >> WE'RE NOT IN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING. >> WE ARE. >> OUR STAFF IS.\r\n\r\n>> I THINK MINIMUM 45 MINUTES, IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY. >> SO 1:30 EVERYBODY? OKAY. THIS MEETING IS IN RECESS UNTIL 1:30. THANK YOU. [GAVEL] [GAVEL] >> WELCOME BACK TO THE COUNCIL MEETING. MY NAME IS YUKI LEI SUGIMURA, I'M THE VICE-CHAIR AND SITTING IN FOR OUR CHAIR LEE, I'M SO GLAD SHE IS GOING TO TAKE A LITTLE BREAK; RIGHT? , SHE WAS COUGHING.\r\n\r\nWHAT TIME IS IT? IT'S 1:44 P.M. AND WE'RE GOING TO CATCH UP, AND BE ON ORDINANCES. SO MAY I HAVE BILL 51, PLEASE. >> YES, CHAIR, BEFORE YOU IS BILL 51 (2025) A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI ESTIMATED REVENUES, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, COUNTYWIDE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, GENERAL FUND COUNTYWIDE TRAFFIC AND SAFETY PROGRAM AND APPENDIX C, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, COUNTYWIDE, COUNTYWIDE TRAFFIC AND SAFETY PROGRAM. >> MEMBER UU-HODGINS >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. I MOVE TO PASS BILL 51 (2025) ON FIRST READING. >> SECOND.\r\n\r\n>> MOTION MADE BY MEMBER UU-HODGINS AND SECONDED BY MEMBER SINENCI. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR, AN ADDITIONAL -- AN INITIAL \$100,000 WAS ALLOCATED TO PHASE 1 OF THIS PROJECT, WHICH INCLUDED CONCEPTUAL DESIGN AND ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING FOR THREE SECURITY GATE ON HOLOMUA ROAD TO ENFORCE SAFETY AND FIRE MITIGATION. HOWEVER, TO FULLY COMPLETE PHASE 1 AN ADDITIONAL \$99,671 IS REQUIRED. THIS BILL WOULD ALLOCATED ADDITIONAL FUNDS NEEDED FOR THE COMPLETION OF DESIGN, PERMITTING NECESSARY PROJECT PREPARATION A. AT THIS TIME I ASK FOR MEMBERS' SUPPORT. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. SO MEMBERS, ANY OTHER DISCUSSION REGARDING THIS MOTION?\r\n\r\nMEMBER PALTIN. >> THANK YOU. SO I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY, THIS IS A BUDGET AMENDMENT FROM THE ADMINISTRATION, AND THEY ARE USING CARRY-OVER/SAVINGS? >> THAT IS A GREAT QUESTION FOR PROBABLY BUDGET DIRECTOR, BUT I THINK SO. YES. I HAVE THE DETAILS. IT IS CARRY-OVER/SAVINGS INTO THE GENERAL FUND BY THAT MANY DOLLARS.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. >> THIS WAS A HOT ITEM WHEN WE WERE AT THE DISTRICT MEETING LAST YEAR. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR SOLVING THIS. MOVING IT FORWARD. ANYBODY ELSE? SEEING NONE, ALL IN FAVOR SAY AYE?\r\n\r\n>> RAISE YOUR HAND? >> AYE. >> I DON'T SEE -- CHAIR LEE ON. THIS EIGHT AYES, ONE EXCUSED. MOTION CARRIES. CONGRATULATIONS. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\n>> NEXT WE HAVE BILL 5 . >> CHAIR BEFORE YOU IS BILL 52 (2025) A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI ESTIMATED REVENUES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY COUNTYWIDE AND APPENDIX C, DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY COUNTYWIDE. >> THANK YOU. MEMBER KAMA, YOU ARE TAKING OVER FOR ME? I THINK YOU HAVE TO BRING UP 53. >> ACTUALLY, CHAIR, YOU HAVE 52 AND 53? 51 AND 52. OKAY. THIS IS 52. >> OKAY. >> CHAIR? >> YES.\r\n\r\n>> FOR BILL 15, I DIDN'T RAISE MY HAND FOR THE VOTE. I'M SORRY, 51.

>> 51. OKAY. >> CAN WE DO A ROLL CALL? >> SURE. HOW DO WE GO BACKWARDS? >> THANK YOU. >> SECOND.\r\n\r\nI ASKED FOR RECONSIDERATION. SO MEMBER JOHNSON CAN HAVE HIS ROLL CALL AND VOTE AS AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER. >> ALL IN FAVOR FOR THE RECONSIDERATION? >> AYE. >> MOTION CARRIES. SO CAN WE DO ROLL CALL AGAIN -- TAKE THIS BILL UP AGAIN AND DO ROLL CALL FOR BILL 51 COUNCIL MEMBER PRO TEMPORE TASHA KAMA. >> YES.\r\n\r\n>> WE NEED A NEW MOTION TO RECONSIDER. >> THIS IS THE MOTION -- SO I'M VOTING YES TO DO RECONSIDERATION; RIGHT? >> NO, WE'RE ON THE MAIN MOTION. WE TOOK THE VOTE ON THE RECONSIDERATION. I SECONDED MEMBER UU-HODGINS' MOTION TO RECONSIDER. >> PERFECT. ALL RIGHT.\r\n\r\nWE'RE CLEAR ON THAT. WE'RE VOTING ON THE MAIN MOTION. >> WE'RE VOTING TO PASS BILL 51 (2025) ON FIRST READING. >> COUNCIL MEMBER PRO TEMPORE TASHA KAMA. >> YES. >> COUNCIL MEMBER TAMARA PALTIN? >> AYE.\r\n\r\n>> COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON? >> NO. >> COUNCIL MEMBER KEANI RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER TOM COOK? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER NOHELANI UU-HODGINS?\r\n\r\n>> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER SHANE SINENCI? >> AYE. >> CHAIR LEE? >> SHE IS EXCUSED. >> VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA. >> AYE.\r\n\r\n>> CHAIR YOU HAVE SERV AYES, ONE EXCUSED AND ONE NO. MOTION CARRIES. >> THANK YOU. NOW WE'RE ON BILL 52. >> WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO RECALL IT? CHAIR, BEFORE YOU IS BILL 52 (2025) A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI ESTIMATED REVENUES, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, COUNTYWIDE, APPENDIX C, DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, COUNTYWIDE. >> MEMBER KAMA. >> SO I MOVE TO PASS BILL 52 (2025) ON FIRST READING.\r\n\r\n>> SO MOTION MADE BY MEMBER KAMA, SECOND BY MEMBER COOK. DISCUSSION. >> MEMBERS, BILL 52 (2025) AMENDS THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET BY INCREASING ESTIMATED REVENUES FROM THE OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL BY \$63,846 AND APPROPRIATING THE FUNDS FOR A CIP FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY ENTITLED "LEAD AND COPPER RULE REVISION COMPLIANCE." THE FUNDS ARE NEEDED TO COMPLETE COMPLIANCE FOR FEDERAL LEAD AND COPPER RULE REVISIONS. PROJECT WAS FUNDED THROUGH THE STATE REVOLVING FUND AND AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE, BUT THE LOAN WAS NOT FULLY ENCUMBERED BY THE DEPARTMENT -- BY THE DECEMBER 31ST, 2024 DEADLINE. THIS AMENDMENT WILL ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY TO ENCUMBER THE REMAINING BALANCE OF THE LOAN AND COMPLETE THE WORK. RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR MEMBERS' SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. THANK YOU, CHAIR.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION? IF NOT, ALL IN FAVOR, RAISE YOUR HAND, SAY AYE. DID EVERYBODY VOTE? EIGHT AYES, ONE EXCUSED, CHAIR LEE. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\n>> GO AHEAD. >> CHAIR, BEFORE YOU IS BILL 52 (2025) A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, GRANTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY, KAHULUI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS HALAU HULA, KALUOKALU AND HALAU KEKUAOKALA 'AU 'ALA 'ILIAHI. >> MEMBER KAMA. >> I WOULD MOVE TO PASS BILL 52 (2025) ON FIRST READING. >> THANK YOU. MOTION MADE BY MEMBER KAMA, SECOND BY MEMBER COOK. DISCUSSION?\r\n\r\n>> MEMBERS, THIS BILL AMENDS THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET BY CHANGING THE CONDITIONS OF THE CAUL EWE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS UNDER THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AS FOLLOWS: DELETING TWO CONDITIONS FOR ENTITIES NO LONGER NEEDING THE FUNDS. AND WAIT FOR IT -- AND ADDING TWO NEW CONDITIONS FOR THE HALAU HULA CULTURAL PROGRAMS. THIS MATTER IS URGENT BECAUSE THE CYCLE IS QUICKLY COMING TO A CLOSE AND RATHER THAN LETTING THESE LAPSES AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR I'M REQUESTING THAT THEY BE USED TO SUPPORT THESE HALAU, STRENGTHENING THE CULTURAL PROGRAMS THEY OFFER OUR COMMUNITY. I RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR MEMBERS' SUPPORT OF MY MOTION. >> ANYBODY ELSE FOR DISCUSSION? IF NOT, LET US TAKE THE VOTE, ALL IN FAVOR, RAISE YOUR HAND, SAY AYE. I SEE CHAIR LEE?\r\n\r\n>> AYE. HI. >> VERY GOOD. WELCOME. NINE AYES, NO EXCUSED. MOTION CARRIES. THANK YOU, MEMBER KAMA.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU.

>> ALL RIGHT, NEXT WE'RE ON. >> ORDINANCES FOR SECOND AND FINAL. MOVING ON TO BILL 3 CD 1, FD 1 (2024) A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.56.060 MAUI COUNTY CODE RELATING TO FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS. >> ALL RIGHT. SO DO WE NEED TO TAKE TESTIMONY HERE? >> NO, CHAIR.\r\n\r\n>> THERE'S NONE. OKAY. SO AT THIS TIME, MEMBER UU-HODGINS. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. I MOVE TO PASS BILL 3 CD 1, FD 1 (2024) ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. >> IS THERE A SECOND? >> SECOND.\r\n\r\n>> MEMBER COOK IS THE SECOND, AND MEMBER UU-HODGINS MADE THE MOTION. DISCUSSION? >> THANK YOU AGAIN, CHAIR. THIS BILL ADDRESSEES PRIVACY THREATS AND SAFETY CONCERNS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS BY REDACTING SENSITIVE INFORMATION SUCH AS ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS ADDITIONALLY THE COUNTY CLERK AND DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL DUE TO PRIVACY THREATS THROUGHOUT THE NATION. IT SAYS OTHER THINGS, BUT I WILL SAY THROUGHOUT THE NATION. I RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR MEMBERS' SUPPORT OF MY MOTION. THANK YOU.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. ANYTHING ELSE HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD? SEEING NONE, I THINK THIS IS A GOOD WAY OF PROTECTING THOSE THAT GIVE US PUBLIC SERVICE. ALL IN FAVOR RAISE YOUR HAND, SAY AYE? >> AYE. >> >> NINE AYES, MOTION CARRIES. NOW WE HAVE INTERESTING; RIGHT?\r\n\r\nIS BILL 3 FD 1 (2025) SO ALTHOUGH IT SOUNDS LIKE IT'S THE SAME NUMBER, IT'S NOT. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR, BILL 3 FD 2 (2025) A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE TO RATIFY ORDINANCE 5702 (2024) AMENDING THE LANA'I COMMUNITY PLAN FOR 268.369 ACRES LOCATED IN LANA'I CITY, LANA'I, HAWAII IDENTIFIED AS TAX MAP KEYS 2-4-9-001:021, 024, 030, 2-4-9-002:001 PORTION 061 PORTIONS, 2-4-9-0-18:002, 003 PORTION, 005, AND 2-4-9-21:009 LANA'I PROJECT DISTRICT 2 KO'ELE. >> MEMBER KAMA. >> I MOVE TO PASS THE BILL ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. >> MOTION MADE BY MEMBER KAMA, SECOND BY MEMBER COOK. DISCUSSION. >> NO DISCUSSION, CHAIR.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. MEMBER JOHNSON. >> I SAW THE SECONDER WAS COUNCIL MEMBER COOK'S HAND UP. I CAN GO, BUT IF YOU WANT TO SECOND. >> I'M SORRY, I DIDN'T SEE YOU. OKAY. THEN WE'LL CALL MEMBER COOK NEXT.\r\n\r\n>> FIRST OFF I WANT TO THANK THE COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO SHOWED UP IN-PERSON THANK YOU, COUNCIL MEMBER TOM COOK, COUNCIL MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. KNOW IT'S HARD TO GET OUT THERE, BUT THE COMMUNITY REALLY APPRECIATED YOU. AS YOU KNOW IN THAT THAT LITTLE OFFICE IT WAS STANDING-ROOM ONLY. PEOPLE CARE ABOUT THIS ISSUE AND OF COURSE, PEOPLE WILL SAY WELL IT WAS LIKE LAST-MINUTE AND WE MADE A MISTAKE AS OUR PROCESSES WE DIDN'T HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THEM. BUT THAT BEING SAID, PUTTING ALL THE PROCESSES ASIDE, THEIR VOICE MEANT A LOT. THEIR VOICE HELD WATER TO ME. AND THOSE FOLKS WEREN'T THERE BEING PAID TO TESTIFY AGAINST.\r\n\r\nTHE PEOPLE WHO WERE THERE TESTIFYING FOR WERE BEING PAID. AND THAT MEANS A LOT TO ME. THIS IS MY DISTRICT, MEMBERS. I TRY TO LISTEN TO YOU GUYS IN YOUR DISTRICTS AND SOMETIMES WE HAVE DISAGREEMENTS NATURALLY, BUT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT MATTERS TO MY LITTLE COMMUNITY. I KNOW IT'S JUST A HOUSE AS SOME SAY, BUT I DON'T THINK SO. IT'S THE PLACE. THE FOLKS THE EVANS FAMILY, MR.\r\n\r\nCATIEL, I KNOW MELVIN FOR MANY YEARS AND I HAVE NEVER SEEN HIM TESTIFY. HE PUT THE PIN AND SAID THIS IS WHERE IT WILL BE. I APPRECIATE THAT TESTIMONY. I SEE HIM ON THE STREETS AND TALK STORY, BUT TO SEE HIM COME INTO YOUR SYSTEM AND TESTIFY, THAT MEANS HE CARED, CARED ENOUGH TO COME TESTIFY. THESE ARE LONG-TERM FAMILIES, LONG GENERATIONAL FAMILIES, AND THEY HAD SOMETHING TO SAY. SO I HOPE THEIR VOICES MOVED NEEDLE. SO I'M GOING TO VOTE NO ON THIS.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU, CHAIR. >> WE'LL DO ROLL CALL. MEMBER COOK. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. THANK YOU, MEMBER JOHNSON. IT WAS -- I WAS GLAD TO BE ABLE TO BE THERE AND BE ABLE TO HEAR THE PEOPLE'S VOICES. I WOULD LIKE -- I'M GOING TO BE SUPPORTIVE AND I WILL SAY WHY AND I WOULD LIKE TO THE PEOPLE TO KNOW THAT THEY ARE HEARD.\r\n\r\nTHE REASON I'M SUPPORTING THIS IS BASICALLY THIS COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT THEY ARE ADDING ELEVEN ACRES, AND THEY ARE REMOVING -- I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY ACRES? RIGHT TO BUILD 750 RESORT HOMES, AND THEY ARE REMOVING

THE GOLF COURSE. SO I THINK THAT IS POSSIBLY BEEN LOST IN THE DISCUSSION. THEY CURRENTLY HAVE RIGHT NOW ENTITLEMENTS TO BUILD 750 RESORT HOMES, LUXURY HOMES WHATEVER YOU WANT TO CALL IT AND BUILD A GOLF COURSE. THEY ARE GIVING UP ALL OF THAT ENTITLEMENTS, BECAUSE THAT IS NOT THE DIRECTION THEY WANT TO GO. IT'S NOT THE DIRECTION THAT THE COMMUNITY APPARENTLY WANTS TO GO WITH THAT TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT AND THAT MAGNITUDE OF DEVELOPMENT. I FIND IT VERY FRANKLY REFRESHING.\r\n\r\nIT'S UNUSUAL AND I FIND IT'S REFRESHING WHERE A DEVELOPER IS YIELDING ON THAT, AND DOWN-SIZING. SO IN THE SCOPE OF THINGS, APPROVING THIS COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT, I THINK THAT THE -- THAT CONTEXT NEEDS TO BE KEPT IN PLACE. I THINK MY SENSE IS THE DEVELOPER WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY, AND NOT BE OVERLY HARD HEADED. I THINK I HAVE UNDERSTAND THAT PALAMA LANA'I CARES, BUT TO HAVE THE MOVING OF THE HOUSE PREVENT THIS MAGNITUDE OF ADJUSTMENT AND THE COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT FOR THE MASTER PLAN, I THINK WE SHOULD APPROVE THIS AND ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPER TO WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY. SO THAT IS MY FEEDBACK. >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ANYBODY ELSE HAVE ANY COMMENTS?\r\n\r\nALL RIGHT, IF NOT, I'M GOING TO ASK FOR ROLL CALL. MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> MAHALO, CHAIR. I WILL BE VOTING NO ON THIS MOTION. AT THE REQUEST OF THE COMMUNITY, AND THE COUNCIL MEMBER OF THAT DISTRICT, WHO ASKED US TO SUPPORT HIM IN BEING THE VOICE OF ALL THE PEOPLE THAT CAME OUT. I WAS THERE IN-PERSON, AND I FELT THEIR HEART. THIS MORNING, WE HONORED UNCLE WALTER IN HIS LIFETIME OF ENSURING ACCESS TO OUR 'AINA.\r\n\r\nACCESS TO OUR CULTURE, ACCESS TO ALL OF THE PLACES THAT HELPED TO SHAPE OUR IDENTITY, THE STORIED PLACES, THE PLACES THAT WHEN I HEARD IN TESTIMONY THAT SOME OF THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE NOT HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO GO, AND THAT THEY HAVE ONLY HEARD STORIES ABOUT. ONE TESTIMONY THEY TALKED ABOUT MAI 'AINA, THAT ONLY GROWS IN THAT PLACE. THAT IS REALLY SPECIAL. WHAT I HEARD IN TESTIMONY WAS A COMMUNITY GASPING FOR AIR, ASKING US TO HELP THEM, BECAUSE THEY ARE BEING STRANGLERED BY THIS BILLIONAIRE, AND THEY ARE SUFFOCATING AND WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE. THE BILLIONAIRE DOESN'T LIVE HERE. I WANT US TO BE THE VOICE OF ALL OF THE PEOPLE THAT ARE NOT BILLIONAIRES, WHO HAVE ALL THIS POWER, AND JUST DO WHATEVER THEY WANT, BECAUSE THEY HAVE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS. I WANT THEIR VOICE TO MEAN SOMETHING TO US, BECAUSE GOVERNMENT IS SUPPOSED TO BE OF THE PEOPLE, AND THEY ARE COMING TO US, BECAUSE THEY FEEL DISEMPOWERED AND WE'RE SUPPOSED TO HELP TO GIVE THEM LEVERAGE.\r\n\r\nWE'RE THE COLLECTIVE OF THE PEOPLE, AND WE'RE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE AND NOT JOIN FORCES WITH THOSE WITH POWER TO STEP ON THEM. MAHALO, CHAIR. >> THANK YOU. MEMBER PALTIN. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. I WASN'T THERE, BECAUSE YOU KNOW, WE HAD DEADLINES THAT YOU GAVE US AND I WAS STILL FINISHING THEM UP, AND MY KIDS NEEDED TO BE TAKEN TO SEPARATE ACTIVITIES BY THEIR SEPARATE PARENTS. IT WAS A DIVIDE AND CONQUER MOMENT IN THIS -- IN MY HOUSEHOLD BECAUSE ONE HAD FOOTBALL AND ONE HAD -- AND THERE WAS A DEADLINE ON MONDAY.\r\n\r\nAND I THOUGHT WE DIDN'T DO OUTSIDE WORK DURING BUDGET, BUT THAT IS BESIDES THE POINT. YOU KNOW FOR ME, THERE IS PLENTY OF PLACES THAT ONLY NOW EXIST IN MY MEMORIES DREAM PIPES, KAIMUKI, BLACK SAND BEACH, THAT ONLY EXISTS IN MY MEMORIES. QUEEN'S BATH IN KALAPANA THAT ONLY EXISTS IN MY MEMORIES THE BOAT RAMP AT POHOIKI, HISTORIC LAHAINA TOWN ONLY EXISTS IN MY MEMORIES. AND ALL OF THOSE PLACES THAT DON'T EXIST IN REALITY WHERE I CAN TAKE MY KIDS TO, OR SHOW THEM, AND THEY CAN SMELL ALL OF THE SMELLS LIKE THE EU KAI OR SEE WHAT BLACK SAND BEACH AS FAR AS YOU GO LOOKS LIKE, CAN FEEL LIKE THE THIRD DEGREE BURNS WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE SLIPPERS ON, AND THE SAND IS SO HOT. THEY WILL NEVER EXPERIENCE THOSE THINGS, AND MOSTLY IT WAS NOT HUMAN DECISIONS. THE REASON WHY THEY WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO EXPERIENCE THOSE WAHI PANA. YOU KNOW, I THINK OF MY HUSBAND'S GRANDKID THAT WAS JUST BORN ON APRIL 2ND.\r\n\r\nHE WILL NEVER KNOW WHAT LAHAINA WAS LIKE THAT GENERATIONS OF HIS FAMILY GREW UP TO SEE,

BECAUSE IT DOESN'T EXIST ANYMORE. THE PLACE WHERE HIS GREAT, GREAT, GREAT-GREAT-GRANDFATHER USED TO CALL THE OPU LUMA, JACOB, THEY KILLED JACOB SPORTS FISHING OR WHATEVER. THESE ARE ALL THINGS THAT DON'T EXIST ANY MORE, AND IT'S REALLY MALA USED TO BE A FISHING VILLAGE AND THAT DOESN'T EXIST ANY MORE. THERE'S SO MUCH OF OLD HAWAI'I THAT DOESN'T EXIST ANY MORE. THE DEMOGRAPHIC, THE ECOLOGY, THE LIFESTYLE DOESN'T EXIST ANY MORE, AND A LOT OF IT WASN'T BY THE CHOICES OF THE PEOPLE, AND THIS RIGHT HERE IS SETTling THE BEST THAT THE BILLIONAIRE COMPANY CAN DO IS OFFER A CHANGE, BUT NOT THE CHANGE, THE FULL ENTIRE CHANGE THAT THE PEOPLE WERE ASKING FOR. I MEAN, THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH CHANGING THE COMMUNITY PLAN FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS THAT THE COMPANY WANTS, AND THERE'S ALSO NOTHING WRONG WITH NOT MOVING THE HOUSES AND MAKING YOUR THING SOMEPLACE ELSE ON THE OTHER 98% OF THE LAND THAT THE COMPANY OWNS. I'M NOT ALWAYS HAPPY THAT I HAVE THIS POSITION, BUT WHEN I THINK TO WHY EVEN I DECIDED TO RUN FOR ANYTHING IT WAS TO REPRESENT THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE THAT TESTIFIED.\r\n\r\nTHOSE WERE THE PEOPLE, THE REASON THAT I RAN FOR ANYTHING. NOT A CORPORATION, MR. ELLISON, ALTHOUGH MAYBE HE IS A CONSTITUENT AS WELL, BUT YOU KNOW, ALL OF THE PEOPLE THAT CAME OUT AND SHARED THEIR MEMORIES OF THE PEOPLE WHO LIVED IN THAT HOUSE, AND IT'S NOT ABOUT JUST THE HOUSE. IT'S THE MEMORIES OF THEIR 'OHANA THAT TOOK THEM INTO THE HOUSE. IT'S THEIR MEMORIES OF THE BREEZE AND THE SCENERY OF THE AREA, THE WAHI PANA, AND WHAT I HEARD OVERALL WAS THEY DIDN'T WANT US TO CHECK THE BOX, YOU KNOW? VOTING YES TODAY IS JUST CHECKING THE BOX, AND THAT IS A SPECIFIC ASK THAT THEY ASKED AGAIN, AND I THINK THAT WE SHOULD GO BACK, IF WE MADE A MISTAKE IN THE PROCESS, WE SHOULD GO BACK AND OPEN IT BACK UP, AND SEE IF WE CAN COME TO SOMETHING THAT EVERYONE CAN AGREE ON AND LIKE. I HAVE DEALT WITH TOO MANY CORPORATIONS TO JUST MOVE FORWARD BASED ON HOPE AND ENCOURAGEMENT, YOU KNOW?\r\n\r\nWE HAVE A LONG HISTORY WITH ALL KINDS OF CORPORATIONS, AND THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED IN WEST MAUI, COUNTY OF MAUI, WHATEVER. SO I WILL JOIN MY COLLEAGUES IN URGING FOLKS NOT TO JUST CHECK THE BOX, TAKE THE TIME TO DISCUSS IT, YOU KNOW, THE REPRESENTATIVES WERE HOPEFUL THAT THEY COULD COME UP WITH SOMETHING, AND WHY ARE WE RUSHING THIS THROUGH? YOU KNOW? ANY LEVERAGE THE COMMUNITY HAS IS LOST THE MINUTE YOU VOTE-YES. AND SO I'M NOT GOING TO CHECK THE BOX. I'M GOING TO ADMIT MY MISTAKE, WE DIDN'T FOLLOW THE RULES AND THE ORDER, AND AS WE TRY TO FIX IT, IF THE GENERATIONAL COMMUNITY OF THE AREA SAID OH, THIS IS A GOOD SOLUTION, YOU KNOW? YOU HAD THE PUBLIC HEARING AFTER, AND WE CAN RATIFY IT.\r\n\r\nTHEN I WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM VOTING YES. BUT IT WASN'T ACCEPTABLE TO THEM, YOU KNOW? WE SKIPPED A STEP. WE MESSED UP. AND THEY ARE ASKING US NOT TO CHECK THE BOX, AND I HAVE MY OWN EXPERIENCE WITH PLACES THAT ONLY EXIST IN MY MEMORY AND I DO NOT WANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THAT FOR ANOTHER COMMUNITY. SO I WON'T BE SUPPORTING IT AND REQUESTING A ROLL CALL. >> ANYBODY ELSE HAVE ANY COMMENTS?\r\n\r\nCHAIR LEE? >> CHAIR LEE, YOU'RE MUTED. >> I CAN'T SEE THESE THINGS. OKAY. >> WE CAN HEAR YOU AND SEE YOU. >> OKAY. THERE'S A GLARE RIGHT OVER THAT MICROPHONE.\r\n\r\nANYWAY, I'M VOTING FOR THE MOTION, AND I -- IT'S SAD WHENEVER THERE'S NOT 100% AGREEMENT ON ANYTHING, BUT I FEEL COMFORTABLE KNOWING THAT THE COMPANY DID TRY TO STRIKE A COMPROMISE THAT WAS SATISFACTORY. AND APPARENTLY IT DIDN'T SATISFY EVERYONE. BUT THE FACT THAT THEY DID TRY WHILE THEY MOVED THE HOMES TO THE SAME SIDE OF THE PROPERTY, 500' AWAY, AND THAT SEEMED TO SATISFY SOME PEOPLE. UNFORTUNATELY IT DIDN'T SATISFY EVERYBODY. AS MEMBER COOK SAID, THEY COULD HAVE DEVELOPED THAT AREA MUCH MORE INTENSELY THAN THEY ARE GOING DO NOW. SO IN THE SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE, AND THE FACT THAT I WOULD WANT TO CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE THE COMPANY TO WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE, AS THEY HAVE IN THE PAST, I AM GOING TO VOTE FOR THE MOTION. THANK YOU.\r\n\r\n>> ANYBODY ELSE? MEMBER JOHNSON, DID YOU RAISE YOUR HAND AGAIN? >> SURE, FOR ONE MORE.

THE PLACE. BUT UNFORTUNATELY CHANGE HAPPENS AND A LOT OF PLACES I RECALL AS A CHILD ARE NO LONGER THERE. AND BECAUSE IN LAHAINA IN THE CASE OF LAHAINA, THAT WAS HUMAN NATURE. THAT WAS A NATURAL DISASTER.\r\n\r\nAND SO WE HAVE BEEN VICTIMS OF NATURAL DISASTERS OVER THE YEARS THAT HAVE CHANGED OUR LANDSCAPE, AND HAVE ERASED SOME OF OUR MEMORIES. SO YOU KNOW, I HOPE PEOPLE THINK ABOUT THAT. THE GOOD THING IS THAT WE DO HAVE SOME MEMORIES, BUT THE MAIN POINT I WAS TRYING TO MAKE THOUGH IS THAT MYSELF ALONG WITH OTHERS WHO WEREN'T ABLE TO MAKE THE MEETING DON'T TAKE THAT AS A DISINTEREST. BECAUSE WE ARE INTERESTED. WE CARE ABOUT THE ISLAND REGARDLESS OF WHAT OTHER PEOPLE SAY. AND WE, WE ARE COMMITTED TO REPRESENTING EVERYONE IN MAUI COUNTY, NOT JUST ONE GEOGRAPHIC PLACE, BUT EVERYWHERE. SO I JUST WANT TO MAKE THAT POINT, BECAUSE IN CASE ANYBODY HAD ANY DOUBTS ABOUT THAT.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU, CHAIR. >> POINT OF INFORMATION? >> THANK YOU. POINT OF INFORMATION. MEMBER JOHNSON. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. JUST A POINT OF INFORMATION IN REGARDS TO THE ENTITLEMENTS.\r\n\r\nIF THE COMPANY EXERCISED ITS FULL ENTITLEMENTS IT'S REQUIRED TO BUILD A BYPASS ROAD. IF YOU DON'T DO THAT, THEN YOU DON'T HAVE TO BUILD THE BYPASS ROAD AND THAT IS SOMETHING TO BE CONSIDERED, MEMBERS, THAT THEY ARE GETTING OUT OF BUILDING THE BYPASS ROAD BY DOING IT THIS WAY. THE COMMUNITY WANTED THE BYPASS ROAD FOR MANY YEARS, WE'RE NOT GETTING IT. YOU KNOW, THERE WAS A LOT OF TEARS SHED BY THE EVANS FAMILIES ON THIS, AND I JUST THINK THAT WE SHOULDN'T -- WE SHOULDN'T -- WE SHOULD TAKE THAT INTO ACCOUNT. BUT THE FACT THAT THEY ARE SAYING WELL WE'RE GIVING UP ENTITLEMENTS, YEAH, BUT YOU ARE ALSO GIVING UP A BYPASS ROAD AND WE KNOW MANY DEVELOPERS DON'T WANT TO BUILD ROADS AND LOOK AT 670 WHO IS REPRESENTED BY THE SAME LAWYER ON BOTH PROJECTS FYI, SO THERE IS YOUR POINT OF INFORMATION, CHAIR. >> MEMBER UU-HODGINS. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR.\r\n\r\nWHAT I WANTED TO ADD, SINCE EVERYBODY WAS TALKING ABOUT THE MEETING ON LANA'I THAT I WASN'T ABLE TO GO, NOR WAS I ABLE GO TO THE BUDGET MEETING. I DO APOLOGIZE THAT. THE MAJORITY OF THESE MEETINGS EVEN DURING BUDGET HAPPEN WHEN MY HUSBAND IS AT WORK AND I HAVE FIVE KIDS NO DIFFERENT THAN MEMBER PALTIN AND I HAVE DO IT BY MYSELF IF MY HUSBAND IS AT WORK. I MAY SEE HIM THE NEXT DAY, THAT IS WHAT IT'S LIKE BEING MARRIED TO A FIREMAN. I DO APOLOGIZE, BECAUSE I WANT THERE, AS CHAIR LEE SAID, IT DOESN'T MEAN I'M NOT INTERESTED OR I DON'T CARE. I THINK MEMBER PALTIN'S WORDS WERE BEAUTIFUL AND POETIC AND UNFORTUNATELY REALLY SAD. I DON'T DISAGREE WITH MEMBER COOK EITHER.\r\n\r\nI WILL RESPECTFULLY BEING VOTING YES. I DON'T MEAN ANY HARM OR DISRESPECT. THAT IS NOT MY INTENTION. I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT I WOULD HAVE LOVED TO BE THERE, I PROBABLY WOULD HAVE SHED A FEW EARS AS WELL. I THINK CRYING IS KIND OF CONTAGIOUS AT THIS POINT ON THE JOB, BUT I JUST WANTED TO SEND ALL MY RESPECT. THANK YOU, CHAIR. >> OKAY.\r\n\r\nSO I'M GOING VOTE YES. I TOO, LIKE MEMBER COOK WAS SAYING RESPECT THE DEVELOPER IN THIS CASE, THE BIG PROPERTY OWNER. THEY ARE GIVING UP THE ABILITY TO EVEN MAKE MORE MONEY; RIGHT? IF THEY COULD BUILD MORE HOUSES AND WHATEVER THEY WERE ENTITLED TO DO AND GIVING THAT UP FOR THE COMMUNITY. I RESPECT THAT A LOT, BECAUSE THAT DOESN'T HAVE TO HAPPEN. I THINK THEY HAD NUMEROUS COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND I HEARD -- I WAS SITTING NEXT TO MEMBER PALTIN IN THE CHAMBERS LISTENING TO THE MEETING, AND I DIDN'T -- WE WERE IN THE CHAMBERS, YOUR HOME. I WAS SITTING IN THAT CHAIR.\r\n\r\nSO I WAS SITTING IN THE CHAMBERS LISTENING TO THE MEETING AND I DID STAY BACK BECAUSE OF BUDGET AND THE DEADLINES THAT WE HAD OUT OF CONSIDERATION FOR, YOU KNOW, WHAT WE NEEDED TO DO FOR THE GREATER COMMUNITY IN A DIFFERENT WAY. SO MEMBERS, ANY OTHER COMMENTS? I'M GOING TO TAKE THE ROLL-CALL VOTE. SECOND AND FINAL, SURE. >> FOR MY SECOND AND FINAL, I WOULD JUST SAY THAT TO THE POINT ABOUT THEY'RE GIVING UP ENTITLEMENTS AND THEY ARE GIVING UP MONEY, IF YOU OWN SO MUCH BILLIONS OF DOLLARS, AND YOU'RE MORE TOWARDS THE CEMETERY END OF LIFE, THEN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL END OF LIFE, I REALLY DON'T SEE WHAT THAT HAS TO DO

WITH ANYTHING, YOU KNOW? I MEAN HOW MUCH BILLIONS OF DOLLARS UNTIL YOU WIN? IS IT \$500 BILLION? \r\n\r\nIS IT A TRILLION? I MEAN, REALISTICALLY, I'M NOT GOING TO GIVE NOBODY ANY CREDIT THAT HAS OVER 100 BILLION DOLLARS, OH, YOU GAVE UP SOME MONEY BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T UTILIZE YOUR FULL ENTITLEMENTS. LIKE, HERE'S IS US TRYING TO FIGURE OUT A 1.6 BILLION DOLLARS IS CHUMP CHANGE TO THESE KIND. TO SAY THEY ARE GIVING UP MONEY, LIKE, I DON'T EVEN UNDERSTAND HOW THAT IS A POINT, WHEN YOU HAVE HUNDREDS OF BILLIONS OF DOLLARS, YOU KNOW? THEY DON'T WANT TO HELP OUT THE COMMUNITY AND COMMUNITY SERVING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE 201H RENTAL PROJECT. THEY ARE LIKE, NO, WE CAN'T BRING THE -- WHAT IS IT? STUB-OUTS TO YOUR PROPERTY, THAT IS NOT US, YOU KNOW? \r\n\r\nWE WANT EVERYBODY TO LIVE AT OUR RENTAL HOUSES, SO THAT WE CAN MAKE THE RULES. SKATEPARK. NO ASSISTANCE ON THAT. MAYBE HE LIKES CATS, I DON'T KNOW. BUT I'M NOT GIVING NO CREDIT WHERE NO CREDIT IS DUE, THAT THEY ARE LOSING OUT ON SOME MONEY, WHEN YOU ALREADY HAVE A HUNDRED BILLION SOMETHING DOLLARS. I MEAN, THAT IS KIND OF A RIDICULOUS POINT. >> THANK YOU. \r\n\r\nANYBODY ELSE? ALL RIGHT, LET'S VOTE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER PRO TEMPORE TASHA KAMA? >> YES. >> VICE-CHAIR SUGIMURA? >> YES. >> COUNCIL MEMBER PALTIN? \r\n\r\n>> NO. >> COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON? >> NO. >> COUNCIL MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ? >> AOLE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER COOK? >> AYE. \r\n\r\n>> COUNCIL MEMBER UU-HODGINS? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER SINENCI? >> NO. >> COUNCIL CHAIR LEE? >> AYE. >> THERE ARE FIVE AYES, FOUR NOS, MOTION CARRIES. \r\n\r\n>> OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GREAT DISCUSSION EVERYONE. NEXT GO TO BILL 16, PLEASE. >> BILL 16 (2025) A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH STATE OF HAWAI'I DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS, HAWAI'I OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH DIVISION, FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS AT THE KIHEI WASTEWATER RECLAMATION FACILITY. >> COUNCIL MEMBER COOK. >> CHAIR, MAY I REQUEST THE COUNTY CLERK ALSO CALL UP BILL 19 CD 1 (2025) AND BILL 28 CD 1 (2025). >> YES. \r\n\r\n>> BILL 19 CD 1 (2025) A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY FOR A GROUNDWATER AVAILABILITY STUDY IN WEST MAUI. BILL 28, CD 1 (2025) A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 16.29 MAUI COUNTY CODE RELATING TO FLOOD HAZARD AREAS. >> MEMBER COOK. >> I MOVE TO PASS BILL 16 (2025), BILL 19 CD IS (2025) AND BILL 28 CD 1 (2025) ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. >> SECOND. >> MOTION MADE BY MEMBER COOK. SECOND BY MEMBER UU-HODGINS. \r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU, CHAIR. BILL 19 AUTHORIZES THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FOLLOWING 20 SAFETY VIOLATIONS IDENTIFIED BY -- ALL VIOLATIONS HAVE SINCE BEEN RESOLVED AND PROACTIVE MONITORING EFFORTS ARE UNDERWAY. BILL 19 AUTHORIZES A THREE-PHASED GROUNDWATER STUDY IN WEST MAUI TO ADDRESS GROWING WATER DEMANDS. THE STUDY WILL BE JOINTLY FUNDED BY USGS, THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY AND THE STATE COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT. THE DATA GATHERED WILL INFORM SUSTAINABLE WATER RESOURCE PLANNING AND FUTURE WATER DEVELOPMENT. BILL 28 ALLOWS THE COUNTY TO DESIGNATE FLOOD-PRONE AREA AS PART OF A SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA EVEN IF THEY ARE NOT CURRENTLY DELINEATED ON FEMA'S FLOOD INSURANCE MAP. THIS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT FOR AREAS LIKE LAHAINA WHERE NEW POST-FIRE RISKS ARE IDENTIFIED THROUGH ONGOING STUDIES. \r\n\r\nI RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR MEMBERS' SUPPORT OF MY MOTION. >> ANY OTHER DISCUSSION? MEMBER PALTIN. >> BILL 19 AND BILL 28 HAVE IMPACTS TO WEST MAUI FOR BILL 19 AS I READ ON THE THREE-MEMBER REPORT EARLIER TODAY WHAT WE REALLY NEED IS DATA TO SEE WHAT IS GOING ON. SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO GUESSTIMATE BASED ON ANOTHER ISLAND'S GEOGRAPHIC STRUCTURE THAT IS NOTHING LIKE OUR OWN. SO SUPPORTIVE OF BILL 19 FOR BILL 28, A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE ALREADY REBUILDING. SO THIS IS A LITTLE BIT LATE, BUT I GUESS IT'S SIX OF ONE AND HALF A DOZEN OF THE OTHER, BECAUSE IF THEY HAD DONE THIS ON-TIME, A LOT OF PEOPLE'S EXPENSES MIGHT HAVE GONE UP. \r\n\r\nBUT LIKE MEMBER COOK SAID, THESE ARE

THINGS THAT YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW AND ADDRESS ON THE FRONT END, RATHER THAN THE BACK-END. SO SIX OF ONE AND HALF A DOZEN OF THE OTHER. I WILL BE SUPPORTING ALL THREE. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. ANY OTHER DISCUSSION, MEMBERS? SEEING NONE, ALL IN FAVOR RAISE YOUR HAND?\r\n\r\nSO MEMBER JOHNSON LEFT. SO THIS IS LIKE EIGHT AYES, AND ONE EXCUSED. MEMBER JOHNSON. THANK YOU. NEXT. BILL 33. >> THANK YOU. BILL 33 CD 1 (2025) A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI APPENDIX A, PART II, AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND KAIAPULU NAPILI.\r\n\r\n>> MEMBER KAMA. >> I MOVE TO PASS BILL 33 CD 1 (2025) ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. >> SECOND. >> THANK YOU. MEMBER UU-HODGINS SECONDED. MEMBER KAMA MADE THE MOTION. DISCUSSION?\r\n\r\n>> NO DISCUSSION. THANK YOU, CHAIR. >> OKAY. ARE WE READY TO VOTE? ALL IN FAVOR, RAISE YOUR HAND, SAY AYE. EIGHT AYES, ONE EXCUSED, MEMBER JOHNSON. THANK YOU UNFINISHED BESS THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, WE'LL CALL QUICKLY FOR ANY TESTIMONY ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.\r\n\r\nWE DON'T HAVE ANYONE SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY. SO I WILL GO AHEAD AND GIVE LAST CALL. COUNTING DOWN, 3, 2, 1. VICE-CHAIR, THERE'S NO ONE SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY. >> THANK YOU. SO WE'LL PROCEED WITH RESO 25-80. >> SO MOVING FORWARD. RESOLUTION 25-80 AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR THE GRANT UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM. >> THIS IS THE CDBG DOCUMENT.\r\n\r\nMEMBER KAMA. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. I MOVE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 25-80. >> SECOND. >> THANK YOU. MOTIONS MADE BY MEMBER KAMA, SECOND BY MEMBER COOK. DISCUSSION? MEMBERS, RESOLUTION 25-80 WAS DISCUSSED AT THE BUDGET, FINANCE, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING APRIL 10, 2025 AS PART OF THE FY'2026 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS WITH THE CDBG PROGRAM OFFICE.\r\n\r\nTHIS RESOLUTION WILL AUTHORIZE THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR PROGRAMS FOR FIVE PROJECTS FUNDING ALLOCATIONS TOTALING \$1,873,660. >> IT'S 1,873,363. SORRY? >> DONE? ALL RIGHT, ANY OTHER DISCUSSION? WE HEARD THIS IN BFED COMMITTEE AND ALL IN FAVOR RAISE YOUR HAND, SAY AYE. SO THIS IS EIGHT AYES, ONE EXCUSED, WHICH IS MEMBER JOHNSON. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT ITEM, WHICH IS RESO 25-85. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\nRESOLUTION 25-85 AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 22-193 CD 1, FD 1 TO ALLOW THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING TO EXTEND TIME DEADLINES FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION OF KUIKAHI VILLAGE WORK FORCE HOUSE PROJECT. >> MEMBER KAMA. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. MAY I PLEASE REQUEST THE CLERK TO RECALL COUNTY COMMUNICATION 23- -- 25-4. >> YES. COUNTY COMMUNICATION 25-4 FROM COUNCIL CHAIR LEE TRANSMITTING AN AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 25-85 ENTITLED, "AMENDING RESOLUTION 22-193 CD 1, FD 1 TO ALLOW THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING TO EXTEND TIME DEADLINE FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION OF KUIKAHI VILLAGE WORKFORCE HOUSING PROJECT. >> I MOVE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 25-85. >> MOTION MADE BY MEMBER KAMA AND SECOND BY MEMBER UU-HODGINS.\r\n\r\nMEMBER KAMA. >> I MOVE TO SUBSTITUTE WITH RESOLUTION 25-85 FD 1 ATTACHED TO COUNTY COMMUNICATION 25-4 AND TO FILE COUNTY COMMUNICATION 25-4. >> MOVED AND SECONDED. REGARDING THE SUBSTITUTION. >> MEMBERS, WE ALL KNOW THAT THE CHALLENGE OF CREATING AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROVIDERS COME TO US FOR HELP BASED ON BEST PLANS AND ECONOMIC ASSUMPTIONS. THE WORLD WE'RE NOW IN IS ONE THAT IS DRAMATICALLY DIFFERENT THAN THE ONE THAT EXISTED IN 2022, WHEN THIS PROJECT WAS APPROVED BY COUNCIL. THESE DRAMATIC CHANGES INCLUDE INCREASES IN BOTH INTEREST RATES, AND CONSTRUCTION COSTS. THE PROJECT PROPONENT HAS TRIED TO ADDRESS THE PROJECT TO MAKE IT PENCIL IN THIS DRAMATICALLY DIFFERENT WORLD.\r\n\r\nALTHOUGH CERTAINLY PROJECT TIMELINE AND THE PROPONENT IS ASKING FOR AN EXTENSION TO ITS DEADLINES TO MATCH THE NEW REALITY OF THIS ECONOMIC CLIMATE. THE PROPOSED FD 1 VERSION OF THE RESOLUTION EXTENDS THE DEADLINES TO START AND COMPLETE THE PROJECT CONSTRUCTION TO MAY 11TH, 2027, AND MAY 11TH, 2029 RESPECTIVELY, AND MAKES OTHER

REVISIONS FOR CLARITY, CONSISTENCY AND STYLE. MEMBERS, I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE MOTION. THANK YOU, CHAIR. >> THANK YOU. I WANTED TO ASK MR. RAATZ.\r\n\r\nDID WE HAVE ANYTHING THAT WE WANTED TO ADD ON TO THIS IN TERMS OF CONDITIONS ARE FOR THE PROJECT? WAS IT THIS PROJECT? I THOUGHT THAT WAS THE REASON WHY WE DID THE DELAY. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. I THINK THE DELAY WAS JUST TO ALLOW FOR THE DELIBERATIONS AT THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING TO BE REFLECTED IN THIS ASF AND TO INCORPORATE SOME TECHNICAL REVISIONS AS WELL. >> THANK YOU. ANY OTHER DISCUSSION?\r\n\r\n>> YES, I DID. >> MEMBER KAMA, YOU HAVE MORE? >> NO, THAT'S IT. >> MEMBERS, THIS PROJECT KUIKAHI PROJECT AND IF NOT, WE'LL VOTE? ALL IN FAVOR, RAISE YOUR HAND, SAY AYE? EIGHT AYES, ONE EXCUSED, WHICH IS MEMBER JOHNSON. THANK YOU.\r\n\r\n>> THAT WAS ON THE SUBSTITUTION, SO THE MOTION AS SUBSTITUTED. THANK YOU. >> SO THE MOTION AS SUBSTITUTED. ALL IN FAVOR, SAY AYE? >> AYE. >> OKAY. EIGHT AYES, MOTION CARRIES.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU VERY MUCH. NOW WE'RE SECOND AND FINAL. >> MOVING TO BILL 37 CD IS (2025) A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI ESTIMATED REVENUES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, APPENDIX PART 2 GENERAL EXCISE AND USE TAX AND APPENDIX C, DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY. >> MEMBER KAMA. >> MAY I REQUEST THAT THE CLERK CALL UP BILL 38, PLEASE. >> BILL 38 (2025) A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3.100 MAUI COUNTY CODE RELATING TO GENERAL EXCISE AND USE TAX GENERAL EXCISE AND USE TAX SURCHARGE. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\nMEMBER KAMA. >> I MOVE TO PASS BILLS 37 CD 1 AND 38 (2025) ON SECOND AND FINAL READING. >> MOTION MADE BY MEMBER KAMA, SECOND BY MEMBER COOK. >> NO DISCUSSION, CHAIR. >> NO DISCUSSION. MEMBER PALTIN. >> I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT ONE OF MY CONDITION PRIORITIES IS ON THIS, YOU KNOW?\r\n\r\nTHE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES HAD MANY MEETINGS IN LAHAINA TO UTILIZE HHFDC LANDS HAD A HAD YET TO BE TRANSFERRED TO DHHL FOR WILDFIRE SURVIVORS, AND THIS IS THE SITE BECAUSE OF THE GE FUNDS THAT WE HAD COLLECTIVELY PUT ASIDE FOR DHHL LANDS, YOU KNOW, SOME OF THAT FUNDING CAN BE USED FOR PERMANENT INFRASTRUCTURE THAT SHOULD BE TURNED OVER DHHL AS PROMISED TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS THE HAWAIIAN HOMESTEAD COMMITTEE MULTIPLE TIMES. I'M NOT SURE IF THAT AGREEMENT WAS EVER PUT IN WRITING? AND AS WE KNOW THAT OUR TIME HERE IS FLEETING AS IN ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIALS. SO IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE LAWS ARE FOLLOWED IN WHAT WE HAD SET UP. SO IF THIS LAND IS NOT TRANSFERRED OVER TO DHHL, AND THESE MONIES ARE USED FOR INFRASTRUCTURE THEN THE MONIES NEED TO BE TURNED BACK TO THE DHHL FUND. JUST IN CASE THE STATE DOESN'T HONOR THEIR AGREEMENTS TO NATIVE HAWAIIAN BENEFICIARIES AS HAS HAPPENED IN THE PAST. MR.\r\n\r\nRAATZ, CAN YOU SPEAK TO THAT, BECAUSE THAT FUND IS COMING FROM THE DHHL POT, CORRECT? I'M NOT SURE IF YOU GOT WHAT YOU WERE SAYING MISTAKEN, BUT COULD YOU EXPLAIN?>> NOT TO INTERRUPT, CHAIR, BUT I DO SEE COUNCIL MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ HAS HER HAND UP. I DON'T KNOW IF SHE HAS THE ANSWER. >> I DID NOT SEE HER HAND. GO AHEAD. >> MAHALO, CHAIR.\r\n\r\nSO ON PAGE 59. DD UNDER REVOLVING FUNDS, IN APPENDIX A, PART II. GENERAL EXCISE AND USE TAX GENERAL TAX FUND, CHAPTER 3.100 MAUI COUNTY CODE. THERE WAS A BALANCE OF \$32 MILLION, A LITTLE MORE THAN \$32 MILLION. AND IN THE \$10 MILLION RIGHT NOW THAT LAND AS MEMBER PALTIN STATED IS UNDER HHFDC, IT'S NOT DHHL. THERE WAS DISCUSSION FOR THAT LAND TO BE CONVEYED TO DHHL FOR IT TO BECOME DHHL AND ONLY REASON THIS \$10 MILLION LEGALLY CAN BE USED FOR THE INFRASTRUCTURE SERVING THAT AREA IS BECAUSE IT'S SUPPOSED TO BECOME HOMESTEAD. IF IT'S NOT GOING TO BE CONVEYED TO DHHL AS PROMISED, THERE NEEDS TO BE SOME KIND OF ACCOUNTABILITY BUILT INTO THIS MECHANISM AND THE ACCOUNTABILITY THAT IS BEING PROPOSED IS FOR ADDED LANGUAGE TO STATE THAT IF THE LAND IS NOT TRANSFERRED TO DHHL WITHIN FIVE YEARS, THEN THE STATE MUST REIMBURSE THE COUNTY INCLUDING THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION, AND 5% INTEREST TO THE COUNTY TO THE G.E.T. SURCHARGE REVOLVING

FUND. >> ALL RIGHT.\r\n\r\nI ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT WAS THE INTENT FROM THE VERY BEGINNING WITH ALL OF THE DISCUSSIONS. >> WORDS ARE CHEAP, LET'S GET IT ON PAPER. >> MEMBERS, ANY OTHER DISCUSSION? IF NOT, LET'S VOTE. >> THAT IS MY MOTION UNDER SECTION 8 PART E >> SECOND. >> >> SINCE YOU UNDERSTOOD THAT WAS THE INTENTION AS WELL, ALL OF THE WORDS THAT ARE SAID HERE ARE UNENFORCEABLE UNTIL THEY ARE PUT ON PAPER, THAT IS WHAT THIS MOTION IS FOR. >> MEMBER KAMA, YOU HAVE A COMMENT?\r\n\r\n>> SO MAYBE WHAT WE SHOULD DO IS SEND A LETTER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOMES, AND HHFDC TO SEE SOME KIND OF AGREEMENT OR MOU HAS BEEN MADE BETWEEN THE TWO OF THEM TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN? >> IN ADDITION TO THIS ACTION? >> YES. IN ADDITION TO THIS. >> I AGREE. >> YES. >> OKAY.\r\n\r\nSO AGAIN, CAN YOU STATE YOUR MOTION? >> OKAY. THAT ADDED LANGUAGE WOULD BE INCLUDED FOR THE FUNDING BEING APPROPRIATED THAT IF THE LAND IS NOT TRANSFERRED TO DHHL WITHIN FIVE YEARS, THEN THE STATE MUST REIMBURSE THE COUNTY, INCLUDING THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION, AND 5% INTEREST TO THE COUNTY G.E.T. SURCHARGE FOR DHHL. >> OKAY. CORP. COUNSEL, ONE THE ATTORNEYS HERE, CAN YOU CONFIRM IT'S FINE? >> YES.\r\n\r\nJUST LOOKING AT THAT -- YES, I WILL HAVE SOMEBODY LOOK INTO THAT. I BELIEVE KRISTINA REVIEWED THIS. WE'RE TRYING TO SEE IF THERE'S MOU WITH THE STATE, OR WITH -- WE'LL LOOK INTO THAT AND ADD LANGUAGE. >> BECAUSE CORPORATION COUNSEL IS CORRECT THAT USING THIS FUNDING THAT IS MEANT FOR DHHL, BECAUSE IT'S HHFDC RIGHT NOW WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE, AND NOT -- WOULD VIOLATE OUR LAWS. THAT PRESERVES THIS FUNDING FOR THE PURPOSE OF DHHL PROJECTS. >> I'M GOING TO DEFER ON THAT, JUST BECAUSE I'M NOT FAMILIAR WITH THIS BILL. >> I'M JUST TALKING ABOUT THE FUNDING.\r\n\r\nTHE G.E.T. SURCHARGE THAT IS WHERE THE \$10 MILLION IS COMING FROM. SINCE IT'S BEING PULLED FROM THE DHHL RESERVATION OF THE G.E.T. SURCHARGE, THEN IT MUST BE USED FOR DHHL. >> THAT'S CORRECT, YES. >> WE'RE GOOD THEN. SO AT THIS TIME, MEMBER COOK, SORRY. MEMBER COOK. >> CHAIR, IF I MAY?\r\n\r\nI BELIEVE THERE'S A LITTLE BIT OF CONFUSION. BILL 38 IS TO CLARIFY AND CODIFY THE FACT THAT 20% OF THE GENERAL EXCISE TAX IS DHHL AND 80% IS THE COUNTY OF MAUI. BILL 37 IS NOT USING DHHL'S PORTION. MY INTERPRETATION, IT'S \$10 MILLION FOR WATER SUPPLY INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENT IN THE WILDFIRE IMPACTED AREAS. G.E.T. FUND. \$10 MILLION FOR THE INTEGRATION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE WATER SYSTEMS IN THE G.E.T. FUND AND \$5 MILLION FOR KAMOLE WATER TREATMENT FILTER REPLACEMENT UP COUNTRY G.E.T. FUND. IS BILL 37 IS ALLOCATING \$25 MILLION FROM THE G.E.T. FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY'S USE FOR THESE THREE PROJECTS.\r\n\r\nTWO OF THE PROJECTS HAPPEN TO BE IN WEST MAUI. AND IT'S NOT STATING NECESSARILY THE PROPERTY. BUT BILL 38 IS TO CLARIFY THAT 80% OF ALL OF FUNDS DERIVED FROM THE COUNTY GENERAL EXCISE AND USE TAX WILL BE DEPOSITED INTO COUNTY AND 20% WILL BE DEPOSITED INTO DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOMELANDS AND IT CLARIFIES THAT PROJECTS FROM EITHER FUND TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY FOR THE DURATION OF THE PROJECT AND REMAINING FUNDS TO BE REDEPOSITED APPROPRIATE FUND AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE PROJECT. SO I BELIEVE THAT IF WE PASS BILL 38 INDIVIDUALLY IS CLARIFYING THAT THE DHHL MAUI COUNTY GE AGREEMENT AND THEN BILL 37 IS TRANSFERRING THE \$25 MILLION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY FOR THESE PARTICULAR PROJECTS, AND THEY WOULD BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR WHERE THEY GO, AND IF THEY WERE USED FOR DHHL PROJECT, OR A COUNTY OF MAUI PROJECT, THERE IS THE MECHANISM TO BILL 38 TO DO THE ACCOUNTING ON THE RECONCILIATION. THAT IS MY UNDERSTANDING. >> MEMBER PALTIN. >> MY CONDITION IS GOING TO BE ON THE PRIORITY FOR DD ITEM 1. BILL 41. SPECIAL REVENUES IF IT'S ALSO APPROPRIATED IN BILL 38, I SUPPORT IT.\r\n\r\n>> SO YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT WHEN WE GO THROUGH BUDGET AND DECISIONS? YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT BILL 41? NOT ON THE AGENDA RIGHT NOW. OKAY. IT'S IN THE AIR -- -- GO AHEAD. >> IT'S RELATED TO THE DISCUSSION. >> OH, OKAY. ALL RIGHT.\r\n\r\nMEMBER COOK, ANYBODY ELSE? SO ARE READY TO VOTE? WE HAVE THE AMENDMENT ON THE FLOOR. >>

CHAIR, IF I COULD JUST CONFIRM IF IT'S BILL 37, OR BILL 38, AND IF IT IS TO BILL 37, BECAUSE IT'S A BUDGET AMENDMENT, YOU MAY WANT TO HAVE CORPORATION COUNSEL WEIGH-IN IN WHETHER YOU CAN CONDITION IT? >> I THINK IT'S 37; RIGHT? YOU WANT TO CONDITION. >> APPENDIX C, CIP.\r\n\r\n>> CHAIR, MAY I REQUEST A QUICK RECESS? >> SURE. LET'S COME BACK AT 4:50 -- 2:50, NOT 4:50. [GAVEL] [GAVEL] >> WELCOME BACK TO THE COUNCIL MEETING. I WAS GOING TO SAY BUDGET MEETING IT'S NOW 2:56, AND WE ARE BACK IN DISCUSSION. MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> MAHALO, CHAIR. I WITHDRAW MY MOTION.\r\n\r\n>> OKAY. VERY GOOD. >> AND THE SECOND? >> I WILL WITHDRAW THE 17:57:06 SECOND. >> OKAY. SO THE INTENTION OF THE LANGUAGE WILL GO ONTO BILL 41 WHEN WE TAKE THAT UP, BECAUSE THIS IS UNDER THE G.E.T.. SO REVOLVING FUND CC, AND NOT DD. BUT THE OTHER ONE IS \$10 MILLION FOR DD, WHICH IS GOING TO BE ON BILL 41 AND MEMBER KAMA WAS ABLE TO GET SOME INFORMATION OVER THE BREAK.\r\n\r\n>> MEMBER KAMA, DISCUSSION? >> SO I JUST TALKED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOMELANDS AND KALA'E SAID THEY HAVE AN MOU -- IT HAS NOT BEEN SIGNED, BUT WHEN IT IS SIGNED THEY WILL GO AHEAD AND -- BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO BE PUBLIC NOTICE BY THAT TIME WHEN HE GETS IT SIGNED >> SO IT'S BEING WORKED ON. ANYBODY ELSE HAVE ANY OTHER FURTHER DISCUSSION? OKAY, WE'RE GOING TO NOW TAKE THE VOTE ON BILL 37, AND 38. WITH NO AMENDMENTS. ANY OTHER DISCUSSION? ALL IN FAVOR, RAISE YOUR HAND. THERE'S ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, ONLY FIVE.\r\n\r\n\r\nSIX. OKAY, SIX OF US, AND MEMBER SINENCI -- CHAIR LEE CAME ON, THAT IS SEVEN. OKAY. EXCUSED IS MEMBER JOHNSON AND SINENCI. >> ARE WE AT THE END OF THE AGENDA? >> WE ARE. >> WHOA.\r\n\r\n\r\nOKAY. ALL RIGHT, MEMBERS, I HAVE TO ACT LIKE CHAIR LEE AND SAY ANYBODY HAS ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS? >> THE 4:00 DEADLINE FOLKS. >> YES. THAT IS THE BIGGIE FOR SOME OF US, AND TOMORROW IS A HOLIDAY, AND TONIGHT IS THE RESIDENCY AREA MEETING FOR WAILUKU-KAHULUI. CHAIR LEE? >> SO YOU BROUGHT UP THE DEADLINE FOR TODAY AS AN ANNOUNCEMENT AS AN OCCASION?\r\n\r\n\r\nSO POINT OF CLARIFICATION. ANY CHANGES MADE TO THE OFFICE ACCOUNTS WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THIS SUBMITTAL AT 4:00? BUDGET OUR OFFICE BUDGET? >> WHO DO I ASK THAT QUESTION TO? >> YOU'RE THE CHAIR. >> NO, WE NEVER TALKED ABOUT HAVING OFFICE PRIORITIES AS PART OF THIS. WAIT, ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT YOUR INDIVIDUAL OFFICE ACCOUNT FOR YOUR OFFICE? >> YES.\r\n\r\n\r\n>> SO YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT ALICE LEE'S OFFICE, CHAIR LEE'S OFFICE. >> AND EVERYBODY'S OFFICE, INCREASING THE OFFICE ACCOUNT, NO. 1, AND COLLAPSING THE THREE ABC'S, IS THAT SOMETHING YOU WANT DO TODAY? >> SORRY. THAT WILL BE TAKEN UP NEXT WEEK. I'M GOING TO TAKE UP THE BILL 41. NOW WE KIND OF CHANGED SUBJECT. THIS IS TALKING ABOUT BFED.\r\n\r\n\r\nTAKING UP BILL 41 NEXT WEEK IN ORDER AS IT APPEARS IN BILL 41. SO IT STARTS WITH LEGISLATIVE. I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S AUDITORS AND THEN CLERKS? I THINK SO. >> OH, OKAY. >> COUNCIL SERVICES. >> NEXT WEEK IS THE TIME. >> YES, NEXT WEEK, DECISIONS.\r\n\r\n\r\n>> ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU FOR THAT ANNOUNCEMENT. >> OKAY. I THINK MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ HAS. >> I DO. I HAVE AN EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT, SINCE CHAIR LEE SPECIFIED THE ANNOUNCEMENTS. THIS WEEKEND IS THE FINAL DELIBERATION OF THE ARTS THAT HAS BEEN PUT ON AT -- SPEARHEADED BY CLIFFORD AND THAT IS GOING TO BE AT RITZ IN KAPALUA. SO THE LAST CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS THERE.\r\n\r\n\r\n>> IT'S THE LAST? THEY ARE NOT HAVING IT ANYMORE, IS THAT WHAT YOU JUST SAID? >> YES, BECAUSE HE IS NOT THERE ANY MORE. SO THIS IS THE LAST ONE. >> WOW. I DIDN'T KNOW HE WASN'T THERE. >> END OF AN ERA.\r\n\r\n\r\n>> YES. HE CERTAINLY BUILT THAT WITH A LOT OF LOVE, AND APPRECIATION FOR THE CULTURE AND IT'S BEEN THROUGH A LOT, THAT PROPERTY. MEMBER COOK, DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING? OKAY. ALL RIGHT, MEMBERS, WE ALL HAVE HOMEWORK, IF YOU HAVEN'T FINISHED YET AND THIS MEETING IS NOW ADJOURNED AT 3:01 AND PLEASE SEND YOUR BFED SPREADSHEETS TO BFED COMMITTEE. THANK YOU. [GAVEL] MEETING IS ADJOURNED.