

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

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Lahaina Civic Center, Social Hall

CONVENE: 6:02 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Chair
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OTHERS: Aaron Naea, Boys and Girls Club of Maui
Madison Miller, Boys and Girls Club of Maui
Shaileann Dizon, Boys and Girls Club of Maui
Bo Petty, Farm Apprentice Program
Hans Michel
Jill Mickelsen, Boys and Girls Club of Maui
Beverly Galarza
Karleina Bettencourt, Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. and Upward Bound
Edward Wallace, Feed My Sheep
Kanani Higbee
Heidi Dollinger, President, Rotary Club of Lahaina Sunset
James Fahnestock, Rotary Club of Lahaina Sunset
Jana Wilkinson, Director, Upward Bound and Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.
Arleen Gerbig, President, Lahaina-Honolua Senior Citizens Club
Evelyn Goo
Gregg Nelson, General Manager, Napili Kai Beach Resort and Maui Visitors Bureau
Lindsay Elam, Hispano Enlace Program, Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.

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Ananda Stone, Chair, Common Ground Collective
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Zane Kekoa Schweitzer, Maui Visitors Bureau
Tina Marshall
Bob Marshall
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Peggy Robertson
Kai Nishiki
Dylan Payne
Paula Kahahane, Maui Adult Day Care
Ed Kaahui
Others (36)

**ITEM 1: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY
 OF MAUI (CC 19-61)**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha, auinala kakou. Will the Economic Development and Budget Committee please come to order. It is 6:02 on April 10th. Mahalo, everyone, for joining us this evening. I am Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. I am the Chair of the Economic Development and Budget Committee and I'll hand over the mic to your District Councilmember Tamara Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thanks, everyone, for coming out tonight. I just wanted to introduce everybody. So at my far left we have Tasha Kama coming from Kahului. Then we have Councilmember Mike Molina out of Makawao-Haiku-Paia. Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura out of Upcountry, Maui. Council Chair Kelly King out of South Maui. Budget Chair Keani Rawlins-Fernandez from Molokai. Councilmember Shane Sinenci, who graduated from Lahainaluna, from East Maui. Councilmember Alice Lee coming out of Wailuku. And Councilmember Riki Hokama from Lanai. Not every time he comes so you're lucky...you're lucky he's here. Not every time he comes so you guys are special. And my Staff, I got Jen Mather on the side and Angela Lucero so they're the guys that fix your problems 'cause I'm always in the Chamber so they gotta do the work. And we have Stacey Vinoray, our Staff, Clarita Balala, Kasie, and Christy.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: For the record, Kasie Apo Takayama, Christy Chung, Clarita Balala, and Stacey Vinoray have joined us tonight. So thank you so much to our Staff for your help. And we also have Mr. Don Atay who is Councilmember Sinenci's staff. Is that everyone? I believe that is everyone. Okay. So tonight we have one agenda item and we'll begin with testimony. Testimony is limited to EDB-1, the Proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Budget for the County of Maui. To testify, please sign up with Staff. Testimony is limited to three minutes, and upon request, up to one minute to conclude. If you're still testifying beyond that time, I will kindly ask you to complete your testimony. When testifying, please state your name and who you are representing. Please also indicate if you are a paid lobbyist. Okay, Staff, will you please announce our first testifier for the evening...first two.

. . .BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

MS. TAKAYAMA: Yes, Chair. The first testifier is Aaron Naea, testifying on behalf of Boys and Girls Club of Maui, to be followed by Madison Miller.

MR. NAEA: Aloha, everybody.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aloha.

MR. NAEA: My name is Aaron Naea. I'm a Program Director for the Boys and Girls Club of Maui working out of the Lahaina Club House. I'm here speaking on behalf of my Unit Director TJ Daya who couldn't make it tonight. I want to take this time to tell you thank you for your continued support of our club houses and our mission. It is through your funding that we continue to impact the keiki of Maui. I'm a Boys and Girls Club alumni and started attending the club house at the age of ten. Over my years I was lucky enough to have taken advantage of everything the club had to offer. And as some of you may or may not know, some youth aren't as lucky as me. As a staff member, I now see both sides of the coin and I'm very grateful to try and give our youth the same opportunities that were presented to me. Our programs are based off of our three priority outcomes: health and fitness, academic success, and good character and citizenship. And through your support we're able to offer you with a safe place to learn and grow. We offer sports daily to help our youth stay active and teach them sportsmanship and teamwork. We are also able to provide our youth with the Smart Moves Programs where we teach our youth the importance of making healthy life choices as they get older. Finally, programs like Torch and Keystone Club teach our youth about giving back and serving the community by planning and executing service projects. It also provides our youth with leadership skills that they can take with them through their own journey. Programs like these help make me the person I am today. I'm gonna leave you with this, to enable all young people, especially those who needs this most to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens, with your support you are helping us fulfill our mission. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Naea. Members, any need for clarification? Seeing none, thank you so much for your testimony this evening.

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MR. NAEA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Staff, will you please call our next two testifiers.

MS. CHUNG: Yes, Chair. The next testifier is Madison Miller on behalf of the Boys and Girls Club of Maui, to be followed by Shaileann Dizon.

MS. MILLER: Hi, my name is Madison. I'm an eighth grader at Lahaina Intermediate School and I've been coming to the Boys and Girls Club for six years. My favorite things about the Boys and Girls Club of Lahaina is they never make you feel left out of anything. No one feels like they don't belong to a group. Some of my favorite activities to play are flag football, soccer, and basketball. Some things that the club has helped me improve on is playing flag football. Before, I never knew how to throw, catch, or pull flags, but in the league that Aaron created for the club I now know how to do all these things. I was also recognized with the Grand Award for my commitment and hard work to get better. The club has given me confidence and opportunity to grow. Thank you for your support.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Members, any questions? Seeing no questions, thank you so much, Ms. Miller, for testifying this evening. Staff, will you please call the next two testifiers.

MS. CHUNG: Yes, Chair. The next testifier is Shaileann Dizon, to be followed by Bo Petty. Shaileann Dizon is testifying on behalf of the Boys and Girls Club of Maui.

MS. DIZON: Hi, my name is Shaileann. I'm an eighth grader at Lahaina Intermediate School and I joined the Boys and Girls Club of Lahaina three months ago. So far, it is one of the greatest experiences with activities like cooking, second Friday, soccer, movies, and more. I give credit to our wonderful staff, Justin, Kiana, TJ, Andrew, and Aaron, that always do their best to make our club a fun and safe place. In fact, they also organized an internship program for teens like me that want to get jobs and to help guide me to be a young and independent adult. Thank you for your time and support.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Seeing no need for clarification, thank you so much for your testimony this evening.

MS. DIZON: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Staff.

MS. CHUNG: Yes, Chair. The next testifier is Bo Petty, to be followed by Hans Michel.

MR. PETTY: Aloha, everybody.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aloha.

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MR. PETTY: Thank you for letting me have the opportunity to talk. I'm...my name is Bo Petty. I'm representing just myself. But I just want to stand up for the Farm Apprentice Mentoring Program. It's FAM is what we call it...the FAM Program or FAMily. We're learning how to do regenerative farming here on Maui and I think that for anyone who may not know what the program is we're regenerating our island's soil, we're increasing Maui's food production. We can do it in the home, too, if we want to. And what I feel best about is that I can help and that helps me with confidence...the program gives me confidence. I never saw myself as having a green thumb. I did study biology in school. I don't know if that helped me a lot, but I've been working on the ocean for many years with humpback whales and other critters out there. So now I'm moving to the land because I do see a lot for perpetuating how we can sustain our lives here on Maui and the planet by considering what goes into the ocean, but not only that, how to keep things on the land. And these are the things I've been learning in the program. I did buy property here. I've been coming here since the 70's. I served through the Navy in the 70's here over on Oahu and then have come here since I'm told there was only one traffic light on Maui, but anyway, I've seen a lot of growth over the years. But I'm excited because I have this program where we can work with people that are excited and want to do something to help the island remain sustainable, become sustainable, if you will, in case of anything that could happen out there in the world, transportation disaster, anything, and still having enough food here and food for our homes and whatnot. What I like most about the program though and what I'd like you to support most about the program, if you very much could, is that it's creating an opportunity for people here to meet other people and find other people that have the same mindset, want to learn how to grow. We get to learn from mentors who are knowledgeable about what happens on Maui, about where to find supplies, what foods grow, how to make it happen, and for a person like me, that's incredibly valuable. Sometimes I'm very afraid to try and make the step that it takes but having a program like that gives me and other people an opportunity and I really encourage you to support it. We have experienced farmers.

MS. CHUNG: Three minutes.

MR. PETTY: We have a network of friends sharing and people that will help each other. So thank you very much for your support of that program.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for your testimony, Mr. Petty. We have a question for you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, is this on? Can you hear me? Thank you for your testimony. I think Phyllis will be really proud of you. But I wanted to ask you a few...are you a farmer or I mean are you in the program or are you a mentor?

MR. PETTY: I'm in the program. I'm an apprentice and I found the program through education programs through the University of Hawaii EdVenture's catalog and by helping on this side of the island with other farmers.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. And are you planning to continue farming after the program on your own land?

MR. PETTY: Absolutely.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Awesome.

VICE-CHAIR KING: I've got the answers I need to continue --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Great.

MR. PETTY: --and that's why I was scared at first, but now I have more confidence.

VICE-CHAIR KING: That's awesome. Thank you.

MR. PETTY: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for your testimony, Mr. Petty. Staff, will you please call the next testifier.

MS. CHUNG: Yes, Chair. The next testifier is Hans Michel, to be followed by Jill Mickelsen.

MR. MICHEL: Hello, Councilmembers. Hans Michel from Lahaina, 55 years. You guys all was puppa, not even born I came over here. I also work at Pioneer Mill for over 30 years and I know when we have stormwater where it goes and where it comes from. Now tonight I have a picture which most people don't even ever seen because you drive over the new bypass and this is the new bypass outlet and that water comes from . . .*(inaudible)*. . ., State land, Bishop Estate land, down to Front Street...505 Front Street. The problem is Lei...Ms. Inouye wen pass away, he *[sic]* made the outlet outside by Puamana. You might be aware of all that, yeah, and this is the inlet to Lahaina from Lahainaluna, which is a missing link from left to right. I brought that up before many times, but the Council will tell me it's not the County problem, but you have a lot of valuable citizens in Lahaina...south Lahaina would say, which will get damaged and have a house full of mud. Anyway, there's not much I can say because your big brother in Honolulu doesn't want to do nothing. That's not his job, he pass this on to soil conservation. Soil conservation people have no more money and Buddy Nobriga wen try many years before the plantation closed up and Pioneer Mill went out of business now for 20 years and 20 years the politician was talking what we gonna do or what we gonna do now. But the part this time is not gonna be act of God because we know the problem and I'll have to give you this picture. Please make 'em big. I have a big one at home, but I spend a lot of money for the County get my pictures so you guys can make for each other, hang 'em on the wall, and think about if we have a flood like they have on the mainland, how you go answer your question. It is a missing link. I no gonna blame anybody. Don't wanna point finger, but please do something. I don't know where you going get money from that's why for your next project. That's about all I have to say and I'll be glad to give you the picture. We never had . . .*(inaudible)*. . . storm or the

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big wind or whatever, but my God if it ever gonna happen, boy, I don't know. I don't know what to say because the people won't be able to get the mud off the drywall houses they building. If you have a house like Weinberg, four-story, you no need worry. But all these little houses that people pay big money for it it's all going be destroyed. Okay. I'm sorry you gonna get that heavy job, but. . .

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I was telling them about the Kahana Nui basin, too. That thing is overflowing and affecting tiny town, but I neva get consensus yet.

MR. MICHEL: I know. No, it's hard, it's hard. It's like talking to the cows here.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah.

MR. MICHEL: Okay. I wish you good luck because you our --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

MR. MICHEL: --new mayor for West Maui, yeah. I hope you can do better. Thank you very much to come and see us, yeah. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Seeing no questions, mahalo, Mr. Michel. Staff, will you call the next two testifiers.

MS. CHUNG: Yes, Chair. The next testifier is Jill Mickelsen testifying on behalf of the Boys and Girls Club, to be followed by Beverly Galarza.

MS. MICKELSEN: Aloha and thank you for the opportunity to be able to speak on behalf of Boys and Girls Club. My name is Jill Mickelsen. This is my son, Joseph. He attends Boys and Girls Club. I have so much to say about a phenomenal organization, but in a nutshell I would be dead in the water right now if not for Boys and Girls Club. And I think hundreds of working stiff families in our community are in the same boat. Okay. We, as parents, want our kids to succeed and strive for the best that they can at whatever level that may be. We also need food on our table and a roof over our head, which means we have to work, and we do that knowing that our kids have a safe environment in which we can let them go to each and every day and that is Boys and Girls Club. Boys and Girls Club not only provides a safe, nurturing, stimulating environment, it emphasizes academics, sports, art, games, et cetera. It allows our keiki to explore whatever their interest might be. The economic importance to this community is huge. Not just after school, but holidays, teacher collaboration days, like tomorrow. We, as parents, can lay down the foundation at home as far as values, ethics, morals, integrity, et cetera. What we can't do is the follow through, the socialization, okay. Boys and Girls Club provides a social platform where keiki can be keiki. Where they can interact with one another in a semi-structured environment. Okay. Bad kids don't go to Boys and Girls Club because the rules and regulations will put them out. So our

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kids are able to explore who they are, what they want to be, and how they can interact in a safe environment. We can't do that at home. We can do that at the club. I ask that Boys and Girls Club be continued to be supported. It's an opportunity for our kids to thrive and become the future leaders that we all hope they will be. Mahalo. . . *(speaking to her son)*. . . You wanna say something? It's your opportunity. Okay. Next year.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for your testimony, Ms. Mickelsen. Staff, next two testifiers, please.

MS. CHUNG: Yes, Chair. The next testifier is Beverly Galarza, to be followed by Karleina Bettencourt.

MS. GALARZA: Aloha, everyone. Thank you all for being here tonight and providing us with an opportunity to testify. My name is Beverly Galarza and this is my son, Steven Galarza. We are here because we've learned that the County's proposed 2020 budget, EDB-1, funds or grants monies have been approved for ADA accessibility improvement at Countywide parks. Believe there are some compelling reasons to give great consideration to applying some of these monies to make one of our West Maui neighborhood beaches, Kapalua Bay, accessible by ensuring all who cannot navigate multiple sets of staircases or our wheelchair users may have equal access to Kapalua Bay. We want Kapalua Bay to be inclusive to be shared by all side by side. I'm here on behalf of my son, Steven, who is developmentally disabled, as well as individuals and families we've met over the course of almost ten years trying to get ADA accessibility in place for Kapalua Bay. I've received permission to share the experiences of others in hopes that you all be part of helping the dream of Kapalua Bay being inclusive as it had been many years ago, a reality once again. One of our Napili neighbors, born and raised on Maui and who is Native Hawaiian, told me when I met him and his then pre-teenage daughter in 2010, that after the closing of the old Kapalua Bay Hotel and new development surrounding the bay was built, he had not been able to go to his childhood beach with his daughter. Kapalua was no longer accessible to him. Prior to the closing of the famous hotel, there was at least some accessibility through the hotel, its shops, and the underground public shoreline parking which made the grounds oceanfront accessible. Ironically, with new construction, including the for-public benefit coastal trail, rather than more accessibility, the only accessible route was removed and no new one provided, thus exclusion. I still find this stunning. In 2018, Kapalua Bay was named best beach in America by Dr. Beach. I believe if we have the number one beach in our community, we should all ensure no one is excluded because of lack of disability accessibility. To address that lack of accessibility, in March of 2015, State of Hawaii Legislature passed HCR 141 and there's a concurrent resolution that encouraged all counties in the State of Hawaii to ensure there are public beaches that are accessible and they specifically mentioned our veterans who've served our country well. And if I may, I'd love to be able to tell you a story of just one veteran. His name was Ford Mudgett. He and his family were staying within the Kapalua Resort so he didn't have to navigate the staircases at the public entrance, but he did have barriers reaching the ocean waters from the paved public trail...coastal trail. Ford was waiting for his adult

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son to come help him on to the beach and into the ocean. Ford was a dentist in San Diego who had family ties to Hawaii.

MS. CHUNG: Three minutes.

MS. GALARZA: Ford was a veteran. He served our country while in the Navy. Ford had acquired ALS and was now a wheelchair user. When you have a chance to look at the photos I'm submitting, Ford had a tee shirt on that he had had for years when he was member of a relay swim team. Ford told me he and others used to swim from Lanai to Kaanapali for years. Ford loved the ocean waters and told me he could feel the energy of the sea life while swimming and it made him feel good. He gave me permission to share his photo and his story with anyone who could help make Kapalua Bay accessible to all. Ford passed away a few years after this photo was taken and I've attached photos of him. I hope you'll all be a part of helping make the number one beach in America, Kapalua Bay, accessible and inclusive for all of us as it can and should be. Mahalo.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for your testimony. We have a question for you. Member Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Hi, good evening. Thank you for coming. I was looking at your testimony and I noticed you didn't get to the last page, but it says you had some recommended proposed improvements.

MS. GALARZA: Yeah. Thank you. Well, actually thanks to the hard work of our Maui ocean resource people from both Maui County and Sea Grant Program, they have tried to work hand-in-hand with some of the people out at Kapalua Resort. And so what they're hoping is that with at least some of the funding, they can get an engineer to go out to Kapalua Bay and the hope is that with a partnership of kuleana between Maui County, maybe the State, and the people at the resort, they collectively, you know, we can make this happen. And I believe there's already an SMA Permit that's requiring some accessibility on the south end by Merriman's where a few years ago a winter swell came up and took out part of that trail and access. That in itself triggered a look at looking at accessibility which should have been done years ago, but you know, we've been watching this for a number of years. So does that answer your question?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: It does, but I had a two-part question.

MS. GALARZA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So the second part of my question was so who is not in compliance with making sure that accessible...access is provided for those with ADA.

MS. GALARZA: You know, that's a very good question and I wish that I knew and I think it's so complex that I think that there's multiple layers of responsibility. We have the County

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and the resort folks, including Maui Land and Pineapple, had agreed to an easement in which is part of the passive park, which runs in perpetuity with the shoreline access that's supposed to be accessible to the general public and people with disabilities are part of the general public. The latest...I also believe that when they began the construction of the Kapalua coastal trail, which actually what's now Montage, but it was the Residences of Kapalua Bay, they started the coastal trail in front of their property with part of the money of that whole development. And so I've been told, and if they're correct, that that should have triggered. When you have a for-public benefit coastal trail, you just have to have one accessible route and right now there's not one either on the south end or the north end. I mean there just isn't. There's signage on the north end saying there's no accessible route and then on the south end you're greeted by the stairs that tells you there's no accessible route. So you're stuck. You know, even if you stay within the resort, unless you have a village of help or you get to ride on one of their golf carts that they have for the people within the resort, you're just not...you're not gonna see...you're not even gonna see Kapalua Bay.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Kama. We have one more question for you, Ms. Galarza.

MS. GALARZA: Yes, of course.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin.

MS. GALARZA: I could be here all day on this topic.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aloha, Ms. Galarza. Thank you so much for coming tonight.

MS. GALARZA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just, you know, I just was wondering us representing the County Council Budget if you would be open to having one of our County parks be more ADA accessible because we have more control over the County parks than other areas. And Canoe Beach, Hanakaoo Beach Park, has lifeguards right there so it's, you know, it's more of a full-service place. I know in Kihei they have the ADA roller thing so would it also be okay to look into Hanakaoo as ADA accessible?

MS. GALARZA: Well, me, personally, I think they all should become accessible and as you say especially the ones that are truly the County ones. And so I feel a little...it's a little awkward coming when I don't...when in my heart I know it's not as though the County has the entire responsibility of Kapalua Bay, but because it's a partnership and because of the uniqueness of Kapalua. There was a study done in 2003 by PBR Hawaii for Hawaii Tourism Authority because of the TAT tax. They looked at beaches that ought to be accessible and it's the ranking of Kapalua that makes it compelling and the calm waters. I'm sorry, they said the calm waters. . .

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: You answered my question. Thank you.

MS. GALARZA: Thank you. Thank you all.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for your testimony this evening, Ms. Galarza. Staff, will you please call the next testifiers.

MS. CHUNG: Yes, Chair. The next testifier is Karleina Bettencourt, testifying on behalf of Upward Bound, to be followed by Edward Wallace.

MS. BETTENCOURT: Aloha. My name is Karleina Bettencourt. I'm a freshman at Lahainaluna High School. I've been a part of the program, Upward Bound, since summer of 2018, which is a program that helps me prepare for college. In order for me to learn these things, I need transportation. I had the opportunity to be picked up from Lahainaluna by the MEO bus to go to our summer...our Saturday academies which are held at UHMC campus and is where I learned college career readiness preparation. I've made many new friends from this program that I know I'll be friends with for a long time. I'm grateful for being able to have the MEO transportation or else my mom would have to wake me up early in the morning and then wait for me to finish on that side later that afternoon. So she's grateful for that, too. Thank you for your time.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for your testimony, Ms. Bettencourt. Just a quick reminder for everyone to please speak into the mic. We can hear you fine, but the mic is picking up for our record. Staff, will you please call our next testifiers.

MS. CHUNG: Yes, Chair. The next testifier is Edward Wallace, testifying on behalf of Feed My Sheep, to be followed by Kanani Higbee.

MR. WALLACE: Hi. My name is Edward Wallace. I'm not a great speaker so I took some notes here. What I'm asking for is help to keep Feed My Sheep assisting people here on West Maui. They feed needy people in actually three different areas on Maui, I believe, West Maui, Kihei, and Wailuku. They give high quality food, fruits and vegetables, which are nice to have, done each week by Feed My Sheep. I see a lot of new faces at Feed My Sheep so I know that people in need and Feed My Sheep is growing. And I just wanted to let everybody know God bless Feed My Sheep and all those that provide their assistance to help those in need. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for your testimony this evening, Mr. Wallace. Staff...mahalo for your testimony.

MR. WALLACE: Oh.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Staff, will you please call the next testifiers.

MS. CHUNG: Yes, Chair. The next testifier is Kanani Higbee, to be followed by Heidi Dollinger.

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MS. HIGBEE: Aloha kakou. My name is Kanani Higbee and I live in Lahaina. Was born here and my family has been living here a long time. I work at Lahainaluna High School for nine years now and this is one of my children. I have another one who is at Lahainaluna as well. So first I'd like to just say that my eldest is in Upward Bound so if you could continue the MEO to pick her up. She was able to get college credits as a freshman, thanks to Upward Bound. She was able to live at the dorms, go to the mainland to look at colleges, and she's on track to join the Air Force Academy, thanks to Upward Bound. First time it's ever reached Lahaina and because I work at Lahainaluna High School, it would be great if more programs could reach Lahaina. We have a very big drucket...sorry, drug epidemic. My brother, when he was 15 at Lahainaluna, he started to do heroin and that's not uncommon. And he never received any kind of intervention. He spent most of his adult life in prison. He is Native Hawaiian. My mom is full Hawaiian. So it's definitely something that affects the Hawaiian community. And my sister also attended Lahainaluna. She's prostituting herself now. Her son is suicidal. So I just ask you, please, to do more to service Lahaina for our youth. And me and my children we live by a drug dealer and a meth lab for over a year. Ask the Lahaina Police please help us. They ask me to provide documents to help them build a case. I provided photos of the associates, which they asked as well as photos of this man's car that he switched out every couple weeks, and they turned around and built a case against me and charged me with crimes that I was harassing him. He's still free and he's the one...the police told me he was a drug dealer. They confirmed that, yes, your neighbor is a drug dealer. You can help by doing this and I did that and they charged me with crimes and he's still free. So all I ask is that you be really careful who you have work in the Police Commission...volunteer in the Police Commission and they're the ones that picked the Police Chief, I believe. He's also created glass ceilings for his female police officers, as you should know if you pay attention to the newspapers, as well as he went...sergeant, that was a female, said that she was sexually assaulted by her boss who's a captain and she was the one who was sent away. He was able to keep his position.

MS. CHUNG: Three minutes.

MS. HIGBEE: Okay. So anyway, what I just ask is that you help with Upward Bound more, youth intervention programs for Lahaina, and then please audit what the Police are doing. Are there any questions?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Seeing none, thank you so much for your testimony this evening.

MS. HIGBEE: Alright.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Staff, will you please call the next testifiers.

MS. CHUNG: Yes, Chair. The next testifier is Heidi Dollinger, testifying on behalf of Rotary Club of Lahaina Sunset, to be followed by James Fahnstock.

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MS. DOLLINGER: Good evening. I'm Heidi Dollinger, President of the Rotary Club of Lahaina Sunset. I am here to thank you, the Council, for funding the Third Saturday Recycling Program at Lahaina Cannery Mall to report the results of the program and also request increased funding for the Fiscal Year 2020. Since July 2015, the County has provided grants to Malama Maui Nui, a nonprofit organization to pay some of the costs of the Third Saturday Recycling Program. This monthly recycling program, now in its fourth year, is co-sponsored by five partners, the County of Maui, Malama Maui Nui, 5A Rent-A-Space, Lahaina Cannery Mall, and the Rotary Club of Lahaina Sunset. Volunteers organized by Rotary Club of Lahaina Sunset provide most of the labor for these monthly events. Third Saturday Recycling Program passed a remarkable milestone last December. We've recycled over 500 tons, that's 1 million pounds, since the program began. Now that Lahaina has an expanded recycling center on Lahainaluna Road some may wonder why we need to continue the Third Saturday Recycling events at Lahaina Canner Mall. The answer is the Third Saturday Recycling now accepts only items that are not accepted at the other center. These items include appliances, refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers, electronic devices, including televisions, computers, printers, scrap metal, including water heaters and even microwaves, vehicle batteries and vehicle tires. Third Saturday Recycling works. Malama Maui Nui staff reports that West Maui is the cleanest part of our beautiful island. The proposed budget presented for the Council for 2020 provides less than half the funds needed by Malama Maui Nui. Unless the Council increases funding for Go Green West Side Recycling, these events will be cut in half next year from events of every month to every other month. Rotary Club of Lahaina Sunset urges the Council to increase the proposed funding and allow these important recycling events to continue in West Maui. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Dollinger. We have a question for you. Chair King.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Hi. Thank you for coming and supporting this program. I think it's a great program. What I was gonna ask you is since you're recycling all these appliances and batteries and things, do you get people from outside of Lahaina that also bring these items in or do you know?

MS. DOLLINGER: I...I don't really know. I mean I would think most of them are from West Maui.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. 'Cause I don't think a lot of this is going on in the rest of our island so I thought it might be a big benefit for the entire island as well. Yeah, we'll look at the funding for sure.

MS. DOLLINGER: Yeah. Absolutely. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: One more question. Sorry. So we have your written testimony but it doesn't say how much more you need.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: He's coming up.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay, I see. Okay, the next one. Okay.

MS. DOLLINGER: Yeah, I think what's proposed is about half of what they need so.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

MS. DOLLINGER: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for your testimony this evening. Staff, will you please call the next testifiers.

MS. CHUNG: Yes, Chair. The next testifier is James Fahnestock, testifying on behalf of Rotary Club of Lahaina Sunset, to be followed by Jana Wilkinson.

MR. FAHNESTOCK: Thank you and good evening. I'm Jim Fahnestock, past President of the Rotary Club of Lahaina Sunset. I want to add my thoughts to the testify of Rotary Club of Lahaina Sunset President, Heidi Dollinger, in support of increased funding for Third Saturday Recycling at Lahaina Cannery Mall. As Heidi noted, the Third Saturday program does work. It works to the tune of 500 tons collected. The County of Maui and its four partners have really invested so much in this program to provide an avenue for West Maui residents to recycle appliances, electronics, scrap metal, and vehicle tires and batteries. Unless the County Council increases the proposed funding to Malama Maui Nui to support this program, West Maui will take a huge step backward next year. West Maui's 12 monthly events will be reduced to 6 bi-monthly events. We understand how some residents dispose of these bulky recyclable items before Third Saturday Recycling. We've heard the stories of appliances, electronics, and vehicle tires loaded in the back of pick-ups and dumped in the County's back roads. Why when we've made so much forward progress, would we want to take a step backward? Why would we want to risk seeing an increase in illegal dumping again? We understand the economics, too. It costs three times as much to send a crew into the back roads to collect illegally dumped items as it does to provide a convenient, legal disposal site in West Maui at Lahaina Cannery Mall. Third Saturday Recycling works for West Maui. We ask you to please increase the funding to Malama Maui Nui to keep this program going every month next year. The Mayor's Proposed Budget as shown on Page 190 of the Mayor's Budget Narrative includes \$57,310 for the item labeled, Go Green West Maui Recycling. Malama Maui Nui actually requested \$118,220 for this item. We ask the Council to please increase the proposed funding by \$60,910 to the original budget request. Thank you so much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Seeing no questions, mahalo for your testimony this evening. Staff, will you please call the next testifiers.

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MS. CHUNG: Yes, Chair. The next testifier is Jana Wilkinson testifying on behalf of MEO, to be followed by Arleen Gerbig.

MS. WILKINSON: Hello. My name is Jana Wilkinson. I'm the Upward Bound Director. And to give you a little background of what Upward Bound is, it's a Federally funded program. We have the opportunity to serve 205 students in Maui County across 7 different high schools, including Lanai and Molokai. And our ultimate goal is to help first generation and low-income students transition to college. So we have the opportunity to do multiple activities. A lot of them happen at UHMC. We want to acclimate them to the college life and let them know that they belong there and MEO plays a huge part in the success of our events, because as you heard from the Lahainaluna student and a parent of the student, they help transfer our students to and from Lahaina and sometimes Upcountry and to and from the airport because we do transport the students from the other islands, too, to come in for our once a month events. Something that I very much appreciate about MEO is they're always very professional. They're always on time, which is important when working with minors, and I have observed the drivers on multiple occasions double and triple check the count of the students, which is something very important when you're transporting them to and from places. So I very much appreciate MEO and what they've done for our program.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Seeing no questions, mahalo for your testimony, Ms. Wilkinson. Staff, will you please call our next testifiers.

MS. CHUNG: Yes, Chair. The next testifier is Arleen Gerbig, testifying on behalf of Lahaina-Honolua Sr., to be followed by Evelyn Goo.

MS. GERBIG: Aloha, Councilmembers.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aloha.

MS. GERBIG: My name is Arleen Gerbig and behind me are some of the members of the Lahaina-Honolua Senior Citizens Group. As a West Maui kupuna, I want to reiterate some of the MEO organization benefits that are important to me and to all of Maui and that are not always promoted, yet are extremely important. First and foremost, is the bus service provided by MEO. Without this service, most seniors would be without proper or even required medical care. Our seniors rely on the bus service to attend the Leisure Program to learn, to socialize, and to have lunch. A second item that MEO provides that I feel is often overlooked is all the outreach programs and information that MEO provides to the many human service organizations, to low-income persons, the youth, the elderly, the immigrants, the prisoner reintegration, persons with disabilities, and the other disadvantaged individuals and families, not only here on Maui, but on Lanai and Molokai. As many know, the MEO service provide a future payback in economic benefits to Maui County. By providing assistance to small business entrepreneurs with business plan training, credit assessment, and micro loans for set up and expansion, the economic future to Maui is better ensured. MEO's Early

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Childhood Services provide quality infant care and early childhood education, offering toddlers a head start for better education and a better life. The Youth Services Department provides youth with assistance to succeed in school and life through fun-filled opportunities to learn life skills, prepare for the workforce, and serve the community. As you heard from the people of...ladies from Upward Bound, they do use the MEO transportation. So on behalf of our members and myself, I wish to request a budget increase for MEO of 5 percent for the next fiscal year, 8 percent for transportation. Mahalo for listening.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, we have one question for you.

MS. GERBIG: Sure.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Hi, Arleen.

MS. GERBIG: Hi.

VICE-CHAIR KING: First of all, thank you for arranging your event in May so that we can all attend.

MS. GERBIG: Yeah, we gotta do that --

VICE-CHAIR KING: No Council meeting that day.

MS. GERBIG: --for all of you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: I just wanted to ask about you were asking for 5 percent increase. Is that in the Mayor's Proposed Budget or you're asking us to put that in?

MS. GERBIG: ...*(inaudible)*...

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, to support what's in there. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Seeing no other questions, thank you so much for your testimony this evening. Staff, will you please call the next testifiers.

MS. CHUNG: Yes, Chair. The next testifier is Evelyn Goo, to be followed by Gregg Nelson.

MS. GOO: Aloha, Councilmembers.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aloha.

MS. GOO: I have a big mouth. Sorry. Thank you for allowing us this public forum to come out and speak and I am so happy it's a brand new day in Hawaii Nei, cannot tell you.

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I'm not here to ask for any money. I'm actually here speaking as an individual and I am coming before this Council to ask that an audit be done on Lahaina Restoration Foundation. They are given many numerous properties for a very nominal fee from our State and our County. They rent them out at a commercial rate. They have parking revenues. I believe, and I didn't look it up for myself because I don't know how, but I was told that last year they got in excess of \$750,000 to \$850,000 and that is outside of the realm of their parking. They've been given parking lots to get revenue on. I just want to know where this money is going as a tax paying citizen that my money is paying to an organization. They also do send out this for member fees on top of all of the other revenues they receive. This begins at \$25 for an individual all the way to \$250 to be a member. So this is on top of everything. So we're talking about an organization that is getting in excess in the millions of dollars where other organizations here are struggling. I did come out tonight to ask for this because last year there was an item in Elle Cochran's committee regarding the Banyan Tree. She was beginning to do one investigation. It was before, well, I believe Riki you're the only that's here from last year, and Kelly and Yuki. I don't know if you folks remember this whole thing. Well, in the midst of the committee this foundation got with the Parks Department, and I have all the documents which I will be forwarding to you folks, they got with the Parks Department and tried to do a end run around Council. And now I believe it will be coming up...I believe it's in Councilmember Hokama's committee. They are trying to give them a ten-year lease. Yeah, so that's why I'm here and another reason I'm here is because this organization has used their muscle that has been given to them by funds to stifle other organizations.

MS. CHUNG: Three minutes.

MS. GOO: And I say that because I'm one of them. I have a letter right here where I submitted for an SMA in Campbell Park, which my event because of this foundation just got cut. Because they continue to send nasty, lying things of what we were doing that we were not doing. So it's a brand new day. I'm speaking my truth. I'm standing in the truth and it's gonna be put in your hands. I have all the information that you need. I have everything and I will be forwarding it to you folks because the Banyan Tree is Hawaiian ceded land for one. Number two, it's under Executive Order. In that Executive Order it states public use. Public use is not giving it to one, two, or three organizations. In my view, public use is public use. So I would just like an audit to be done --

MS. CHUNG: Four minutes.

MS. GOO: --to find out where all these...this money is coming from and yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Goo. Seeing no questions, thank you so much
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MS. GOO: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --for your testimony this evening.

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MS. GOO: Thank you for listening.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Staff, will you please call the next testifiers.

MS. CHUNG: Yes, Chair. The next testifier is Gregg Nelson, testifying on behalf of Napili Kai Beach Resort, to be followed by Lindsay Elam.

MR. NELSON: Aloha and good evening.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aloha.

MR. NELSON: It's really great to have all of you over on the West Side. Committee Chair, rest of you, I want to thank you and I'm sure everybody else here does, as well. You are doing a very, very important job here. Going through this budgeting process is just monumental and I know you've got a lot to deal with. Just listening to all the needs here tonight, it's amazing. They are all very deserving. And certainly, it's compelling stories. It would be nice to give something to everybody, and hopefully, when you're all done with the process, everybody is gonna be reasonably happy with what they do get. I am Gregg Nelson. I'm General Manager of Napili Kai Beach Resort, way up north by Kapalua. I'm...I've been a resident of Maui for...since, geez, 1978. And I've been through a number of these budget hearings, and again, there's always very important needs. I'm here to talk tonight about the Maui Visitors Bureau funding. Hopefully, we can...we can stick with the Mayor's proposal on that. I feel very strongly about Maui Visitors Bureau and their funding. They do a great job for Maui. Yes, there is a need for funds, but Maui Visitors Bureau through all their promotion and marketing efforts, returns dollars to Maui County, and they do it many, many ways. You know, it would be nice to have a more diversified economy here, but until the time comes that we are that developed and have been able to do it, tourism really is the mainstay of our economy. It's our economic engine and we've got to keep it healthy. And cutting the funds, it's probably not the way to go. I know that a lot of people will say, gee, you know, there's far too many visitors here on the island. You hear that throughout the State. I would ask you to make the distinction in your minds between visitors and hotel occupancies because they are two separate things. Hawaii Tourism Authority comes out with two reports each month and one will say --

MS. CHUNG: Three minutes.

MR. NELSON: --one will say visitor arrivals are way up. The other one doesn't get much publicity and that's hotel occupancies. But just to give you an idea, since mid-last year the visitor arrivals have continued to grow every single month, but hotel occupancies have continued to fall. How is it that visitors are up and hotel occupancies are down? They're going someplace else. And just to give you a real brief idea here. These are statewide figures, but compared to 2018 to 2017 people's accommodations staying with family and friends is up 8 percent. Private room in private homes is up 18 percent year

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over year. Shared room in private home is up 38 percent and rental houses is up 23 percent.

MS. CHUNG: Four minutes.

MR. NELSON: A lot of this is the short-term visitor thing that's going on. But if you ever want to know more about those reports, I'd be glad to share 'em with you. Please support the Maui Visitors Bureau. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Seeing no questions, mahalo for your testimony this evening. Staff, will you please call the next testifiers.

MS. CHUNG: Yes, Chair. The next testifier is Lindsay Elam, testifying on behalf of MEO Enlace Program, to be followed by Sne Patel.

MS. ELAM: Hi. Good evening, Council. My name is Lindsay Elam and I have two things that I want to testify about tonight. But the first one I would like to talk about is the Enlace MEO Program. I would like to ask your consideration for continued funding. A few months ago a situation I never expected landed in my lap. A child I have known for over 10 years needed my help. I had no idea where to go or who to ask for questions...or for who to ask my questions. I first called the County of Maui's Immigrant Services and they got me in touch with a lady named Maria from the MEO Enlace Program. She helped with referrals and information ranging from immigration questions, translation help, family lawyer stuff, and even providing encouragement and moral support. If she didn't know the answer, she researched and found out for me. She was able to help me get in touch with the Mexican Consulate to get the ball rolling for this child. She's even...she's been right by my side from the very beginning of this journey and I share every triumph and disappointment in this journey with her. Although she's not here right now, Maria graciously has given me her personal cell phone number. She's in New York with a sick family member and I have...she has asked me to keep in contact with her while she's been away as well. So had I not had the help from this program and Maria I don't know what the situation would be right now and the future looks extremely bright for this child and she's also going to be helping me with the immigration process as soon as that arises. So this program definitely helped me a lot and could have potentially saved this child's life. So I ask your continued support with that program. The second thing I wanted to talk about is I have this little map here for you guys. I've been a lifelong resident of West Maui, specifically in Honokowai. I live at Honokowai Kauhale, and I have in this little map, the lower road is where I'd like to draw some attention to. There's been a lot more building...this is an old map so I apologize because right where that 3400 Lower Honoapiilani is now a food truck area and so there's a lot of foot traffic there. And then that Kai Malina Parkway area is now where Honua Kai and all those new condos are being built so there is tons of traffic there. My concerns are the foot traffic and the road traffic and the hazards over there. It is...let me get my little notes here, I'm sorry --

MS. CHUNG: Three minutes.

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MS. ELAM: --okay, thank you. The crosswalks there's not enough, as you can see the black circles I have on there, are the crosswalks that we have in that area. The lighting in this area is extremely dark so in the evening it's hard to see. Now with these new food trucks and all these new condos there people are constantly running in that pink area back and forth not inside the crosswalks, and it's dark, you can't really see. So I know, I think it was on New Year's Eve, there was a gentleman, not in the crosswalk, on the side of the road who got hit by a car and he was wearing black. That was at dusk so it wasn't even really dark. I've had, you know, numerous problems there. And also there is, where that little red star is, that's on the sidewalk right there, during the daytime there's a moped company, during the evening there's a pizza company. That little...that little line that I wrote that goes on to --

MS. CHUNG: Four minutes.

MS. ELAM: --sorry, I'll hurry up, that goes on to the road there is where they teach the people how to ride the mopeds. I have to turn on that road every single time I go home. There's been multiple times that I've almost hit people trying to learn how. And during the night time that pizza place, they're on the sidewalk so they block...so if you're walking there, you have to step in the street to get around them so...and it's just very dark. So I would, you know, ask that you guys consider perhaps maybe some blinking crosswalk lights in the area, lighting, some kind of help so somebody doesn't die.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We have a question for you.

MS. ELAM: Sure.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just wanted to mention that I already put in for the --

MS. ELAM: You are awesome.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --two right right there by the hotel and if you go across Times, but I didn't thank you for bringing to my attention the rest of the situation. I put in...like I requested on the record the traffic blinking lights, but I just said also because sometimes they have experts that think other kinds of traffic calming devices work better like speed humps or whatever. So I just put in to defer to what they think is the best traffic calming device. But would you like me to be adding from here to here traffic calming?

MS. ELAM: Well, you know how Kahului has there on Puunene all those little yellow...I thought, wow, those might be good because that pink area is where the four lanes are. The rest of it is only two lanes so that's the most dangerous part and there's people that are staying at all these condos and they're building more that are running across the four lanes right there with strollers and kids and old people. You know, I see people

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almost get hit every single day. So I'm not even sure about that area what anything, you know. . .

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Plenty times, too, the walk...workers walk through also.

MS. ELAM: Yes. Yes, they do.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So maybe it's like an impact fee kind of situation for the hotels.

MS. ELAM: Yeah, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Or the condos.

MS. ELAM: Or the police over there giving jaywalking tickets. I don't know. I don't know. Something --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. Thank you. You answered my question.

MS. ELAM: --but I appreciate...I appreciate your guys consideration very much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry. One more question, Ms. Elam. One more question, Ms. Elam. Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you. Just a clarification question.

MS. ELAM: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: So majority of foot traffic is from the condos?

MS. ELAM: Yeah. You know, I live there and just because I don't want to chance it killing somebody, you know, because they walk out and all over the place on the lower road. I usually walk, too, so if I'm gonna go to the food trucks, I walk and I live, you know, where that little red line is. I live at Honokowai Kauhale. Local people, too.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: And the Kai Malina Parkway, is that a road or a walkway?

MS. ELAM: Yeah, that's actually a road. So that...if you turn left over there, that's where I think it's Honua Kai and they're building something else over there as well. So this is actually built up now. So there is way more people there than there used to be.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay.

MS. ELAM: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you.

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MS. ELAM: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Mahalo for your testimony this evening. Staff, will you please call the next testifier.

MS. CHUNG: Yes, Chair. The next testifier is Sne Patel, testifying on behalf of the Lahaina Town Action Committee, to be followed by Debbie Amaral.

MR. PATEL: Aloha, Council, and thank you for being here. I got my notes on crayon. I got my helper here. So, yeah, President of the Lahaina Town Action Committee. My name is Sne Patel. I'm gonna testify on a few things. First of all, I'm a Ka Ipu Kukui Fellow. So really appreciate that program brought to light. Just some things that I wasn't aware of in terms of how the whole County works, but also from the State level down. So I think that's a crucial program for young leaders. Everybody should, you know, who wants to lead in this County should try to go to a program like that. They're only asking for 34,000 so I think can do that. Then we have the West Maui Economic Development and Cultural Programs. That relates directly to the Lahaina Town Action Committee. We organize some of the bigger events in Lahaina Town—Halloween, Fourth of July, and then help out Daryl with a few of his program as well. So I think that's all bundled into that. It's about \$140,000. Sometimes people, you know, wonder should we have these events. You know, are they culturally significant? But you know, we're all part of the culture, right? From the bartender to the guy that's serving, I mean. So the trickle down effect it matters. We've had times where we didn't have those events in Lahaina and that meant maybe a kid not getting that birthday present or Christmas present. So it does trickle down and it does benefit the whole town, these events. We're also trying to move from just the event-based organization to more of being...playing an active role in the West Side community. And I know that the Wailuku Clean and Safe Program, which is in the budget, I believe that if there are some extra funds or I was told that perhaps there are some extra funds with that, that perhaps that can get shifted to Lahaina because Lahaina is facing some of the same things that Wailuku Town has faced with homelessness, perhaps some of the curb appeal, and it will be great to be able to tackle some of those issues and funding is crucial for that. So I know that Lawrence...speaking to Lawrence, he came over and spoke to us. He's done some great things over there. But you know, it all comes down to money, right, at the end of the day? I volunteer my time, you know, but it's hard sometimes. So all the money you guys are talking about it does have a trickle down effect to people in the community. So appreciate you guys, you know, you taking the time and we always talk about cutting and things like that. I also manage a business so I know...know about budgets. But I really appreciate you guys taking the time to go through this process. MVB also had a line item in there that gave specific money for Second Fridays. We appreciated that this year because it did allow for more Hawaiian music for Second Friday events. I thought that was a added value and benefit to the community, as well as --

MS. CHUNG: Three minutes.

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MR. PATEL: --the tourist. Thank you. Let me see...I think that was it. Oh, somebody talked about earlier about audits. I just wanted to say that every organization, nonprofit, every three years gets audited if you get County money. So that does happen. You're not just using this money frivolously. And then lastly, I have reached out to a few Councilmembers here. I am working on a testifying app that allows for video testimony...live video testimony so I don't have to be here with my kid all the time. You guys see me sometimes with a stroller. But yeah, it's a live video testimony app and I've been talking to a few of you about that. It's through Ka Ipu Kukui where I came up with the idea, as well as now I'm part of the Purple Mai'a on Oahu going through that process. It's a Hawaiian indigenous innovation accelerator which I think is great. Something that perhaps we can also strive to on Maui to have because --

MS. CHUNG: Four minutes.

MR. PATEL: --yeah, thank you, so yeah, that's about it. Thank you. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We have a question for you. Chair King.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Hi, Mr. Patel. Thanks for coming.

MR. PATEL: Thank you, Kelly.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So I was really interested in the app that you said you're working on and I just wanted to let you know that I put in to our Council budget some funding to try create an office on the West Side for testimony so people don't have to drive all the way in. So I might be...if you can leave your information, I might be tapping into some of your expertise with that project.

MR. PATEL: Oh, yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: I'd like to work with you on that.

MR. PATEL: Yeah, greatly appreciate that. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Yeah, I think it would cut down on a little bit of traffic. I mean I don't know how many people come from this end to testify, but I think it's frustrating for them to drive all over there and get three minutes. So if we can just provide a little space here --

MR. PATEL: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --you know, for that. Thank you.

MR. PATEL: Yeah, or even, just I mean you think about it, this is a West Side meeting, you know, look at it. Should be more people here, yeah.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Seeing no more questions, mahalo for your testimony this evening, Mr. Patel. Staff, will you please call the next testifiers.

MS. CHUNG: Yes, Chair. The next testifier is Debbie Amaral, testifying on behalf of MEO Early Childhood Services, to be followed by Edwin "Ekolu" Lindsey.

MS. AMARAL: Aloha. MEO is a community action agency chartered on March 22, 1965 under provisions of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964. In the last fiscal year, MEO served nearly 18,000 individuals and families touching 54,000 lives. MEO administers more than 40 programs under five departments. My name is Debbi Amaral and I'm the Program Director for Early Heads...Early Childhood Services Department, including Head Start and Kahi Kamalii Infant and Toddler Program. Federal Head Start is funded to serve 231 children on Maui and Molokai in a total of 11 classrooms. Year to date we've served 237 children. The selection criteria for eligible children and families prioritizes homelessness, and in this program year we served 10 families that entered as homeless, but were finally acquired housing through the program. Also, foster children, we have enrolled 20 children that referred to Head Start by Child Welfare Services and are currently enrolled. In addition, we prioritize children who come from households with 100 percent Federal poverty guidelines or receiving public assistance or children with certified special needs. For Head Start, because it's a two-gen program we look at a comprehensive service because we know that vulnerable families require additional support. Under Health, we have 237 children that have ongoing source of continuous accessible healthcare. Family Engagement, which I believe is the foundation of our program. We have 203 individuals that have provided volunteer services to the program and through governance leadership promoting shared decision making, 48 parents stepped up as leaders in the program to support approving grant applications and the hiring of new employees. We also have special education services at 5 DOE Head Start Programs with a partnership with enrolling children with special needs. We served a total of 36 children in this program year with special needs. This is Caitlin Fox Comfort. She's the teacher at our Lahaina Head Start Center. We partner with Princess Nahienaena and we have five children enrolled at that program as a result of the partnership. And in regards to education, 100 percent of the children that we've served school readiness skills to be ready to go into kindergarten and succeed in life. Our Kahi Kamalii Program provides full day early education services to children 12 months to 3 years of age. A total of 15 children are enrolled with 13 that are currently receiving County of Maui subsidies. And I know for a fact that the families without the subsidies would not be able to be working and/or affording childcare.

MS. CHUNG: Three minutes.

MS. AMARAL: Thank you. The Head Start after school County funding supports 159 families to achieve self-sufficiency through full day education services for their children to be able to work, to go to job training, and/or continue their education to get a better paying job. Thank you for the support to MEO and to the Early Childhood Services Program,

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and I do welcome you to please come out and visit our sites so you can see the magic that's happening in our communities. Thank you very much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Seeing no questions, mahalo for your testimony this evening.

MS. AMARAL: Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for coming. We're gonna take two more testifiers and then take a ten-minute break. Staff, will you please call the next two testifiers.

MS. CHUNG: Yes, Chair. The next testifier is Edwin "Ekolu" Lindsey, to be followed by Steven B. Ashfield.

MR. LINDSEY: Aloha, Councilmembers. My name is Ekolu Lindsey and thank you for having us today. It's awesome you guys came out to West Maui to listen to us. I have a couple of things I want to talk about. If you have ever taken care of somebody who you loved that was incapacitated towards their senior years, then you will know what I'm talking about. If you haven't, your turn will come. I take care of my Aunt Mary Helen. I've had to take myself out of the job market to take care of her. If you have ever gone to school at Lahainaluna in the 70's and 80's, you know who I'm talking about. She's the most important person in my life who had taught me everything pretty much. So when you take care of somebody and take on that kuleana, the adult day care center is huge. I really ask that, you know, there's so many angels there that allow our seniors to stay home. I wouldn't want her anyplace else. Without the capacity that they bring and the support they give and also the office paging, with the support services that they provide for people like myself, it is a wonder that I'm able to maintain her healthy and happy at home. So I really want you guys to take a look at those budgets and at least maintain the amounts that they're asking for. Okay. The next thing I wanted to talk about is I wanted to shoot a shout out for Kehau Halii in Hana. I walked the land with them out there and it is a beautiful place that needs to be preserved. They already got State support so we should do our part to help them maintain those lands from being developed. It's a very beautiful place and has many significance, spiritually, as well as a lot of kuleana for the people out there. I wanted to give my aloha for those guys out there, too. The other thing I wanted to talk about was Maui Visitors Bureau. I had a meeting with Sherry Duong and I really like the direction they're heading in to manage tourism instead of bring 'em in. In the many circles I ran in, the many meetings I've been, everyone's talking we have enough already. What do we need to do to keep them safe? I think managing tourism is huge. They've already come up with four 30-second clips on how to be safe, where to rent, what's culturally appropriate, and there was another one, but I was very impressed with the speakers and the videos that they had come up with. And also, I really do support them in their mission to keep the people safe. I think that's huge. Anytime we can keep them out of the water if they no need be in the water, we save ourselves a lot of money by spending a little bit. So on the back end we do save a lot. So I really support them. The other thing I wanted to talk about was the property tax rates. I believe that we can get a little bit more money out of commercialized residential. What is commercialized residential? When you look at your

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residential rates, that's your non-homeowner at 5.52 and then you look at your commercialized residential. I really believe that can go up a little bit more.

MS. CHUNG: Three minutes.

MR. LINDSEY: And you know, just under what commercialized rates are which is 7.25 so somewhere inside there. I think they need to pay their fair share as a commercial interest. They're not paying enough. And that's all I have to speak about this evening. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We have a question for you. Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you for being here and your breadth of all the different things you support is very interesting. I wanted to ask about the first one. I bless you and the life you're doing and giving back to your—is it your aunty?

MR. LINDSEY: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: And is it...you say adult day care, is it Maui Adult Day Care?

MR. LINDSEY: Uh-huh. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. And you are asking us for full funding for that? Thank you.

MR. LINDSEY: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

MR. LINDSEY: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thanks, Chair. Mahalo, Ekolu, and please give my aloha to Aunty Mary Helen. She was my dorm matron. You did mention you spoke with MVB. Who is the person you spoke with?

MR. LINDSEY: She's the Executive Director, Sherry Duong.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Kama.

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COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you. Thank you for being here, Mr. Lindsey. You look like your dad, Ed.

MR. LINDSEY: Handsome guy, yeah?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah. . . .(laughter). . .

MR. LINDSEY: Thanks.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Social Studies teacher at Iao --

MR. LINDSEY: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: --Intermediate. All my kids went there and they loved him and I did, too, but I still think of him when I pass Keopuolani Park. Because when they first planted all those trees there, he said those ironwood trees are no good for the land and he would go and pull 'em all out and the Mayor would go back and plant 'em all back. He'd pull 'em back out and the Mayor put it back and then he finally gave up because it was just too much. He could not compete with the Parks and Rec. So, but I admired him for that nonetheless. But I want to ask you, the services that you get to take care Aunt Mary, do you think that's sufficient for what you need? Because they will provide her with certain things, right? Home health, as well as adult day. But you as a caregiver also need respite and you need help.

MR. LINDSEY: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So do you get enough of that or you feel like you should...you need more?

MR. LINDSEY: I think I get enough. I no like get too greedy, but I think I get very good support from them now. We've qualified for pretty much everything that we could get and it's enough. I mean, you know, your stress level go kinda high sometimes --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yes, yes.

MR. LINDSEY: --so you gotta know when to turn away because the problem will still be there. But the respite care that they do provide for us is just right.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: And you get time off?

MR. LINDSEY: With my mom helping out, I get time off, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. Thank you.

MR. LINDSEY: Okay.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: One last question. Just...I didn't hear. I was wanting clarification on the proposed increase on the commercial residential rates that you. . .

MR. LINDSEY: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: What were the proposed rates you were suggesting?

MR. LINDSEY: Well, commercialized residential rates are proposed at 4.55, which is...and your residential rates, your non-homeowner residential rates, are 5.52. So it should be above the residential rates for a non-homeowner because they are drawing an income and interest. They are taking up more space and taking away rooms, right.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MR. LINDSEY: I hope that helps.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

MR. LINDSEY: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for your testimony.

MR. LINDSEY: Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Staff, will you please call the next testifier.

MS. CHUNG: Yes, Chair. The next testifier is Steven B. Ashfield.

MR. ASHFIELD: Wow, I'm before the break. That usually doesn't happen. My name is Steven Ashfield. Aloha and welcome to the Lahaina Civic Center --

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aloha.

MR. ASHFIELD: --the home of the Maui Jim Maui Invitational most prestigious pre-season college basketball team in the nation and the start of the road to the Final Four. I'm here to add for a special line item of \$50,000 to be used for that tournament. As of right now, the funds come out of West Maui Parks and Recreation budget and that makes a hassle at the end of the year to figure out what we're gonna give to the tournament, what we're gonna take away. I don't want anything to take away. What does that money pay for? Building gets cleaned, building gets painted inside and out, floor upstairs gets redone, plants come from the Parks' nursery in Wailuku, overtime for the Park caretakers that do things that they don't normally get done, and pay for overtime for building maintenance repairers to be here for the whole tournament whenever the games are on because things happen and things break and we don't want it to break at that time. What perks does Maui get for the tournament? Nine to fifteen million dollars

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worth of business comes into West Maui. There are 10,000 people here for three days watching the games at the Civic Center. Ten million people watching the 36 hours of television that comes on. What do they see in here? Maui twice—Maui Jim Maui Invitational. Lahaina Civic Center on the foul line, and if they don't know where it is, we have big Maui signs at the end of the court to make sure they know it's coming from Maui. Every return from commercial, every four minutes, has shots of Maui, whales which aren't even here yet, beautiful sunsets even if it's raining, Maui beaches even if it's past sunset. And that is not to say all the talk that ESPN after the games and on sports centers. Now I even got a plan to get most of the money back. Wow, you say, okay. The fee for this Civic Center is \$100. One hundred dollars. Two hundred and seventy-five for a key deposit, \$50 for a custodial, \$50 for a key. Most of the time the money just goes back, the key deposit and the custodial. For the rental for this room, 322 people with tables, chairs, kitchen, lights, A/C, for 15 hours, that's less than \$7 an hour. Double it. Look at all the other places. I only talk about here, but all the other places can be...can rise, too. Make the people that use it pay for it. Get more money into the General Fund. I know when you go on vacation that on your bucket list is one of the things is to go to a gymnasium. No? Well, visitors come here. Hundreds of people when I worked here for 20 years, every week somebody came to see the gymnasium. Now that's something else. It's the mecca of college basketball.

MS. CHUNG: Three minutes.

MR. ASHFIELD: Just look at the banners that hang on the season with all the famous colleges that came here. The championship banner, and needless to say, the MVP tournament banner with all those great NBA stars that started to play basketball right here in Lahaina. So we need to keep this support going and make this a special place. Mahalo and I'll see you at the Maui Jim Maui Invitational.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We have a question from Ms. Sugimura and Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So Steve, are you retired? Are you still working for Parks?

MR. ASHFIELD: No, I've been retired for five years.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: And you're still doing the Maui Invitational.

MR. ASHFIELD: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: You are amazing.

MR. ASHFIELD: Now I don't get paid for it so, sorry. It was overtime then.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. Thank you for the input about people come and visit and want to see the Civic Center, this complex, because of the Maui Invitational.

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MR. ASHFIELD: They don't want to see the complex. They just want to see the gym. But the complex is really good. I mean it doesn't look like all the other complexes because we have the Maui Invitational.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

MR. ASHFIELD: Plus, it's the only way I can get clothes to wear or else I'd have nothing to wear.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin and then Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aloha, Mr. Ashfield. Thanks for coming and thanks for all the opala you pick up on the side of the road, too. I see you all the time. I just was wondering do you work at all together 'cause it brings in like \$9 to \$15 million worth of business, do you work at all with the Maui County Visitors Bureau on this project?

MR. ASHFIELD: The idea was it comes out of West Maui's budget so we get so much money and that 50,000 has to come out. So every time we get a new district supervisor they're trying to figure out how I can not spend this money and maybe not paint the place, maybe not do something, but it really needs to get done because we really have to be a shining example for those people that come here to say, wow, I had a person from Duke come down the stairs ready to play basketball and he's going, wow, this place is really small. I said, you know who plays here next after you leave? He goes who? K through second grade. . . .(laughter). . .

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, I know, it's a big benefit to West Maui hotels and the Visitors Bureau wondering if they would be, you know, like a sponsor of the event or something because I thought that's, you know, like they spend a lot of money on advertising. Maybe this is the advertising they could, I mean, spend it on. It's just what maybe asking if you ever did approach the Visitors Bureau about working together.

MR. ASHFIELD: I think the Visitors Bureau already gives them some money. But again, the money I was looking for was to say, okay, this is what the Parks does and nobody else is gonna do it. The BMR's, last year the Mayor's wife came up to me and said we have a toilet...we have a sink broken, right in the middle of the game, and spreading water all over the ladies' room bathroom. I said, okay, I'll get the BMR's over here on overtime. Okay, guys gotta go fix it. Before the game was over, they went out, got a part, fixed it, and it was going again. We have to have those people here. If all of a sudden they say, well, let's not do it, we're in trouble. Lights go, whatever.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, and if they say they not going give premium pay, then we can't do it either though.

MR. ASHFIELD: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And. . .

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MR. ASHFIELD: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Aloha, Steve. You know with that great voice of yours you could be mistaken for one of those ESPN basketball announcers. You've done a great job. Quick question, have you heard since you've been helping out with this tournament complaints from the college officials about our locker room facilities here for the players?

MR. ASHFIELD: No. As long as I give them water they don't care.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

MR. ASHFIELD: No, I haven't...yes, there's no air conditioning back in those areas where it's hot. But I just tell 'em before it was hot in the gym when it was 86 degrees when I was first here and it was hot all over.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, I was just bringing that up because we've been told by some officials that some of the coaches from some of the big name schools are thinking about not coming back here because they feel the facility should be upgraded. So that's too bad if they don't want to come to Maui, unfortunately. There's a lot of other folks that I'm sure would love to play basketball here.

MR. ASHFIELD: It was probably...one of the other teams would be gladly to come.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you.

MR. ASHFIELD: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Seeing no other questions, mahalo for your testimony. Before we go to break, Staff, will you please announce how many more testifiers we have tonight.

MS. TAKAYAMA: Yes, Chair. There are 12 more people signed up to testify.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Twelve more. Okay. Will you please let the two next testifiers know who they are so that when we come back from break they're prepared.

MS. CHUNG: Yes, Chair. The next two testifiers are Laurie Lowson and Paul Laub.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay, if there are no objections, I will now call a ten minute break. Please be back in your seats by 7:44. Mahalo. Okay. It's 7:34, April 10th, the Economic Development and Budget Committee is now in recess. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

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RECESS: 7:34 p.m.

RECONVENE: 7:51 p.m.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . . *(gavel)*. . . Will the Economic Development and Budget Committee please return to order. It is 7:51 on April 10th. Staff, will you please call our first testifier.

MS. CHUNG: Yes, Chair. The next testifier is Laurie Lowson, testifying on behalf of Pohailani Maui, to be followed by Paul Laub.

MS. LOWSON: Good evening. Thank you for coming to West Maui to listen to our budget concerns. I am Laurie Lowson, President of the Board of Directors of Pohailani Maui Condominiums. Based on that volunteer position, I am asking the following, Lower Honoapiilani has been on the schedule for paving and upgrading every year since Alan Arakawa was first Mayor, 16 years ago. Last year, Councilmember Elle Cochran pulled me aside at the budget hearing and assured me that the lower road from Hoohui Road to Napilihau Street was on David Goode's list for repaving in Spring of 2018. Here it is, Spring of 2019 and this section of the lower road still has not been addressed. Every year I get the same response that the lower road between Hoohui Road and Napilihau Street will be modernized, repaired, and repaved. To date, this has not happened. At times the potholes are so deep that they could swallow a bike, a moped, or a small vehicle. Yes, a small portion of the lower road in that section was repaved, however, we need the entire segment to be repaired and paved, sidewalks installed sooner rather than later. Moving on to another subject. As a resident of West Maui, I would like to thank the Council and the Mayor for funding the Third Saturday recycling program at the Lahaina Cannery Mall and to request increased funding for Fiscal Year 2020. This is a very necessary service which needs to continue for West Maui. I join with the Rotary Club of Lahaina Sunset urging the Council to increase the proposed funding and allow these important recycling events to continue in West Maui every month. Moving on. As a property owner and a realtor, I would just like to touch on this, real property tax classifications. Simplify. Fewer categories instead of more. Owner-Occupant; Long-Term Rental or Non-Resident, not used as a vacation rental; No. 3, Short-Term Rental, which would include hotels, VRBO, timeshare, anything that can be rented on a nightly basis for less than 6 months; Ag land used as such; and a commercial rate. And that's it. Any questions?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Ms. Lowson, for being here tonight. I just was...the issue about the lower road was a issue I questioned Director...former Director Goode about and I believe that section that was supposed to be planned to be paved was called Phase 4. Are you familiar with that?

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MS. LOWSON: I thought it was Phase 3 at one point. From Hoohui to basically...not all the way to Napili Hau. Part of it got paved there where it's skinny, and then it flooded out during the second hurricane and all that, and then they have repaved it again, but I thought it was Phase 3. Pohailani actually gave up land and sold it to the County for sidewalks and access for that, but nothings ever happened with it.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, so I had thought that Phase 3 was finished and Phase 4 was the one that didn't get done yet and my questions to him was about the deferral agreements because he didn't have any formula. I guess plenty years ago they subdivided into three lots or less all along that Phase 4, and the agreement was when the County comes through, then all the people that deferred their frontage improvement were going to pay a portion of the amount. So I don't know if that was the hold up about it because when I asked him if...he said he was moving forward with it, but he didn't have a formula to assess all the people's deferral agreements. He just said, oh, we gotta find out how much is the end cost and then split it up somehow.

MS. LOWSON: Huh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So that's why I didn't support him. But to me, I think that's what the problem has been and now with portions of the lower road is just falling into the ocean they gotta make decisions about are we gonna just move our infrastructure back, and you know, it's kind of...that's the current situation.

MS. LOWSON: Well, like between Hololani and Pohailani where there's electrical box and all that kind of stuff, yeah, that's real tricky there, and people seem to think that's a parking space. But I don't think Pohailani has ever been noticed that we would owe a deferral payment of any...is that what you're speaking about? We did like I said give up land and get paid minimum for years and years ago.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah.

MS. LOWSON: So I guess we have to research this further because I wasn't realized, but --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, was it deferred?

MS. LOWSON: --I just kept hearing it will get taken care of, it will get taken care of, but it just gets avoided. So those of us on the lower road would definitely like to see some action.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, I think we ought to make some decisions about the lower road.

MS. LOWSON: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Seeing no other questions, mahalo for --

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MS. LOWSON: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --your testimony tonight. Staff, will you please call the next two testifiers.

MS. CHUNG: Yes, Chair. The next testifier is Paul Laub, testifying on behalf of veterans, to be followed by David Olney.

MR. LAUB: Aloha ahiahi mai kakou. O Paul Laub kou inoa. I'm talking about the great respect that everyone has shown to veterans here. This I think has to be the number one state, really. In fact, this building is sanctified by the names of people who died, who are out front. But it wasn't just World War II. There's a little sculpture out front out in the yard and it has the names of Cajimat and Bolor. And Bolor...Trooper Bolor was at my house before he got shipped over and Cajimat's mom cried in my arms when her son died. And it goes on. It doesn't just stop back in the 40's. So the key thing here I think is that we fight to maintain a righteousness, a fairness, a justice, our way of life, and guys give their lives...just give 'em for these things. And I know a lot of you here have relatives who were in concentration camps and it's real hard for the guys to fight knowing that their family is stuck in concentration camp. But guys come home...some guys come home. I've been blessed to come home. We have children and we go on. That's why I have a house. I got a 900 square foot house made in 1927. And so when my...I got three sons, most of you guys know Barak, my youngest one, but when they were little kids I could throw 'em in one room. The guys, you know, throw the guys in one room. And my girlfriend has three daughters and so now time has come where everyone has mates. We got 14 people in a 900 square foot house—it wasn't working. You know, loved when they'd come over, it just wasn't working. I bought the house next door and the house came up and I'd spent a couple years trying to get a second floor. It wasn't happening. So we bought the house next door and back then in 2007 when I bought it, the tax was 13,000 for the year. It's what the tax was. In 2018, the tax is 16,000, and as I understand it now in 2019 it has been recommended that it be raised to 29,000. I've been pretty successful. I've been very successful with this life. This has been very good, but there's a certain point there's only so much you can do, and at \$29,000 in taxes for a year is still stiff. It's not just me. The other old guys like me have our kids who are working on the mainland. We have our grandkids. We want them to come back when business is good and get 'em going.

MS. CHUNG: Three minutes.

MR. LAUB: I think that that basically sums up everything I have to say. Thank you very kindly for giving me the opportunity to speak.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Seeing no questions, mahalo for your testimony this evening.

MS. CHUNG: Chair, would you like us to call the next testifier?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes, please.

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MR. OLNEY: Sorry.

MS. CHUNG: The next testifier is David Olney, testifying on behalf of Hyatt Regency Maui, to be followed by Amber Drake.

MR. OLNEY: Aloha, Councilmembers. Thank you for your service. I'm a fellow bean counter so I have to understand how to balance all these items, and boy, can I associate with everybody that has taken this podium tonight. I have five boys, I have a veteran, I live on the lower road. Love Lahaina. It's just like everybody...Boys and Girls Club, I was raised through that. It's just like everyone I could associate with. I have 33 years with Hyatt so very experienced with budgeting and with the hotel industry. It's a great organization. I wanted to speak to what differentiates resorts from VRBOs. I think it's a very important distinction is what specifically does our property, our resort, bring to the community. I could speak to many things. Twenty-four million dollars in taxes paid by our specific property this last year. Just ran through it, did the numbers about two hours ago. It's like...nobody could guess in my office within \$5 million what that number was. When I added up property taxes, sales taxes, payroll taxes, all the way down the line. It was amazing! We already see the appraisal that's coming and I used to be an appraiser. I welcome it. I think it was a great thing. I think it probably was overdue. We're gonna receive a 20 percent increase just off the appraisal. It is correct. No question about it. So our property tax is gonna up by the 20 percent. Completely agree with it. But what do we bring? What does Hyatt bring? We were just named the best employer in the Hawaiian Islands, Hyatt was, collectively. We just achieved Gold Level for our LEED, which is very important. We have the best Director of Engineering, probably in all of Hyatt, that works at our property. With the solar panels and the HVAC systems that we've been renovating – unbelievable. We're working on with the University of Hawaii 100 percent sustainability. We're at 80 percent right now. It is my goal to get rid of every plastic cup, everything that gets thrown away. We're working on right now with the Food Bank and Hale Kau Kau donations of our food. You know, we have a luau every night and that food now is being packaged up and it's gonna be prepared and sent across the island. Incredible! Waste and being reused. Amazing that our Exec Chef is doing that. The Lahaina fire that we had, I was first to...woke up at 2:00 and our whole group, number one we opened our doors, our ballrooms, dogs, everything you can imagine, pick up trucks loaded with household belongings, came to our property. After that I was up there Lahainaluna cleaning out the classrooms, which do need an upgrade, no question about it. But cleaning those out and then providing lunch—our chef prepared lunch for all the volunteers which I thought was incredible.

MS. CHUNG: Three minutes.

MR. OLNEY: We heavily are involved in Make A Wish, involving usually about two kids a week coming to our program and taking care of every kind of need that they could imagine. The Imua Ball with Dean Wong being a primary donor with that. I have a special needs son-in-law. Taking care of that is amazing. Paddle for a Cure, the Marathon, the Charity Walk, you know, I could go on and on with these items. So what I'm asking is the

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Mayor's proposal for our tax rate that that be heavily considered on it. The tax rate right now would be a 64.5 percent increase on top of the 20 percent increase, basically making it a 97 percent property tax increase in one year. That's gonna affect us. Like you, you have to balance a budget, I'm the one that balances the budget for our property. That's a concern and with our ownership and with renovations coming down the road it's --

MS. CHUNG: Four minutes.

MR. OLNEY: --gonna be tough. So mahalo. Thank you for your time.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Member Molina and then Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Good evening, Mr. Olney, and thank you very much for your testimony. I must say last night we heard from a representative of the Hyatt Regency out in Kihei and your tone tonight...I appreciate your sincerity and humility. The tone that was given to us by the other individual in Kihei was very different and I found it rather condescending, but anyway your tone was very refreshing. Just one question, can you give us specifics, you mentioned 24 million in taxes. How much of that was in County taxes this past year—do you have that number or an estimate?

MR. OLNEY: The property taxes was \$2.2 million of that.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

MR. OLNEY: We're gonna move to \$2.5 million and then it was gonna be \$4.8 million. It's gonna be the reassessment based off of the two increases.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you.

MR. OLNEY: Very good.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Member Paltin has a question for you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Good evening, Mr. Olney. Thank you so much for all of your help and your hotel's help during the natural disaster events. You know when you're talking about the balancing the budget, like what we're trying to say is all the people that stay at the hotels that want to cross the street to the shops are asking us for traffic calming measures and it's difficult to the level of resort with County funds and that the best advertising is safe streets for the visitors to walk on. The worst advertising is when visitors get hit in the roadways or at the beach at dusk and stuff like that so that's part of the things we're looking at. I was wondering your opinion on the spread between timeshares and hotel resort properties?

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MR. OLNEY: Sure. Let me address the lower road first off. I'm a cyclist and a motorcyclist so I hit that area everyday multiple times. The lighting in the streets because we have it right by the Kaanapali Golf Course is excellent so I would definitely advise going down that route, but there is a good amount of jaywalkers that hit everywhere. I don't know what that solution is. We're gonna install our own lighting system for our employees because we have the same issue. So we're gonna do that out of our own pocket for our area. So addressing back to the...I'm sorry what was the second question again? Was the...timeshare, the differential on it. I don't need to tell the obvious which is there's a housing crisis here, there's a pricing issue, there's an excess number of housing units, and I'd love to say you need to audit and put together a team and go down that route. But I think the tax rate should be different for that group, I really do, for the VRBO group because they don't have as much giving back to the community. Just looking at the number of employees, hotels on Maui employ 40 percent directly of all employees and 75 percent indirectly. So that's why I went down the route of what we do and what we give back, and I would love to talk to everybody that was here. It's just like what can we do for you? Can we do a Boys Club and Girls Club, you know, function at the hotel? We do typically about 12 donation functions a year and probably give out about 200 gift certificates for silent auctions. I mean it's just like ask us, we do it.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Right on. Thank you very much.

MR. OLNEY: Very good. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We have another question for you. Member Sinenci.

MR. OLNEY: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you for being here. I was just curious, what are your room rates at the Hyatt Regency?

MR. OLNEY: What are they at right now?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah.

MR. OLNEY: I could answer that a hundred different ways.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, okay. The highest.

MR. OLNEY: So you want the kamaaina rate, do you want the friend and family rates. . .

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Well, get kamaaina rates?

MR. OLNEY: We do, actually. We do have kamaaina rates.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: How much is a kamaaina rate?

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MR. OLNEY: So kamaaina rates drop off 25 percent off of our rack rates. So rack rates varies off of demand on any one given night or week. I'm proud to say we're actually 99 percent full for this whole month, which then correlates to occupancy taxes. So that's what I pride ourselves on is that portion. So is there a downturn coming? And I've heard a lot of this and there's a lot of research if you listen to CRBE [sic] which is the research group out of Oahu. This is what they live on. They say it's coming. What I'm gonna say is we've been in a perfect storm for the last two years. I mean I've been wrong on so many bets with my cohorts.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Well, I'm just asking because, you know, earlier Mr. Gregg...Gregg mentioned that there's an uptick in all of the other accommodations, and so the hotels, I'm wondering if because the rates are so high that visitors are going to some of the other accommodations.

MR. OLNEY: I don't think so. I mean we're getting it occupancy-wise. We don't see it...we need a renovation. I'll just tell you that right now. You look at our rooms and they're 30 years old so it's coming. But I'm an avid VRBO user and if I can get a kitchenette and I can get a patio and everything else compared to a hotel room, you're probably going to see me at the VRBO. And unfortunately, that's displacing employee housing directly. That's the problem—is the lack of employee housing. And when this employee housing turns into VRBOs, that's the challenge. So I don't think. . .

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Is the hotel industry planning any employee housing projects? I mean for some of the workers that they, you know, in the past the hotels have assisted in some of the employee housing. Is that something in the future that the hotel industry might want to consider?

MR. OLNEY: I'd love to say yes. I don't see it. We try to take care of it through increases and cost of living adjustments and items like that. I've seen it down in the Caribbean, but that's when there's a protection issue. When there's a safety of the employees, that they have to build a compound and they have armed guards and barbed wires and I've seen it firsthand, but that's where usually they build housing compounds.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Thank you. One last question.

MR. OLNEY: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: We have your hotel, Hyatt Regency, property assessment at 314,950,000. Does that seem about right?

MR. OLNEY: That seems about right.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Thank you.

MR. OLNEY: Alright. Thank you.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We have one last question for you.

MR. OLNEY: Sure, please.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. You don't have to answer this if you don't want to, but I'm just totally curious as to what is the gross receipt from Hyatt for one day and you can take Monday?

MR. OLNEY: My boss would probably kill me if I gave the answer, but I'll go back to answering it in an indirect way, which is pretty much public knowledge because you can find it through the internet, which is our average rate of \$300 a night and multiply that times 806 rooms, and then put a capture ratio of probably about \$40 per room in food and beverage capture per guest room.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you.

MR. OLNEY: Resort fees are in there, but they're waived very often because they're kind of optional from the standpoint legally and a lot of customers will challenge it. So it's not a guaranteed revenue stream by any means.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Olney, for your testimony.

MR. OLNEY: Mahalo. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha. Staff, will you please call the next two testifiers.

MS. CHUNG: Yes, Chair. The next testifier is Amber Drake, testifying on behalf of Mental Health America Maui, to be followed by Joseph D. Pluta.

MS. DRAKE: Aloha and thank you for listening to me this evening. I'm currently a student at the University of Hawaii and I'm studying psychology. I've also been a volunteer for Mental Health America of Hawaii, which is listed in your budget as the Mental Health Association of Maui. With my involvement I was able to take their youth mental health for state training in 2017 and became a mental health first aider. Though I'm already studying psychology, taking the training was very helpful, not only for my career path, but to become better prepared to help those who are struggling with mental health issues in our community. There are not very many mental health resources on the island so the programs that we do have are extremely imperative. I live with mental health conditions and I'm a survivor of suicide. Having access to programs like Mental Health America has helped me in my recovery journey and I implore you to continue funding the organization. In supporting Mental Health America Maui you'll be making many education programs for youth and adults possible. This includes their youth bullying and suicide prevention for middle and high schools and Suicide Prevention 101, as well as adding this year's mental health first aid training. Mahalo for your time.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Seeing no questions, mahalo for your testimony tonight. Staff, will you please call the next two testifiers.

MS. CHUNG: Yes, Chair. The next testifier is Joseph D. Pluta, testifying on behalf of West Maui Taxpayers Association, to be followed by Ananda Stone.

MR. PLUTA: Good evening. Joe Pluta, West Maui Taxpayers. I think I know everybody there. You've been here before for candidates night and other things. Forty years I've been coming to these meetings and Riki's dad, Goro, and Hannibal, and long time. It's good to see you. Thank you for coming here. A lot of people...I like that idea of this remote testimony. What a great idea! That's...it's so hard, you know, people work all day and to come at night, you know, you made the drive. That's why they don't come over there either. We're our own island here and this remoteness. These three minutes is not a lot of time so I'm really stuck. I want to take what I say crisis management. You all know what that is, that's how basically the State of Hawaii runs, crisis management, you know. There's all these needs, but when it finally becomes a crisis, you finally start have to do something. And housing is our core crisis, homelessness is a crisis, right. So hopefully that means we're gonna start doing something about that. Health and safety, as far as I'm concerned has been a crisis. The 40 years I've been here, I've been working diligently trying to help improve health and safety. Our isolation makes us so critically sensitive to so many things, fires and emergencies. The road closes, how do you get to the hospital? I mean all kinds of fears go up, and you know, you can talk about these things...when you have a sudden need all of a sudden to get to an emergency room, someone's dying, and you...that happens to you, you'll never forget that experience if you live here in West Maui. A lot of my friends are no longer alive only because of our isolation. They chose to live here. They knew what the dangers were, but if there would have been access to a hospital here, they'd still be alive today. The fires we had here, the floods in West Maui, this is a cash cow for the County. Brings all the revenue into the County or half of the property tax revenue comes from West Maui. All those nice little bubbles and charts that you see on these things here, when JoAnne Johnson was on the Council she used to give me a bubble chart that showed where the revenue streams was and there you saw the West Maui revenue stream. You had Kihei, Wailea, West Maui, together and then that was like 75 percent of all the revenue stream that came. You don't show the bubbles there anymore for those. But this crisis that I'm talking about is we have these fires, we have these floods, I talked to the Emergency Management Agency. I said when you guys go, where's the after action report? Well, we're working on it. Well, we gotta see this. I want the Mayor to see the after action report. They're still working on it. I said, what did you do right? What did you do wrong? What you're gonna learning from? What you gonna do different next time so we don't have to have all these terrible things that happen? Planning in advance prior to emergencies happening is the key to do things. An after action report is supposed to tell you what we did right, what we did wrong, what can we do better, and then you improve from that point on. And then you plan in advance to prevent those things that you could have done better to prevent. And the savings on that is millions and millions of dollars and maybe even lives.

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MS. CHUNG: Three minutes.

MR. PLUTA: Okay. So then the Mayor's budget cut down two positions they asked for to one. You gotta increase that Emergency Management Agency staff planning. Don't decrease it, increase it. They only ask for two positions. They need three. So they under requested and the Mayor cut 'em down to one. Let's plan in advance. I know you guys know what I'm talking about, ladies and gentlemen, excuse me, and that guy. You know what I mean. Thank you very much for your time and the job that you have ahead of you. Any questions?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, any questions? Seeing none.

MR. PLUTA: Thank you. God bless.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Pluta, I have one question. Mr. Pluta. I'm sorry.

MR. PLUTA: Oh.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I was just...do you know what the position is in Emergency Management that didn't make it into the budget?

MR. PLUTA: Well, they need to have evaluators to start doing more integration of the plans that we're talking about, this after action report, and the things that can be done, what should be done better. They need people to be able to have the time to actually do that instead of responding to putting fires out all the time. They just don't have the staff. They're strained to the max of trying to keep up dealing with the issues so they can't do any planning. They can't be proactive. So it's so simple. It would be basic. They're just so understaffed in our plans and it's been not a priority. It should be made a priority. That's my opinion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. Thanks for bringing that up because I talk about strategic planning every budget session and sometimes I feel like a broken record so it's nice to hear someone else singing the same song. But what I wanted to ask you is if you, since you're Mr. Lahaina, if you could help us find a site because right now we're kind of looking around for a site to use as a satellite office on this side, you know, for people to testify from.

MR. PLUTA: Oh.

VICE-CHAIR KING: You don't have to answer me right now, but if you could...if you could maybe help us with that search, that would be great.

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MR. PLUTA: This is...this is a great site right here. You know, this space right here, this is a great spot and the rooms can be used here. In fact, I've talked to the staff here so many years in a row. You know, outside this area here there's so much easily converted space to be usable space.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MR. PLUTA: There's kind of like big roof space with pillars down that you could just easily enclose and have oh, so many more meeting rooms that could easily be converted out here with very small money and the staff that work here they all know that. I said, well, why don't you tell anybody about that. Oh, nobody listens to us.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. We'll follow up. Thank you.

MR. PLUTA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King. Okay. Seeing no other --

MR. PLUTA: Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --questions, mahalo for your testimony. Staff, will you please call the next two testifiers.

MS. CHUNG: Yes, Chair. The next testifier is Ananda Stone, testifying on behalf of Common Ground Collective, to be followed by J.O. Park.

MS. STONE: Oh, that's weird talking in this. Aloha kakou. My name is Ananda Stone. Thank you for hearing me today. I'm speaking on behalf of Common Ground Collective. We are a Maui-based 501(c)(3) organization asking the County to provide or help us with \$25,000 for nonprofit current projects and future goals. Our organization was initiated by Maui residents to help increase food security and economic benefits to Maui County and provide education and outreach to our community. Currently, we are working with the American Heart Association to provide locally grown produce for the Kids Cook for Heart Program ensuring that the produce purchased is from Maui farmers to support our local agriculture. To date, we have sourced over 1,000 pounds of produce and prepared over 390 kits for children to take home to make with their families. Our organization also spotlights local businesses that use locally sourced produce for their products. During the winter holidays we launched the Local Grown Gift Campaign promoting added value products who use locally sourced materials. We're also collecting data to increase connections between farmers and the market, as well as inspiring landowners to convert their properties into small passive farms. Most recently, we are involved in the Maui Bank...Maui Food Bank's Give Healthy Challenge to promote healthy donations to the Maui Food Bank for their recipients. The program was launched on April 5th. Last weekend we hosted a Give Healthy Food Drive at the Ian Walsh Menehune Mayhem Surf Contest and collected healthy food donations for their program. The donors then were entered in a drawing for a surf...surf swag prizes. Soon

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we will be launching a foster farm...farming gleaning program and scheduling appointments to harvest properties two days a week. The property owners will decide what they want to do, how they want to share their produce, whether they want to give it directly to the community organizations or they want to sell it or they give it as a donation to Common Ground Collective. All of these services are incredibly beneficial to Maui community and we are just getting started. So far we have done the majority of our work as a grassroots organization and with very little funding and have provided much needed assistance while filling the gaps of our local food system in Maui County.

MS. CHUNG: Three minutes.

MS. STONE: And...thank you, and with your help we will continue to grow and thrive and help the community do the same. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Seeing no...well, actually how much are you requesting?

MS. STONE: Twenty-five thousand.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And are you in the Mayor's Proposed Budget, do you know?

MS. STONE: We aren't currently this year.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MS. STONE: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Seeing no other questions, mahalo for your testimony.

MS. STONE: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, I'm sorry, there is one question. Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Were you in it last year?

MS. STONE: Sorry?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Were you in the Mayor's budget last year?

MS. STONE: We were. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And you did receive the funds?

MS. STONE: We didn't. No. We were just put in as a line item and then it didn't go anywhere. Yeah, and so this year we're not...we're not on it yet.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Common Ground Collective, yeah?

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MS. STONE: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Thanks.

MS. STONE: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Stone. Staff, will you please call the next two testifiers?

MS. CHUNG: Yes, Chair. The next testifier is J.O. Park, testifying on behalf of West Maui Taxpayers Association and Waiola Church, to be followed by Zane Kekoa Schweitzer.

MR. PARK: Good evening and thank you all for coming all the way over here to West Maui. I'd also like to talk a little bit about the Emergency Management activity. As you all know, we had the fire last summer and by the grace of God and the Fire Department and the Police Department, Lahaina would have burned down, you know, without the efforts of those folks. And the...we...there were some things that went well and some that didn't and the things that didn't. Support increased staffing for the County Emergency Management office. For example, the shelter closed before the electricity came back on and our church had to open our hall to take in people after they closed the County shelter and there was not a lot of communications inside the town itself because all the cell phone towers were out. They didn't put the emergency sirens on. There were a lot of things. A lot of people didn't know what was going on. So it would be very helpful if there was a lot of planning and you could fund those two positions. One of 'em I think is a Recovery Specialist that they're asking for and I'm not sure exactly the other position, but I think that it would serve the whole County well if they could do better planning in the Emergency Management office. The other thing I want to talk about is bus transportation. The bus here stops at 8:00 at night and there's been a proposal for several years to increase that so they run 'till midnight. And the...most of the hotel works that work the second and third shifts can't ride the bus because they can't get home and so it would be, you know, a relatively small amount of money. I think the proposal's already been submitted to the Council before to increase the bus routes and they would take those cars off the road, which will help the, you know, the traffic issues also. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for your testimony, Mr. Park. Staff, will you please call our next two testifiers.

MS. CHUNG: Yes, Chair. The next testifier is Zane Kekoa Schweitzer, testifying on behalf of Hawaii Visitors Bureau, to be followed by Tina Marshall.

MR. SCHWEITZER: Aloha kakou.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aloha.

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MR. SCHWEITZER: O Zane Kekoa Schweitzer inoa, Kahana, Maui, mai au. I'm here on behalf of all water men and water women locally here on Maui, and as well for the visitors that are coming to experience the ocean. I just recently did a project with the Hawaii Visitors Bureau on ocean safety with Archie Kalepa and there's a lot of really good interaction so far from a lot of the visitors that I teach at our family business for teaching surfing and other ocean sports. And I think that it's really important to keep these accident prevention practices going and to keep a good support, not just for visitors, but also access to that for the keiki...for local kids. Because I, myself, was in a very fortunate position growing up to be surrounded by some amazing water men and water women and have access to these sports and mentors, and it inspired me to be there for the kids that don't have that access. And that's why I started a not for profit called the InZane SUPer Groms and really proud to have taught over 3,000 kids in the last eight years, introducing them to safe and healthy ocean practice, and as well to be able to give them confidence to not only have the ocean to go to as a place of refuge and a playground, open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, but also give them inspiration to connect with their natural environment and give them a reason to want to be here for meetings in their community and to stand up and have a voice. Because I think that's a great way for us to create a connection with our environment and community is by finding something we're passionate about and in the ocean there's plenty room for passion. And yeah, I think that's it you guys. Mahalo. I really appreciate you guys taking the time to hear from all of us.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Thanks, Zane. Oh, and one question. Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Kekoa for being there for the keikis. You mentioned the MVB, were you part of the video, the safety videos that they put out for the tourist?

MR. SCHWEITZER: Yes, sir. There was four different videos, I believe, and Archie Kalepa and I were part of the ocean safety video segment.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you.

MR. SCHWEITZER: Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: One more question. I don't think it was asked. Is there something that you're supporting in this year's budget?

MR. SCHWEITZER: I just, well, you know, I really support the budget to stick around for a lot of these causes, specifically I guess I'm here...know about this event from Sherry...Sherry Duong from the Hawaii [sic] Visitors Bureau and so that would be also a cause that I'd love to see support continue toward. But I think there's also room for budget in a lot of these other great causes as well.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Seeing no other questions, mahalo for your testimony tonight, Mr. Schweitzer.

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MR. SCHWEITZER: Mahalo, you guys.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Staff, will you please call our next two testifiers.

MS. CHUNG: Yes, Chair. The next testifier is Tina Marshall, to be followed by Heather W.A. Boynton.

MS. MARSHALL: Aloha kakou.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aloha.

MS. MARSHALL: My husband and I have been Hawaii residents for almost 40 years. We live in Kahana Nui area, Kahana Nui Village, and we sustained severe damage during the...after the aftermath of flood Olivia. So we are living along the stream and I apologize. We just found out about this meeting at 3:00 today so we really don't have a lot of preparation, except we sent an e-mail to the Budget Committee per someone in your office who gave me the e-mail to send it so you guys will be seeing all that. But we just feel as homeowners, there's 26 of us there, and there were 6 of us that had substantial damage. We had flooding up to here and most of it...I'm going to let Bob tell you a little bit because he understands the culvert problem and the swale problem, but basically I'm on the Board of Directors of that little village. There's 26 homes. Six of us were...really had bad damage, and then of course on the other side where Kahana Wai is I don't know how many people sustained damage there, but it seems to start from no maintenance up above on the mauka side of the highway. The java plums are shredding stuff into the streams and this is not the first time we've gotten flooded. And it wasn't a substantial amount of rainfall, but there's a bunch of debris, the swale, the culvert, are not doing their job.

MR. MARSHALL: Good evening.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Will you please identify yourself for the record?

MR. MARSHALL: Oh, I'm Bob Marshall and this is my wife, Tina. Actually, there was a lot of water that came down everywhere, but the point was that there's a culvert that got clogged by debris which caused a different side of flooding. So anyhow that culvert is...was in use, but it's not in use anymore since they built the houses on either side of the river or the stream. So my point is if that culvert wasn't there we'd probably would have still had a little bit of flooding, but the flow of the water would have been diverted straight down the stream instead of around the subdivision. And also, the—what's that called?—the swale, there's a swale and I haven't seen this so I have to, please excuse me, usually if I'm gonna talk about something, I should know about it, but apparently there's a swale on the side of the highway that collects the water and puts it into the stream and that I was told that was full of debris and sediment and stuff like that. So that needs to be addressed so we don't have that water problem again. So anyhow, anything else?

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MS. MARSHALL: So members from our community have walked up the stream when it's dry. They've walked all the way up so they, you know, they could testify to all of the debris that's in there. But we just hope that you would do, you know, we had a java plum...we're the first house on the street out of Maikai and we had children from the school bus they were getting bombarded with the java plum all over the sidewalk. Kids were slipping and falling. It was just --

MS. CHUNG: Three minutes.

MS. MARSHALL: --ridiculous. So we called County. You guys came out right away. You took down the tree—bam—it was just taken care of right away. So we're just asking for something --

MR. MARSHALL: Power wash the sidewalk.

MS. MARSHALL: --in the budget to help maintain that because the overgrowth is only going to get worse. Thank you.

MR. MARSHALL: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. We have a question for you. Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, so I got a chance to tour the area and it's not 'cause they're not maintaining it. The lever that opens the thing is not functional so it's filled up to the top and there's like a waterfall. That water going through and it's not even fulfilling it's purpose because it doesn't give the water a chance to like dewater so it's also muddy water on the nearshore. I tried my hardest to get a consensus to put it on the list today but some guys didn't agree. But it's on the radar to, you know, address public safety in the County so that's a priority. That's like my number one priority, public safety, and the liability factors of not maintaining something. You know, if 30 years it was built, 20 years it never worked, it's kinda like wasn't even worth being built so make it worth the while, yeah.

MS. MARSHALL: Mahalo for that because, you know, we're also as homeowners concerned if our insurance have told us, hey, you gotta go...you gotta do something to get people in powers that be to do something or you may get your insurance cancelled. And we sustained --

MR. MARSHALL: That's why we're here.

MS. MARSHALL: --we sustained almost \$20,000 ourselves and our insurance payout was \$3,400.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Member Lee.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Hi. Thanks for sharing your issues with us. I just want to assure you that although the matter wasn't dealt with directly, we are planning to revisit your problems with the, you know, the overflow and we'll certainly let you know what the outcome is gonna be.

MS. MARSHALL: Mahalo for that.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So anyway, I just want you to know that we're still thinking about and seeing if we can resolve that problem you're talking about. Thank you.

MR. MARSHALL: If you guys need some help, I'll be more than happy --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: We'll call you.

MR. MARSHALL: --to give you a guide, and you know, or whoever wants to go.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, if we can, we may do a site inspection.

MS. MARSHALL: Awesome.

MR. MARSHALL: It's just, yeah, you need just a guide. It's a little faster and little simpler, you know.

MS. MARSHALL: Don't wear slippers.

MR. MARSHALL: I'll be happy to help.

MS. MARSHALL: No slippers.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you for coming tonight.

MS. MARSHALL: Mahalo.

MR. MARSHALL: Alright. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Lee. Mahalo, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall. Staff, will you please call our next two testifiers.

MS. CHUNG: Yes, Chair. The next testifier is Heather W.A. Boynton, testifying on behalf of Feed My Sheep and Upward Bound, to be followed by Peggy Robertson.

MS. BOYNTON: Good evening. First of all, I apologize for my tardiness to the meeting. My son was not feeling well and motivating him to come and sit this long hours was a task. But we're here and he's been very patient with me. So I'm here to testify on behalf of grassroots things here in our community. I think the last time I was actually up at a podium like this—I'm sorry, I'm a little nervous—I was lobbying for funds to help build

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the Upcountry Youth Center at Eddie Tam Memorial Complex years ago, decades ago. It did receive that funding and it turned into what is now the Boys and Girls Club of Maui, which is something I'm very proud to have been a part of at the very beginning stages. Upward Bound, I'm an alumni of that program and I went on to be a counselor for oncoming groups in the program so it's an excellent program. It gives opportunities that some youths here on Maui would never be able to acquire with their family incomes, et cetera, and it just promotes continual learning. It's inspired me to help youth. I've worked at many of the different schools and things here on Maui. It's something that I'm very passionate about. I was inspired by my leaders there, Brian McKinnon, who helped found the Horizon School. He's been ill and then I think even he just...I think maybe he might even have passed away or...I haven't been in contact with him. But it's a wonderful program and that's not why I came here to talk about tonight, but I was inspired by the youth that came up tonight and talked about that. MEO bus, I strongly promote that happening. My son is autistic and has social issues and they have made it very safe for him and to become partially independent in the community by being able to ride home from the Boys and Girls Club to almost to the same street that we live on. So it's a very safe and short walk for him to get home and he's learning his way around our community and being able to become an independent person in our community despite his disabilities of being able to communicate things. So it's a wonderful thing and I wish that they'd be able to have funds to continue those kinds of things. I worked at DOE helping special needs student at Kam III and I love my job. I love it. I have passion for it because my own child is special needs. And in 2016, I suddenly came down with this very strange neurological disorder that causes constant pain and blindness and paralysis that mimics strokes.

MS. CHUNG: Three minutes.

MS. BOYNTON: I lost my job and if it was not for the organization Feed My Sheep for this past three years, me and my son would not have any nutritious food to eat. I have not been able to return to work. I am fighting social security disability. I am disabled myself with these paralyzing conditions, 17 or more days of the month, so I could not retain a schedule of a job even when I tried to apply for other jobs. It was just not possible for me to maintain a schedule...a work schedule. So being able to go down to the Feed My Sheep and get basic proteins and beans and rice and fresh produce that they have salvaged from the super markets --

MS. CHUNG: Four minutes.

MS. BOYNTON: --has been a lifesaver for us. Having no job we live on a very, very limited income of not...I mean just barely \$600 and every single penny goes to housing. The people that I've met in the line at the Feed My Sheep are people who have been housed out because of high rents. They have jobs or had jobs, but then they were housed out. People who are disabled like myself. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry, can you please close your testimony?

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MS. BOYNTON: I'm sorry?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Your time, it's been four minutes so if you could please conclude your testimony.

MS. BOYNTON: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

MS. BOYNTON: People who are elderly on fixed income who can, you know, barely afford things also, this program has been a blessing to many, many people in need and I would appreciate if the funds for this would continue. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Mahalo for your testimony. Staff, will you please call the next two testifiers?

MS. CHUNG: Yes, Chair. The next testifier is Peggy Robertson, to be followed by Kai Nishiki.

MS. ROBERTSON: Hi, I'm Peggy Robertson. I've been coming to these budget meetings for 26 years now and I love them and thank you for you all coming. I hope it always stays this way where people...you get to hear the other people that's going on in the community. Anyway, I'd like you to please set aside some money for some roads in Lahaina, like Wainee Street is a mess, and of course, lower road, and somebody's already said that for me. So, but I'll say it again, that lower road and Wainee Street is a mess, too. Lots of holes. We also...something we need to fix is the bus and we have no bus shelters on Ainakea. We put up with the buses all the time on Ainakea, and yet, we don't have one bus shelter where someone can seat down anyplace or in the shade. They actually hooked two chairs there with a lock on it so the County won't take it away. They're just plain old chairs, but they're not covered or anything. But we like our bus shelters on Ainakea since we put up at the bus all the time on that road. We also want the bus to come back to the Civic Center. We have the Police Department, the court house, the post office of course, and you know, with all those things, there's a lot of people that might not be able to get up here. I drove four or five people up here at the last meeting we had because there was no way for them to get here and I drove them home. What they do is they drop 'em off about two blocks up the hill here for no reason at all except that the guy said, your transportation guy who's in charge of us has said it's because of Maui Invitational. Well, I just talked to the Maui Invitational guy and he said, no that's not the reason. He told me that it's because there were not enough people that ride the bus. Well, obviously because you can't ride the bus you're not gonna...because you have no place to go and you're 70 years old or 80 years old, the gal that wanted to come, and there was all this...they can't walk down all that hill and then walk all the way up here to come to a meeting and so that's why they were trying to get a ride. So please, let's get our bus back coming back to the Civic Center and the post office and the police station. Let's see, oh, couple things, the priorities for West Maui should be...I don't know what any of you can do but if you have any contacts, we've got to find companies to build our assisted living here. There's a gal I know that she's 86 years old commuting

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over to Hale Makua. She was going every day. She got so exhausted she's going every three days. I mean we have nothing over here. Over there you've got Hale Makua, you've got all the stuff in Kihei, and everything else. But if you're loved one, like my husband was over there in the hospital for 24 days before he passed away, but if he'd had to go to Hale Makua, that was the only place. I couldn't have him close by. We have nothing. If anybody has any connections, please let's get something for the old people here on this side. They can make money off of it.

MS. CHUNG: Three minutes.

MS. ROBERTSON: Oh, oh, already. Okay. Also, we need affordable rentals that they sign a contract saying that they work in Kaanapali, West Maui. They have to work on this side and that way no one else and the realtors can't just buy 'em up and rent 'em to somebody else. They've got to have a signed signature thing of who they work for. But we've got to have that we...look at the cars, it's gridlock and if those people can work over here and live over here, it would make a big difference. Well, anyway, I guess the last thing is there's some stupid country club golf course they're building and they want to build a wedding...a wedding place to have big weddings and restaurants. Did you look at the price of that thing? It's huge! It was in the newspaper. I wish I could remember the name of this county golf course that I talked to the guy about it at the County level and he said, well, it does seem a little excessive. I said, excessive? It's just --

MS. CHUNG: Four minutes.

MS. ROBERTSON: --okay, that's all. Please ask the Mayor to give us an advisory board over here. We're way over here and people don't know what's going on and we always had one before with the other mayors. We'd meet at the County Building or the court house...the old court house once a month and we'd give 'em a list of things and we could get things done. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Robertson. Seeing no questions, thank you so much for your testimony. Staff, will you please call the next two testifiers.

MS. CHUNG: Yes, Chair. The next testifier is Kai Nishiki, to be followed by Dylan Payne.

MS. NISHIKI: Aloha, everyone.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aloha.

MS. NISHIKI: Thank you for being over here on the West Side today. You're like one minute away from my house so I'm so happy. So, of course, I'm going to absolutely advocate for the remote testimony. Thank you very much, Kelly King, Keani, I'm sure Tamara. Everyone's going to support this. We would love to have that. I would also like to request that we defund Maui County Visitors Bureau. I think that if you go on the website and you look at their very misguided mission, which is to market the islands of Maui Nui as viable and attractive travel destinations to visitors from the mainland and

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beyond, I think that we're done with needing to advertise and market Maui to the world. We have a problem with over tourism and I think that we should either defund Maui County Visitors Bureau or limit their spending to education on...education for our visitors, as well as education for the resorts on how they can start manage retreat. A lot of resorts are on our shorelines and they're all gonna need to move back. So we need to really start these conversations and also manage the negative impacts of tourism. They get almost \$4 million every year and we need to focus our money on other things. Tourism negatively affects almost every aspect of our life, traffic, overcrowded beaches, very little affordable homes and rentals, and we need things over here like parks. Like West Maui has a shortage of parks. Also, I'm kinda over the whole we need affordable housing. I think the new term should be attainable housing because affordable housing is not really working for us. And I really think that there should be more County-initiated housing like Mayor Cravalho did back in the day. Like he got affordable housing. Like if you look around Maui County, he's the one who got us all that stuff. So we need to get back to the County initiating these things. Stop relying on developers 'cause they're not going to take care of us. In regards to the housing crisis, small businesses are really being affected by the housing crisis. Everywhere you go you'll see help wanted signs in small businesses and you talk to the owners, they're going to tell you it's because they can't afford to pay their employees as much as like the resorts or something, so because everyone is so strapped for housing. So small businesses are really hurting because of...and mom and pop businesses are closing because they can't find --

MS. CHUNG: Three minutes.

MS. NISHIKI: --qualified help. I also think that we need to put more money into the SMA fund that was created last year to take care of our shorelines and improve beach access and also I support moving the water and sewer lines out off of the lower road and don't just pave it. We need to actually move people off the shoreline and really talk about manage retreat in a proactive way. And also, there is an issue regarding the back road...the back road a lot of visitors from the West Side are now travelling that road because there's more social media posts out there, there's more cyclists, there's more tourist on the island, and so we really need safety measures out there like guardrails. And I know I met with Alice, and thank you very much, and I'm hoping that you can work with Tamara, you know, because it's kind of a West Side and Wailuku issue because they drive from the West Side over there.

MS. CHUNG: Four minutes.

MS. NISHIKI: So, and...thank you very much. I'm going to wrap this up. One sentence. Please don't fund any taxpayer money towards injection wells, please. It's embarrassing as a County that we're spending millions for defending this practice when we need to just spend that money on the solution and I think that Eric Nakagawa from Wastewater has proposed one. So please let's fund it. So thank you very much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for your testimony, Ms. Nishiki.

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MS. NISHIKI: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You have any questions? You'll be happy to know that we did discuss putting—yeah, we got consensus on it, yeah—money into mitigating the problem --

MS. NISHIKI: Excellent.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --of the injection wells. Yeah. Staff, will you please call our next two testifiers.

MS. CHUNG: Yes, Chair. The next testifier is Dylan Payne, to be followed by Paula Kahahane.

MR. PAYNE: Aloha, Members. Thank you for being here tonight. This is a long-winded meeting and requires a lot of stamina so thanks for being here. I would echo Kai's statement that it's great to have this meeting here. I was at my house about a minute away and wasn't planning on coming, but I was like, shucks, it's going on, it's easy to get here so this is a great thing. The satellite testifying is a good idea. Joe's idea of doing it here is good. Another possible site could be where they have the DMV 'cause they don't use it at night or during...I mean during the day I guess there's meetings, too. Couple thoughts, before I tell you how I think you should spend your money --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

MR. PAYNE: --our money, one way to possibly generate more revenue which I hadn't planned on talking about, but Mr. Olney said something about the VRBO stuff and I think that you could streamline that process. I know that short-term rentals are not a popular thing, but I think instead of spending a lot of money on enforcing them if we just tax the hell out of 'em and made it...create disincentives to do it that way while at the same time generating revenue from them. We could use that tax revenue for things like the Affordable Housing Fund and different opportunities. The market clearly has spoken and said that they want that. Everywhere you go, not just on Maui so I think if we create disincentives to do it that at the same time generate revenue for us, it's kind of a win-win. Going further, things that I think that we should spend our taxpayer money on, increased funding for Parks and Rec, specifically for our beach parks here on the West Side. There really...the beach parks really act as kind of a gathering place for the community and I think we need to put more of our resources into maintaining those locations that we already have and maybe adding new ones. Places like Launiupoko Beach Park where people have baby's first birthdays. Every weekend it's packed with...and it's a great place for the community to come together, but when you look at the facilities there, they're woefully neglected and that to me doesn't make any sense. So I think we should allocate more funds to maintaining those resources that we have. Another place where I think we should focus is and I don't know the nexus here because I understand that the Department of Water Supply is an enterprise fund, but recent decisions by CWRM --

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MS. CHUNG: Three minutes.

MR. PAYNE: --that have...that will really limit the amount of water for West Maui, specifically for areas where a lot of local people live that are served by the County water areas. We need to come up with alternative sources for water for the County water system. And then finally, speaking to kinda health and safety, I think we need to continue an increased funding for the Fire Department. We lived through that recently and they need more support, maybe for a substation in Olowalu or just increased resources. Things like the junior lifeguard program which I was a beneficiary of when I was a young kid. Those things are great so I really appreciate that stuff and think that we should continue to support those programs. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for your testimony, Mr. Payne. Staff, will you please call the next two testifiers.

MS. CHUNG: Yes, Chair. The next testifier is Paula Kahahane, testifying on behalf of Maui Adult Day Care, to be followed by Ed Kaahui, who'll be our last testifier.

MS. KAHAHANE: Aloha, Councilmembers. Mahalo for being here. This is my first experience to listening and everything. I was asked to come and say something for the Maui Adult Care [sic]. Let me tell you I am a caregiver along with my sister, Liz. The Maui Adult Care [sic], please do not give up on funding. They are totally angels. Those workers over there it's not just...we know...I have a cousin that works at the Lahaina one. My mom has dementia but being in that surrounding her life is full. She broke her hip about couple weeks ago. We're caregiving, you know, between me and my sister. I live up Kilauea Mauka, come down sleep with my mom, and you know, then she gets to rest and everything. But she's well now. She had a surgery. The adult care accepts in her condition. What...my sister and I could never do without them. We, like how Mr. Lindsey had spoken, he doesn't work but he caregives his aunty, we cannot...we cannot not work. My sister cannot go without work and I cannot because we have bills, mortgage, we have grandkids, and you know, we have everything to worry about, feeding and stuff, but without this adult care. All the adult care, please, keep on funding these because they are Godsend for us caregivers. They say take time for the caregivers, my mom attending this adult care, that's where we get our rest. This is where we get, like we don't have to worry, my mom is taken cared of. We don't have to worry about nothing. They are...I tell you these workers there, they're so kind, they're so caring. The adult care is not just...my mom is 90 years old. There's no age at the adult care. Please keep on funding. Please do not give up because our kupunas need this and for us, we need this because I'm not at a retirement age yet, you know. Please, Councilmembers, keep them in mind 'cause, oh my God, they are our savior, they are our angels. These people that work there is unbelievable. We caregive my mom we can imagine what they do at their work and they love it. They love it with their heart and passion and everything. So please do not give up funding. Please keep on because we cannot --

MS. CHUNG: Three minutes.

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MS. KAHAHANE: --we cannot work without them. God bless you guys. Please keep up the great work. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for your testimony, Ms. Kahahane. Staff, will you please call the last testifier.

MS. CHUNG: Yes, Chair. The next testifier is Ed Kaahui.

MR. KAAHUI: Thank you, folks, for coming to the West Side. We all appreciate that, especially the seniors and thank you guys for doing a good job at the West Maui Senior Citizens Center which I use Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Thank you. My concern that I have for...has to do with the shoreline from Ukumehame to Puamana Park. It bothers me a lot because I live in...I lived in Olowalu. I'm in Lahaina now. But if you drive along the shoreline, you see all these tourists, locals as well, on the beaches with no portable...no toilets. I mean whose problem is that...is that a State, County, I have no clue, no idea. All I'm asking is that I want the Council to pay attention to the West Side shoreline. We need some help out here and everybody asking for money so my suggestion would be...it's a cleanup, cleanup along the shoreline. It doesn't have to be the sandy beach area. Clean up the area with the kiawe trees and rocks because we have fishermen that go there on the weekend, take their leisure time, and they want some portable toilets out there and there's none. So we don't know where they go. And I know you guys are busy and you guys need to go home. I need to go home. I need to go eat. So thank you for coming. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for coming back to testify, Mr. Kaahui. Okay, Staff, anyone else signed up to testify?

MS. CHUNG: Chair, there is no one else signed up to testify.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. This is an awesome meeting. Thank you so much again to everyone for coming out. We noted down all of your manao so thank you so much. Okay, Members, if there are no objections.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

...END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, it is 9:06 on April 10th. The Economic Development and Budget Committee meeting is now adjourned. ...*(gavel)*...

ADJOURN: 9:06 p.m.

ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.

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