

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET COMMITTEE**  
Council of the County of Maui

**MINUTES**

**April 15, 2019**

**Mitchell Pauole Community Center, Main Hall**

**CONVENE:** 6:11 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Chair  
Councilmember Kelly T. King, Vice-Chair  
Councilmember Riki Hokama, Member  
Councilmember Tasha Kama, Member  
Councilmember Alice L. Lee, Member  
Councilmember Michael J. Molina, Member  
Councilmember Tamara Paltin, Member  
Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci, Member  
Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Member

**STAFF:** James Krueger, Substitute Legislative Analyst  
Alison Stewart, Substitute Legislative Analyst  
Nicole Siegel, Substitute Committee Secretary  
Rayna Yap, Substitute Committee Secretary  
*(Seated in the gallery):*  
Jennifer Karaca, Executive Assistant to Councilmember  
Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez  
Don Atay, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci  
Zhanter Lindo, Council Aide, Molokai Council Office

**OTHERS:** Kaeo Kawaa, Robotics, Maui Economic Development Board, MEO Bus  
Joseph Howe, Robotics, Maui Economic Development Board,  
Lokahi Pacific  
Maesilyn Yuen, Robotics, Maui Economic Development Board  
Kalauhi Ka`ai, Robotics, Maui Economic Development Board  
Logan Oshiro, Robotics, Maui Economic Development Board  
Rose Cockett, Robotics, Maui Economic Development Board  
Reina Kahue Cabanting, Maui Economic Development Board, MEO Bus  
Jeannine Rossa, Maui Economic Development Board  
Shaye Lauifi, Molokai Youth Center  
Brian Gomes, Jr., Molokai Youth Center  
Keahi DeCosta, Molokai Youth Center  
Iolani Kuoha, Molokai Art Center  
Olaka Ho`opii-Gutierrez, MEDB STEMworks, Molokai Child Abuse  
Prevention Pathway  
Eric Jayne, Animal Control Enforcement  
Edwin Misaki, The Nature Conservancy  
Hamau Howe, MEDB STEMworks, Lokahi Pacific  
Hoala Davis, Molokai Humane Society

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Keri Zacher, Molokai Humane Society  
Penny Dearborn, Molokai Humane Society  
A.C. Quackenbush, Molokai Humane Society  
Jay Duquette, Molokai Humane Society; Department of Fire and Public  
Safety, Molokai  
Yolanda Reyes, Maui Economic Opportunity  
Shari Lynn, Ka Hale Pomaika`i  
Lyndon Dela Cruz, Kuha`o Business Center, Molokai Humane Society  
Kekama Helm, Ka Molokai Makahiki  
Karen Holt, Molokai Community Service Council  
Andrea Dudoit, Molokai Youth Center  
Clare Mawai, Molokai Visitors Bureau, Office of Economic Development,  
MEO bus, Molokai Youth and Center  
Ehulani Kane, Molokai Child Abuse Prevention Pathways  
Julie Lopez, MEO bus  
Kawika Gonzales, MEDB STEMworks  
Anne Steinke, Mental Health America  
David Thompson, MEO Head Start  
Val Dudoit, MEO Head Start  
Mahina Poepoe  
Greg Kahn, Real Property Tax  
Georgina Kuahuia, Maui Food Bank, MEO Bus Service  
Wilma Noelani Joy, Real Property Tax  
Cynthia McCutcheon, Kuha`o Business Center  
Jennifer Hawkins, UH CTAHR  
Kalola Kaulili, Hale Ho`omalua Domestic Violence Shelter, Molokai  
Community Service Council  
Ali Kaina, Hale Ho`omalua Domestic Violence Shelter, Molokai Community  
Service Council  
Cheryl Pritchard, Climate Adaptation  
Henry Lindo, Molokai Humane Society, Animal Control, Puko`o Fire  
Station  
Maliekekai Ward, Made in Maui Internship Program  
Dartagnon Bicoy, Puko`o Fire Station  
Juanita Reyher-Colon, Puko`o Fire Station, Climate Adaptation  
Zhan Lindo  
Liko Wallace, Climate Adaptation, Molokai Landfill, Puko`o Fire Station  
Sammi Kaai-Calairo, Festivals of Aloha  
Leimana Naki  
Walter Ritte  
Jeraul Pladera, Molokai Police Station  
Others (10)

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Aloha mai kakou.

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ALL: Aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Will the Economic Development and Budget Committee please come to order? It is 6:11 on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Aloha, Molokai, mahalo for joining us this evening. We look forward to hearing your mana`o. As you know, I'm Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. I'm the Chair of the Economic Development and Budget Committee. I guess I'm the district person. So I'll introduce our honorable Councilmembers. Starting from my left, from Hana, Councilmember Shane Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Or from East Maui I should say, kala mai. From Upcountry, Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura. From Makawao, Paia, and Haiku, Councilmember Mike Molina. From South Maui, Council Chair Kelly King. From West Maui, Councilmember Tamara Paltin. From Wailuku, Councilmember Alice Lee. From Lanai, Councilmember Riki Hokama. And from Kahului, Councilmember Tasha Kama. And I am your Molokai District Councilmember.

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So we have one item on tonight's agenda EDB-1, which is the Proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Budget for the County of Maui. We will begin with public testimony. Testimony is limited to EDB-1. To testify, please sign up with staff there. Testimony is limited to three minutes; and, upon request, up to one minute to conclude. If you are still testifying beyond that time, I will kindly ask you to complete your testimony. When testifying, please state your name and who you're representing. Please also indicate if you are a paid lobbyist. Okay. And really quick, at my townhall last Monday, I mentioned that I was intending to pull the funding for the Puko`o Fire Station. Since then, I've been in discussions with the department, and that is no longer my intention. My intention is to put a condition and keep the funding in, but the condition would be to have community meetings and to make sure that the community supports the funding for that particular parcel. Okay. So we'll start with testimony. Testimony will be...oh, I'm sorry, I didn't introduce our Committee Staff. Okay. And then so our Committee Staff is James Krueger, Rayna Yap, Nicole Siegel, and Alison Stewart. And my staff here is Jennifer Karaca and our Molokai District Office Staff is Zhantel Lindo. And Councilmember Sinenci's staff is Don Atay. Kala mai, guys. Okay. So I think that's everything. Okay. And then testifiers will be read by Ms. Stewart. Ms. Stewart, you have the first two testifiers ready?

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**. . .BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .**

MS. STEWART: Yes, Madam Chair. The first testifier is Kaeo Kawaa on behalf of the Kaunakakai Robotics and students from that program, to be followed by Keani [sic] DeCosta of the Molokai Youth Center.

MR. KAWAA: Chairman Keani, Members of the Council, Aloha. My name is Kaeo Kawaa. My wife and I, we run the Molokai Robotics league, and I'm just prefacing what you're going to see now coming up will be students from all of our robotics programs on Molokai, which includes...by the way, includes all the schools. So I just wanted to preface that and then I'll come back at the end to kind of conclude and I'll turn it over to our contingent from Kaunakakai Elementary.

MR. HOWE: Aloha. I'm Joe Howe, one of the coaches, along with Andrea Yuen. We're proud to represent Kaunakakai Elementary, Team 11516, Robotics Club—hi, how're you doing? Test, there we go, alright—I represent 11516, Robotics Club for Kaunakakai Elementary. We just wanted to thank you guys for all the support that we get from you guys and maybe lobby for a little bit more, if we could. Our kids in this program are really awesome. They learn so many different skills other than robotics, it's not just pushing toys around on a field. They learn a lot of real-life skills that they're going to take up and use these skills to better life for everybody through engineering, through science technology. But right now, I want to let you guys hear it from some of our bright kids here.

MS. YUEN: Hi. My name is Maesilyn. I've been participating in robotics for the last two years. I learned a lot while being on the team. Besides learning how to build, modify, and drive a robot, I learned how to do things that I know will help me as I get older. Each year, I was on a team that worked on a STEM research project. From these projects, I learned how to research about a specific topic, how to write questions, and interview people in our community, and how to present a project. Besides competing in our island-wide competitions, I've also been able to travel to different islands and different states. I learned a lot from these trips. I want for other students to be able to travel just like I did. Please continue to support Maui Economic Development Board. MEDB has always been supportive of us and we could not do it without them. Thank you for your time.

MASTER KA`AI: Hi. My name is Kalauhi Ka`ai, and I am in sixth grade and a part of the Kaunakakai School Robotics team. I would like to thank Auntie Barbara at MEDB for giving us money this year and helping us support team. This is my second year on Robotics; and since I started, I have learned a lot. Some things are how to build and program a robot, how to drive a robot, teamwork, and how to never give up even when things seem tough. Robotics has also given me many opportunities to travel and compete this year. I was able to go to Oahu, Iowa, and soon Kentucky. I hope my brother can experience robotics like I have, because even if it's really long and hard, it's also a fun and educational experience that teaches some good life lessons. I hope that you will continue to support Kaunakakai School's Robotics Program. Thank you.

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MS. OSHIRO: Hi. My name is Logan Oshiro. I am in the fifth grade, and this is my first year in robotics. Robotics helped me to learn that there is more than just driving, building, and programming. It helped me learn that you have to talk to new people and be able to work with your teammates. You also have to problem solve. I really enjoyed my robotics year and I'm really happy that I got to work with two amazing sixth graders as my partners. They also taught me many amazing things I can use in the future. I also got to work with many more amazing fifth and sixth graders. Robotics has given me many opportunities like going to States and Nationals in Iowa. I really enjoyed that trip a lot. If I get the chance to do robotics next year, I hope I can help the next robotics team the same way the sixth and fifth graders helped me. Even though my brother's in first grade, when he gets to fifth grade, I hope he can have the same experiences I did, like being able to work with a team and find new friends from other places. I hope you would choose to continue to support all Molokai Robotics programs by supporting Maui Economic Development Board. Thank you very much.

MS. COCKETT: Aloha. My name is Rose Cockett. Thank you all so much for supporting Kaunakakai School Robotics Team. This is also my second year of robotics with Kaunakakai School's Robotics Team. This has been a great season and I've learned many valuable lessons and made so many memories and friends. None of this would have been possible without you. Thank you for your support. Mahalo.

MS. CABANTING: Aloha. My name is Reina Kahue Cabanting. I am a student of Molokai Middle School and part of the STEM Program. I am also a member of the STEM Robotics VEX IQ, Teams 434. With me are my teammates Olapa Duvauchelle, Aiko Kanemitsu, and Coach Kaho'iwai and Coach Kaeo. We would like to thank you for continuing to fund several of our programs beginning with, one, STEM Robotics Teams 434. We received funding from MEDB's Ke Ala Hele Program to help with our travel expenses each year to support the Lahaina VEX IQ Tournament at Lahaina High School and the Valley Isle VEX IQ Tournament at Lokelani Intermediate. Two, Hawaii STEM Conference, we received funding from MEDB to help with our travel expenses each year to Hawaii STEM Conference at Hawaii Convention Center. Three, MEO busing, students in our sports and afterschool programs at Molokai Middle School and Molokai High School can participate in such programs thanks to your busing program that provides transportation home for these students who otherwise would not be able to participate. Mahalo again for your support and funding of all our programs. Aloha.

MR. KAWAA: So there's a big buzz word – Robotics. Robotics is a means to an end. The end is STEM education and careers, that's the bigger picture. But, as you see, kids get excited about robotics. So mahalo to MEDB, to Maui County. MEDB has been funding our Team 434 for seven years. We've been here since 2013. When we started out there was just two Molokai teams in Maui County. Today we have 29 teams on Maui, 19 on Molokai and two on Lanai. So we have 50 teams in Maui County right now. So that's how it's expanded over the seven years. And then again, the bigger thing is it is good hands on, but again the bigger thing is STEM careers, STEM education for our students. So number one, mahalo for continuing to fund all of our robotics-related programs through all the schools. That, again, we're able to support two Maui tournaments. We

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also have a league on Maui and a league on Molokai where our students don't have to travel. Number two, again, STEM Conference, we've been receiving about 15,000 a year proviso to help pay for middle, high school, emergent to go to STEM Conference, so mahalo for that. And the third one of course, we're always here to support the MEO busing, because without that, we couldn't have the afterschool programs, the sports, the robotics, and everything that goes with it. So once again, mahalo for continuing to support not only 434 but STEM and all of our Robotics programs and STEM programs on Molokai. Mahalo and aloha. Questions?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, any questions for our Robotics team? Okay. Seeing none, thank you so much, Mr. Kawaa.

MR. KAWAA: Okay. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Next two testifiers, Ms. Stewart.

MS. ROSSA: I just...

MS. STEWART: The next...

MS. ROSSA: Okay. That's alright, that's fine. I was with...

MS. STEWART: The next testifier...oh.

MS. ROSSA: I'm with the Robotics team, so I'm sorry.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, kala mai. Go ahead, Jeannine.

MS. ROSSA: Also, along with Kumu Kaeo and Andrea Yuen, I'm also a coach for Robotics and I coach two of the teams here on Molokai. And again, mahalo to MEDB who doesn't just give us money, but they cheerlead us as well and encourage us in the work that we're doing here and that is really important as well. So Robotics, as Kumu Kaeo and Andrea both said, it reaches kids who might not otherwise participate in a team sport and allows them to have off-island competitions. But most importantly, it teaches kids to learn how to think three dimensionally. It teaches kids how to learn to problem solve mechanically. And it teaches children how to communicate with each other, because for the elementary and middle-school teams, they have to work together to solve problems. And then finally the high school team asked me to apologize that they're not here because the kids are on their way to Houston for the Worlds right now so thank you for all your support.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Rossa, did anyone have any questions? Before she runs too far away? Okay. Seeing none. For the record, that was Jeannine Rossa. Ms. Stewart, will you please call the next two testifiers?

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MS. STEWART: The next testifier is Andrea Dudoit of Molokai Youth Center, along with Brian Gomes and Keani DeCosta.

MS. LAUIFI: Aloha. Sorry, I'm not Andrea. This is my boss, Andrea Dudoit.

MS. DUDOIT: Aloha.

MS. LAUIFI: But I will be speaking on behalf of the Youth Center and the staffing. Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And then will you please identify yourself for the record, too?

MS. LAUIFI: Yeah. My name is Shaye Kaililani Lauifi. I am 26 years old and I am the Deputy Director of the Molokai Youth Center. We are the only youth center on Molokai and we serve kids aging 8 to 17 and 18 if still in school. Our hours of operation are 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for our Hoomano Hou High School, and 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for afterschool activities with the rest of the kids. The kids do homework help afterschool then they join many activities, such as sports, kids café, hula, Boys and Girls Club, music and studio recording along with many more. We give out daily snacks and end the evenings with dinner for all the kids. Everything that we offer here are free; and, with your support...without your support, many keiki who depend on MYC as a positive afterschool outlet wouldn't have us to turn to. So we mahalo all of you and hope for your future support and funding. Mahalo.

MASTER GOMES: Hi, my name is Brian Gomes, Jr. I am 11 years old and in the fifth grade and I go to Kaunakakai Elementary School. I appreciate your support for the Molokai Youth Center. Your support helps the Molokai Youth Center staff keep the programs going. MYC is a fun place for me where I have homework help, free meals, and fun games and activities. Mahalo.

MS. DeCOSTA: Hi, my name is Keahi DeCosta, and I'm 12 years old and in the seventh grade and I'm a member of the Molokai Youth Center. I just wanted to say, thank you for supporting the Youth Center and funding and letting kids have a place to learn and have fun. Mahalo.

MS. LAUIFI: And we just want to leave you guys with this oli, so thank you. Ready?

MEMBERS OF MOLOKAI YOUTH CENTER AND STAFF (*singing*): *Uholā ia ka makaloa la, pu`ai i ke aloha la. Kuka`i ia ka ha loa la. Pawehi mai na lehua. Mai ka ho`oku`i a ka halawai la, mahalo e na Akua, mahalo e na kupuna la ea, mahalo me ke aloha la, mahalo me ke aloha la. Mahalo.*

MS. LAUIFI: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, any need for clarification? Okay. Mahalo, MYC for your testimony. Ms. Stewart, will you please call the next two testifiers?

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MS. STEWART: The next testifier is Iolani Kuoha on behalf of Molokai Art Center, to be followed by Joseph and Hamau Howe.

MS. KUOHA: Aloha. My name is Iolani Hamakua Kuoha. I am the Hawaiian Language Immersion Teacher at Molokai Middle. I just wanted to share, at Molokai Middle, we don't have an art program. And so I went with Molokai Art Center. My students travel every week to the Art Center so that they're exposed to art since middle school doesn't have it. And so it's a great opportunity for my students. This is the second year we've been doing this. And so April Madella asked if we could come and speak on behalf, 'cause I think they may be requesting funds. So I just wanted to share that my students wrote testimonies, how it's been an awesome experience for them attending this art center. We support them with their yearly fundraiser by going down and setting up for their fundraiser. My students even help with clean up, set up, as well as selling their tickets for their fundraiser. So I just wanted to bring that to your attention to please support them as well. And then I will have my students speak on behalf of two other organizations that support our Hawaiian language immersion program.

MS. HO`OPII-GUTIERRES: Aloha. My name is `Olaka Nalani Ho`opii-Gutierrez, and I am in the eighth grade of Molokai Middle School, `O Hina I Ka Malama. I will be testifying on behalf of MEDB STEMworks. At first, I was very excited to go to STEM and I really want to go back. I learn many things about the changing of Hawaii. I also got to meet other people and experience important needs for the future. STEM was a very big help in wanting of a career for me, also knowing what I could do to reach out. And also, thank you, my teacher, for letting all of us to have the opportunity of traveling to STEM. Mahalo nui loa for funding MEDB. Also, I'll be testifying on behalf of Molokai Child Abuse Prevention Pathway. I first started MCAPP during the first semester of both school years. I learned many new things about keeping myself safe and what to do if any type of sexual things that ever happen to me; also to help others in need and the meanings of the happenings. Also, I love seeing the aunties that would come to us to teach; and especially Auntie Titi Hernandez. She has taught me many things and encouraged me. She talked to me whenever I needed to. MCAPP is very supportive and a big impact in my life. They also made me better and feel safer in the situations I was going through. Mahalo nui loa for your help.

MS. KUOHA: Again, I just wanted to mahalo all of you for allowing us to participate in these different organizations. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Members, any questions for our testifier? Seeing none, mahalo nui for your testimony. Ms. Stewart, will you please call the next two testifiers?

MS. STEWART: The next testifier is Eric Jayne on behalf of Molokai Humane Society, to be followed by Edwin Misaki.

MR. JAYNE: Hello. I'm Eric Jayne. I'm the Veterinarian on island that works at the Molokai Humane Society. And everything's been going pretty good there. We're still pretty



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caught up with feral cats. We do a lot of vaccine outreach. We're doing a cooperative program with Windward College. It's a veterinarian technology class, as they're going to start teaching here, and a lot of educational courses in the schools; so that's going real good. We're also remodeling our clinic. We're doing the remodeling ourselves. What's not going so good is the animal issues that arise from the lack of animal control over here. And what we've seen is there's been an increase in diseases in dogs, especially parvo virus. But there's also a lot of diseases that humans can get from dogs like leptospira. There's a lot of free-roaming dogs, and there's actually the rules that should be enforced to make sure that doesn't happen. What we've also seen is an increase in the number of injured dogs from some of these roaming dogs coming in and attacking pet dogs. Even sometimes when people have been walking the dogs and that's a real big indicator that there's a dangerous situation starting to happen. Other locations where I've worked there's actually been people that have been killed by dogs. Like in one spot, there was a woman that was killed by three dogs and several other spots where children killed by dogs. So I don't know what the dysfunction is with the animal control, if it's a funding dysfunction or just an enforcement dysfunction, but there's definitely something that's happening that would really be helped by the County Council stepping in and making sure things go right. That's it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Jayne. Members, any need for clarification? Okay. I have a question. So would you be supportive of Animal Control falling under the Humane Society instead of under the Police, which is where it is now?

MR. JAYNE: I mean that's a complicated issue, because it's a big issue. I know there's rules that if they were followed and enforced then the situation would be cleared up pretty quickly, which is just, you know, if there's a dangerous dog or a dog bite or loose dogs or dog licensing that encourages fixing dogs so there's not dogs out fighting because another dog's in heat. And I don't know how that enforcement would work or where the best way would be, you know, who to put that under, that's beyond my scope of...I just know that as a veterinarian at our veterinary clinic, we can't do it, we can't fix that problem unless something happens, to step in. And I would hate to see...I mean I'm not trying to, like, cry wolf or something, but I would hate to see somebody hurt. After you've heard of a child killed by dogs, then your humor leaves you and you take all this more seriously. I think with the animal control here, there was a hesitation for it to be enforced because that's your relative or your friend, but if they look at the big picture, they're actually helping their relative or their friend by making sure everything stays safe.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

MR. JAYNE: Thank you.

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

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MS. STEWART: The next testifier is Edwin Misaki on behalf of the Nature Conservancy, followed by Hamau Howe.

MR. MISAKI: Aloha, Councilmembers. And aloha and congratulations, Keani. My name is Ed Misaki and I am the Director of Programs for the Nature Conservancy. I also coordinate the East Molokai Watershed Partnership. I'm really here to say, thank you so much for supporting all our watershed partnerships in Maui County. You know, the County Council has been leaders in supporting their watershed in their county. Some of the islands now, the Department of Water Supply is starting to support their watershed, but nothing like Maui County. You guys really put your money where it counts. And, you know, like I say, I'm really appreciative of your guys' support. And I would like to also say that I would like to invite each one of you, whenever you have time, to come and I'll take you on a field trip. And you can ask Kelly and Keani, they've been to some of these sites and they can tell you, it's really something to actually see what we're doing and see the results of what we're doing. It's been pretty amazing. The vegetation recovery, keeping the forest sustainable for our water supply on Molokai. So thank you very much. You guys have any questions?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Seeing no questions –

MR. MISAKI: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --mahalo, Mr. Misaki. Ms. Stewart, will you please call the next two testifiers?

MS. STEWART: The next testifier is Hamau Howe, to be followed by Hoala Davis and Keri Zacher.

MR. HOWE: Aloha. I'm back again. I'm here for this portion just to thank you guys. About three years ago, we had a aquaponics greenhouse at Kaunakakai School, and was thriving. We had fourth, fifth, and sixth graders that we're getting educated on aquaponics and hydroponics in there, and it was part of the STEM program. Well, we had a storm and it blew the roof off and blew the solar system off, that powered the pumps, that fed the fish; so the whole thing is kind of getting grown over now. So another teacher and myself, we decided, we're going to try and get that thing revitalized again. So we took a materials cost and we just I'm going to go try for a grant. I'm going to try for a grant with MEDB. So I didn't think I would get it. Applied for the grant, and sure enough, I got it. And so...this is my wife Hamau. She's going to tell you a little bit more about what that program's going to do for us.

MS. HOWE: Aloha. My name is Hamau Howe. I'm the PCNC at Kaunakakai Elementary School, and I want to mahalo for your support in helping us reconstruct a greenhouse, the hydroponics greenhouse, and also to add to our sixth garden bed. So we're going to add six more on top of that. And I want to mahalo you so much. We're excited, the students are excited, and we have a team that's being put together along with our students who's going to help us rebuild the garden beds and recreate the hydroponic

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greenhouse. And this allows our children to...it opens up an opportunity for them to bridge their learning and their real-world choices by having students immerse in all aspects of a garden. And these garden beds, we'll also use in our afterschool programs, our grow healthy afterschool program and we'll also start a fresh-fruit...an in-school, fresh-fruit program. So whatever the students plan, that's what we're going to have them try. All different types of fruits and vegetables. So mahalo.

MR. HOWE: One quick clarification that this was distributed through Lokahi Pacific. Yeah. Okay. Thank you. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Seeing no questions, mahalo nui for your testimony. Ms. Stewart, will you please call the next two testifiers?

MS. STEWART: The next testifier is Hoala Davis and Keri Zacher on behalf of Molokai Humane Society, to be followed by Penny Dearborn.

MS. DAVIS: Good evening, County Councilmembers. Thank you so much for coming over to Molokai. My name is Hoala Davis. I'm the Executive Director at the Molokai Humane Society. And because there are so many new Members, I just wanted to do a brief recap on what our organization does. We are not like the Maui Humane Society, we are not a shelter. We are actually a low-cost spay and neuter clinic. We provide low-cost, affordable veterinary care to the island of Molokai, but we're also the only animal-welfare agency on island so a lot of overflow also falls into our laps whether or not they are supported or funded by the County. What Maui County does fund with our organization is our low-cost spay and neuter programs. We have managed to keep our surgical costs at \$20 for cats and \$30 for dogs for many, many years. I've been at the Humane Society for eight years and we haven't had to increase that pricing because of generous funding that we have received. We also provide things like preventative clinics, feral cat clinics that are free or low cost to the community to help ensure that we don't have unwanted, free-roaming animals that are spreading diseases in the community or reproducing rapidly; that is something that we have been very successful at tackling and going after, making sure that the community has the resources. We've had great buy-in. We've asked a lot of supporters to send in testimony to the Budget and Finance [sic] Committee, and I'm hoping that you guys will take the time to read the testimonials that people have sent. Everything is impacted across the board here on the island because our resources are so limited. What we are finding, as our veterinarian brought up, is that we are doing really well on one aspect of the services we provide but the other agencies that also provide animal care, not care but services, are starting to impact what our organization is able to actually provide for the community. We're asking for greater accountability for animal control as we find ourselves currently without an agent on island. The burden, while we carry out the last of this fiscal year, is being placed on our staff and our organization without any clear guidelines as to who's really responsible. We are unfortunately having people turning to us leaving animals tied to our gates leaving them at our facility. We don't have the capacity to support any of these animals so we're asking that as a new agent is hired moving forward, greater accountability be put into place, a better contract that will actually fulfill what happens

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to these animals when they're picked up and ensuring that there is a plan for them after the initial pick-up stage instead of hoping that a community member will pick up and provide the care and services for them, as we're doing, as many individuals in the community are doing. And I'll briefly touch on your question 'cause I know that that's coming. If this County Council did find that the services would be better met through our organization, we would be happy to take that on, but we don't know what the current contract is or what the current budget allocations are. And without that information, I can't speak for our organization and agree to take that on. And then very briefly, I have ten seconds left, I live in the Mana'e community out east. Thank you for keeping the Puko`o Fire Station in the budget 'cause it is a vital resource for our community and I am greatly in support of having it there. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. I have a question for Hoala. Mahalo, Ms. Davis.

MS. DAVIS: Sorry, I had to rush through the...yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So really quick, I...at the townhall I proposed...I announced that my intention was to pull the funding, but this whole body would still need to support the Puko`o Fire Station staying in the budget –

MS. DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --and with the condition of community consultation and support. So I just wanted to clarify that real quick. And so regarding the Humane Society, the Maui Humane Society provides animal shelter, unlike our Molokai Humane Society. Is providing animal shelter something the Molokai Humane Society would be open to doing?

MS. DAVIS: No. And I only say that because our philosophy that we have built our organization on doesn't support sheltering. Animals in the traditional capacity that a municipally funded shelter would do. So when you receive County funding, which is taxpayer based, you then have to open your doors and you don't get to put certain restrictions and requirements on that intake, and that's definitely something you can ask the Maui Humane Society. They have to take anything that comes through their doors because their taxpayer community is supporting their program. We don't have the capacity for that here on Molokai. Our population, we're, you know, we've stuck around 8,000 on island. We don't have the same kind of pull where we would be able to take in animals and then put them into good homes in a quick timeframe. The alternative would be euthanasia, which we're not...that is not something that our organization supports and stands behind. What we have done over the last four years is increase our fostering program. We have been able to do that by building greater partnerships and relationships with organizations off island and finding community members here to house animals, rehabilitate them. We've provided the medical costs to make them healthy again, and then we either adopt them on island or we send them out to Maui and we utilize a no-kill rescue which is Hawaii Animal Rescue Foundation. And by doing that, we've been able to...the first year we did it, we sent over 200 animals

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off island. Placed them into homes with no-kill rescues, these are dogs. And as well as adopted on island. So our numbers, we have better results there. It's a greater accountability on our community when people come to us. We provide help but we don't take the burden off of their hands. We, for example, if someone comes to us with a litter of puppies that needs homes, we will take the puppies from them if they fix the mama dog, make sure that she is spayed. And neuter...fix the entire litter and then we will find homes for the puppies. So it's getting creative and finding other alternatives that really work.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, any other questions? Seeing none, mahalo for your testimony, Ms. Davis.

MS. DAVIS: Thank you.

MS. ZACHER: Hi. I'm just kind of tagging on here for just ten seconds or less. My name is Keri Zacher, and I am a Mana`e community member. And what I wanted to support was the idea of the animal control being an issue that does need to be resolved on Molokai. It's a safety issue, it's a safety issue for animals and people; so it should be addressed as soon as possible because it's not going to go away. The animals aren't going to breed less because we don't have an animal control person. And my second thing was to mahalo you, Keani, for putting the...leaving the Molokai Fire Station relocation kind of there. And as a Mana`e community member, I'm in support of the fire station, and I think that the fire station community...or the fire station people have done their due diligence in trying to look at that situation for the community. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, any need for questions? Okay. Mahalo Ms. Zacher. Ms. Stewart, will you please call the next two testifiers?

MS. STEWART: The next testifier is Penny Dearborn on behalf of the Molokai Humane Society, to be followed by A.C. Quackenbush.

MS. DEARBORN: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. Congratulations to all of you, by the way. My name is Penny Dearborn. I am from Maui. I am the President and Co-Founder of Hawaii Animal Rescue Foundation. I am the one that takes the dogs from here. Thanks to the airlines, thanks to Hoala and her crew, these animals come to me, you know, really well cared for and everything but she calls and panics more than one time. I just took one recently that has no front legs. This is what happens when you breed your dogs to your dogs to your dogs to your family, okay. She's working, and they're working to do something about education and all this, but the animals are running loose. They're now bringing disease in that's coming to my island, okay. I've taken two dogs, three dogs, that had ringworm, and it's the new fungal stuff that we're hearing about. It cost me \$2,000 to cure these three dogs of this, 'cause it'll give it to everybody in the house and all the other dogs. We also got a dog recently that had parvo; that's the first time it's happened in all the years I've been doing this for them. So it's beginning to feed over to other areas now. So it's really important that Animal Control gets a handle on this, it really is. Unless they do something about getting the animals under

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control, fining people when they need to, you know, going out and ticketing where it needs to be, licensing where it needs to be. I mean this is all laws. These are already in place. We're just looking at somebody that's going to go and enforce them and start making people understand, you know, getting them to look at what their responsibilities are and making them do them. It's called due diligence. I'm more than happy to take the animals. I'm flying over tonight to help with a speech. I'm taking a dog home with me tomorrow, okay. Thank God for Makani Kai, because they're the ones that are helping us out with the flying, and I have private pilots that fly us back and forth. So we're going to help out as much as we can, but Animal Control really needs to get their act together, okay. Thank you. Have a good evening.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, any questions? Okay. Mahalo for your testimony, Ms. Dearborn. Ms. Stewart, will you please call the next two testifiers?

MS. STEWART: The next testifier is A.C. Quackenbush on behalf of Molokai Humane Society, to be followed by Jay Duquette.

MS. QUACKENBUSH: Aloha, everyone. My name is A.C. Quackenbush, and I want to thank you for this opportunity to share my appreciation for the financial support that the City and County of Maui continues to provide to the Molokai Humane Society. I was raised on Oahu and my husband and I are honored to be full-time residents of Molokai. Tonight, I speak to you not only as a resident, concerned where my tax dollars are spent, but also as a pet parent of four vaccinated and licensed dogs and one indoor cat. And as a volunteer board president of the Molokai Humane Society. I know that the animals of this island and the people who care about them depend on your continued support of our efforts to ensure that every pet has a loving forever home. There are many in our Humane Society ohana from the volunteers who foster unwanted dogs and cats until homes can be found to the wonderful partners like HARF on Maui that help us increase our adoptions to the incredibly staff who care medically for pets in need and who help to reduce unwanted litters through spay/neuter, to the friends who donate goods, services, time, and money as well as those who help us improve existing facilities on our journey to our future shelter vision. Everything we do and everyone who contributes are working toward our goal of decreasing unwanted animals and securing each pet a forever, loving home. Your continued interest and support of our efforts is recognized, and I thank each of you and your support staff for your time and attention tonight and throughout the budget process. I also extend my invitation to all of you and everyone here tonight to reach out to me, the other board members or the staff if you would like more information on any aspect of our mission. We speak for those who cannot speak for themselves. And we know that while aloha cannot be bought, it can be adopted. Thank you very much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, any questions? Mahalo for your testimony, Ms. Quackenbush. Ms. Stewart, will you please call the next two testifiers?

MS. STEWART: The next testifier is Jay Duquette to be followed by Yolanda Reyes.

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MR. DUQUETTE: Damn, that's a long quiet walk up to this mic. I'm a testimony virgin, so be gentle. I got a couple things to testify about tonight. First, I want to thank you guys all for coming, that's really important. I know this is a long night for you guys on top of probably a long day and all that stuff, so mahalo for that. And...you got it? Good job. Give it up for mic guy. Yeah, so where was I? Yeah, full disclosure, Hoala is my wife and I'm also a firefighter here for the County of Maui. So the two things I'm going to testify on tonight are the Humane Society. They do a good job with very little. And Animal Control, over the last couple years, hasn't made our lives any easier. What she's not telling you is that dogs are constantly getting dumped or abandoned. Cats are constantly getting abandoned. A lot of them come to our house, which is fine, whatever. But it just keeps happening, because nobody was doing anything about it, and that needs to change, you know. We can't keep relying on the kindness of others to do a job that we're already were paying somebody to do. You know, in my opinion, that's a pretty huge waste of money. I mean we've had dogs tied to our fence when we come home, starved, covered in maggots, whatever, you know, still alive. Like that's what we're dealing with. And they do a great job there of taking care of business, but it keeps getting put on them over and over again because of this lack of accountability from Animal Control. And it's only going to get worse because the guy just quit because it was too stressful or whatever. So I would ask that you consider supporting, you know, the control issue, however you can, money or getting somebody hired or whatever it ends up being, but just keep it in your mind. 'Cause everybody here has animals. Like, Molokai loves animals, we all love animals, it's a rural place. The second thing I wanted to testify about was, I'm a Mana'e resident, I live out there, I work out there, I work at the Puk'oo station. Now, and I want to thank you for having the townhall meeting in the first place because that just shows that there's a transparency to government that maybe we didn't have for the last however long, and it's refreshing to know that with who we have in the White House and all that kind of stuff now that at least we have transparency in our local government. So I applaud you guys for that. Thanks for keeping the money in the budget for the station. Of course, I 100 percent agree with you, we need community support, we need community input. The preliminary EIS was done for those two lots; and as far as I could understand by reading it is, there's no significant cultural or historical impacts that will happen on those sites. Now, going forward, that's just a ground-level type inspection, right. Going forward, because of the scope of the project, they're going to have to do a full archaeological study and complete EIS. And I guess if anything comes up at that time, I mean it'll get brought up and construction will stop or whatever. So I just want to say that knowing that that the preliminary study was done, that the Fire Department is doing its due diligence that I would just ask that you all consider to keep us in mind for the relocation of the station. Anyways, that's it. Any questions?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, any need for questions? Okay. Seeing none, mahalo for your testimony, Mr. Duquette.

MR. DUQUETTE: Thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Stewart, will you please call our next two testifiers?

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MS. STEWART: The next testifier is Yolanda Reyes on behalf of MEO Molokai, to be followed by Shari Lynn.

MS. REYES: Good evening. My name is Yolanda Reyes. I am the Branch Director for Molokai MEO. And thank you for being here, all of you. MEO is a community-action agency chartered in March 22, 1965 under the provisions of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964. In the past fiscal year, MEO served nearly 18,000 individuals and families, touching 54,000 lives in Maui County. MEO administers more than 40 programs under five departments. In specific to Molokai Branch, we have four departments that run 21 programs. Our early childhood program has two classrooms: one classroom with 20 students and a second homebased classroom with eight students and families. We also have a business-development program that we offer a Core Four Business Class, and we've had six graduates last quarter; and also a financial literacy class that we have gone out to the high school and we have given certificates to our high school students...middle school and high school and also there are students at the youth center that we have taken in to do financial literacy. We also have our community-service programs. We service for the County rental-assistance program, in this fiscal year so far, I think our goal was twenty, but we're already up to 37. And it's sad to say that, you know, a couple of them were living on family's homestead land, you know, in tents; and one family was actually living on the beach with a minor child. So we've helped these people get into homes. We also help senior groups and we have Hui O Pumehana that have 88 members. Also, AARP Molokai Chapter, Napua Kupuna O Molokai; that's on the east side of Molokai. This year we're given the task of servicing the dislocated Microgen worker program and we've serviced 11 of them and most of them have moved...have relocated off island, but we're still reaching out to them, you know, even to this day. We also distribute surplus food and commodity surplus food for seniors 60 and over. And we service 65 families, 114 unduplicated individuals. For regular food surplus, we service 90 families with over 400 unduplicated individuals. For our transportation program, we have several programs under transportation: our Ala Hou where we take them—sorry—door to door; our youth transportation, over 190 unduplicated; dialysis/Medicaid programs; our senior excursion; our rural shopping shuttle. Expand our rural shuttle, we've serviced 475 unduplicated clients. And lastly, I'd like to say, thank you very much for coming to Molokai for all that you do for our community, thank you very much. Any questions?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, any questions? Seeing none, mahalo nui for your testimony, Ms. Reyes. Ms. Stewart, will you please call the next two testifiers?

MS. STEWART: Next testifier is Shari Lynn on behalf of Ka Hale Pomaika'i, to be followed by Lyndon Dela Cruz.

MS. LYNN: Hi, good evening, Council. Followed by Lyndon Dela Cruz. Okay. Thanks. Thank you. He's a musician that's why, he knows all this stuff. Anyways, yeah, my name is Shari. I'm here to thank you for your continued...thank you to the County, old and new, for continued support for our treatment center, our sober housing and recovery



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support services that we have on Molokai. And this is my friend Jaime who's just going to say two words real quick. Go ahead, say two words.

MS. THOMPSON: Hi. My name is Jaime Thompson, and about a good four years back, I ran into, you know, where I had hit rock bottom. I went into help for sober living and Ka Hale Pomaika'i was able to help me out. Since then, I've gained back my self-esteem. I've been able to give back to my community and along with, you know, build my trust back with everyone. So thank you very much.

MS. LYNN: And she even quit smoking, so that's good. I don't have a whole lot to say. We currently right now have a pretty large group about 18 people in our group that's relatively large compared to in the early days when we might have had two or three. And we have about four or five people waiting to get into residential programs off-island. They'll tend to come and stay with us and be part of our intensive outpatient program or our motivational enhancement program until they actually have a bed for them someplace. We don't exclusively give to Aloha House, we just go with whoever's got a open space. Let's see, what else. On Monday we'll have six people that are going to be completing the program. They've been with us between 16 weeks and some a little bit longer. And those are people who have at least that much time without a drink or a drug, who will be funneling back into the community as productive community members. What else do I want to say? New this year, we've been going to Lanai and we go to Lanai once a week for one day a week. And on Lanai I have about 12 people that I see over there, so that's hard, that's really hard. But until we started going, the State asked us to go, and until we started going they didn't have anybody servicing the treatment needs on Lanai until, hopefully, at some point...I just said, I'll do it until you can find somebody from Lanai to take care of Lanai 'cause that's kind of how we are on Molokai, we want more Molokai people to take care of our Molokai people. So, anyways, that's new. There's a lot of need. It's one of the kind of job that you hope one day you won't have a job, but I still have a job, so anyways, I'm here and that's it. I just want to say, thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for your testimony. We have a question from Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I heard that you go to Lanai one day a week when we were on Lanai and I was wondering if you had any chance to consider coming to Lahaina one day a week as well.

MS. LYNN: Well here's what I told ADAD if you're buying, I'm flying. But, yeah, I don't know, that would be fun. But our agency participates with the giant health community on Maui so we have a chance to at least visit you once every quarter or so.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. We can be in touch.

MS. LYNN: Yeah, and we do have an opening if anybody is a certified substance abuse counselor, we do actually have an opening. We're fortunate enough to have funding,

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too, provide another job if there's a person that has that skill set, maybe from Lahaina could come over.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

MS. LYNN: You're welcome.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I have a question. So does the State provide funding for you to go to Lanai?

MS. LYNN: Temporarily. I'm scheduled to pull out of there probably August/September.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Of this year?

MS. LYNN: Yeah. 'Cause I didn't volunteer to do it, I was voluntold. I didn't volunteer to do it the whole, you know, like, forever and ever amen. Because there's more of a need than one person could do, and it's about a 12 to 15-hour day. I get up 5:00 in the morning, go catch the airplane, got to check in at 6:51 otherwise you cannot get on. And then it goes over to Oahu and then it sits there and then it goes to Lanai, maybe. And then I stay and then usually to get back home, if I leave at 2:00, I haven't had enough time to see everybody. If I leave at 4:00 I'm not going to make it back to Molokai, so I have to go and stay on Oahu and I go stay in Chinatown in the hood where my people are, so what can I say. I've been doing this for 32 years. I am so not afraid of these guys, so yeah, so I am one of these guys, so...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: . . .*(Inaudible)*. . .

MS. LYNN: What was that?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin said, it sounds like it would be easier to go to Lahaina.

MS. LYNN: Yeah, totally, you bet.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Kama has a question.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. So you run a residential treatment program?

MS. LYNN: No. We have sober housing –

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay.

MS. LYNN: --which is different. That usually requires that a person have at least 30 days of sobriety so that they're not detoxing and they're not a medical...they don't really have a medical necessity that needs attention from a doctor. And then they're sort of self-regulating within the home.

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COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay, thank you.

MS. LYNN: So right now we have two bedrooms that we provide housing in and another place that we're contracting out that we're also...so we can take men and women at the same time just not in the same dwelling.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you.

MS. LYNN: You're welcome.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you for what you do.

MS. LYNN: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Seeing no additional questions, mahalo nui for your testimony. And mahalo, Ms. Thompson, for your testimony as well. Ms. Stewart, will you please call the next two testifiers?

MS. STEWART: The next testifier is Lyndon Dela Cruz, followed by Kekama Helm.

MR. DELA CRUZ: Good evening, Councilmembers. My name is Lyndon Dela Cruz and I'm here on behalf of Kuha`o Business Center. I'm the Owner/Operator of Lanakila Designs, and I just want to say, mahalo for your support with Kuha`o Business Center because a lot of the programs that they have which is like the workshops for us entrepreneurs or small-business owners here on Molokai, which helps...and helped us over the past five years that we've been going to the Made in Maui County Festival and a lot of the businesses have grown. Just from this educational workshops that Kuha`o Business provides. So much mahalo for your support, and we humbly ask your continued support for that programs because it does help, you know, small business driven is Maui County, yeah, so we like to see other people get out there and then grow their small businesses. So mahalo for that. And also in support of the Molokai Humane Society. We really need that support here on Molokai. I mean there's a lot of, you know, a lot of people love animals but then sometimes you get overwhelmed, you know, with the amount of dogs or cats that happen to just, you know, arrive, right. So we humbly ask your support for the Molokai Humane Society. Mahalo.

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

VICE-CHAIR KING: Since you hung around so nicely. So I just wanted to ask you the business center, is that a program under MEO or MEDB or is it a standalone program?

MR. DELA CRUZ: I think it's under Maui Economic Development [sic], yeah, MEO.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Maui...MEO, okay.

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MR. DELA CRUZ: Yes. Yeah, MEO.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, okay. Thank you. That's what I thought.

MR. DELA CRUZ: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Seeing no other questions, mahalo nui for your testimony.  
Ms. Stewart, will you please call the next two testifiers?

MS. STEWART: The next testifier is Kekama Helm on behalf of Ka Molokai Makahiki, to be followed by Karen Holt and Andrea Dudoit.

MR. HELM: Aloha, Councilmembers, Keani. Thank you for your time tonight. I've just come on behalf of Ka Molokai Makahiki. Every year at least for the past eight years I know that we received funding from the County through a grant process. And we serve all of our elementary schools here, keiki through adults. And it's an opportunity for our opio to get involved with cultural practices and continue to participate in their culture as kama`aina and of this place. So I'm here to say, mahalo nui loa for your support and ask for your continued support. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I have a question.

MR. HELM: Sure.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: How many schools come over from Maui County, our sister islands?

MR. HELM: Okay. So I think we have anywhere every year between five and eight schools come over from Maui County, not including Molokai, yeah. So you figure at least ten to—Shane would know—maybe 20 to 30 students from each school.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Looks like Member Sinenci has a question. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you. Thank you, Kekama, for being here tonight. You mentioned that you guys been receiving funds from the Office of Economic Development. How has been the process to getting some of the funds from the County? Is it an easy process?

MR. HELM: I'm not the writer. But I sit in those meetings on our board and it hasn't been an easy process. It's a long process, and it's also a process based on reimbursement. So we got to upfront the funds, and then we get reimbursed from the County; sometimes it takes a year or more. But sometimes it comes out of pocket for some of our members. So it hasn't been the easiest process. It would be nice if it could be a line item. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Seeing no other questions, mahalo, Mr. Helm, for your testimony.

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MR. HELM: Thank you, guys.

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

MS. STEWART: Next to testify are Karen Holt and Andrea Dudoit on behalf of MCSC, to be followed by Clare Mawai.

MS. HOLT: Aloha ka kou. I'm Karen and this is Andrea. And welcome back to all of the old hands and congratulations to all the new guys. It's nice to see people with a lot of energy to fix things. I am the Executive Director for the Molokai Community Service Council which this year is celebrating 45 years of existence. It was formed way back when to be an umbrella and a safety net for non-profit organizations and projects on the island of Molokai and that's still what the organization does. So, as an example, we actually run several projects including Molokai Youth Center, which Andrea is the head of, she's sitting here. And you heard kids talk about that. We also run the domestic violence programs on the island, the shelter, and the anger management classes for folks who've gotten in trouble. And we also are in charge of a joint program with the Department of Health to try to help folks with chronic mental illnesses – schizophrenia, chronic depression, bipolar, for example. It's a day program where folks can go and hang out and not be in a stigmatizing environment. In addition to that, we also help to raise money for our community through a couple different programs. One is like our local version of United Way, Friendly Isle United Fund, and we raise money for many different projects every year. The donations come to us and then we send them back out to the community. So some of the folks that you've heard speak already have gotten funded by our organization, Robotics kids, for example, is an...they don't have their own 501(c)(3), so we provided ours. And we also have served as a sponsor for funding that has no other way to come to the island through our 501(c)(3). For example, the Christmas parade is now a program that MCSC is actually sponsoring through the Office of Economic Development; that's where the funding comes from. And we just got a request from the Kilohana Bazaar this week, if they would be willing to sponsor...or if we could sponsor the Kilohana Bazaar. So we do a lot of sort of utility player stuff for our community, and we really appreciate the County's support. The County's been a partner for MCSC since before I came aboard, which was a while ago. And our community has benefitted greatly from your support; so mahalo nui. And, Andrea, if you'd like to say a few words, feel free.

MS. DUDOIT: Aloha. My name is Andrea Dudoit, Director of the Molokai Youth Center. I work in two different places in the youth center. One with them as they were here with me and the other with Ho'omana Hou High School. Besides all the games, activities, and things that the kids do, there's a lot of background stuff that myself and my staff deal with, with kids. We become aunties, uncles; we become a safe place for the kids; kids come to us with many things that go on within their personal life; and they feel that they are not able to talk to parents, grandparents, friends, or whoever it is. So we create a safe place for them within our building so that they can come and they can cry, they have somebody to trust, they have somebody to talk to, they have someone that

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will not judge them for who they are, what they're going through, and who their family are. And I say that because it's very important. You know, kids go through a lot. They see a lot, they hear a lot, they come from all different backgrounds. I have personally, yeah. And this job stumbled upon me because of my experiences. I was a drug addict for 20 years. I'm going on eight years clean. I turned my life around and I know the struggle, I know what kids go through, I know what the families go through. And because of that, I'm able to do what I do. So, you know, we provide afterschool activities, we provide schoolwork, we provide all that stuff. But what hits home is when kids come to you because something is happening in their environment that is not good, that is not healthy, and they have no place else to go. And they have no one else to talk to. So we are the ones, if they allow us to and if they choose for us to be the one that we're the ones that they come to. And just a little, you know, it's heartbreaking. Currently, there's a lot going on, and I cannot disclose that at all, of course not. But it's heartbreaking. A lot of times, I wish I could take the kids home. A lot of times I wish I could step to the parents. A lot of time I wish I could go to the house and remove them from the house many times, but I cannot do that. If I was the old person that I was back then without the drugs, of course I would. But today it's a different...I do it differently. For me, we work on the kids, but the parents need the help. And we can try and fix the kids or do whatever we can with the kids; however, the kids only going return back home into an environment that is not healthy, that is not stable, that is dysfunctional. And so our work, we work in circles. So, you know, for me, I would like to see something happen to where we're able to not only work on the kids, but also work with the families as well, because it goes hand in hand. Before I worked at the youth center, I was a DV advocate under MCSC; so I see full circle what has happened, yeah. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Dudoit, for your testimony. Seeing no questions, mahalo. Ms. Stewart, will you please call the next two testifiers?

MS. STEWART: Next to testify is Clare Mawai, to be followed by Ehulani Kane.

MS. MAWAI: Okay. Good evening, Councilmembers. My name is Clare Mawai, and I have been a Molokai resident for over 25 years. My children were all born here. I'm also the owner of Molokai Outdoors for 20 years, which started on a handful of change. And I'm also the Chairman of Youth in Motion, run an annual event, Molokai event, as well as doing SUP paddling for the kids on Molokai. I also sit on the board for the Molokai Visitors Bureau for about 15 years, and I'm currently the Vice-Chairman. I'm also a substitute teacher and a student studying for my master's in education. First, I want to thank Maui County for supporting Youth in Motion. You folks have been supporting us through OED since 2003. We've had this event that's kind of gone on and off, but we're back on with the Molokai Holokai. And we ask that you continue to support OED with our event funding that they do for many really good events on this island and also for Maui. I'm also here to support many of the good programs that we have on Molokai. All my children have used the Molokai Youth Center, and that's very important place. Because when I was a working mom, working here and there, my kids basically lived at the youth center; so I'm a huge supporter of that as well as the MEO bus service because

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they supply valuable transportation for so many of our youth and their families. I'm in support for the funds that they have requested and hope that these funds will be made available. I support any of the programs that support our youth as they are our next generation, and we need to support our youth. I'm also in support of the Molokai Humane Society. Great people and a much-needed service. As Vice-Chairman of the Molokai Visitors Bureau, I'm in hopes that you will support the requested funding by the Maui Visitors Bureau. And I thank you for the past support that you have given. We run under...Molokai runs under the Maui Visitors Bureau, and we hope that you will value...and we hope you will value the effort of educating our visitors, because that's a big part is, we don't like to say we're in the tourism industry or the visitor industry, we're in the education industry. So our visitors bureau, we educate our visitors, travel agents, and riders, and most importantly contribute to positive economics of our island without destroying the balance that we strive to attain; so that's really important, you know, we need the visitors, we need our economics, but we also need to keep Molokai kind of Molokai. Julie Bicoy, our Director, does an incredible job for the Molokai Visitors Bureau. I was recently at a townhall meeting that Keani did and was most impressed, Keani, like, right on. And I really would like to thank you for doing this because you allow the community to have a voice, be involved, and be informed. So I think this is a great start to, you know, you being on the Council. So, at the meeting, there was the discussion of the new police station and the fire station at Puko'o. I support the new police station and also the fire station down the East End. I thank you, all of you, for being here tonight. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Mawai. We have a question for you. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just was wondering how many participants you had at the last Youth in Motion?

MS. MAWAI: We didn't have a huge amount 'cause we kind of rebranded, but the part that I got really excited was the kids. You know, we had like maybe 50 adults came over from Maui, use our Maui crossing as a vehicle to get to Molokai. But really, the whole event is about supporting our youth, getting them to do healthy activities on the ocean. And we had all these really smiling happy kids and they had their medals and we got them all rashguards. So probably, what, 30, 50 kids that we had. Keani was kind of part of that with her kids. So we hope that we'll get more kids this year, and it's an ocean event that the kids can get excited for, so...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thanks, right on.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Members, any other questions? Okay. Seeing none, mahalo Ms. Mawai, for your testimony. Ms. Stewart, will you please call the next two testifiers?

MS. STEWART: The next testifier is Ehulani Kane on behalf of Molokai Child Abuse Prevention Pathways, followed by Julie Lopez.

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MS. KANE: Aloha. My name is Ehulani Kane. I'm here on behalf of Molokai Child Abuse Prevention Pathways. And first of all, I want to thank each of you for being here. And I want to thank each of you for listening. I am actually going to be reading a letter from our Executive Director who is not able to be here tonight because she's off island at a meeting concerning our organization. She is Liz Fujii, and she says, thank you, Councilmembers, for being here today. My name is Liz Fujii, and I am the Executive Director of Molokai Child Abuse Prevention Pathways. MCAPP's mission is to keep children safe and support ohana well-being by preventing sexual abuse. We do our best to address this sensitive topic of sexual abuse in an honest and respectful manner. It is important to remember that prevention for sexual abuse addresses a hidden, public health epidemic that is related to many of Molokai's more visible challenges. Sexual abuse in childhood has been linked to future substance abuse, suicide, depression, anxiety, incarceration, obesity, auto-immune disease, reduced lifespan, and reduced economic security. On average, nationally, one in four girls and one in six boys experience sexual abuse before the age of 18. Eighty percent of perpetrators are someone the victims know and trust. Thirty percent of perpetrators are themselves under the age of 18. Our community is a microcosm of the planet in the best and the most challenging of ways. We are inspired in our work at MCAPP by our strength that is already imbedded in our Molokai community and our island culture. These include our family bonds, our connection to place, our resourcefulness, and our aloha. MCAPP envisions a Molokai where happy, healthy families are everyone's kuleana. With the support from the County's Department of Housing and Human Concerns, we're happy to report that MCAPP has met the goals we presented to you this time last year. This fiscal year, MCAPP has delivered sexual violence prevention education to 745 students in grades pre-K through 12. We've trained 71 faculty to spot warning signs and respond appropriately to disclosures of abuse. We've launched Lamaku, a mentoring program that empowers teens in grades 8, 9, and 10 to become advocates for their peers. The post-program surveys that we pass out indicate that 99 percent of Molokai middle-school participants agree, they were more motivated to show respect in their relationships. One hundred percent of preschool and elementary participants were able to identify who they feel safe with and gave accurate examples of good touch, bad touch, as well as what are good and bad secrets. Ninety-six percent of the faculty agreed that they were more prepared to spot warning signs and respond appropriately if a student discloses they were sexually violated. I'm almost done. Another important goal for MCAPP in the past year was to leverage County funds to get additional support from other funders. This evening, Liz is off island to attend a mandatory partner gathering organized by a local foundation that recently made a five-year commitment to support MCAPP. With a dedicated and creative staff, MCAPP is a lean and committed organization that works to make a big impact with limited resources. Financial support from Maui County is critical to ensure this important work continues. Mahalo for your support in protecting our keiki to ensure we have strong families and a strong future. Mahalo.



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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Seeing no questions, mahalo nui for your testimony this evening. We're going to take two more testifiers and then...we're going to take two more testifiers and then a short break. Ms. Stewart, will you please call the next two testifiers?

MS. STEWART: The next testifier is Julie Lopez, followed by Kawika Gonzales.

MS. LOPEZ: Hi, good evening. Thank you for being here. I'm here representing Lyn Bonk, who's the Director of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century afterschool program at the high school and also UPLINK, which is at the middle school. And I'm here to say that we're very to have the MEO bus because it helps the students get home, get picked up and from the high school. A lot of the kids that are in sports use the MEO bus. And a lot of the kids that stay till 5:00 studying also use the bus to go home in the afternoon. So it's a really good program and it's amazing, 'cause it really helps a lot of the kids out to get to and from school, through the day, you know. So that's a good thing. And, also, I wanted to say, I really support the Humane Society, and I hope that somehow it can be worked out with the County. The police and the Human Society, if they're willing to take on the responsibility of a animal control officer and get more money, I think it would be really good for them to do it. I think they can do it, they've done a lot in the last few years, and they've done a great job. And they have a vet here that is here and, you know, over the years we've had a vet off and on and we've known we've had problems with working sometimes with animal control officers, which is not in their control because it's under the Police Department if you research it. So if there's any way you can work together and bring this program under the Humane Society here, that would be great, okay. Thank you. Any questions. Everybody good? Thank you for coming.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Lopez for your testimony. Ms. Stewart, will you call the next testifier?

MS. STEWART: The next testifier is Kawika Gonzales on behalf of Maui Economic Development Board.

MS. GONZALES: Aloha. My name is Kawika Gonzales. I have been teaching at Kaunakakai School for the past 18 years and am currently the STEM Coordinator and fifth grade teacher at our school. Today I am here to speak in support of the Maui Economic Development Board. For the past ten years, I have been teaching Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, and computer science in the classroom. In addition to numerous school-level fundraising efforts, funds from the Maui Economic Development Board, or MEDB, have supported my teaching of STEM programs not only financially but also by providing professional development classes in computer science and by partnering up with organizations like the Hawaii Society of Technology and Education, National Security Agency, and Code.org. Such PD classes have assisted me in incorporating topics like coding, virtual, and augmented reality, and other technology into my classroom. Because of these professional development classes, I was able to create a program in our school called, We Teach STEM, where my students become the teachers and teach other students the fundamentals of robotics, programming, and coding. Through our efforts, we have been able to teach STEM to all third through sixth

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grade students at our school. The types of PD and services provided by MEDB helps to reinvigorate me as a teacher and keeps me up to date with the latest technology available, which in turn serves to excite my students about learning. As an educator, it makes my job a lot easier when I am able to have the tools and resources available to teach STEM and computer science. My hope is that one day we will have a kindergarten through sixth grade robotics program and a designated STEM learning center at our school. Again, please help me do this before I get too old. Thank you, County Council, for your many years of support to our island. I respectfully ask that you continue your funding of the Maui Economic Development Board as it has truly made a world of difference for our children. Aloha and mahalo.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Gonzales, we have a question for you. Member Kama?

MR. GONZALES: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. So if you ever got your highest and greatest wish and you had K through sixth grade and you have your STEM learning center, where do you see the youth who have absorbed all of this knowledge, where do you see them in the larger scheme of life?

MR. GONZALES: Wow. You know, there are so many engineering jobs out there that need to be filled. And I just see them as future problem solvers. I see them as our future engineers. You know, I see our children on our island, you know, I mean you just give them an opportunity, you know. I mean you see all of these robotics students. My former students are coming home and telling me, you know, what they're doing, you know, all the fields that they're doing. The universities that they're at and it's amazing, you know. It's amazing, it's limitless, you know, the opportunities. I mean every single job needs computer science, you know. I mean you look at everything, everything that we use, everything that we do, everything that we touch, requires computer science, and our students need to be educated as computer, you know, computer science students.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: And do you see them doing that here or somewhere else?

MR. GONZALES: Well, I see them anywhere. Here, you know, I believe that, you know, it impacts us as well, you know. Wherever they go, whatever they do, it will impact our island, it will impact our state, you know. And so, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you.

MR. GONZALES: Alright. Thank you so much. Thank you, you guys.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Kama. Mahalo for your testimony. Okay. We're going to take our ten-minute break. Before we do that, Ms. Stewart, will you please give us a count of how many testifiers we have remaining?

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MS. STEWART: There are 17 testifiers remaining, one-seven.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I thought you said seventy-two, okay. Seventeen, okay. Will you please announce who the first two testifiers will be after we return from our break?

MS. STEWART: Anne Steinke and David Thompson will be the next testifiers after the break.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Okay. It's 7:41. We're going to take a ten-minute break. The Economic Development and Budget Committee is now in recess. . . .(gavel). . .

**RECESS:           7:41 p.m.**

**RECONVENE:   7:59 p.m.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .(gavel). . . Will the Economic Development and Budget Committee please return to order? It is 7:59. And we have our first testifier up. Will you please identify yourself one more time?

MS. STEINKE: Okay. Hello. I'm Anne Steinke. I am a supportive adult with Mental Health America. Every other day in Hawaii someone dies by suicide. This is our ohana, this is our neighbors, and this is our keiki. Mental Health America provides training for adults and keiki on our island as well as the rest of Maui County. Our kids are our future. Peers listen to peers. Most recently, they came over and did training at the Molokai Middle School. They did a antibullying campaign. And we just got back from a three-day conference on Oahu with over 400 professionals, counselors, psychotherapists, psychiatrists to help understand how to prevent suicide in our youth. One of our activities that we got trained on was sources of strength. And one of the main components is having healthy activities. Here on Molokai, we have insufficient mental healthcare. You often have to go off island. Sometimes you can only talk to someone through a television. And so we tend to lean on each other a lot here. As you've already heard, we do provide healthy activities for our youth. We have 4H, we have Robotics, we have Youth in Motion, we have the Molokai Youth Center, the Molokai Art Center provides activities for youth and adults, the Kuha`o Business Center helps adults with some of their goals, and MEO helps make a lot of this possible through their classes and transportation. The programs that are requesting funding tonight, including Mental Health America, are not just for fun, they're also saving lives. So thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We have one question for you. Member Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Do you know if the teen suicide rate is going up or down on Molokai?

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MS. STEINKE: I don't know about Molokai specifically, but in Hawaii it continues to go up. Nationally, it was the eleventh cause of death, now it's the tenth. It just keeps creeping up.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So do you know if any studies were done to figure out why?

MS. STEINKE: There's numerous reasons why. There's a multitude of reasons why, and for each person it's different. And it's not just one reason, many things that happen in their life, like some of the negative things you've heard, the youth center has to deal with drugs, sexual abuse, just being part of a low-income family, having low self-esteem, not having access to good medical care. There's a gazillion reasons why a person chooses to take their own life, but there are significant studies to show that having family support, having community support, having healthy activities, having access to good care can all help prevent that.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Kama. Okay. Seeing no other questions, mahalo nui for your testimony, Ms. Steinke. Ms. Stewart, will you please call the next two testifiers?

MS. STEWART: The next testifier is David Thompson with Jaime Thompson, Val Dudoit, and Michelle Napoleon on behalf of MEO Head Start, to be followed by Mahina Poepoe.

MR. THOMPSON: Unfortunately, my time is starting. Aloha and good evening, everybody. How are you guys all doing this evening?

COUNCILMEMBERS: Good.

MR. THOMPSON: That's good. My name is David Charles Thompson, Jr. I'm from the island of Molokai, and I'm here to talk about the funding for the MEO Head Start program. I have four beautiful children. I'm a husband and a father of four beautiful children, four daughters, and they all went to the MEO Head Start program. And since then, I've noticed that they impact my daughters' lives tremendously by helping them with their morals and their values as well as, you know, helping me to provide easy parenting strategy at home because they stick with us and work with us one-on-one when we need them. Also, the funding that you guys are providing also gives me a chance to provide a chance to look for work, stay in work, as well as, you know, summer school as well. As my youngest daughter still needs some extra help as with her speech and whatnot. They are currently working with us to keep her in school during the summer time and I really think that it's a plus side to keep the funding running for the MEO Head Start...program, excuse me. I also want to take the time to apologize for my wife not being here. We had to send the wife, the kids home for dinner and whatnot. At this time, I also want to read a parent's testimony who is unfortunately not being able to be here right now so. Okay. It says, please continue to fund the MEO program so they can continue to offer full days of school. My son, Leonades, attends there now and my

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now attends there and my now been year old fifth grader also attended MEO as a child. Having them in a full-time preschool has allowed me to work and support them. Without them, I would not have been able to do so. Both my children absolutely love being there, the teachers are amazing, the curriculum, the environment, all amazing and wonderful. This has been a great year. Please continue to fund MEO so other families can also have the wonderful experience and opportunities. That was just one of many parents that wrote testimonies that, like I said, unfortunately couldn't make it tonight, but also I'd like to thank you guys for hearing my testimony as well. Thank you.

MS. DUDOIT: Aloha. Sorry, one of the other parents is not here, so can I fill in, Andrea Dudoit, is that okay? Cannot?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Cannot.

MS. DUDOIT: Okay. Cannot, Val.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sorry, Andrea.

MS. DUDOIT: Good evening, my name is Val Dudoit, and I'm the Assistant Teacher here at Kaunakakai MEO Head Start. And I just want to say, thank you for your continuous support in funding our program. Without your support in funding our program, we wouldn't be able to have the extended time open to families and children; whereas the Head Start used to close at 12:00, now it closes at 3:00. So that entitles parents to seek opportunities in job or return back to school to further their education. So thank you very much. Also, through your funding of our program, you help to fund the summer school program so that our children can attend it. And it's full-time also. What's really, really awesome is the fact that through the funding, meals are provided for the children, you know, breakfast, lunch, and snack. And then we also help out with families who seek assistance through services that they may need for their children. And again, and this is all provided through your funding of our program, so thank you very much. Oh, sorry. Can I read a letter of a parent who asked me to read and was unfortunately not able to be here tonight? Is that possible?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I'll explain. So you can in the three minutes. Each person only has three minutes.

MS. DUDOIT: Oh.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: If you want to read someone's testimony within the three minutes that you have, you're allowed to, but once you use your own three minutes, you cannot speak for anyone else for additional three minutes.

MS. DUDOIT: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So I believe you did have additional time. Ms. Stewart, do you know how much time she had left on the clock.

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MS. STEWART: She had 50 seconds left, five-zero.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So you have 50 seconds.

MS. DUDOIT: Okay. This is from a parent. Her name is Michelle, and unfortunately cannot be here. MEO Head Start is an amazing program. I'm glad that my son attends MEO Head Start. It gives me the opportunity to work while he's at school. The teachers are really nice and are good with the kids. I would like to request more continued funding for the school so that it can continue to operate. Sincerely, Michelle.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You can also submit that written testimony to staff if you would like to.

MS. DUDOIT: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MS. DUDOIT: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo nui. No questions. Mahalo nui for your testimony. Ms. Stewart, will you please call the next two testifiers?

MS. STEWART: The next testifier is Mahina Poepoe, to be followed by Greg Kahn.

MS. POEPOE: Hi. I'm Mahina. I testified to you guys on the phone a lot. Okay. I'm just going to start. I am here asking you to remove the allocation for the relocation of the Puko'o Fire Station. I should add that I am actually married to a firefighter. At this point in time I think the allocation is premature. Right now, before a couple hours ago, the only information I had was second, third-party information. The prospective property that the department is looking at is in Ualapue, and I do have ancestral ties to the area which makes it a little more personal. There is a major concern for the potential that culturally significant sites could be destroyed and this needs to be sorted out before the project moves forward. The Fire Chief, a couple hours ago, sent a link to a preliminary EA and some notes, and I really do appreciate that information and being able to have that, but at the same time, never do take a FONSI at face value. We really want to be a part of the process from site selection to design and the size of the new station. It needs to be appropriate to the character of our community and also be culturally appropriate. So, yeah, I ask to bring the discussion back. And you don't need money to talk to the community, and that's just a blanket statement for all of government. I support and appreciate the presence of the department in Mana'e, so I don't want that to be misunderstood as vilification. I understand the urgency. I 100 percent believe that together we can get the fire station relocated without compromising our indigenous identity and our kuleana. And, you know, never underestimate the power and value of a determined community. So that's for the fire station. I would also support the police station coming to the community and presenting something, which they haven't done

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yet either. Okay. On to other stuff. I do not support the paving of Mitchell Pauole parking lot. I think it's fine how it is. It's also in the sea level rise. I do not support the new scale at the scale house for the landfill. They have bigger issues up there that need to be dealt with. For things that I do support, I support the 500,000 for the sea level rise climate change plan specifically for Molokai that was proposed by the Budget Chair. I support the property tax increases proposed by the Budget Chair Fernandez, especially for short-term rentals. I believe it was somewhere in like the \$15 range. I support your continued support of Molokai Humane Society, MEO, MCAPP. And for the landfill, I would like to see the money reallocated to a plan for the future of our landfill as well as operator positions. And the plan should include that it's not on property that isn't owned by the County, which it currently is now. Our recycling center could use some help. They need a new forklift. Then if the one that breaks now...the one they have now breaks, their operation will be halted. We need money to find a new site and relocate our wastewater plant; and until that happens, we need a moratorium on all new projects wanting to tie into the sewer line because the facility can't handle anymore. That's about it, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I have a question.

MS. POEPOE: Yeah?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: How do you know so much about the landfill and recycling center?

MS. POEPOE: Very good question. I am actually on one of the ad hoc in your office, well kind of. We have a landfill ad hoc group that we're kind of a taskforce and we just started up. And we went to actually do a site visit and talk with the workers up there in both the recycling and the landfill to get a better idea of what their needs actually were, and it's an ongoing thing.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So for the increased operator positions for Molokai Landfill, are you saying that those two positions should go under DEM instead of Public Works...Department of Environmental Management.

MS. POEPOE: I'm not sure where they should go, but I just know that that was something that was specifically mentioned as what they could really use up there – increased manpower, an operator position. I don't know where it should go. But that sounds right that it would go under DEM.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And then last question, for the Preliminary EA that you received from the Puko'o Fire Station –

MS. POEPOE: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --you said that it resulted in a FONSI, will you just, for the record, say what the FONSI stands for?

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MS. POEPOE: Finding of No Significant Impact.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Members, any other questions? Seeing none, mahalo nui for your testimony.

MS. POEPOE: Thank you.

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

MS. STEWART: The next testifier is Greg Kahn followed by Georgina Kuahuia.

MR. KAHN: Good evening. My name is Greg Kahn. I live in the Mana`e community, and I'm testifying to support the Budget Chair's proposed property tax increase to—thank you—to \$15 per...assessed valuation for short-term vacation rentals. I feel strongly that we should eliminate the incentives for off-island entrepreneurs and investment LLCs to deplete the housing inventory for local families. And I also feel that we should be really striving to provide affordable housing for our community rather than allowing it to disappear into profits for real estate investors. Thank you all.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Seeing no question, mahalo for your testimony, Mr. Kahn. Ms. Stewart, will you please call the next two testifiers?

MS. STEWART: The next testifier is Georgina Kuahuia, followed by Wilma Noelani Joy.

MS. KUAHUIA: Good evening. First of all, I would like to thank the Lord for bringing the Council here to hear our concerns. I'm here on behalf of Maui Food Bank. My name is Georgina Kuahuia. I with the Salvation Army here on the island of Molokai. I'm the Officer in Charge. It's been about 25 years now that Maui Food Bank has been working here on the island of Molokai. We have 22 agencies from to east to west serving adults, kupunas, and children. We even have a program that the children can take home a backpack meal for the weekend, 'cause our goals is to see that no kupuna or no child goes hungry. So every month, we almost reach 4,000 individuals every month. Our supplies come in once a month. And with these 22 agencies that we have, we always ask the Lord to bless it and multiply it so it can reach far beyond what we regularly do service. I just...it's been really a blessing reaching out to others that are in need. And it's always a pleasure to serve the Lord and others. The 22 agencies work as a community. We work together, we distribute together, we allocate together, and we go down to the wharf and we pick up together, and we also have Maui County come and pick up for us for the dry good day. So we have been doing this for a long time, and I believe it's going to continue to go to because 25 years our families are growing and there are many needs on this island and one of 'em is to make sure that everybody has something in their stomach, something to keep them going. We don't only give them any kind food, but we also do healthy-wise, too. We also get produces from our local farmers that come and help us. And then we're also tied now with Maui Food Bank, they want to try to bring produce in from Oahu so that we can get more things to



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distribute to the families. So I just want to thank you very much for supporting Maui Food Bank. It's very important here on this island. We do this once a month every third Thursday, and then all agencies go out and distribute to all their clients. Okay. For example, we have the Catholic Church; we have MEO; we have Home Pumehana, which is a senior housing. And we just want to reach as much as we can. So we are doing our very best to keep our island, okay. So we also ask our families to use your aina, grow your food, you know, supplement some places. So and that's what we do every month. And the next one that I want to talk about, too, is the MEO bus. I'm going to be talking as a mom now, okay. My kids do athletics, and this is how they get to and from their athletic whatever sport, okay. They go and then they bring them home. Without MEO, I can't be at all different places at the same time, because my kids do different sports at different times. So I want to thank you, to continue to please support MEO. Amen?

ALL: Amen.

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

MS. KUAHUIA: Okay. Oh, yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Hi, how are you?

MS. KUAHUIA: Fine.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Good. Did you say that the organization serves 4,000 people a month?

MS. KUAHUIA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: A month.

MS. KUAHUIA: A month. That's individual – man, woman, child, kupuna.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Does this list include the homeless?

MS. KUAHUIA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: And who feeds the homeless?

MS. KUAHUIA: We have three churches...well, two churches and a Body of Christ, okay. So we have King's Chapel and we have Kaunakakai Baptist, and we have a group that does a feeding on Sunday afternoons.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I see. Okay. Thank you very much.

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MS. KUAHUIA: You're welcome.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you for your work.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Lee. And mahalo for your testimony. Ms. Stewart, will you please call the next two testifiers?

MS. STEWART: The next testifier is Wilma Noelani Joy, followed by Cynthia McCutcheon.

MS. JOY: Thank you for coming to Molokai. Wilma Noelani Joy, resident of Molokai, Hoolehua homesteader, okay. I want to support Mayor Victorino's campaign promise, to keep what we have. I request Maui County to keep the current level of services to the Molokai residents with the current budget. I thank you for not increasing the minimum property tax last year. Maui County has increased the minimum property tax in previous year dramatically. It went from 60 to 90 to 120 to 200 to 300; and two years ago, it went to 400. This affects all homesteaders. We all have minimum tax. That extra \$100 is paying for the water that we drink. We don't want...your brochure, this all the tax increases, but it does not list the minimum tax, property tax. This has happened before when you moved it from 120 to 200 to 300 to 400, never mentioned. Tell me, do you know, is the minimum property tax going up? And we should know, 'cause it affects all homesteaders – Kalama`ula, Ho`olehua, Kapa`akea; that's all of us. And there's people with lands on the East End, lo`i lands that get minimum tax. You're not telling us something, and we need to know. I says, I'm opposed to any increases to the property taxes, to the budget minimum property tax and County fees. You increase the County fees pickup, I pay for it, for the same service that I had before. The same two guys come pick up...three guys come and pick up my rubbish once a week and I'm down to two cans. It says...and you intend to increase it by a dollar for the same service. What are you improving for the money? This is...I support the Public Works mowing the roads so that I can have clear vision on the County roads. I support...the boys do a good job picking up rubbish. I enjoy...you know, they're good people. I says, I strongly support Parks and Recreation. Kualapuu Recreation Center is clean. The grounds are well maintained. I just went to one in Honolulu, badly done. Mahalo much for the Parks and Recreation Department and their services. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We have a question for you, Ms. Joy. Member Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. Good evening. I am a homesteader in Keokea in Kula, Maui. It's a ag lot that I don't currently occupy, but I pay my own \$1 a year like we all do. And yesterday I was at an ahupua`a meeting, one moku-puni meeting where all of the 14 homestead associations on Maui come together and they talk story. One of the things that they hit me with was that they wanted me to help them to get to not have to pay tax on their real estate 'cause we don't pay land tax, yeah. But they wanted me—'cause Kauai doesn't pay any taxes at all—and they wanted me to push

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that issue with the County. And I had to be honest with all of my homesteaders from Paukukalo; Waiehu Kou I, II, III, IV; Kahikinui; Leialii; and all the other new ones that are coming up that I have a problem because lot of our homesteaders have not paid their taxes. We're in debt to our County for almost three-quarters of a million dollars. So how do I have my people...how do I help them not to pay their taxes or to try to get that tax not done if we are so far in arrears? And that's the dilemma I face, and I hear what you're saying, too. And so I just ask if you could kokua and help to understand that.

MS. JOY: Big Island, the homesteaders pay kuleana tax. We don't qualify for kuleana, it's not kuleana lands. I have lands on the East End, they're not kuleana lands, it was purchased. I paid \$400 per plot, five plots. This is family lands, I can't give 'em up, my sister would kill me, literally. But that would help if we could get kuleana. You remove the senior credit, no one has senior credit; that would have helped the kupunas because we have a lot of kupunas on homestead, especially in Hoolehua. I says, minimum, we talking social security at the max, you know. So that would help, also, for the kupunas who are living there, who own that and they can't do anything about it, they own it, they have to pay for it. Now, if they cannot, they cannot. You got to think about this, pay the taxes or eat; that's what the choices are, pay the taxes or eat. They not...some of them are not even paying their water bills because it's so outrageous. I cannot help them, but I can say this, if we can reduce the taxes for the homesteaders down to kuleana rates, it would help a lot.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Kama. Okay. Member Paltin, you have a question? Okay. Member Paltin.

MS. JOY: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Sorry. What is the land classification?

MS. JOY: We're on homestead, so it's a homestead classification. We don't own the land, we lease the land, but it's taxed, so we got to pay minimum tax. We paid minimum tax for a while. And my other lands, they lo'i lands. The most they could tax it at is Agricultural rate, because there are few pieces that is being cultivated. Unfortunately, when you put it together, it's not as much as the minimum tax.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And you have, like, the Land Commission Award or that's DHHL or...

MS. JOY: The lands on the east, they...it's land grant, it's a land grant, so, says, it's not kuleana.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Thank you.

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MS. JOY: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin.

MS. JOY: Can you guys tell me if you guys going increase the minimum tax, property tax or not? Please don't surprise me.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We're still taking testimony on it. No decisions have been made on any of the property taxes.

MS. JOY: But it's not even listed.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I think it generally...

MS. JOY: Could be nice to have it...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

MS. JOY: You know what your recommendations are for the other ones, you surely have a recommendation for the minimum property tax. You have recommendations for others.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We can take that into consideration, Ms. Joy.

MS. JOY: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Mahalo for your testimony. Ms. Stewart?

MS. STEWART: The next testifier is Cynthia McCutcheon, to be followed by Jennifer Hawkins.

MS. McCUTCHEON: Hi, aloha, Council. My name is Cynthia McCutcheon. I'm the Small Business Specialist for the County of Maui, Mayor's Office of Economic Development at the Kuha`o Business Center. First and foremost, I would like to say, mahalo. Mahalo for your yearly funding appropriations that you set aside for Molokai Economic Development and Cultural Programs. I humbly request your continued support for the following programs: the Molokai Business Conference and our Kuha`o Workshops. As the business resource center, we strive to empower local entrepreneurs and small business owners with the tools and knowledge that they need to succeed and to grow. These programs provide our community with great resources and valuable information to do just that. Also, the small business revitalization grants, the 2018 grants varying in size totaling nearly \$21,000 were awarded to five Molokai small businesses through this program. These funds help provided the necessary impact to make purchase of needed equipment or enhancements to grow their business making it more profitable. Molokai OED grants, many community events rely on grant funding. These community events not only bring our community together, but they also provide venues for our vendors to sell their product. These community events also attract visitors to Molokai having a great economic impact on our community. Many of these events are also

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important to our community because they preserve our ancient Hawaiian culture. The Made in Maui County Festival, this past Made in Maui back in November, we had 15 Molokai product vendors that were given the opportunity to showcase their products in the Made in Maui County Festival. These 15 vendors combined, they generated nearly \$85,000 in gross income in sales. They gained 74 new business leads and, as a result of the events, 14 new wholesale accounts were established. The Made in Maui County Festival Internship Program with the Molokai High School, this past year there were 11 Molokai High School students that completed the internship program, they were given the opportunity to get hands-on experience with our local businesses and travel to Maui to assist them in their Made in Maui County booth. These students learned real-life job application skills, interview skills, and business skills that will carry them throughout their life. And lastly, I'd like to extend my support to the MEO Business Development Center. Their Core Four Business Planning courses, a vital piece to the puzzle when it comes to starting a business. Again, thank you for your continued support and for coming out tonight to hear the needs of our Molokai community. Mahalo.

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

MS. McCUTCHEON: Mahalo, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Stewart, will you please call our next two testifiers?

MS. STEWART: The next testifier is Jennifer Hawkins on behalf of UH CTAHR, followed by Kalola Kaulili, Ali Kaina, and Ashleigh Dudoit-Polido.

MS. HAWKINS: Good evening, welcome to Molokai. Thank you so much for your time and for coming. My name is Jennifer Hawkins, and I serve as the Edible Crops Agent here on Molokai for UH CTAHR. I just want to thank you for your continued support of UH CTAHR. I was actually the recipient of the Molokai award this year and I'll be working on a feasibility study for using precision seeding for edible crops. And so hopefully helping our producers become more economically feasible and have lower production costs. There were also, I believe, two other proposals for Molokai and they simply weren't funded because of the lack of funds; so I want to thank you for the funding that you did provide. Now, I'm going to take off my CTAHR hat and just Molokai resident. So I want to support the Molokai Humane Society. We have one of the top-notch vets that you're going to find anywhere. Coming from Alaska, as an Alaska bush vet, he can totally relate to what's going on here on Molokai. But we live East End and my daughter is the owner of seven pets, six of which were adopted and one was brought home just so that it didn't end up in the forest, and he's actually trained her along with other youth at school to care for pets, to suture things. She's gotten to help do surgery; so now she wants to become a vet. She wants to work alongside him as she gets older. And so the issues that we face here are very real. One of the other things that I'm really in support of is MEO. The Business Development Center and the Core Four class that they offer, but also the MEO bus. So one of the things that happened to me this last week that relates to the Molokai Humane Society is I had car trouble and

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I actually rode the bus in. But to get to the bus, I walked three miles and then once I got off the bus, I needed to walk to my office from the bus stop, and I cannot tell you how many dead animals that I saw along the road that we haven't had a problem with in the past, because I like to walk. But since we don't have our animal control, these animals aren't necessarily getting picked up all the time. And so that was hard just walking right, the smell, everything else; but also for our children to see that. So I just want to bring up the fact that that officer really is needed at this time. I also want to say, thank you for the Molokai, Lanai agriculture production funds from this past year; that really helped our producers, along with Kuha`o Business Center in the Office of Economic Development. I'm very much in support of the Molokai Economic Development Fund and the things that that goes for specifically for the small business revitalization grants that are offered that help our businesses that are on the cash basis here to further their business and the things that are going on here as well as the youth going to the Made in Maui County Festival. I was fortunate enough to help start that program at Kuha`o Business Center and I've seen our youth flourish and actually get jobs because of this program. The other thing that I want to mention is the Fire Department. I live East End, and we've had to use the Fire Department a couple of times for emergencies with my husband who is very ill, and so I support having them as well as the police on our end of the island. And then I also want to say, thank you and any support that you can provide to the Kaunakakai Fire Department that also helps our homebound, our elderly homebound that may fall, may have different accidents at home, to come help them get out of the bed, whatever may be the case. So I just want to thank you for everything that you do and thank you for coming to Molokai.

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

MS. HAWKINS: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. So, Ms. Hawkins, thanks for being here. When you were talking about the CTAHR grant that you have, is that part of the funding that we give to the...Cynthia Reeves oversees?

MS. HAWKINS: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MS. HAWKINS: So that's the 75,000 in the past, I believe, they asked for 100,000 this year.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Right. So you got one of those grants under there.

MS. HAWKINS: Yes, I did.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

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MS. HAWKINS: I did.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Great. Thank you.

MS. HAWKINS: Any other questions?

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

MS. HAWKINS: Thank you.

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

MS. STEWART: The next testifiers are Kalola Kaulili, Ali Kaina, and Ashleigh Dudoit-Polido, followed by Cheryl Pritchard.

MS. KAULILI: Aloha, Members. My name is Kalola Kaulili. I'm the Director for Hale Ho'omalu Domestic Violence Shelter. It's a program under Molokai Community Service Council. And we'd like to thank you for your funding in support of our program over the years. Your funding has allowed us to provide a safe place for victims and their children fleeing from their abusive relationships. The funds also allow us to provide a variety of services, counseling, support, individual services, case management. We also have weekly groups for adults and children as well, teaching them basic skills, giving them support. And our goal is to educate them to realize that the life they live, the abuse they facing is something that no one should accept or tolerate, but they need to come to that conclusion on their own, we're not there to encourage them to leave but to give them tools and the education for them to make the decision. The other thing that we're seeing, I started with the shelter about twelve years ago as the lead advocate, and I have seen our services change, because we're now not just dealing with, back then it was just abuse, now we're seeing it coupled with mental illness, drug addiction, whether it's the victim or the victim's partner. And many of our victims are also...adult victims are also victims of childhood. So then here they are as an adult, still a victim, and their children becoming victims again; so the cycle continues. Part of what we try to do is get them to see this and to try to focus on what their children are going through; 'cause we think if they can understand the hurt and trauma their children are facing and remember what it was like for them as children, it might be an easier way for them to break that cycle. So the work we do now is more intense 'cause the needs are greater and so continued funding is much needed. When I started, about 12 years ago, we were operating much more than we are now. Our funds have been cut in like half. But because it's such an important service we provide, we got a really great executive director that really, we're able to provide and work with the funds that we have. But they're just multiple layers that we're working with now. And our drug problem on the island is rampant, and that really contributes and makes the relationships even more dangerous. So we mahalo you for the help you've given us and we ask for your continued support. This is Ali Kaina, and she is one of our survivors and now is a relief advocate of the shelter.

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MS. KAINA: Aloha. My name is Ali Kaina. I would like to thank you for your continued support of Hale Ho`omaluku, the domestic violence shelter here on Molokai. Hale Ho`omaluku provides vital services for the residents of Molokai. I held this shelter and its advocates in a special place in my heart for the support services and guidance they have provided my family and I over the years. I am a victim of domestic violence and I am a survivor of domestic violence. I received services from Hale Ho`omaluku between the years of 2003 and 2011. Leaving an abusive relationship is not easy. On average, it takes a victim seven times to leave before staying away for good. Seven was my lucky number. Hale Ho`omaluku graciously accepted my family and I each and every time we were in distress. Hale Ho`omaluku provided us with the personal safety we desperately needed and so much more. The advocates of Hale Ho`omaluku empowered and counseled victims through emotional support, safety planning, case management services, and advocacy with medical, court, child welfare, and identify resources available within the community. I owe a lot to the advocates who took the time to personally invest in my situation and believe in me. A new hope was formed within me about a life without violence. Every time I returned to the shelter I learned more about domestic violence which, for me, was the turning point in my life. I had constant support from the advocates who continually encouraged me to take my power back and reminded me that I can take steps to change my life and offer my children a life free of violence. I'm proud to say that I now live a life domestic violence free. After leaving the relationship, I decided that I needed to make some positive changes in my life. I wanted to show my children that you can set goals and accomplish what you desire regardless of your situation. I enrolled in college as a single mother of three, worked full time, and completed my bachelor's degree in public administration in December of 2018 from the University of Hawaii at West Oahu. Returning to college was the best thing I could have ever done to rebuild my life and my self-esteem. I discovered that I am smart and a valuable person and grew through my relationships with my peers and my professors. In 2015, I was asked to be a domestic violence advocate and work at Hale Ho`omaluku. I was thrilled and humbled to have the opportunity to give back to my community and have the chance to help others in need. I'm able to share my story and offer hope as a survivor who was able to break the cycle for myself and my children. I have developed into an independent woman who can support my family and want to encourage and inspire others that there are options. As an advocate, I hope to help educate the younger generations about domestic violence and raise overall awareness in our community. It is easy to overlook domestic violence as a normal behavior in our community as, yeah, that's okay, 'cause that's how. But actually, we need to change the message to, no, that's not how. Thank you.

MS. KAULILI: Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Seeing no questions, mahalo nui for both your testimonies tonight. Ms. Stewart, will you please call the next two testifiers?

MS. STEWART: The next testifier is Cheryl Pritchard, to be followed by Henry Lindo.



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MS. PRITCHARD: Hi. Thank you for your listening capacity and endurance tonight. My name is Cheryl Pritchard, and I am representing myself as a concerned citizen. And, also, I sit on Keani's loosely assembled ad hoc climate committee, so I'm speaking...so here we are in the midst of climate change. Last week, I learned that the predictions and conditions in the Bering Sea that were predicted for 2050 are occurring now. The Federally backed program of flood insurance is currently \$20.5 billion in debt and rising. I support Keani's proposal for \$500,000 for a plan for climate mitigation here on Molokai. I applaud Keani for her foresight and proactive stance. We need to address infrastructure critical to Molokai. We've been talking this evening about the Police Department needing to move, the Fire Department needing to move. We also have to consider our water systems, our sanitation for public safety, the electricity and the roads that we're losing as well. These services need to be prioritized and planned for comprehensively and not separately. It takes foresight not to engage in projects like paving around Mitchell Pauole. We are in different times. Hard conversations and decisions must be made, and our priorities are of...what our priorities are now. An example would be the sewer system which is operating at 100 percent capacity at sea level. It needs to be moved and that is part of what would be set as what the priorities and mitigation for Keani's \$500,000 for the climate mitigation. So that is something that we are faced with now and I hope you take care of it this year. Thank you so much, mahalo.

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

MS. STEWART: The next testifier is Henry Lindo, to be followed by Maliekekai Ward.

MR. LINDO: Aloha, Council. My name is Henry Lindo. And, you know, thank you guys. Tonight, I really don't know what I was going to testify about, seriously. Just came and listened to everybody. But first of all, I just like to speak life into you guys because this past couple of months has probably been the most involved I've ever been in the community process and understanding, watching you guys. And over the years, I saw plenty of stuff happen in the Council that I never agree with, that I never disagree with. Then I saw a lot of disagreement that when it causes plenty of division and was never able to bring it together. So what I see you guys is, you guys showing the opportunity to do that that even though you guys might disagree on certain issues, you guys still able to collaborate and come to one decision, and it's huge, yeah, making the decisions. So thank you guys first of all. I know how hard it is and we thank you for the support. As I was listening to everybody, couple of things came to mind that I would like to show support for. One was the Humane Society, and because we get animals, yeah. Cats and dogs and horses and all that, and this doctor that came, he's one bush doctor and shucks he's really awesome. He's able to do things that no cost that much, but he's able to fix the problem. Something that helps out our people here on this island. So dealing with that animal control issue, I would have to agree that we got to find one solution that brings the animal control officer as well as the Humane Society together to talk story. 'Cause somehow get some kind of disconnect and understanding between the animal control officer and the Humane Society. So if we fund the Humane

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Society, and I'm totally in agreement with that, there has to be more solutions. So I'll give you an example. Let's say that the Molokai Humane Society never like euthanize, didn't want to euthanize, and the animal control officer has the opportunity to euthanize, that creates a problem, especially we dealing with overpopulation. If we take euthanization off of the table, what other solutions that we have? And of course get plenty different ways, but that has to be one opportunity, yeah, 'cause you get those animals that are, you know, dangerous and all that. And, me, being one hunter and all that, if I see one animal that...like one dog that shouldn't be there, I take 'em out, you know what I mean that 'cause he might destroy other people. I know I get little bit time left, so as a fire captain, I would support the Puko`o relocation. Thank you for putting it back, but I also agree with being fiscally responsible. So the community does not agree with putting the station out there then I would agree with that, too. Just as long as the community understands the consequences of that kind of actions, but if it costs that much money for send the fire truck out, is it worth it? Yes or no. But so I support the community deciding that and then providing the monies in that. Also, mobile diesel fuel tank would probably be a good idea, because that station is almost ready for fall on itself. So a mobile diesel tank would allow us the opportunity, because the diesel tank out there is already...it's not good to go. So instead of replacing that, have a mobile diesel tank so we can move it. If we relocate the station, you can use that tank in one of the other County departments. And then the last thing, homelessness and the homeless initiatives, I just like plant one seed in the possibility of having one men's advance facility on this island. 'Cause we get one women's health center, but men also have the same problems, so just look at that in the future. Hopefully we can kukakuka in the future but thank you guys for your time. Aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Seeing no questions, mahalo for your testimony, Mr. Lindo. Ms. Stewart, will you please call the next two testifiers?

MS. STEWART: The next testifier is Maliekekai Ward on behalf of Molokai High School, to be followed by Dartagnan Bicoy.

MS. WARD: Good evening, Council. Thank you for being here tonight. I am the Career and Technical Education Coordinator at Molokai High School. Also, a business teacher, natural resources, CAD, you name it. I'm here in support of the Made in Maui Internship Program. First, I'd like to thank the County Council for supporting this for the past three years. In these past three years, we've partnered with our owner operators of small businesses on Molokai. This program is a win-win for our school and community. Like, Cynthia and Jennifer had talked about it earlier, the kids go through application process, they get interviewed and they're actually selected. From there, they're paired with a business based on their available transportation as well as their interests. Okay, find where I was. From there, they have two months to complete 20 hours with their business mentors on island. And after that, they actually attend the festival with their mentors where they actually get to apply everything that they learned with their business mentors at the festival. We cannot replicate this type of learning in the school environment because it's so hands on, and this is what our kids need, is that hands-on application and that relevance to be motivated and learn. I ask

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that you...personally, the growth that I've seen in the students inspires me to continue this work. Through student feedback, we've been able to change—when I say, we, I'm talking teachers—we've been able to change our curriculum to better fit our kids and our community. So I ask that you continue to support this program and to help further inspire and educate our future entrepreneurs of Molokai. Thank you. And I also want to comment on my support for the fire station in Mana`e. Being a resident there with a medically fragile child, I've had to call them three times in the past four years. So having that response time is really critical for some of our families out there. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo nui for your testimony tonight, Ms. Ward.

MR. BICOY: Thank you, Councilmembers.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Wait, hold on, Uncle Dart, real fast.

MR. BICOY: Oh.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Stewart, will you please announce the next two testifiers? Just so the person know who going come after you.

MS. STEWART: Next to testify is Dartagnan Bicoy, followed by Juanita Reyher-Colon.

MR. BICOY: Okay. Thank you, Councilmembers, for coming here first of all. I got to talk fast. I only had one line when I started. I'd like to congratulate you, Councilmember Keani, for your first public hearing on Molokai. I know we have to agree to disagree on a few subjects, but I think we all agree that your heart is in the right place. We love you for putting yourself out there, and I know it's not easy at times, but thank you very much for doing that. And we still alive. I support the Molokai Police Department. As Mr. Lindo would tell you, we already we when outgrow the Kaunakakai Fire Department, so whatever money they want, however big they want to build it, build it bigger than what you need because they going outgrow 'em. I support the relocation of the East End fire station. I went to school at Kilohana from kindergarten with Mr. Naki, Uncle Leimana, over there. I hunt that whole are from Ohia to Mapulehu. For thousands of years, Hawaiians been living, working, dying on this land. There's not an acre from the ocean to the base of the hills, up the valleys, Ohia, Ualapue, Kaluaha, Mapulehu, that's not terraced. You got house sites, you got farm land, you got animal pens, you got heiaus, not where the station is proposed but various levels of heiaus. And back there is basically, it doesn't feel—I was just talking to Palmer—certain areas you hunt, your hair stand up. It's like you no belong there; they let you know, you no belong here. And when I hunt that area, that particular area, you don't get that feeling. Although there was a church there at one time. Anyway, but I agree with Mrs. Kelly Kaawa, at the last meeting, she stated that every life counts. And that at some point, those lives today outweigh past cultural significance. Now, I mean no disrespect to the generations before us. And if we no follow protocols, we going have issues of multiple levels. But who's to say that the generations that worked the land, they lived on the land, that died on that land, in that particular...not going smile and not going be happy that their work, their

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clearing the place and terracing these walls is now going to be used to help support a service that will help from Wailau to Halawa to Kamaloa, well that's Mana'e's district, that's one big area, I mean that thing's massive, you know. It's going to help our insurance rates. They can help...they use that park for helicopter base because the park is open, they've used it before. They can help water the grass, training, during summer time when the park is dry. And Mr. Kawano had to convince his Council way back then that we needed one station back down there, and as a...everybody knows the response numbers hardly justify that, but we do need that service down there, and it's now up to you to take it one step further, because he had to find a free place, Irwin Health Center, floodzone. He had to use one used truck, but he got that station down there and the service provided for us that live in that area. The next step...I just like to make a comment, the last meeting, Mr. Naki, Uncle Leimana, and his son Palmer made a comment about the UnCruise and they said that East End, they wanted to expand the number of business over here during the summer time, and they said East End is for Mana'e residents because summer's out, and I would like to commend Julie Lopez, Ms. Lopez here --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Bicoy, can you conclude your testimony and the...yeah.

MR. BICOY: --I will wrap up--for taking that into consideration. And she said that they could work with West End to have them...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The Safari Cruise is not under the jurisdiction of the Council.

MR. BICOY: What is that?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The Safari Cruise is not under the jurisdiction of the Council.

MR. BICOY: The fire station?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It's the UnCruise.

MR. BICOY: UnCruise, oh, okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

MR. BICOY: Well, I just wanted to...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So that's something that we as a community go talk story about --

MR. BICOY: Yeah, yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --but the Council, it's not their kuleana.

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MR. BICOY: Well, I just like to comment that she took it under consideration. Water meters, I just bought one land. Water meter, I cannot afford to have a water meter.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Bicoy, you have...

MR. BICOY: And one more point.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Last one.

MR. BICOY: One more point. I agree with helping the Humane Society, but I like fighting chickens as a cultural activity, so on Molokai you got to kind of...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I don't know if you should publicly admit to doing that.

MR. BICOY: Okay. Thank you very much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any questions? Okay. Mahalo for your testimony. You can plead the fifth. Ms. Stewart, will you please call the next two testifiers?

MS. STEWART: The next testifier is Juanita Reyher-Colon, followed by Zhan Lindo.

MS. REYHER-COLON: Aloha, Councilmembers. Mahalo for coming to Molokai to listen to our community support and concerns. I am here to support the initiative put forth by our Councilmember Keani Rawlins-Fernandez for our climate mitigation and adaptation plan. I sit on the Molokai Climate Change Network Group and a couple years ago, with the assistance of Earth Day, we actually put together a climate change Earth Day celebration to bring awareness to our community that climate change is happening now. It's happening in Hawaii, it's not just happening outside of Hawaii. So having this climate change adaptation plan would actually assist our community in multiple levels. One, moving our infrastructure that we are sorely in need of, moving it out of the flood zone, which includes our wastewater treatment plant, our police station and any County or State entities that are currently within our flood zones right now. In the next two to seven years, our sea level rise will be impacting Mitchell Pauole, that's a given. And it's also going to impact our shoreline residents that live in homestead lands with DHHL in Kamalaula, Kapaakea, as well as on the East End with our Fire Department down in Puko'o as well as the rest of our communities that live along the shoreline. So having the climate mitigation adaptation plan will help to address those issues in a comprehensive manner that we should be looking at and not just piecemealing these moves or building of these structures when the funds are available. We should actually be looking at it cohesively and make sure that it addresses all of our needs. So, with that, I would like to support the move for the Fire Department in Puko'o. I am a Mapulehu resident, so my residence is actually half a mile away from the fire station currently. And I know the need for our first responders out on the East End is valuable for all of the communities out there, not just our residents but also our visitors. It takes about 30 minutes response time just from when you leave Kaunakakai to Mana'e to respond to a call. So imagine if you put in your call to 911 services and it takes roughly

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maybe five to ten minutes for your call to actually get through to someone and then they're heading your way. So a lot of times, us on the East End, we will actually be traveling out of Mana'e to meet our EMS to save on time. So that would help out a lot. So, with that, thank you for your time and please consider the climate change adaptation plan as well as supporting our move for both the police station and Puko'o Fire Station. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Seeing no questions, mahalo nui for your testimony tonight.

MS. LINDO: Oh, you not going introduce the next two guys?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MS. LINDO: Okay.

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

MS. STEWART: The next testifier is Zhan Lindo, to be followed by Liko Wallace.

MS. LINDO: Aloha and thank you, Councilmembers, for coming. I'm testifying on behalf of myself as a community resident. And I get one whole list full, so I going tell you guys everything that I support and don't support, and then I hoping you guys ask me questions. Okay. I'd like to say, thank you for supporting MEO, they are a critical part of our emergency action team, also. During disasters, MEO is the only service that has the capacity to move bed-ridden and wheelchair and evacuate our seniors. So aside from the awesome work they do, they also provide a very necessary function for us in the emergency management and response for natural disasters. I want to support the \$500,000 that Member Rawlins-Fernandez is proposing for our Molokai Island Plan to address sea level rise and climate adaptation. I heard on the floor you guys talk about wanting to make it, you know, a whole...include the County and...I wouldn't be opposed to that as long as we phase one, and that's just because...I going give you an example. Like the Water Working Group, they were so awesome, and we were all going gung-ho and then all of a sudden Maui decided that they needed to have one water working group and then they left Molokai and nothing got done. So there's plenty examples of plans that were furnished of us as part of the committee and Countywide planning and then we kind of get the leftovers. But I want to also say that I am, too, one big advocate for, I not going be crying over here 'cause I realize that Molokai get subsidized for a lot of stuff. And people no like taxes and all that stuff. I don't sit among that. I think if you got to tax us so that we can have good roads and schools and stuff like that, then you got to do what you got to do. But I would also like to offer another alternative which is put in some money for extra staffing in Planning and Public Works so that we can have enforcement officers over here. We can collect some major revenue with all the illegal stuff going on on our island. And I really disappointed that there's a six-month backlog. So everything I telling you, I call 'em up and ask 'em. So there's a six-month backlog in the complaints for Molokai and I really think the Planning Department needs to get on...I mean we could collect some major revenue on all of the illegal stuff going on. I

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think Public Works enforcement is necessary, but they need to have cultural training in order to know what sand dunes are, so that they not telling us that there's no significant findings in sand dunes, so I think that's one. So I want to support the fire station and the police station relocation. I think the community's got to be in support of that, too. So if they not, then hey, we figure out one other way. So I also want to address...oh, thank you for Moana's Hula Halau for Aloha Festivals. Support Ka Hale Pomaikai. Shari talked about it earlier. One thing that she's been doing recently is trying to advocate for a detox bed. I know that the County has never really sponsored a community health center; so maybe that's one project that you guys can work together with them, 'cause one detox bed is really necessary. Support the positions for Public Works or DEM. And I also want to say that the landfill needs a comprehensive plan. No fund anything for the Molokai Landfill until they come up with one comprehensive plan, 'cause you spending your money foolishly. And then wastewater, I just want to call them out on the floor. Two years ago in 2017, the Council gave them \$200,000 to do a wastewater facility plan, and I called Scotty Rawlins and he said that the...they only just hired a consultant, and by the end of the month, would be executing the contract. I think that's unacceptable, and I think that they need to be fiscally responsible for the money that was given to them and by now, they should've been putting in money of how we were going to implement that plan and not wait till the Department of Health issue the, you know, a statement saying that we at capacity.

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

MS. LINDO: Oh, yes, sah. Okay. All night, all night.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I aim to please. How you know that there is a six-month backlog?

MS. LINDO: I called.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Who in the Planning Department?

MS. LINDO: So I forget her name, but I called because there's a lot of complaints coming in through...so if you go towards Kawela...so I counted myself, because I make it my business to know my island, so I counted about eight different things that have been done super wrong. Like in Kawela, there's a whole driveway that was paved over one natural flow of one stream, and the...we had one gutter there, but he totally did a driveway with a...I don't know, he jiggied his own thing so that he could drive his boat into his yard.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So you put in one RFS to the Zoning Administration and Enforcement Division?

MS. LINDO: I haven't personally because I kind of wanted to just lay it out to you right now. I mean honestly, as one Molokai resident. I put in one RFS and then what happens?

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Nothing. That's the story of Molokai's life, nothing happens. And so I sit at the Planning Commission meetings where we talk about all kinds of stuff that they going do and put in conditions and all that stuff, but no more enforcement, so we get one planner that is dedicated to Molokai that come here couple days out of the week if we lucky. So, you know, I know of people who have put in a RFS over and over again and still not done that.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just was asking 'cause in my question to the Planning Department, they said they reply to 100 percent of the zoning complaints. So are they replying and not addressing it or...

MS. LINDO: Well, let's put it this way. The enforcement agent that they have for the County that attends to Molokai only comes every other month. Sometimes only every quarter. So if I wrong, they can slap me on the hand, but I called, so I ask, and that's the response that I got.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I have a question.

MS. LINDO: Yay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So Member Lee proposed increasing the number of DSA employees by three. Was that correct, Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Three.

MS. LINDO: What is DSA?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: They're the enforcers.

MS. LINDO: Oh, okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Of Public Works.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh for Public Works only? Not for Planning?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Planning has its own enforcers, but they don't...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, right. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: ...is Planning, DSA is Public Works.



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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So there's two different enforcers – one for Public Works and one for Planning.

MS. LINDO: And two of 'em get two specific issues. Planning is just nonexistent and that's going to be one big deal when we start to decide whether or not we have one cap with TVRs and short-term rentals. I mean what's the sense of putting one cap and saying we cannot if you no more anybody here to complain to? And then how're we going to uphold or have any kind of advocacy for the consequences. I think we can make plenty money like that and we no have to raise taxes. As far as the Public Works, the problem I see is that you cannot just have somebody who applies to be an enforcer and not know the cultural significance and environmental concerns. They got to be trained. They got to know what they're doing. In the Planning Commission, for instance, one big deal is an after-the-fact permit that dealt with sand dunes and the guy's saying, oh, he didn't know that our kupuna was buried in sand. You know, he just kind of bulldozed so he could see the beach. So now, because of Public Works saying, no significant findings, that person gets to pay \$1,000 and a slap on the hand and walk away, and our sand dunes never going to be the same again. So they just need to be trained, you know.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Seeing no other questions, mahalo nui for your testimony tonight. Okay. Ms. Stewart, will you please call the next two testifiers?

MS. STEWART: The next testifier is Liko Wallace, to be followed by Sammi Kaai-Calairo.

MS. WALLACE: Aloha, Council. Thank you for being here. Don't mind me, I'm a little bit blind now. It's kind of getting dark, my eyes is getting heavy. So I just wanted to thank Keani for her townhall meetings. I would really encourage Molokai to come out to our townhall meetings so that it can be known throughout the island the things that are happening so that they can really take action in what we need to do. We got a lot of things going. But at this time, I would like to say what I'm in support of. After we went over the budget last week Monday, I would be in support of the 500,000 for the Molokai plan to address the effects of the sea level rise and climate adaption, excuse me, I getting blind. And in opposition, I going continue with my support, but I want to put these two together. So in opposition, I opposed Mitchell Pauole parking expansion, because I don't think we need to spend \$750,000 to put asphalt where we currently park on the dirt. I think it's fine. I think most Molokai would be okay with that. Take that \$750,000 and use it towards that sea level rise and climate adaption. I think we would use our money much better that way. Relocation, the second one, relocation of our Molokai Police Department. It was explained to us about the 11,000...I mean 11.4 acres up in Holomua. I'm for that personally, but then as I had explained to him, it would be better if we did have a community meeting. And one of the things that was asked is if they were to do like a—what is that?—like a pre-EA to see how that would run before actually spending the money on it if it wouldn't work out. Next one would be to add positions to address the labor and trash pickup. To support plan to improve our landfill operations. I don't think we need that scale as that was noted in the budget, but we do need more operators. We just missing one person and they close the dump. You can have your truck full of opala and come there and it's like, okay, sorry, closed. And we're like, okay,

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now what I going do with all the rubbish in the back of my truck? You know, and of course, we nice enough to take 'em home and not leave 'em right there and say, sorry gang, you guys deal with 'em later. So I think we need more operators and it also was a mindblower to go there and see that there's more of our recycled things that we used to be able to put in our recycle that now we got to throw in our landfill, so that was pretty depressing. So we created a group to go over our landfill and to see how we can better improve that. Next one would be relocation of our fire, Puko'o, I'm in support of that. There was just a little bit discussion that the property that it was attached to wasn't actually...there was no community meetings and support for it. And then the last one is two temporary positions with the Department of Environmental Management for the Molokai Wastewater Facility to address the anticipated retirement of the supervisor and ensure a successorship is provided with his 25-year experience and expertise and faculty containers...oh—excuse me, I cannot see good—with seasonal staff. So basically, to hire somebody that would be trained right now before he retires. Thank you.

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

MS. STEWART: The next testifier is Sammi Kaai-Calairo on behalf of Festivals of Aloha followed by Leimana Naki.

MS. KAAI-CALAIRO: Aloha. It's been a long night, yeah guys? Okay. So I'm probably number 15 of the 17 that you guys had to listen to. So, aloha, my name is Sammi D. Kaai-Calairo, and I'm here on behalf of Festivals of Aloha. We would like to thank the Maui Council for your yearly support for our Festivals of Aloha Maui Nui Style, and would like to request for your continued support. Festivals of Aloha Maui Nui Style provide community cultural events throughout Maui County, in Hana, Lanai, Maui and Molokai. And the vision of Festivals of Aloha is to perpetuate, preserve, and experience cultural traditions through our art, mele, hula, and 'olelo Hawaii. Throughout the community, through our events of Festivals of Aloha, we work to share the deeper meaning of aloha traditions passed on by our elders. 2019 marked our 60<sup>th</sup> year of sharing and preserving our culture through Festivals of Aloha. Each year, this organization creates an economic engine for the community, such as church organizations, class and school members, youth groups, et cetera with booth rentals for craft, food, and merchandise sales in each booth. We also have artisan demonstrations who share their knowledge on net making, lei and haku, and lauhala making, and so much more that we have available for our community. I'm sure you get where I'm going with all of this. And I'm here just to ask that you continue to support in funneling monies throughout the County so that we can continue to provide for our community, a gateway that encourages us to continue to engage, participate, learn, and preserve our traditions of our Hawaiian culture. Molokai's Festivals of Aloha continues to present the Royal Court Investiture and the Royal Family. A rare opportunity for our older generations to pass their knowledge to our younger generations and help preserve our unique Hawaiian culture. Although it's represented in pageantry, it still instills the mana'o of ancestors and our ali'i of old time. A very important tool needed for our future

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generations to learn about where they come from. Our County budget for FOA is needed. You guys are actually the largest...this budget is our largest contributor, and that allows us to continue our services throughout our communities. Again, I humbly ask for your support for Festivals of Aloha Maui Nui Style. That's it, mahalo. Any questions?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Seeing none, mahalo nui for your testimony Ms. Kaai-Calairo.

MS. KAAI-CALAIRO: Thank you.

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

MS. STEWART: The next testifier is Leimana Naki, followed by Walter Ritte.

MR. NAKI: Wow. I take a deep breath, yeah. It's 9:15 thank you. For few of you, my prayers and my thoughts for you have come to pass. Brother and just have Keani and Tasha and Ms. King. Just to see that for all of you, you know, that I'm...but in my prayer in my thoughts was that I was out there meditating, yeah, and said, and before you hit the three-minute thing, yeah, thank you, I was praying that, yes, Lord, that everyone of you was because of these people in here, in this community made it possible, yeah. And it was just a miracle for me that Keani won, yeah, because they had to do a vote-off, yeah again, yeah, so to see...Shane. Yeah, so you see. Yeah, I was 30 years younger, I get good eyes, yeah, I get good hearing. Now I'm 30 years exactly so everything's like oh, oh. But thank you so much for all being here, Keani. And who is the head person tonight? You are. This your...thank you. Anyway. Yeah. Mr. Bicoy, we're raised together. We didn't really fish together and eat and work together, this and that; but his story is true, because of his grandpa, fish and oh, somebody, my father. You're right, fish for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and snack, yeah. So I know about fish and coconut and ulu and potato and kalo, that's it, and you were thankful and you were grateful for that. So when I see him from Hana, yeah, and her from all this...it's a blessing and for all of you that are here. On Keani's ticket, what I remember, was that she look at housing, because the houses are so high. So as the kanaka maoli, our house is the hale; that's the first thing and the foremost, yeah. For me to...in Hana he three things he looks that there is food, the land, and the hale. And what comes with the land? The water, yeah. All of this is so important. So here we go. Mahina, thank you for sharing that, and for Keani's mom for saying that and for Mr. Bicoy and others. This fire station, I support. Now, I support how they going to go about that because the...okay thank you. The places, she is better and he is good and you are great, but you must be right, that's the key. So if there are archaeologists in the house, then they need to go in and look at that area to see that it's the right thing to do, that's one. This -

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Naki?

MR. NAKI: --place that they want to make money for this...make this parking lot outside here bigger.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Uncle Leimana?

MR. NAKI: Yes?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Can you please conclude your testimony?

MR. NAKI: Say again?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Can you please conclude your testimony? Pau.

MR. NAKI: I cannot hear.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER *(from gallery)*: You got to finish up.

MR. NAKI: I'm done?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER *(from gallery)*: Yeah.

MR. NAKI: I'm done?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER *(from gallery)*: Yeah. Make it quick, though.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER *(from gallery)*: Wrap it up.

MR. NAKI: Wow, I'm done. Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So I have a question.

MR. NAKI: Yes. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So just to clarify, you support having a fire station in Mana'e --

MR. NAKI: I do.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --but you would like to have community consultation, a community meeting?

MR. NAKI: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MR. NAKI: One more question, come on. Oh, in the budget, you right, they say that I suppose to come here and take you all. I said, wow, how I do that? I just meet you guys, you know. So I'm a culture person with the local `ia this May on the 16, 17, 18, yeah, having over 100 people all over the state that are coming. From Hana, Ka`u, yeah, and --

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Uncle Leimana?

MR. NAKI: --yeah, but they all coming to here. I'm saying this because it's culture and traditional, yeah. And you guys see you folks love all these other people, you guys listen to all these people that will listen to the people like the kanaka maoli. We have concerns, yeah, and in your budget you must make enforcement to help us protect our fishponds, such as and I'm done. Give me ten seconds. Thank you. The cesspool and all these things, these houses, vacation cottage rentals that are next to the fishponds, need to be investigated, need to be checked for those system because the fishponds on Molokai are going to be rebuilt and it's rebuilding right now, okay. The land here on the top is to grow things on the land, but those fishponds are for fish not just put rocks but for fish so need your support then when I come back, I say, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Uncle Leimana. Ms. Stewart, will you please call the next two testifiers?

MS. STEWART: The next testifier is Walter Ritte, to be followed by Jeraul Pladera.

MR. RITTE: Wow. I was reading about you guys in the paper, watching you guys on television taking on the Mayor; that was really good to watch. You guys did a really good job. You gave all of us hope here on Molokai that there's going to be a change in Maui County. So I wanted to kind of give one overview of what's happening on Molokai so that you guys understand where we're going. The big change on Molokai is that Molokai Ranch is finally leaving this island. And we've been fighting with them for 30, almost 40, years with these guys. They're from Singapore or someplace, so they get one different vision than we have on Molokai so there'd been a battle, a whole generation of people fighting for water and fighting against development that they didn't want on their fishing grounds and those kinds of things. So, right now, there's a positive feeling going on on Molokai. Instead of waiting to see who's going to buy it, this community has been active looking for buyers for the past year. And we had certain people coming in wanting to do crazy things and we told 'em, no thank you. But right now we have education, some of the state's biggest educational systems that are interested in Molokai and they asked us to go out and find more partners, so we went out to the Mainland to look for environmental people that are interested, people that are helping Indians get back their land that are interested. So we have a whole group of interested buyers coming next month to talk story. And one of the things I was thinking about is that this Council should see this as an opportunity to get lands that this community needs for fire stations and police departments and parks and those kinds of things in the different communities, because most of the lands that are available are Molokai ranchlands, and it'd be good if you guys would join this effort. One of the things we don't understand right now is why the land is \$260 million is ridiculous. Lucky if it's worth 70 million. So if the County gets involved, then one of the things the County has information on is the value of these lands, the real value of these lands. If those values became known, then those people that are negotiating for these lands are going to have much better idea of what really these lands are worth. Molokai Ranch just lost their permit for their

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well, for their drinking water that they had. It's called Well 17. And they have not had a permit to operate that well for the last 12 to 15 years. So finally these things are going to lower the price once the people who are looking at the land are going to realize that there's no water for this lands because they lost their golf course they lost the development on the shoreline, they closed down their Maunaloa town, so they cannot justify all of this water. So I wanted to leave with a real positive attitude with you guys about the future of Molokai. And we are excited about who you guys are. We are excited about our new leader. She represents what's going to happen on Molokai. Tonight, you guys met all of the people that are doing the safety nets without government help, you know, now...and then but little bit of government help. So these are all Molokai leaders that are out there working. So in the long run, we're hoping that one day we're going to become our own county and maybe this is going to be our next Mayor. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for your testimony, Mr. Ritte. Ms. Stewart, will you please call our next two testifiers? Last one? Our last testifier of the night.

MS. STEWART: The next testifier is Jeraul Pladera on behalf of the Maui Police Department.

MR. PLADERA: Aloha. My name is Captain Jeraul Pladera. I'm currently the commander of the Molokai Patrol District. I want to thank the Council for coming to Molokai to take the time to listen to everyone's testimony today. I also want to thank the community for their support for the proposed new police station. Since I'm the last testifier, I'll try to make this brief. It's pretty obvious I'm here to ask for support of a new police station on the island of Molokai. I could give you a long list of reasons why we need a new station, but the easiest way would be to extend open invitation to the Councilmembers to come and take a look at the station and see the pretty challenging conditions that my officers have to endure every day. You guys know about the fact that we're in a flood zone, you know about all these issues. A lot of you have already seen that, and I think a lot of you are in agreement that we should get a new police station. But I think...big questions are, where? And I'd like to be able to answer some of the questions that you might have. If I don't have the answer or it might be a little bit above my pay grade, I might have to kind of defer that. But in the meantime, I'm more here to answer any questions that you may have right now that I can try to answer if you have anything like where it might be, a description or location of where it is, I'm very much sure that, you know, Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez would be able to give a lot of information. It's already in the budget for a lot of these things. So I'm just here available for you. And, again, thank you for your time.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I have a question.

MR. PLADERA: Yes?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Will the department support or...is agreeable to holding a community meeting to discuss the relocation in the particular 11.4-acre parcel at Hoolehua?

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MR. PLADERA: Yes, that's a good question, and yes, we are. We should be. It's part of the community. It's something that needs to be discussed and, you know, we obviously don't want to build something so ostentatious that people really won't want to come in and be part of what we need as a community. So in the same sense, you know, we need to build for the future, but also be fiscally responsible for what we got.

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

MR. PLADERA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: 9:38, okay. No other last testifiers, sneak one in?

MS STEWART: Madam Chair, there are no other testifiers signed up at this time.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Stewart.

**. . .END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, Members, it is 9:39. Mahalo nui to everyone who came out tonight and who stuck around the entire evening and night with us, appreciate all of your mana`o. Okay, Members, if there are no objections, we'll adjourn for tonight.

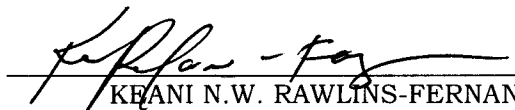
COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS.

**ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-ERNANDEZ: It's 9:39, April 15, the Economic Development and Budget Committee is now adjourned. . . .(gavel). . .

ADJOURN: 9:39 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
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KEANI N.W. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, Chair  
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