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## COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

May 11, 2020

THE EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI, STATE OF HAWAII, WAS HELD ONLINE ONLY VIA BLUEJEANS, ON MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020, BEGINNING AT 1:34 P.M., WITH CHAIR ALICE L. LEE PRESIDING.

COUNCIL CHAIR ALICE L. LEE: Will the Council meeting, emergency meeting of May 11, please come to order. Good afternoon, Members. Wait, I have my word for the day. And my word for the day is, it's Annyeonghaseyo. Annyeonghaseyo. That's Korean for good afternoon. And I'm hearing a lot of feedback. Can we turn off some, okay, that's better. Alright. Thank you.

Ms. Clerk, can we have roll call?

## ROLL CALL

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS G. RIKI HOKAMA, NATALIE A. KAMA, KELLY T. KING, MICHAEL J. MOLINA, TAMARA A.M. PALTIN, SHANE M. SINENCI, YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA, VICE-CHAIR KEANI N.W. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ AND CHAIR ALICE L. LEE.

CHAIR LEE: Alright, everybody, let's get going. We have the Mayor, who wants to give us a presentation today. And I think he's, I think he and the Managing Director are listening, so let me go over the ground rules. First of all, or do we have to do the justification first? We want to do the, they want to do the justification first.

Ms. Clerk.

COUNTY CLERK KATHY L. KAOHU: Thank you, Chair. I just want to confirm that a quorum is present to conduct the business of the Council.

CHAIR LEE: And the justification for having an emergency meeting?

COUNTY CLERK: The findings for the emergency meeting is that:

THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI DOES HEREBY FIND THE FOLLOWING:

1. The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has determined and is monitoring an outbreak of respiratory illness caused by a novel coronavirus that was first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China and has become commonly identified as COVID-19.
2. The Mayor issued a Public Health Emergency Proclamation dated March 4, 2020, attached to the agenda as Exhibit "A", and the Governor issued an Emergency Proclamation dated March 4, 2020, attached to the agenda as Exhibit "B" in response to the danger posed by COVID-19. The Governor also issued seven Supplementary Emergency Proclamations, dated March 16, 2020; March 21, 2020; March 23, 2020; March 31, 2020; April 16, 2020; April 25, 2020; and May 5, 2020; respectively, in response to COVID-19. The Governor's emergency proclamations are posted at <https://governor.hawaii.gov/emergency-proclamations/>.
3. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization publicly identify COVID-19 as a pandemic. Furthermore, the President declared a national emergency due to COVID-19 on March 13, 2020.
4. As of May 7, 2020, the World Health Organization has confirmed 3,672,238 cases of COVID-19 and 254,045 deaths related to COVID-19 worldwide. As of that same date, the State Department of Health has identified 629 presumptive and confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 17 deaths related to COVID-19 in Hawaii. The State Department of Health has identified 116 cases of COVID-19 and 6 deaths related to COVID-19 in the County of Maui.
5. To prepare for any required action, the Council must be apprised of the County's efforts to mitigate and prevent the spread of COVID-19.
6. An imminent peril to the public health, safety, and welfare exists and will continue to exist until appropriate adjustments are made to slow the spread of COVID-19 and the COVID-19 pandemic has abated. Therefore, an emergency meeting in accordance with Section 92-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is required to allow the Council to discuss COVID-19 updates, rules, the CARES Act, and other related matters with the Mayor.

CHAIR LEE: . . . the motion? . . . Has today's . . .

COUNTY CLERK: Yes, Madam Chair. The, the agenda was posted electronically, filed with the County Clerk's Office, and sent to those who request agendas on a regular basis.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair, you're muted, Chair.

CHAIR LEE: Thank you, Committee Vice-Chair, I mean, Council Vice-Chair.

Members, the Chair will entertain a motion to agree that the findings, as read by the Clerk, are correct, and that an emergency exists.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ:

SO, MOVED.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA:

SECOND.

CHAIR LEE: It's been moved by Council Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, and seconded by Member Kama, that the, an emergency does exist. Okay. Any discussion? If not, all those in favor, do we need a roll call? No? All those in favor, raise your hand and say "aye", please.

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS HOKAMA, KAMA, KING,  
MOLINA, PALTIN, SINENCI, SUGIMURA,  
VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, AND  
CHAIR LEE.

CHAIR LEE: Opposed, "no".

NOES: NONE.

CHAIR LEE: Motion carries unanimously.

Thank you, Members. Before we proceed with today's agenda, may I please request that everyone silence their cellphones, a lot of feedback here, folks, or other noisemaking devices? Decorum in this chamber shall be maintained, decorum in this office shall be maintained at all times, okay, and at home. So, everybody, calm down.

Before we begin, I'd like to kind of give you the ground rules. This meeting was requested actually by the Mayor. And we are trying to accommodate his schedule. And we were told that he has only up until 3:00. So, we are going to ask the Mayor to do a presentation for 30 minutes or less, 30 minutes or less. And then we'll have the Members, all of you, ask questions; two minutes, first round and then two minutes, second round. Okay? We're going to try and follow that format. And, and we'll, we'll have a timer. Because he has to leave at 3:00, we really have to stay on schedule. So, we didn't have any written testimony. So, any objections to closing testimony?

MEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTION.

CHAIR LEE: No objections. So, ordered.

Okay. Anything else, Mr. Clerk? Alright, I believe the Managing Director and the Mayor are on the line. We can't see you, Sandy. But I, I did, we did hear you earlier. So, would you like to begin? Welcome.

MANAGING DIRECTOR SANDY BAZ: Hi, everybody; Sandy Baz, Managing Director, with Mayor Victorino. Can you, you should be able to see us. We're sharing our video.

CHAIR LEE: Clerk, can we see him, see them? Okay, we can't see, oh, there you are. Okay, we see you now.

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Okay. Hi.

CHAIR LEE: Hi.

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Alright, so, yea I know, so Mayor, if we can go and get started.

MAYOR MICHAEL VICTORINO: Oh, thank you very much. I know this distance, telecommunication and video communication has been somewhat of a challenge for all of us. And I've tried to watch your guys meetings at times. And I'll be honest, sometimes I get confused watching what's happening. But I've gotten to understand it more.

I want to say, first of all, mahalo for giving me this opportunity. And I want to wish all you mothers out there a belated Happy Mother's Day. If I didn't catch you, I apologize for that. I hope you enjoyed the day. I know Ms. Victorino had a nice day. And to me, 365 days a year is Mother's Day, so we should honor you every day. So, thank you again for everything you've done.

To the community at large, I want to make them understand and, and, and hopefully all of us to know that we're all working together to make this pandemic a situation, which one day we'll look back at not only as a learning experience, but something that maybe hopefully we can avoid in the future.

I think the World Health Organization, the CDC, State Department of Health, many other organizations have worked very hard. And till today, we're still not sure how exactly COVID-19 works. I mean, we've got different symptoms now. They keep evolving, they keep changing them. And it makes it difficult to make a plan of action when you're not sure what next is going to happen.

I hope all of you, at least in the area of social distancing, using a mask or some kind of face covering, and good hygiene will be three of the basic premises that we got to live by from this point forward in our lifestyle. So, the new normal that I've talked about for a month and a half is going to be coming about and we'll all have to understand it.

I have a slideshow that will kind of depict and show you some of the history as well as where we are and where we hope to go.

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Ready?

MAYOR VICTORINO: Yes, please. Okay, we're ready?

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Can everybody see our slideshow?

CHAIR LEE: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Yes? Alright.

MAYOR VICTORINO: From the very outset, outset, protection, and health, and safety of our community was the priority and remains the priority today. The County has utilized data such as case trends, hospital rates, guidance from the public health sector, Federal, State, and local officials who to, to, to make informed decisions, and most importantly with appropriate time to lift these restrictions as they come about.

Maintaining the health care readiness is so very important to this County, and to State, and to the nation. We have seen where other areas have opened up early. Right now, I see Korea now has had another outbreak, because they lessened their restrictions so drastically, opening up nightclubs and other areas of social gathering, and now they're now clamping back down and closing up many of these gathering areas.

We don't want to make that same mistake. We're trying to avoid a relapse or reoccurrence of what has happened. However, we understand, and the medical community agrees, there may be more in September or October, a reoccurrence because of the flu season and the type of virus that COVID-19 has brought forward.

So, the, the County must be able to respond to any surge in COVID-19. It is very, very important. We are working closely to continue with healthcare providers, health care system and professionals to assess the system capacity, including availability of hospital beds, ICU beds, and ventilators. And to procure and--

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Mr. Mayor. Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR VICTORINO: Yes.

CHAIR LEE: Mr. Mayor, we don't have any video anymore.

MAYOR VICTORINO: Oh, okay. They lost the video.

CHAIR LEE: Okay, we got it back.

MAYOR VICTORINO: Okay.

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Okay.

MAYOR VICTORINO: Okay, and procuring and distributing personal protective equipment to essential workers; hospital workers, healthcare providers, emergency services, and most importantly our first responders, as needed.

Testing must be reliable and accessible to all symptomatic individuals, any symptomatic individuals that meet certain criteria. And healthcare workers and first responders are, are priority. County continues to support the State's Sentinel Surveillance Program in efforts to increase the contract tracing capacity and evolving into the next wave of testing solutions, such as rapid tests and antibody testing.

The County has placed the public health above all other. However, conditions have improved, and the County is looking to revitalize the economy through market and industrial diversity, planning and coordinating with the economic partners, methodically and systematically reopening our economy to the new norm; one that will focus on our residents diversification of our economy and food security and still bringing back smart and more strategically managed approach to tourism.

The diverse economy future looks like this. It's the new norm. And what do we do, as I'll show you later, some of the changes that we're looking at, some of the new industries we hope to bring to Maui County. Through this all, we've had an intergovernmental coordination, meeting daily with my, my cabinet. VTCR, VTC's with State and partner agencies, and meetings with State Legislators. Daily meetings with police and National Guard. Senior leadership and policy meetings with the Governor and Mayors.

Title 32 request has gone through, and the National Guard that is stationed here in Maui County and throughout the State is being covered by Federal funds. So, that means we are not paying for it out of the County funds.

Requests from the Governor has been met at times. I was a staunch supporter of opening the beaches, and now they are, and they remain open. And florists, for Mother's Day and for the future, because flowers do bring a particular sense of calming to our community.

As we move on, measures have to be put in place to restrict travel and congregating to slow the spread of this virus. Flattening the curve is very important. Other measures are in place to flatten the curve, including essential operations only, masks and equipment, social distancing measures, and other restrictions which will hopefully keep this pandemic from ever spreading any further than it has.

But we had challenges. We needed to have a quarantine facility. And I'm very thankful for the National Guard, park serve, our Parks and Recreation, and others who came forward and helped us put together a quarantine facility to keep our community safe. As you can see here, some of the construction that went on in this area. Unfortunately, it is not something we can disclose publicly, but we do have a quarantine facility here on Maui. In fact, we have two; Site "Q" and Site "A", and both of them are able to take positive cases during this 14-day quarantine.

Testing. About a month and a half ago, we had very little capability of testing. In fact, the State sent us 200 test kits, which was not near adequate to what I really felt we needed to do. So, an aggressive drive-through testing was conducted all around Maui County, except for the Island of Lanai, which they have done on their own through the Straub and other medical facilities. We went throughout the whole County, and with the support of partners and various clinics, healthcare providers that ensure that our tests will be done throughout Maui County.

And I want to give a special shout-out to Scott Miscovich and his Premier Group, who came up and helped us an awful lot with the testing throughout Maui County. Whether it was Hana, Molokai, South Maui, West Maui, and Central Maui, we try to hit every

area in that, in that respect to make sure testing was broad based. And even our homeless were tested extensively and we still doing that this week and on the island of Molokai.

We permitted a farm program purchase, purchase program, excuse me, which assists in maintaining food security in our County that will, that would provide food for our residents in need. Over 6,500 bags and over 2,000 pounds of food was distributed throughout Maui County. I want to also say that well over 500,000 pounds of food was distributed by nonprofit groups such as Salvation Army, Feed My Sheep, the Maui Food Bank, and many others who have partnered with us, churches and other organizations to do a great job in providing food for the people in need, our unemployed.

I want to also say that, I want to give recognition to VIP Produce, Maui Soda, and many other who have put a lot of food and a lot of product in front, and given us this opportunity to share with our community. We also want to recognize Sentry Insurance Foundation who gave us a generous donation of \$200,000 to the Maui United Way, and for, and, and in any way they want to use it, it is available for them to utilize.

Also, Every1ne Hawaii, who then brought in masks, 200,000 masks were brought in and have been distributed, and continues to be distributed all over the County of Maui. And . . . and many others who have offered their generosity, as far as helping us provide services, deliveries. It just, it's just an immense amount of appreciation that I have for this community; our churches, community groups, business, County employees that have constantly stepped up to the plate and assisted us in every effort that we brought forth. I want to say mahalo to them.

I want to thank all the Council and the Council staff who have helped us in different food drives in our outlying districts. I truly appreciate their help. And we, the people of Maui County, are thankful for everything you've done to help make this place a better place to live during this pandemic.

We've also taken care of services and, in, in many areas. Our County services, we have eliminated the fee waivers, have been waived for where institutions now can minimize public interaction with County employees. So, they can, we've also put drop boxes were installed to accept payments, extension of expiration dates for license, ID's, safety checks, were instituted to accommodate the closures and the impacts to our residents. Teleworking has been implemented for the safety of our employees, supporting social distancing. And we will continue these serve, so that we could continue our services to this community.

Our County also provided PPE's for dentists, the hospital, nurses, public, essential businesses' employees, and elderly care facilities. We secured PPE's for our community, while the worldwide shortage was going on. When Molokai and Hana had their cases, the request came in for hygiene. We immediately had Molokai and Hana businesses sanitized, busses, police station, and many other areas were sanitized.

Sterilization of paratransit and public transportation, business, and public facilities all around Maui continues to occur. Restrooms and mobile hygiene units were provided all around Maui County and increased frequency of cleaning our parks, common areas, restrooms, and public trans, trans, transit continues to happen today.

To keep the public informed, as well as yourself, we established the covid19maui.com webpage, which was developed to keep you and the residents informed, and keep our people connected. Our press conference is daily, social media posts, various radio and television interviews are done to keep our community informed around, about the latest development and changes that are ongoing. And let me say this, in the beginning, it was almost a daily change in procedures, policies. It was really, really fast moving in the first two or three weeks of this pandemic.

Additionally, the Mayor's Office established a call center to provide another venue for our residents to express their concerns and get their questions answered. And we answered many, many phone calls. And we tried to answer people as reasonably as possible.

Our H.E.L.P Program, Hawaii Emergency Laulima, Partnership, which was established with a 200, not 200, excuse me, a \$2 million support from you for our community. The H.E.L.P Program provides money for food, rental assistance, mortgage, insurance, car payments, utilities, and other needs and bills for our unemployed residents throughout Maui County.

Thank you to you Councilmembers for your support in this program. And also, a big mahalo to MEO for their assistance in implementing this program. Further details are provided on the slide for you. But the funds have served a vital need in our community.

We also had a Micro Business Loan Program. The Micro Business Loan Program was, provided \$1 million to assist our small businesses during these tough economic times. To qualify, your business must have had 10 or less employees and 750,000 in annual sales or less. To this date, 914,000 has been committed and 53 applications have been processed. And I'm proud to say that has helped the little businesses, the small mom and pop operations, who called upon our help before SBA and others have come in. And many of those small business did not qualify for the SBA loans.

In, in this slide, we are talking about the diversity of our economy. As part of our efforts, our healthcare capacity and to assist diversifying our economy, medical equipment manufactures has evolved here in Maui County. Maui Makers had begun processing face shields and have been, have been used by our employees and residents alike.

HNU Photonics has began, begun building and producing ventilators for Maui County, and have already received interests from other communities like Maine, which they already sent two ventilators to; San Diego; the UK; and Mexico, who want and are, are purchasing additional ventilators. By the way, to announce that today, those ventilators were delivered to our Maui Memorial Hospital. Others will be sent to Lanai, Molokai, and Kula for their use in their hospitals.

Food security. To support our local farmers and increase our distribution of our, to our community, we partnered up with the Hawaii Farm Union United, Maui County Farm Bureau, and other farmers to provide produce to our citizens. These produce were not being bought by the hotels. And instead of like what I saw on TV and many of you might have seen, where in the mainland, farmers were plowing under their crops. I felt that we could help them, keep our farmers alive, keep our farmers at least surviving during these times and be able to provide produce to our people, our unemployed, and other areas of need throughout the County of Maui.

Another area we are looking at is Kama`aina First Program. This program supports our local residents by connecting them with, to businesses impacted by COVID-19, to saving on food, retail, and other service and products. I'm excited this program has just started. And I believe this is another means of getting our local businesses connected back with our residents in Maui County.

As of today, there's 634 cases in the State of Hawaii. Maui stands at 117. Molokai has 2. And I'm glad to say, and I'm so honored, that Lanai still shows no cases of COVID-19.

I am proud of all the work that has been done. I want to thank all of those who help with the expedited and aggressive testing on Molokai and here in Maui County. I want to thank the Police, the National Guard, and many of our County employees who stepped up and helped put this together and made this possible.

This graphic depicts the rise of COVID-19 cases in Maui County over time and how our efforts are demonstrating the flattening of the curve. I am proud to say that we have had only two new cases over the last week and a half. And we've had six days of zero cases. And I hope more to come.

However, we have been aggressively testing and we're going to be starting our new aggressive testing this week on Molokai with our homeless community there, and moving right ahead into other areas with the anti-body testing. Which we hope to have available to us next week so we can testing our first responders and our medical people at our hospitals and, and clinics so that we will make sure that they can rest easy that they are not infected.

Moving right along. These, there are reopening principles that we have utilized to determine what businesses and operations are open to control the COVID-19 in our community. They are based on the John [sic] Hopkin's model, as well as many others; "A" through social dis, I mean, physical distancing, social distancing whenever possible. Having people work or access business from home, this should be included in reconstructing responsibility to minimize the number of workers that need to be physically present.

And I heard Councilmember Molina talking about now their offices are too small; they can't have two people in there. And that's, that's true all around this County. Our, our offices were never built for what they're doing. And so, even the Administration is now looking at who can work from home, staggered schedules or rotating schedules, and other areas where we can make sure the production and service needed for our public is met, and yet social distancing, wearing a mask, will ultimately protect our employees from getting sick.

Creating physical barriers is another issue that we need to work on, especially on some of our newer buildings that are being completed, our service center, how we can put plexiglass and other forms of barriers in there to protect not only the workers, but the customers who have to come in.

Administrative controls, redistributing responsibilities to reduce contact between individuals, and using technology to facilitate communication. And most importantly, personal protective equipment; having people wearing face coverings or masks to control the spread of COVID, COVID-19. Making sure people use good hygiene. If you're sick, stay home.

And again, using the risk model that was based on the John [sic] Hopkins model, including input from Dr. Miller and HMSA Dr. Mugiishi, we are forming what we call a all-inclusive that does not provide, that does provide a snapshot of common business and activities in our community, and where they fall short on the risk assessment model.

Reopening, three pronged approach to addressing reopening. Community; compliance with social distancing, and face covering, and other rules. Public health;

protecting our kupuna and those most vulnerable in our community. Economy; businesses must be operating with new safety modification. This is what I call the new normal.

Provide, provided to you is a sample of open business in our, businesses in our community. As you well know, today was the day we have allowed a number of retail outlets, stand-alone, as well as in the malls to reopen. And we are going to be closely evaluating what's going on with them, how they're social distancing, space distancing, and as well as providing masks for their employees and customers; making sure they all wear masks when they have some interpersonal contact with these individuals.

As I mentioned earlier, we have done over 6,600 laboratory tests here in Maui County, and over 6,500 have come back negative. That is a percent, test percentage return of a negative 98.4. The positive was 1.6. I am proud to say we done a very good job. Could we have done better? Maybe. But I say we've done a great job considering all factors that were related to the outbreak in the early part, later parts of March and early April. Testing per capita here in Maui County is nearly double other counties, as well as the national recommended minimum. Hawaii administrates, administers about 500 tests more per day than the national recommended minimum.

And this is key; the road to recovery. Maui County's road to recovery will be filled with challenges, but together, as a community, we will come out, come of it, come out of it stronger, "Maui Strong". Our road to recovery starts with a sustainable reduction, a substantial, excuse me, substantial reduction in new cases; aggressive testing and contact tracing; secure safe space for those who may contract COVID-19, and getting healthy without impacting others.

As we start, we start our economy, it must be done responsibly to build a brighter future for our residents. To restart, we must all focus on insuring resiliency in our community. To ensure that we can keep Maui County open and protect the health and welfare of our community, we need to conduct widespread screening and testing, isolate positive cases, complete contact tracing, and quarantine contacts comfortably. This is very important.

All businesses and services must establish physical distancing, sanitation and workplace safety best practices. Throughout cleaning, thorough cleaning, excuse me, and sanitation practices is paramount. Maintaining physical distancing of six feet or more is important. Capacity limits of facilities must be determined and adhered to. Appointing, appointments only is one way, and also delivery and pick-up services are truly encouraged. Face coverings must be worn by all employees and customers. Employees that are sick should be sent home.

The Governor's 7th Supplemental Proclamation, and our Emergency Rules for additional modification for specific businesses have been issued and you can find them online if you would like to look at the differences.

At this time, I would like to--

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Do we have to have video?

MAYOR VICTORINO: Yes. I would like to show you a few videos of not only our ramped-up testing, but also our food distribution. I want to recognize all, again, all the people who have made this possible, especially you, the Councilmembers, who made the money available for us to make sure our community was safe during this pandemic.

I didn't mean to put me in, but Dr. Pang and I were there. And Dr. Pang did an excellent job in coordinating the first few tests that we had, test, drive-through testing. And since then, Dr. Miscovich and his Premier Group has done this, a great job.

Here's our, our food drive. As you can see, a lot of community members, the National Guard, County employees and others who spend their countless hours helping us putting it together, as well as distributing the food to those unemployed people of Maui County and those in need.

This is not a traffic jam on Honoapiilani Highway. This was, the lower road was closed for food distribution and accelerated testing three weeks ago. And so, these are cars in line not only to get food, but this was the same process we used for accelerated testing.

Okay. In closing, I'll talk about the new normal, which includes social distancing, increased sanitation and personal hygiene, and working from home where if you are sick you stay at home. We shall find ways that we can come together as a community, because all of you have been great partners. We are still one ohana, and we should always remember to take care of one another.

In closing, I'll say I am proud of Maui County and everything they've done. I am thankful for all the people, all the nonprofits, all of our private businesses, especially our small businesses who have stepped up to the plate consistently through this pandemic to help us with food, with services.

I cannot say enough mahalos to all of them; to my team, the Administration; to you, the Council and the Councilmembers and their staff; to all our agencies; all our, our departments who have done a Yeoman's job in making sure we met most of the needs we could in, through these really uncertain and unprecedented times. I want to thank

everyone here in Maui County. Mahalo nui loa. God bless you all. I'm open for questions at this time.

CHAIR LEE: Thank you very much for that very impressive presentation, Mr. Mayor.

Councilmembers, I'm going to sort of change the normal roster list, since some people always get called on last. So, Mr. Hokama, can you lead us off with questions?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Gosh, thank you, Chair. I, I hope I'm a good leader, so thank you. Mr. Mayor, thank you very much. And again, I fully have supported you and continue to support you in your efforts to keep this County as healthy and safe as possible. I know it's very difficult with multiple islands with unique communities and lifestyle, so I commend you for finding a way to address our special County.

My, my questions is more pertained to Lanai. Lanai, our small boat harbor is the key transportation corridor to the island by numbers; much, much greater than the airport. And our community has been grateful and appreciative of the National Guard's presence and efforts in maintaining a safe environment, as well as assisting in enforcement and the needs of our residents at the wharf area. So, my concern is, how long do you feel we will have the support of the National Guard for Maui County services in our community, please?

MAYOR VICTORINO: Well, we are working on a plan right now. And they are going to reduce the force itself here in Maui County. And, but we will be able to accommodate not only Lanai, Molokai, Hana, but all of Maui County with the reduced force. We'll just reallocate and reprioritize our areas of concern, such as the harbor for you folks; and like for Molokai, the airport; and for Hana, the road into Hana.

And we're, we're now putting a plan together. And we believe we can keep the National Guard till June 30. We're hoping for longer than that, but we'll see what the Federal government, cause as I mentioned before, the Federal government has foot the bill to this point. If we don't have Federal funding, then it comes from the County. And then I have to come back to all of you to ask your request, request your help in that area. But at this point, I'm hoping June 30 at the earliest, withdrawal, and maybe even longer than that. We'll see what happens as far as different issues are concerned.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you for that, Mr. Mayor. And my second and final question for you would be, the County still needs to continue to operate, we all understand that. How has this pandemic of ours impacted our essential departments, such as police, fire, water, sewers, regarding our personnel pukas, and the need to have recruits and training continue to move forward for our operations to provide the essential services?

MAYOR VICTORINO: Well, when you're talking police and fire, we have an update with recruiting, recruits. And we're looking forward to a larger number of recruits coming in, in the next class. Again, when there's large unemployment, things seem to change, and people shift in their priorities. So, not to say that, you know, that's the only reason, but that's the big reason why. We're finding an uptake, more people, more applicants, I should say, and in all aspects of County government.

And we are looking at what is needed at this time. How we can service our communities, and most importantly, keeping in mind that we all have an infinite, we don't have an infinite amount of money and we need to keep that as a priority. So, that balance is something we work on constantly, and which we will advise you as time goes on if there's any need for additional funding.

But with the CARES Act, as all you know, \$66 million can be used for this year. We need to use it up by the end of the year, so we're going to work very hard to make sure all of the pukas we have now, and additional staffing can be filled during this period of time; utilizing that money.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Next to ask questions would be Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. And aloha, Mayor. Mahalo for that presentation. Aloha, Mr. Baz. Mahalo to both of you for joining us and for that thorough review of what's happened, and what's happening.

Mahalo for mentioning the \$66 million. I guess my understanding of this presentation today was that we would be discussing what the \$66 million would be used for. As you mentioned, we will be receiving that in FY 20, so I'm anticipating some kind of budget amendments, I guess, for FY 20. Would you be able to kind of explain what that will look like for us? As the Budget Chair, it's something, of course, that I'm really interested in hearing from the Administration.

MAYOR VICTORINO: The way I understand it, the money would come to us as a County and we would ask for a budget amendment of the entire \$66 million. The State itself has not finalized how we can utilize this money, and in what manner this money can be used. And so, we have asked for clarification as soon as possible so that we can start putting the programs together to address what your concerns are; where this money is going to be spent.

The, the Legislature is today working on all of this, and we hope to have some positive news by this afternoon in the specifics of what each County gets and we anticipate 66. But, and how some of this money can be spent as a County. But as we receive this information, we will share it with you.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for that response. And for my last question, SB75, which is on the Senate's agenda today, Section 10-2, says that the Administration will consult with Council before any kind of spending. "The Mayor of County of Maui shall consult with the Maui County Council before expending any of the funds appropriated by this section." Would you be able to describe to us what that consultation will look like for the Council?

MAYOR VICTORINO: At this time, I will say that when we have the programs set up and the monies that are going to be issued to various departments, whether it's police, fire, and the utilization, then I will bring it to all of you to see and, and consult with you how this money is going to be used.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Mahalo, Chair. Chair, you're muted.

CHAIR LEE: Member, Member Paltin. Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mayor Victorino and Director Baz for all your hard work. I think Maui County has done a very good job and it's thanks to your leadership.

My question is, the things that are out of our control, you know, the exemptions for flight crews and people returning to our County, and we know a lot of the visitors haven't abided by quarantine. I think, you know, with the cases in Maui County being down and not having a lot of new cases, that's super good news.

But, you know, we're hearing of flight attendants going to the beach after they're flown around the world, and I know that's not something that you have personally exempted. Returning, residents returning to their condos and, you know, going out. I was wondering, what is our strategy to deal with that? Because if it's us here that have no new cases, but we can't control the people coming in and out. What is the strategy to deal with those, not just tourists that break quarantine, but returning residents, exempted class folks, and things like that? So, that if there is, you know, a resurgence in the mainland or in other areas and they're coming here, how do we keep our people safe?

MAYOR VICTORINO: Well, we are working on, with the State, and they have made some major improvements in the monitoring of those flights coming in Transpacific and as well as interisland. We have sent back people, as you've seen in the paper, and we're not afraid to have them arrested and sent back. If you're not going to comply with the 14-day quarantine in your place of lodging and/or residence, we will take appropriate action, action I should say. And the police have been very prudent about that, but also very decisive.

And we've heard people complain about it, but I can tell you in all cases that I've reviewed, they've done the right steps and these people were belligerent. And you know, my answer to them is you got a choice; you can stay here for a year with a nice, nice orange uniform and there are little bars in front of your facility and, or and pay \$5,000 fine, and/or get back on the plane and leave Maui. And you know in my, in this case, I'll say this, if you're not interested in returning, I wouldn't miss you a bit.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. Any comments as to the exempted classes of people; the flight attendants that fly interisland and international and don't have to quarantine, or the flight crews--

MAYOR VICTORINO: Well, the flight crews, for example, interisland, they don't stay on Maui. They work out of Honolulu. Only returning residents, returning flight attendants come back to Maui cause this is their home base. As far as the Transpacific flights, what they ask, they're supposed to do is if they disembark the plane, they're supposed to stay quarantined for 14-days or until their next flight out. And that's what we've been basing it upon.

Most of them have been very obedient. There's a few knuckleheads in that group also. But in, in, in total, most of them have followed the rules and, you know, they pretty much know they're here for a day and then they catching the next flight back or two days and they catch the next flight back to home. But they're supposed to be quarantined in their lodging. They're not supposed to be roaming around.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And, you know, the, I have pretty good faith in the hotels and the condo complexes but, you know, even before all of this started, the short-term rental industry where there's nobody watching over the guests, are there, what, what are the plans for those folks that don't have any oversight over them?

MAYOR VICTORINO: Well, I'll answer it because I think that's a little more than two questions and, you know, we got to let everybody have their chance. But I'll answer real quickly. We are going through to Planning and the Police Department. No short-term rentals should be accommodating anyone, because that's the State mandate.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR LEE: Okay, let's see. Member, Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. And thank you, Mayor and thank you, Mr. Baz, for the presentation, updates; much appreciated. And mahalo for sharing with us about that fantastic donation made by the insurance company. And at some point, if you can share with us at a, maybe not today, a later point, what the numbers are as far as in-kind contributions made by private companies in helping battle this COVID-19 issue.

My two questions relate to tracking how many people have been laid-off or permanently lost their jobs and have no income source. And do you folks also have numbers on how many people have become houseless as a result of the pandemic?

MAYOR VICTORINO: Well, I'll start with the unemployment side. There are a few businesses that we know of that have closed, and that will equal to about 7 percent of our workforce, that these businesses will not open again. And so, now then they're going to be looking for a new job.

As far as houseless, because of the restrictions put on by the Attorney General and the State of Hawaii, no one can be evicted or removed from their home under, what do you call that, what is the word, foreclosure, excuse me. And so, all people are safe in their facilities right now. We are working with the State right now to extend that to maybe July 31, to make sure that these people are protected and that they get a chance to get a job, get back, and maybe pay in, in installments or other areas and get caught up.

And you know I'm asking for landlords to please, you got to be forgiving, because these people have no choice; this happened, and it happened very quickly. We fell off the cliff within a matter of two weeks, and so we want to make sure that we protect those workers who really intend to come back and work. But they have our, our H.E.L.P Program, which is a, it's helping them.

I believe Senator Schatz had just put in a bill to help with this area of rental assistance and other assistance for our unemployed workers.

And so, with all of these programs, I feel fairly confident that the number of homelessness will not tremendously increase. And we are looking at building. We have different options right now, small tiny homes and others that we are putting together. The same type of homes that were built on the Big Island, we are now using

HBM's model and going to do here. The National Guard and the Carpenter's Union has agreed to help us. So, we have an area where we're going to start building in the next couple of weeks as needed.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And one quick thing if you can answer it? As far as the monitoring of the businesses that are opening this week, which is very exciting to hear, is it just the police or are you looking at having other County personnel to monitor? Or is this something going to be just complaint driven if businesses are not practicing social distancing?

MAYOR VICTORINO: I'm going to start by letting the honor system work; give them a chance to, a few days to work things out. Then we'll have, what I call my inspection team, go around. And I can't think of a better term. I'll have some County employees going into different businesses and checking them out, seeing that they're doing the best practices, and they're doing the right sanitation, and all the other aspects that we've talked about. But not there to be . . . but to be there as an assistant, you know, to help them along. And then if they don't comply, or they refuse to comply, then we send the next issue; citations and have the police come in and maybe even close them down if necessary.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Alright. Thank you very much, Mr. Mayor. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR LEE: Thank you. Okay. Member King. Just want to remind you, Members, you can ask more than two questions; just keep it down to two minutes, okay. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Thank you. Okay. Short answers. Thank you for being here, Mr. Mayor and for the great news about the testing. So, I wanted to follow up and first of all get confirmation that we are continuing to test as least as many people or more, but the numbers are going down?

MAYOR VICTORINO: Well, we've, we ramped up the testing over the last three and a half weeks. And I was very pleased. I expected higher numbers to be perfectly honest. But I'm very happy with the numbers we've been receiving. And we are now looking at the next phase of testing, which is the anti-body and some other more, what I call more modernized tests for Maui County.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Thank you so much for that. And then, so when you're, we're talking about high numbers of the test coming back negative, and I know that for a long time we were only testing people with symptoms, so that means a lot of people with symptoms were coming back negative. Are we going to be expanding the, the tests that we're doing, like to people who have maybe just been in close proximity with

other people who, or you know, are we, are we going beyond just the symptomatic and the, you know, the first responders, I guess is what I'm asking? To test people who--

MAYOR VICTORINO: As I mentioned earlier--

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Well, there's a lot of us walking around who would like to get tested, because we don't, we don't know, what we don't know. You know, we don't know if we've been around people who are contagious or not or, you know. So, that's what, that was my concern is that are we expanding the, the, the numbers beyond just the obvious symptoms?

MAYOR VICTORINO: We are expanding as quickly and as, as prudently as possible. As long as we have test kits available, and this is what's been our biggest challenge is getting enough test kits to do the numbers. I feel like the 6,000, going on, really closer to 7,000 residents that have been checked, has done a great deal to ensure that safety and social distancing and all the other policies we put in place is working. And so, I want to continue that.

And as much as possible, if test kits are available, we will expand it to anyone who wants to do it. In fact, if you want to, I think that there's a number of clinics that if you call them, if you want to go in, and they have test kits available, they'll take you in whether you're symptomatic or asymptomatic.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MAYOR VICTORINO: They will take you in.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: That's great to hear, because a few weeks ago I tried that and they said, no, you have to have symptoms. So, I'm glad that we're, that that's getting expanded.

MAYOR VICTORINO: . . . getting expanded.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yea, no, no. Really good on the numbers. I'm really happy to hear that, so thank you for focusing on that and for really being diligent.

And also wanted to thank you for the response on the beach walks because, you know, we, we have people walking around the neighborhoods that are closer to me than when I walk on the beach. And so I was really happy that you supported the folks who want to exercise on the beach like they do on the street.

And then the other thing, the other question I wanted to ask you is about the idea of homelessness. I know the question of, are people are becoming homeless or find places to live. And is there a way to track how many short-term rentals, whether legal or illegal, have become, have turned into long-term rentals for our residents, since we cracked down and there aren't tourists coming. I've already talked to a few people who said, yea, I used to do short-term rental but now I'm renting out long-term month to month to a resident because that's a stable rental. So, I'm, I'm just wondering if there's a way to track how many rentals were getting back to our residents from the short-term market?

MAYOR VICTORINO: I can tell you probably the best way is when they apply for their tax and they're going to change, they want to change their tax rate from short-term rentals to regular rental. It's a big difference in the rate itself, and I believe that's one of the ways we'll be tracking them.

Also, there's, the Planning Department is looking into this matter and seeing what is changing and looking on, on the webpage seeing who's still advertising and who's not advertising. So, we have a number of methods of tracking them at this point. But very few have made that change. But I think over the next few months, you're going to see them moving quite . . . to, to long-term rentals.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yea, that's what I'm hoping. And I, and I know just from the people I've talked to that, you know, they're not necessarily waiting till the tax break, but they're, they're getting a break if they can rent their place out at all. So, you know, I just think that that would be, that would help us tremendously going forward to see where we're at as far as the, the lower income housing needs. And--

MAYOR VICTORINO: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: --then if I, if I, if I can ask one more question. I don't know how much time I have left, but--

CHAIR LEE: So, you, your time has expired, but we'll give you a real quick question.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, okay. Just quickly, I was, I was just wondering if you were going to go beyond, I was going to ask the enforcement question and Mr. Molina asked it, kind of in the same vein, but when you have all these guidelines for the reopening businesses, and I really want to thank you for finding guidelines, because it's really nice to have that structure. Is there any enforcement that's going to happen beyond, you know, having employees walk in there? Are you, are you planning to do like police enforcement, or, you know, to, to make sure everyone's following the rules?

MAYOR VICTORINO: As I mentioned before, Ms. King, yes, we are, we're first going to have our inspection teams going around. And if we see people that are blatant or unwilling to practice best practices, then we'll send the police in with enforcement powers to cite and, if necessary, to even close them down.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. So, that's on the business, not the necessarily people walking into the businesses?

MAYOR VICTORINO: The businesses. That's correct, cause the businesses are the ones that need to enforce the rules. And I--

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MAYOR VICTORINO: I can tell you very honestly, I've been all around this town and many businesses are very strict now. Go to Safeway, go to Foodland, go to a lot of different stores right now, and if you don't have a mask, they don't let you in unless you have a health issue or you're under five years old.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Good to hear. Thank you very much. Thank you, Madam Chair, for my extra minute.

CHAIR LEE: Thank you. Alright, Ms. Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. So, thank you very much, Mayor, for all the hard work that you've been doing on the 9th floor and your Administration. And I wanted to ask you, regarding that \$66.6 million that the CARES Act is going to provide the County. Once we know what we can do with it, as you are and we are waiting to hear more, we've been getting email messages from people who, you know, regular residents who are saying they cannot pay their real property taxes.

And I wonder, during your investigation of what we can do with that if people are delinquent, we can use that CARES Act to pay for delinquent portion or look at that? Because I think we're going to run into that with all the people in our community who are on unemployment or lost their jobs because of visitor-related industries that have closed down.

MAYOR VICTORINO: Well, I cannot answer that question at this time, because I have not had that presented to me. I, I, I'm going to say I don't think so. But I will look into that matter, but we are going to utilize our next tax collection in August or when we send our next set of bills. We are looking at putting in a either two or four payment plan for our residents to be able to pay their taxes not all one time but in increments. And so, this is something we're working on right now. We're looking in some other areas where

we can make payment plans, or we can spread the payment out whenever and wherever possible.

So, but as far as using the Federal money to pay mortgages, I'm not sure if that is allowable or not. I know Senator Schatz is looking at rental help, rental assistance, which is a little different scenario--

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Sorry, I, I--

MAYOR VICTORINO: --and as soon as I find out, I'll let you know.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, I didn't mean to pay the mortgages. I just thought in case there were any delinquencies used, you know, if there is a penalty that maybe that be--

MAYOR VICTORINO: We're not charging any penalties. I've already waived all penalties. So, we will be taking care of that, just like our service fees. We've waived all the service fees.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

MAYOR VICTORINO: And so, we are looking, taking into account all of these issues for our public.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, thank you. Thank you. Thank you. That's good. Now I can answer or reply to those emails.

Regarding the, again, the \$66.6 million, we just took in, through the Budget Committee at Council, the \$1.1 million for rental assistance and the \$7.8 for the bus, or Department of Transportation. Are these included in the \$66.6 million, or is this in addition to?

MAYOR VICTORINO: No. No, it's in addition to.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, very good.

MAYOR VICTORINO: The 66 is in addition to.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Very good. Thank you very much. Thanks for all your hard work and I'll, I'll wait in case we have a second round of questions.

CHAIR LEE: Thank you.

MAYOR VICTORINO: Thank you.

CHAIR LEE: Member Sinenci. Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair. And thank you, Mayor, for all your daily updates and expediency in creating public health and safety measures, and daily operations so mahalo for that.

The question from East Maui and Hana side is about you mentioned the, the National Guard. And so, some residents have been told that the National Guard would be stopped on May 15, this Friday. So, and, and it's not about keeping people out, it's about keeping the virus out of our community. So, is, but you mentioned that the National Guard may be downsizing, but you said we're still going to have checkpoints till June 30?

MAYOR VICTORINO: That is my anticipation at this time. I can assure you that until May 31, we will have checkpoints there. After that, I cannot assure you of that. It depends if we have continued Federal funding. If not, then we've got to look at what it would cost us, the County of Maui, to do. And I don't have enough police officers to be putting them at checkpoints 24 hours of the day, 7 days a week. That is very, very unrealistic with the force we have right now. They're doing so much great work out there that I need them for all of our community, just not one checkpoint. So, I will say to the people of Hana, I will protect them the best way I can and make sure that their well-being and safety, like all of the other islands and all of the districts, is paramount in my mind.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Mayor. And then, my second question is, you know, you mentioned Korea at the beginning of your presentation. And so, are there plans, are there plans if there, there is a resurgence of COVID-19, that we're starting to see the numbers escalate, do you have plans to, to put in more restrictions within the County?

MAYOR VICTORINO: If necessary, yes. You know, we are pulling, pulling back now and reducing our restrictions. I've said this many times and I'll repeat it once again, it doesn't mean I won't reinsert these restrictions when and where it's needed. I do not want a major outbreak on this community, I don't care what part of our community. We are not ready for a major outbreak.

Our medical facility can and with the extra ventilators can help a higher surge than we were six weeks ago. But we're still not in a position, even in the State, in a position to take a tremendous outbreak. And if you've seen what happened in New York and other places, it can be catastrophic. And so, I'm working very hard to make sure

whatever we do, we do it systematically, methodically, and that the safety and health of the people is priority.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, Mayor. I, I appreciate that. And my last question, you don't have to answer. But it's just looking forward to, you know, when we do open it up to visitors, we know that, eh, mahalo ke akua, that a lot of those tests came back negative. But anticipating when the visitors, the majority of, if the virus does come back, it will be through outside coming into, to the State and to the County. So, I mean, if, if those are just some plans for when that eventually happens, but if we can get back with you then. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR LEE: Thank you.

MAYOR VICTORINO: Thank you. And I do have some answers for that, but I'll wait till later.

CHAIR LEE: Member Pro Tem Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. Good morning, good afternoon, Mayor. Good afternoon, Managing Director.

MAYOR VICTORINO: Good afternoon.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Really simple questions. When are you going to allow the beauty parlors to open up? I know it seems funny, but it's like--

MAYOR VICTORINO: We was waiting for somebody to ask that question.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: --we are waiting for that. If you have, if you have any sense?

MAYOR VICTORINO: I saw the women touching their hair right away. I got you, I got you.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yes.

MAYOR VICTORINO: And don't worry, I live with a beautiful lady that's asking me the same question, so.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay.

MAYOR VICTORINO: Question comes from home and work. And to be honest with you, because, if you see on the chart, hair salons and that kind of personal contact--

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yea, I saw that.

MAYOR VICTORINO: --is on the high-risk side. And so, we're looking at these first couple of weeks of the, of this new opening to see how people abide by the rules, customers and the businesses, and how and if there's any outbreak or any increase in numbers during this period of time. At that point, I will, will consider opening up the hair salons.

I've been working with the industry, what's her name, Cline. I forgot her first name; Adiel, Adiel Cline. She's kind of organized the industry and they've come up with some great ideas. Like churches, like these types of businesses, I go to them and ask them, give me your best practice and what would you like to see done by your business to protect you and your customers.

And it's really gratifying because they bring back really good solutions, mixed with the John [sic] Hopkins and other groups that I'm working with, we combined them and we come up with some, what I call, very solid answers. Answers that I think--

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. So, I got to let my hair grow a couple more weeks, huh? Oh, my gosh. Okay. I'll survive that.

MAYOR VICTORINO: I'm sorry, Councilmember.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Second thing is, you know your PowerPoint presentation? I thought it was excellent and I thought that sometimes that that's something that not just the Council should have, but all of the people should have. Because I think it kind of, it kind of calms their, their fears or their unknowns, or their angst if you want to call it. But I think if people knew that, oh look there's a plan here, then at least they can kind of be rest assured of that. And so, I wanted to see if that was going to be available beyond this meeting?

MAYOR VICTORINO: Well, well, what I'm going to do is, I have my next Mayor's show, which I have cancelled for the last seven weeks because of everything that was going on around us. And we're hoping to, and that's one of my, what, what the whole show will be about; where we've come from, where we are, and where we hope to go. And this presentation will be a integral part of that show.

So, that will be put to the promise on Akaku probably in the next week or two, as soon as we can set a date. Because again, like everything else, Akaku is down right now. They're doing some major repairs. And so, they told me that probably next week they'll be available to do a show, so I'm looking forward to that.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, I have just one last question. It's probably a lot more complicated than you're willing to, or able to answer. But, you know, when the, when

monies come down from the State, does the Governor consult you folks and say hey, what are some of the needs on your island that maybe we can include as part of my proclamation in terms of how some of these COVID dollars can be spent? Does he actually ask the Mayors that, or do they have situations on their islands that maybe have not been covered in previous stimulus bills or anything like that?

MAYOR VICTORINO: Almost all the stimulus money has been Federally based through the State.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay.

MAYOR VICTORINO: The State is now making sure we set our priorities, and they look at it and approve it. But they're not telling us how to spend our--

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yes.

MAYOR VICTORINO --the money we get. Remember, because we're under, under 500,000, the counties that were under that limit, as far as population, are not getting direct monies. All the monies go the States and then the States distribute it. So, for us, we are really, there's not much money that's come directly from the State. It's been County and Federal stimulus money, outside of unemployment. And we know what debacle that's been. Everything else has come from the Feds through the County and we're working hard to make sure it gets to the people that really need it.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: And I only asking you this, and I'll just like comment, so you don't have to respond. But because there are some niches in our community in terms of, of children with special needs who have dedicated waivers in the school. And I know that they've been sending letters to you, but that seems to be a small niche that the State hasn't even looked at or hasn't even prepared for. And yet, many of them live on Maui and within our County with their own special needs kids. And they're, the child's needs are not being met because school is not in session, and therefore, the DOE hasn't figured out how to help these children.

But somehow, we should be able to do it, because we're on island too. And so, I just wanted to see if when you have a discussion with the Governor, if you could remember that segment of our population, of our children, who are special needs, and who are not getting what they're supposed to be by law and by Federal law, IDEA. Thank you, Mayor.

MAYOR VICTORINO: Thank you very much. And I've made the note of it and I will discuss it with the Governor.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR LEE: Thank you. Mayor, my question is, what is the breakdown of the 37,000 plus unemployed, in terms of industries. How many hotel, how many, you know, different, construction? Would you have that information?

MAYOR VICTORINO: I don't have those. I'm going to be honest with you, I don't have the specific numbers. I can tell, I can tell you of the 37,000, nearly 9,500 were hotel workers. That's one industry I'm pretty acquainted with. Now, there's a lot of direct ancillary services, cleaning services, pool services, many other services that are, are part of these hotels that are privatized now. They're in other words, they're, they're contracted out. They are not direct hotel workers, but they're directly contact, contracted through the hotels. And there is another 6-7,000 people that have lost their jobs or, or have reduced hours because they don't have the hotels anymore.

Our restaurants amounted to quite a substantial number of people that are unemployed also, and then retail, and other services like activity desks and others. There, you know, that 37,000 people that we are looking at, I would say directly or indirectly, 90 percent and I don't think that's far off; 90 percent is related to the hospitality industry.

CHAIR LEE: Oh, that's quite a substantial number.

MAYOR VICTORINO: Absolutely, Madam Chair. Sorry.

CHAIR LEE: So, so, you know my concern too is there is a lot of fear about when people start traveling again on a regular basis, both going in and out. I've heard that in a lot of times, people will take the temperature of passengers coming through the airport, but it's, it's also known that fever is not always one of the symptoms of the Coronavirus. So, so are we going to have better testing besides taking people, people's temperature at the airport?

MAYOR VICTORINO: Well, if you, I've been working with the Lieutenant Governor Josh Green. As you well know, he's been a strong advocate of having testing 72 hours before that individual travels to Hawaii, whether it's residents or someone coming here for vacation and that they, they, they show negative. With the antibody and some of the rapid tests that are available now, that becomes realistic. Up to about three weeks ago, that wasn't a realistic approach, but it has become realistic.

Also, heat thermal scanners are going to be put in airports. That will help a little. Also, we are looking at any people that have had the virus, you know, asking the question before they get on the plane and making sure that if there's any opportunity or any chance that they may be positive again, or could bring it in, that we would, we'd keep

them from coming to Maui or anywhere in the State of Hawaii for that matter, and turning them around if they do.

You know, so we're looking at a number of programs that haven't been, haven't been put together because this phase one is really our local retail and service industry groups. Again, restaurants are open, but they are not to have sit-down seating, because that is still takeout or pickup.

CHAIR LEE: Okay.

MAYOR VICTORINO: We are looking at the next phase, restaurants, and salons, and others that a lot of people are waiting for. But until we get the right procedures in place, and the best practices, and we can ensure your health as well as everyone in the County of Maui and the State of Hawaii, we're not going to, we're not going to let our guard down. We've worked hard to level the, the, the curve and we want to see that curve stay there, and if not eventually, totally disappear.

Again, many medical experts, I'm going to answer it this way; many experts have told me that come September, October, November, when the flu season comes back, you can expect COVID-19 to show up again. But we need to be prepared. And without a vaccine available for the next 12 to 18 months and maybe longer, we are really have to be safe in how we approach the reopening of Maui County and the State of Hawaii.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR LEE: Second--

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, Mayor, the State is taking action on the \$66 million. Do you know when you will be able to come before the Council to explain the plan on that \$66 million?

MAYOR VICTORINO: I don't have any idea. Probably within the next 10 to, 10 working days, we'll probably have our plan together. We've been working on it, but we had no idea how much money, so it's been really difficult. And again, this money to augment this year's budget, the '20 Budget, the Fiscal Year '20 Budget. So, we've now trying to implement with the various departments and other agencies that, how we can utilize this money. So, probably in ten, between, I say between five and ten working days.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Five to ten working days. Okay, because whatever money that will be used to augment the FY '20 will end up being carryover savings in the FY '21 Budget, right?

MAYOR VICTORINO: Not necessarily, but hopefully. Remember, our revenues are dropping quite substantially too, you know, as far as some of the areas where we've been putting money in and, and utilizing it. So, we'll cover that more in detail as we get everything ready so that you can see the entire picture, and so everyone of the Councilmembers can see the entire picture.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. And then for the anticipated second wave of spread, do you have a plan for that to scale up and scale down quickly, and systematically, and methodically like you mentioned?

MAYOR VICTORINO: We got a plan in place already. This is why I told, talked to you about the amping and ramping up our testing and making sure it doesn't get out of hand, making sure our medical facilities have enough not only respirators, but PPE's, all of the facilities that are now going to be ready for the next wave when it and if it happens. I pray it doesn't. I ask ke akua to, to keep that from happening. But if it is, we are much more prepared than we were the first time around. I think I'm ready and I think the County is ready.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. And then I understand that you've created an economic task force. And we discussed having a Councilmember sit on that task force to help develop ideas. Is that something that you're still open to?

MAYOR VICTORINO: Not at this time. And I will let you know when I would like to have Councilmembers join us. And I will select the Councilmembers to join my task force.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And for the PowerPoint that you presented today, will you be sending that to the Council?

MAYOR VICTORINO: We going to send that to them, yea?

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Yea.

MAYOR VICTORINO: We will send that to you, yea.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay, and the last question, for churches gathering--

MAYOR VICTORINO: Well, that's more than three questions. Excuse me, I think it's only fair everybody else has a chance. You asked me three questions. I'd like to ask somebody else ask me questions, if you don't mind, Vice-Chair Rawlins.

CHAIR LEE: Well, Mr. Mayor, I'm actually giving her my, my time. So, that's why she has a little extra. Okay, you want to finish up--

MAYOR VICTORINO: Okay.

CHAIR LEE: --Rawlins-Fernandez?

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair.

MAYOR VICTORINO: Just so long we fair to everybody, okay?

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yea. So, the churches gathering; where does that fall on when they would be able to gather?

MAYOR VICTORINO: I'm working on that right now. I'm working with Pastor Marocco, Reverend Tengan, and Father Bunda, and many others in establishing policies to make sure that our churches can be open and be safe about their reopening also.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, at this time, you don't have expected date?

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Madam Chair, I, I've given you my answer. That is the answer we have and we're working on a time frame. Like everything else, it depends on what will happen next.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Mayor. Mahalo, Chair.

MAYOR VICTORINO: Thank you.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Mr. Hokama.

MAYOR VICTORINO: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chair, I have no further questions for the Mayor this afternoon. Thank you very much, Mayor. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Ms. Paltin. Ms. Paltin.

MAYOR VICTORINO: You're welcome, Mr. Hokama.

CHAIR LEE: Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mayor. Thank you for that breakdown of the, how the first part of the 4 million was spent, the 2 million. I was wondering if at a later time you could go into a little bit more detail. I mean, the gloves and masks are all self-explanatory.

I just was wondering about the quarantine sites and the ferry trips to Lanai for 15 weeks, 3 times a week, 2 times a day. Just was wondering if you could just provide a little bit more detail on that. Was there a EA, EIS needed to be done on the quarantine sites? And just, you know, not, not necessarily any detail on the mask, the gloves, the protective equipment, the rental tents, but some of the stuff I just wasn't sure and, and I just was wondering if there could be a little bit more detail sent to us? And I really appreciate the breakdown sent so far. Thank you.

MAYOR VICTORINO: You're welcome.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. I'll yield the rest of my time.

CHAIR LEE: Mr. Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yea, thank you, Madam Chair. Just a couple more questions. Big thing right now has been, I've been called about the plan for relaxing the restrictions on the beaches. You know how with Mother's Day yesterday; a lot of families like to go down to the beach and have their little picnic gatherings. What is the plan for that? I, I presume you're working with the DLNR and allowing some restrictions, as long as their loosening restrictions, as long as people practice their social distancing on our beaches.

MAYOR VICTORINO: You're absolutely correct. It is a State issue beyond our, and the Governor's Office is also working on that. They're starting to open up some State parks, just like we have opened up some of our beach parks as well as the community parks. And so, we are constantly in communication. We are looking at different methodologies and good safe practices as far as social distancing and utilization of the beach. But at this time, the beaches are open for exercise and exercise events only, and not for lounging or laying there.

Although, you know, when someone is watching her children, it's pretty hard for them to run around. So, we, you know, our police have been very compassionate and understanding. They look at the situation and make decisions based upon what's

going on around them. So, I think we've got a good handle on it, and we'll work on opening up more and more with the State's approval as time goes on.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you. And being that the roads are less crowded, I notice still some road projects going on, especially where I live, Makawao, which I appreciate. And I thank you and the Department of Public Works doing a lot of improvements on Makawao Avenue. Are you asking your Director of the Department to expedite a lot of these road CIP projects while we have a lot less traffic on the road now?

MAYOR VICTORINO: Absolutely. So long as money is available, we're expediting every project we can. And also, we're looking at other areas, even in the areas of water projects and others that can be done because of the usage being down right now, especially in South Maui. We have some projects that we're pushing through that we might have waited till next year, but we're going to see if we can get it done this year.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Well, thank you very much, Mr. Mayor. And thank you, Mr. Director Baz. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR LEE: Ms. King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. I hope, Mr. Mayor, are you still okay? I know you said you had to leave at 3, so I don't want to jam you up.

MAYOR VICTORINO: Yea, it's, it's one minute after 3. I'll let you ask one more question and then I really have to go, but thank you so much.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. I just wanted to find out if there was a list somewhere of, of activities or, you know, things like renewals of things where we could do it online? I, I, and I want to share this with you real quickly; that I went online to see if I could renew my driver's license and then I couldn't find anything.

MAYOR VICTORINO: Cannot.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yea, you can't, so.

MAYOR VICTORINO: No, it's not available right now.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: So, so, if there's, so you have to go down there but then there's a note that says it's closed. So, if you're, if you're coming up against a deadline, you're kind of stuck.

MAYOR VICTORINO: The deadlines have been expanded I believe to--

MANAGING DIRECTOR: September 30.

MAYOR VICTORINO: September 30, yea. So, I believe it's September 30 for license renewals. So, if you don't have your license renewed, and I know a number of people and in my, in my immediate family that could not get their license renewed. They're still valid. They're still accepted all around town. Even at the airport if you needed to travel, it's still valid. It was extended by the Governor under his proclamation.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay, so are there, is there, is there a category of, I mean, is there a website somewhere where people can go online and see which deadlines have been extended, and which fees have been waived for now?

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Ms. King, basically, you'd have to go online to pay whatever fee or your, all of them waived, right? So, if you want to go pay your real property tax, or your water bill, anything like that, those are, and vehicle registration, you just go to that site itself and it'll be there as well. We could, maybe I'll talk to--

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay, I'm just, I'm asking because I didn't see anything on the website that said, you know, your, your vehicle registration deadline has been extended, or your registration has been extended, so that's kind of why I'm asking.

MAYOR VICTORINO: Well, that was through the State proclamation that it was done. It was for the entire State, not just for Maui County.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yea, yea, no, I know that. But a lot of people haven't seen that proclamation. And then if you go online, it just looks like there's no way to do it and you're going to be late, so that's why I'm asking.

MANAGING DIRECTOR: The State Department of Transportation's website has the detailed information. And the reason why we don't have it on ours is because the State Directors, the Governor has given it, the State Directors the discretion to set it and, and they can change it themselves. And since we wouldn't have control over that, you can go directly to the State Department of Transportation's website.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Okay. It would be helpful if you could put a link to, you know, for people who don't know to do that. So, I just wanted to point that out.

MANAGING DIRECTOR: . . . . Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR LEE: Alright, we've come to the end of the meeting. Thank you so much, Mr. Mayor. And thank you for, for being there also, Mr. Baz. We'll probably, if you don't mind, those of us who didn't have a chance to finish with questions, we'll just put them in writing, okay?

MAYOR VICTORINO: Yea, if you email us the questions, we'll answer them as quickly as possible with the information available to us. I want to say mahalo to all of you, to the public out there at large. Again, working together has helped Maui County really level the curve and hopefully keep it that way. And I, I, I assure you that we, like you, have the health and safety of our public as our mantra, as our priority. And so, we want to thank everyone out there.

And I want to thank you for their patience, because I know people want to open. I know Ms. Kama would like her hair done. I would love to accommodate all of you, but we've got to take one step at a time, please. Forgive me if I can't do everything right now. But we will do our best. Mahalo and aloha to all.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: You are forgiven.

CHAIR LEE: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: You are forgiven.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Mayor. Thank you, Sandy.

MAYOR VICTORINO: Aloha, everyone.

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Thank you.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Members, we're going to resume with the meeting. We have to do something with the communication.

## COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS

NO. 20-275 - MICHAEL P. VICTORINO, MAYOR,  
(dated May 6, 2020)

Requesting a special Council meeting to discuss COVID-19 updates, rules, CARES Act, and other related matters.

CHAIR LEE: Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez.

VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair.

I MOVE TO REFER CC 20-275 TO YOUR ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET COMMITTEE.

COUNCILMEMBER KING:

SECOND.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Second.

CHAIR LEE: It's been moved by Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, and seconded by, I didn't hear.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Second.

CHAIR LEE: Oh, by Ms. King, to refer the County Communication to the EDB Committee. Any discussion? If not, all those in favor of the motion, raise your hand and please say "aye".

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS HOKAMA, KAMA, KING,  
MOLINA, PALTIN, SINENCI, SUGIMURA,  
VICE-CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, AND  
CHAIR LEE.

CHAIR LEE: Opposed, "nay".

NOES: NONE.

CHAIR LEE: So, it looks like it's unanimous; all in favor of the motion, so motion passes.

Is there anything else we need to cover, Madam Clerk?

COUNTY CLERK: No. Chair, there's no further business before the Council at this time.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Alright. Any comments from the Members? Any questions you want us to send to the Mayor for you?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I do.

CHAIR LEE: Yes, Ms. Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, this actually came as we're going through this meeting, but people wanted to know if they're still going to have Obon dancing during the summer? So, Obon dancing and the rodeo are different events that happen during the summer. If you could ask the Mayor if there's guidelines for social distancing or what the organizers as well as are these events going to happen? Thank you.

CHAIR LEE: Madam Clerk, did you get those questions? Okay. Good. Anything else?

Ms. King.

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK: Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you, Chair. So, I was, you know, I was wondering if, if it's too soon to ask the Mayor, he talked a lot about the small business loans and the food, giving out and some of the things that what pots of money those came out of, cause we, I know we authorized one for 4 million, we authorized one 2 million. The one for 2 million, under the H.E.L.P Program says that you have to have had a job loss, so I'm assuming that he's not using that money because you have to prove that you had a job.

But you know, to find out where he's at with expending those monies, even if he doesn't have like a complete accounting of everything. But is he getting close to it? I mean, if he's talking about expending \$66 million in this fiscal year, that's like in the next five weeks. So, you know, that's, that's going to have to happen quickly if he's thinking he's going to spend the money by the end of this fiscal year. So, I just wondered where he's at with the money that we've given and has that--

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: No, December 31.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: --has that, has that already expended.

CHAIR LEE: Yea, Ms. King, I believe that he wants to encumber the funds, but they have a dead, a deadline of December 31 of this year.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Right. But he has to tell us by the end of this fiscal year, correct, to encumber it?

CHAIR LEE: Well, I'm sure he's going to give us a breakdown when he's, when he requests us, request our approval of the amendment. Yea, you're right.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. Any other questions?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Chair.

CHAIR LEE: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Member Sinenci. My question for the . . . an abandoned vehicle here. Is he going to expedite, expedite the, is he going to expedite the, the removal of abandoned vehicles now that we've, with the additional appropriations for removal? And, and especially when we have 22,000 rental vehicles that are off the highway? So, that would be my question to him, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR LEE: Okay. You're never forgotten, Mr. Sinenci.

Anybody else? If not, with all the feedback, oh my God. Can you mute yourselves please? You're driving me crazy.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Tamara has a question.

CHAIR LEE: Ms. Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: You know the email that we got from the County Clerk, the emergency fund expenditures for COVID-19? Is that what was referred to Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez Committee that we're going to go in for a deeper dive? Or is that not a part of this meeting?

CHAIR LEE: No. Whatever he presented was really a part of this meeting. We thought, I thought he was going to be sending additional funds down and for us to approve an amendment of some kind. But I guess it's not ready. I guess the State, the State Legislature is still voting on it today.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, okay. So, in my second round of question, I asked him, like, a little bit more detail. Should I pull out the items that I, I don't understand what was like 90,000 tiny homes for quarantine sites? I, I just wanted to know a little bit more about that.

And you know, the ferry service to and from Lahaina and Lanai, total of 15 weeks, service twice a day on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for COVID-19 emergency. I just wanted to know a little bit more about those things. Should I write my own letter

and then send it to the County Clerk to send it to the Mayor? Or how did you want to go about that? Like, I, I want to--

CHAIR LEE: Yea, could you do, yes, because it's easier if you drafted the questions, then we'll know exactly what information you want. Send it to the County Clerk and she'll put it all together with the other questions, okay?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR LEE: Anybody else? If not, we've reached the end of the calendar, of our one item. You sure? Okay, this meeting is adjourned.

### ADJOURNMENT

The emergency meeting of May 11, 2020 was adjourned by the Chair at 3:11 p.m.



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KATHY L. KAOHU, COUNTY CLERK  
COUNTY OF MAUI, STATE OF HAWAII