

# CLIMATE ACTION AND RESILIENCE COMMITTEE

Council of the County of Maui

## MINUTES

October 21, 2020

Online Only Via BlueJeans

**CONVENE:** 9:02 a.m.

**PRESENT:** VOTING MEMBERS:  
Councilmember Kelly Takaya King, Chair  
Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci, Vice-Chair  
Councilmember Tasha Kama (arrived at 9:14 a.m.; out at 10:26 a.m.)  
Councilmember Alice Lee  
Councilmember Tamara Paltin  
Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez

**EXCUSED:** VOTING MEMBERS:  
Councilmember Riki Hokama

**STAFF:** Nicole Siegel, Legislative Analyst  
Kasie Apo Takayama, Legislative Analyst  
James Forrest, Legislative Attorney  
Stacey Vinoray, Committee Secretary  
Jean Pokipala, Council Services Assistant Clerk  
Wilton Leaunae, Legislative Analyst (Trainee)  
  
Evan Dust, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Tasha Kama  
Davideane K. Sickels, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Tasha Kama  
Kate Griffiths, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Kelly Takaya King  
Sarah Friestat Pajimola, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Keani Rawlins-Fernandez

**ADMIN.:** Richelle Thompson, First Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel  
Keola Whittaker, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel  
Michele McLean, Director, Department of Planning  
Kathleen Aoki, Planning Program Manager, Department of Planning  
Alex De Roode, Energy Commissioner, Office of the Mayor

**PRESENTERS:** Dr. Bradley Romine, Coastal Processes Specialist, University of Hawaii Sea Grant  
Tara Owens, Coastal Processes and Hazards Specialist, University of Hawaii Sea Grant

**OTHERS:** Carol Lee Kamekona

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Lucienne de Naie, Sierra Club  
David Bernstein  
Rita Ryan, Pro Tempore Chair, Climate Action and Advisory  
Group  
Faith Chase

(5) additional attendees

**PRESS:** *Akaku: Maui Community Television, Inc.*

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CHAIR KING: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Will the Climate Action and Resilience Committee please come to order, it's 9:02 on October 21, 2020. And we have five Members so far, so we have a quorum. My name is Kelly King, I'm the Chair of the Climate Action Resilience Committee. And with me we have our Vice-Chair Councilmember Shane Sinenci from East Maui. Aloha.

VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair, my Maui hikina and osonimin *(phonetic)* kākou.

CHAIR KING: Aloha kakahiaka osonimin. I'm gonna go to Alice then next so she can tell us what the word of the day is. Council Chair Alice Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, Madam Chair. I'd like to greet you from Greece. My uncle Zorba from Greece sends his aloha to everyone, and the word is kalimera, kalimera.

CHAIR KING: Kalimera, okay. Thank you. Greece is the word, but today it's kalimera. All right. We have Council...Vice-Chair Keani Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka my Moloka'i nui ahina...I was doing the grease. And kalimera kākou.

CHAIR KING: Aloha kakahiaka to you too. Thank you. And we have Council...from West Maui, Councilmember Tamara Akiko Maile Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Kalimera and aloha kakahiaka kākou from Old Lahaina Center, we got mostly cloudy partly sunny skies.

CHAIR KING: Okay. Aloha kakahiaka to you too. Thank you, everybody, for being here. Member Riki Hokama is excused today, he just texted me this morning he's dealing with, you know, the sad situation on Lāna'i where we had some...four COVID positives reported yesterday, which was the first. Hoping that island could stay the only island to not have any, but...so he's dealing with that. For now, Member Kama, Tasha Kama is going to be late today, and I don't know...she didn't give me a time frame. So we're going to go ahead and get started, we have a quorum, and the Non-Voting Members, Mike Molina and Yuki Lei Sugimura, are welcome to join any time as well. Today we have...oh, first of all, let's just go ahead and make the announcement about silencing

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all cell phones and noise makers, and that all testifiers will remain on mute until we get to the testimony. Today we have with our...with us...supporting our meeting today from the Administration we have Michele McLean, Planning Director. She has to leave from 1:30 to 2:30 for a meeting, so she'll be back after that. And meanwhile, I think Kathleen Aoki, who's a Planning Program Manager, will be with us for that hour, or possibly more if she's just having too much fun with our Committee. We have invited Administrator of the Maui Emergency Management Agency, Herman Andaya, have not received a response. We have with us from Deputy...our Deputy Corp. Counsel Richelle Thompson, thank you for being here, Richelle. And also from the Administration, we invited our Environmental Coordinator from the Mayor's Office of Planning and Action Sustainability and Resiliency, Makale`a Ane, have not received a request [sic]. We do have with us our Energy Commissioner, Alex De Roode, from the same office. Thank you for being here, Alex. Go ahead and say hi if you like.

MR. de ROODE: Hi. You're welcome, Chair. Yes, happy to be here. Unfortunately, I can only stay till 10:00 a.m. today. And I hope that Makale`a will be able to join after that. I'm...I'll let you know if I hear from her.

CHAIR KING: Okay, and you guys can tag team from your office. Thank you for being here. Other representatives we have are Kaniela Ing from the National...the National Climate Justice Campaign Director for People's Action. We have Rita Ryan, happy birthday, Rita, who's Pro Tempore Chair for the Climate Action and Advisory Group. And we have Bradley Romine...I'm not sure if that's [Ro-meen] or [Ro-mine], Coastal Processes Specialist University of Hawai'i Sea Grant. He will be doing a presentation on behalf of Tara Owens, who is going to try to join us, she's in other meetings today, but she's the Coastal Processes and Hazards Specialist with the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant. And she did send in a written testimony for today. We also have our wonderful Committee Staff, our Legislative Analysts, Nicole Siegel and Kasie Apo Takayama; our Committee Secretary, Stacey Vinoray; our Council Services Assistant Clerk, Jean Pokipala; and our Legislative Attorney, James Forrest. And thank you again to the OCS Staff for doing such a tremendous job on this meeting today, which is...is chock full. Today we have four items on our agenda. Members, we have CAR-30 Supporting an Agenda to Transform, Heal, and Renew by Investing in a Vibrant Economy: "THRIVE" is the acronym. We have CAR-8 An Entity to Coordinate Climate Action, Including Mitigation and Adaptation. And this will be an action...probably to file this, but we'll get a brief report from the Committee. We have CAR-6 the Review of New York City's Climate Mobilization Act and Other Municipal Laws on Mitigation and Adaptation of Climate Change, which was deferred from the presentation we had and we'll probably just be filing this today as well. And then we have CAR-23--we'll start that at 1:30 after the lunch hour--Adding Sustainable Agriculture and Climate Change Solutions to the Maui County General Plan Objectives. And that's the title of that item, but today we'll be focusing on the climate change solutions portion of that. Okay. So Members, let's begin with testimony, oral testimony via phone or teleconference will be accepted. Testifiers...

VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: Chair?

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CHAIR KING: Oh, I'm sorry. Yes, Vice-Chair Sinenci?

VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: I see Member Kama has joined before we go.

CHAIR KING: Oh, okay. Thank you. Aloha, Pro Temp Tasha Kama. Thank you for being here.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Good morning, Chair. And it's still a beautiful day in the neighborhood of Kahului.

CHAIR KING: So good to hear. I'm looking for some new leaves behind you. The monstera is gone now. Okay. So...let me see...thank you for that...that interjection, Shane. Okay. So testifiers wanting to provide video testimony should have joined the online meeting via the BlueJeans meeting link that's on today's agenda. Testifiers wanting to provide audio testimony should have participated via phone conference by dialing 1-408-915-6290 and entering meeting code 498 712 703, also noted on today's agenda. And I'd also like to recognize eComment as a new feature to submit written testimony. Written testimony is encouraged using the eComment link listed for today's agenda on [mauicounty.us/agendas](http://mauicounty.us/agendas). Instructions on how to submit testimony via eComment can also be found at [mauicounty.us/ecomment](http://mauicounty.us/ecomment).

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

CHAIR KING: Okay. Moving on to oral testimony, oral testimony is limited to three minutes per item. If you are still testifying beyond that time, I will kindly ask you to complete your testimony. While testifying, please state your name. If you're testifying on behalf of an organization or are a paid lobbyist, please inform the Committee. Please be mindful of the use of chat during the meeting. Chat should not be used to provide testimony or chat with other testifiers. If you're here to provide testimony please be courteous to others by turning off your video, muting your microphone while waiting for your turn to testify. Participants who wish to view the meeting only without providing testimony, please view a live cable cast on *Akakū* Chanel 53. You can also visit [mauicounty.us/agendas](http://mauicounty.us/agendas) to access live and archived meeting videos. I remember...I remind Committee Members, Administration, and public to please be patient if we run into any technological issues. Members, I would like to, if there is no objections, proceed with oral testimony at this time.

**COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS**

CHAIR KING: Staff is...okay, great. Staff has been monitoring people joining today's meeting by phone and by video, and we'll do our best to take each person up in order. And there will be a link in the chat to the testifier list if anybody wants to see...but Staff, when you call up the testifiers, could you also say who is next so we can have the next one queued up. And go ahead and start with the first testifier.

MS. SIEGEL: Chair, the first person signed up to testify has the phone number with the last

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four digits 9385, to be followed by Lucienne de Naie.

CHAIR KING: Okay. We have the testifier?

MS. KAMEKONA: Aloha. . . .*(inaudible)*. . . Aloha kakahiaka e kou kākou, Madam Chair and CAR Committee Members. Ko ui no Carol Lee Kamekona ma moku o Kahului. My name is Carol Lee Kamekona, and I'm coming to you from the District of Kahului. I'm testifying in support of two items, CAR-23 and CAR-30. For CAR-23, I support adding mitigation for climate change and work towards resilience as a goal to the Countywide policy and General Plan. For CAR-30, I support the "THRIVE" agenda item, economic diversification needs to start now. Hawai'i's high cost of living, wage inequality, reliance on food import, and over reliance on tourism has contributed greatly to our high rate of unemployment. Although robust in its resolution to stimulate the economy by creating an estimated 60 million new jobs, baby steps can be taken by creating jobs in agriculture, protecting our wetlands and forests, investing in small farmers and regenerative and organic farming practices, perhaps even looking at infrastructure and moving our roads more mauka and finishing the bypass concept. "THRIVE" also addresses public health by reducing air pollution and cleaning up toxic pollution in marginalized communities. Creating jobs in clean energy, like retrofitting old buildings and installing renewable energy, could be a start. There is so much more that can be said, but I will stop for now, and just say mahalo for allowing me this opportunity to testify.

CHAIR KING: Okay. Mahalo for your testimony, Ms. Kamekona. Members, any questions for our testifier? If not, can we...thank you so much for being here. Next testifier.

MS. SIEGEL: Chair, the next person to testify is Lucienne de Naie, to be followed by David Bernstein.

CHAIR KING: Okay. Aloha, Lucienne.

MS. DE NAIE: Aloha. Am I showing up? Oh, there I am.

CHAIR KING: Tilt it a little...

MS. DE NAIE: Oh, there I am. There I am in the corner.

CHAIR KING: Okay. Now we can see your chin.

MS. DE NAIE: There, okay. Let's see, how's that?

CHAIR KING: That's perfect.

MS. DE NAIE: Okay. Very good. Well, good morning to everyone, and thank you for being here to consider this very important topic. I'll be testifying on CAR-8, 30, and 23 briefly. First, I'd like to thank, on C *(audio interference)* to the Committee, and for their work and, you know, look forward to hearing the reports about what mitigation

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and adaptation strategies we have. It's just really important that we're thinking this way before we're in absolute crisis mode. And I think we all realize (*cell phone rings*) this because when we have bad floods or things, it's like the whole world stops. So we need to plan...if this is going to be more and more of the same, we need to plan now for having it be either less of the same or less impact from the same. I'll move on to CAR-23. This would be adding the language to our Countywide Policy Plan about our climate action and agricultural goals. And yes, these are living plans that do need to have updates done, and I'm just thrilled to see updates proposed in a timely manner because it tends to be, you know, that oh, my gosh, we're almost got to redo our plan, we'd better get started now instead of, you know, changing things along the way. So I'm just glad to see that we're beginning this conversation, and look forward to seeing where it goes. We'll certainly offer comments on behalf of Sierra Club, who I'm representing today. I'm sorry, I forgot to say that at the beginning, I put it in my chat. But --

CHAIR KING: Well, it's very important for you because you represent so many organizations. So okay.

MS. DE NAIE: -- yeah, I should say that. I testified on this last time as a former member of the General Plan Advisory Committee that did review the citizen review of the Countywide Policy Plan and the Maui Island Plan. And certainly, at that time we all, you know, expected that there would be updates as we knew more, as time passed. And of course, time has passed, it's been...when was that passed, 2012. It's been eight years since that plan was passed. So we are moving on. Anyway, just in full support of the consideration to add that language and the discussion of the exact language and how it would be. And then moving on to CAR-30, you know, I think it's important to realize that Sierra Club put in some extensive, you know, supportive comments on this, which I won't, you know, repeat because they're too long. But the Mayor announced a few days ago that we have reached out to join the nationwide lawsuit to hold petrochemical companies responsible for some of the climate change impacts that we're seeing. If we do realize any funds from that, we're going to need a plan to know how we want to spend them. And looking through this overall, you know, blueprint that is a nationwide effort, and a nationwide effort that's really needed because it pulls together all of the sectors of our...of our life that are being...going to be affected by this. It pulls together our unions because, you know, unions are facing an uphill battle nationwide, you know, conservative agendas, which is trying to knock the working people down the ladder that they've climbed so painfully. It addresses our environment, it addresses our need to have a healthy environment, especially for people that are in the lower income brackets and often consigned there simple because of the color of their skin. So it addresses equity and justice. So we really need to, I think, look at joining this dialogue. It talks about jobs, we need jobs to replace our aging infrastructure, and we need jobs to invest in clean energy. I mean, Maui County spends a lot of money with Maui Electric just powering our plants for water treatment and water pumping. And also, our public buildings, we definitely could benefit in our budget long-term by investing in clean energy strategies for all of these public-provided services. And then it also addresses things like agriculture, and health care, and clean manufacturing, clean technologies. So I think that it...we should be part of

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this important discussion, and Sierra Club fully supports this being the new national dialogue of where our economy goes. So thank you for your consideration.

CHAIR KING: Okay. Mahalo, Lucienne. Any questions for our testifier? All right. Thank you so much for being here. I appreciate your testimony. Okay, Nicole, next testifier?

MS. SIEGEL: Chair, the next person signed up to testify was Mr. Bernstein, but it looks like he got dropped. So the next person would be Rita Ryan, and we have nobody else signed up after that.

CHAIR KING: Okay. Aloha, Rita. Happy birthday again. *(cell phone rings)*

MS. RYAN: Hello. Aloha. I don't know why my video won't go on. But anyway, you won't see me, but you'll hear me. So thank you for the opportunity to testify this morning. I'm Rita Ryan, and I am the Chair of the Maui County Climate Reality Project. I'm also the Chair Pro Temp of the Climate Action Advisory Committee of Maui County. And I am speaking with my own opinions today, although I will be referring to some discussions within those groups. So I would like to testify on CAR-30, CAR-8, and CAR-23 this morning. So regarding "THRIVE", CAR-30, I think it's an excellent idea to align ourselves with the "THRIVE" agenda, and I want to repeat two of the points in that "THRIVE" agenda that is in the resolution. "THRIVE" agenda lays out the unifying principles necessary to build a society that enables dignified work, and creates racial, economic, gender, and environmental justice. Healthy communities and a stable climate, it's built on eight pillars, which span from creating millions of good, safe jobs with access to unions to averting climate catastrophe while investing in black, brown and indigenous communities. And if you read that resolution, it specifically states native Hawaiian communities. And I think that we all know that native Hawaiian communities will be hit harder by the climate catastrophes economically and physically. And that's something that we need to address, we know it's coming. Imagine if we knew that the COVID was coming, the kind of planning we would have been able to do to avert that catastrophe. We know what's coming with the climate catastrophe, and we are able to avert it. So I one hundred percent agree that Maui County should align ourselves with "THRIVE". Regarding CAR-8, the entity coordinate climate action, we are, as a group, supportive of CAR-8, the Maui Climate Advisory Committee. Regarding CAR-23, the Maui County General Plan, adding the 12th theme on sustainable agriculture and climate change solutions, we are in favor of supporting that. And I think what we have to really remember are our subcommittee chair of the Sustainable Ag Subcommittee of the Climate Action Advisory Committee noted to me that in California, much of the agricultural resources were destroyed in the fires, including massive seed banks. We're very dependent here on California agriculture. It's not only what happens here on our islands that affect us regarding the climate crisis, it's what happens in other areas and *(timer sounds)* how that affects us, you know, we're going to have massive immigration from low lying Pacific communities. Our food sources will be reduced, and that will be...it'll be overnight, pretty much. We have to prepare for this, we know it's coming, and we need to become...we need to feed ourselves as an island. So adding that to the County Plan, it just...it's just common sense, I believe, to add that. And we're in total support of that resolution. Thank you.

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CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you, Rita. Any questions or comments or...for our birthday girl today. Happy birthday again, Rita.

MS. RYAN: Thank you. This is the best way to spend my birthday.

CHAIR KING: And now you're showing up on our screens, so it's good to see you. And --

MS. RYAN: Oh, there I am.

CHAIR KING: -- and yeah, happy milestone birthday.

MS. RYAN: Thank you.

CHAIR KING: Okay. Any other...any questions for Rita? She'll be joining us later too. So...oh, nice t-shirt there. I'm going to request that...if we can get t-shirts for everybody on this Committee.

MS. RYAN: Oh, absolutely. I was just talking to the...a t-shirt vendor yesterday. I can absolutely do that, no problem.

CHAIR KING: Okay. That's my only question for you right now. All right. Thank you so much so we'll see you a little bit later. Thank you for your testimony.

MS. RYAN: Thank you.

CHAIR KING: Nicole, is there anyone else signed up to testify? Did Mr. Bernstein come back?

MS. SIEGEL: Chair, he's not rejoined the call, and we don't have anyone else signed up to testify at this time.

CHAIR KING: Okay. If there's no one else going to testify, Members, any objections to closing testimony?

### **COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS**

CHAIR KING: Okay. So...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair?

CHAIR KING: I'm sorry, Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Really quick. Ms. Ryan typed in the chat, asking if testimony would be able to stay open? I was wondering if she was expecting others to testify, or others would want to testify after presentation?

CHAIR KING: Ms. Ryan?



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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Ryan, you're muted.

MS. RYAN: Yes. Some people did indicate that they would like to testify. They're not here right now. Also, there was discussion within our Climate Action Advisory Committee regarding the HECO...the cost of the fast charging stations at 58 cents a kilowatt hour. And I know that the representatives of our EV working group did want to comment on that. So...

CHAIR KING: Okay. Great. Well, that wouldn't be...that's not on the agenda right now. So if they wanted to comment on the Countywide Policy Plan, the addition of the...is that what they want to comment on?

MS. RYAN: I believe it's on...oh, I'm sorry, I think that's on Friday's agenda, excuse me.

CHAIR KING: Okay.

MS. RYAN: Yeah, that's the EV DC fast chargers. I apologize. That's...

CHAIR KING: Okay. I can leave the...I can leave the testimony open until after the opening words from Mr. Kaniel...Mr. Ing on the "THRIVE" agenda. But once we get into deliberation...we have to close testimony before we start deliberating. Just to let you know --

MS. RYAN: Okay.

CHAIR KING: -- that's the procedure. So if there's no objection, we'll just leave it...we'll leave testimony open for a little while longer. And any objections to receiving the written testimony into record?

**COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS**

CHAIR KING: Okay, great. So ordered. So thank you for that, Rita and Member Rawlins-Fernandez. So we're gonna go ahead and leave testimony open for...oh, Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, I just had a question, and it might be because I'm new to the system. I didn't get a chance to watch the tutorial yet. But when I click on the agenda for the eComment, and it has one public comment from Jodi Malinoski, it says, please see attached testimony, but it's not...I don't know where it is...the attached...does anyone else see that?

CHAIR KING: Oh, you were talking about on Legistar?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: On the...I think it's the new eComment, but it's on behalf of Sierra Club of Hawai'i, but I don't see the...the attached testimony for CAR-30.

CHAIR KING: I did look at that yesterday I don't know why you can't see it.

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Any...any...Nicole, do you know what's happening with that?

MS. SIEGEL: That...we can drop a link to that in the chat for you.

CHAIR KING: Okay. Put the direct link to the testimony.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you. We'll put that...we'll write that into the record as well. Okay. So Members, we're going to go ahead and we'll just leave...we're going to wait till after the opening remarks by Mr. Ing before we go into...before we close testimony and go into deliberations. And I'll ask again after that if there are any testifiers. So if you know of anybody, Rita, who's wanting to testify, maybe tell them to join us now. Thank you.

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

(Oral testimony staying open, written testimony accepted into record at 9:26 a.m.)

**CAR-30:           SUPPORTING AN AGENDA TO TRANSFORM, HEAL, AND RENEW  
BY INVESTING IN A VIBRANT ECONOMY: "THRIVE"**

CHAIR KING: Okay. So our first item is Supporting an Agenda to Transform, Heal, and Renew by Investing in a Vibrant Economy, which spells THRIVE. And today we have before us County Communication 20-498, which I submitted, transmitting a proposed resolution entitled, "SUPPORTING AN AGENDA TO TRANSFORM, HEAL, AND RENEW BY INVESTING IN A VIBRANT ECONOMY: "THRIVE"." The purpose of the proposed resolution is to support an agenda to "THRIVE" and to encourage Maui County's congressional delegation to cosponsor House Resolution 1102, "Recognizing the duty of the Federal Government to implement an agenda to Transform, Heal, and Renew by Investing in a Vibrant Economy ("THRIVE")," and its Senate counterpart. Staff has posted, I believe--is it in there already--a link to the "THRIVE" agenda in the chat so you can see the actual "THRIVE" agenda. At our last Committee meeting on September 29th, we learned the "THRIVE" agenda presents a bold new vision to revive our economy, while addressing these interlocking crisis...crises of climate change, racial injustice, public health and economic inequity with a plan to create dignified jobs for millions of unemployed workers and support a better life for the millions more who remain vulnerable and during these tough times. We also heard from Kaniela Ing, the National Climate Justice Campaign Director of People's Action, and Yong Jung Chou, Field Director of the Green New Deal Network. Our review of the "THRIVE" agenda and the great discussions that followed inspired me to draft the proposed resolution we are looking at today. Maui County could be the first Council in the country to show its support for the agenda. So we would...no other Councils have gotten on this. We got on here early, thanks to our connection with Mr. Ing. I'd like to remind the Members today that combatting environmental injustice and ensuring

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healthy lives for all and averting climate and environmental catastrophe are just two of the eight pillars of the "THRIVE" agenda. In Congress...the Congress must focus on...to create an economy that will work for everyone. Joining us today is Kaniela Ing, the National Climate Justice Campaign Director of People's Action. And I'd like to...we've also invited Makaale...Makale`a Ane, Environmental Coordinator, and we have with us Alex De Roode, Energy Commissioner from the Mayor's Office of Climate Action, Sustainability and Resiliency for any comments they may have on this matter. I'm going to go ahead and turn it over right now to Mr. Ing, who will provide us with--I hope he's on, I know there was some connection issues earlier. He'll provide us with any new updates on the "THRIVE" agenda, his thoughts on the proposed resolution, and is available to answer questions from Committee Members. Mr. Ing, are you there?

MR. ING: Hey, everyone. Yeah, I'm here. I'm here, Chair King, and esteemed Members of the Maui County Council. It's always an honor to be able to be here with you in this Zoom or not room, but BlueJeans chat. So we...yeah. I'm not going to belabor any of the points that we made. I went through pretty robust presentation during the last get together we had. But some updates, we hit 100 cosponsors in...on the Hill in Congress and the Senate, pretty much anyone who believes that climate change is real is on this Bill. So it's a bipartisan effort, but of course, it's a lot...it's a lot more difficult for folks in a certain party to like sign on to something, even if they really believe in something, just because of the nature of the direction of the party. So we're trying to change that through not making it about like the same points that were made like to the...you know, the Al Gore type of messaging about polar bears and reduction, but more about like jobs. Like we are in the middle of a crisis, there are tens of millions of people who are unemployed, and we're going to have to invest in new jobs. They're not all going to come back magically, and we can either do that by kind of empowering the same folks who already have power, the same corporations and large multi-national businesses, or like empowering small business and local governments. Because I think the reality is the local governments, the State Governments are tied. They have to balance a budget, and they need support. So I think if we can paint the vision of like creating new jobs that aren't just...that aren't so fickle, and like depend on...like if you put pause in the economy, everything just disappears, and create ones that are more durable. And if you ask someone like if you'd rather work at a printing press or like building microprocessors, they're going to choose the more future oriented job. But that's really what this is, like we're going to have to create things that will bring us into the future through regenerative agriculture, and care at work, and everything else we need that the private sector just doesn't provide right now. The other good news, Chuck Schumer, who's a leader of...the minority leader in the Senate, said this would be our governing agenda next year if it was up to him. And there's been over 3,000 activists and organizers trained on this through a session of 15 trainings over the last month and a half or two months. And it looks like there's at least three bills that will follow; one through Ayanna Pressley's office, one through a bipartisan effort, and one through Ocasio-Cortez and Marquis' office that are right at line with this; that are going to be...probably in January. Joe Biden has extended his proposed climate plan after the introduction of "THRIVE" from a...I think a \$300 million proposal to a \$3 trillion

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proposal, with the vast majority of that money going to State and local governance...governments. So yeah, I think this is an opportunity to kind of lead, just so...like we see these interlocking crisis as one. And if we focus on like unifying things like jobs rather than react...reactionary policies to pop-up like, you know, whenever these like crises pop-up then, you know, that's a way to build a future that...that works for our kids. So I think that's it, I'm mostly here just to take questions if any come up. I've been preparing so...I'm taking to heart a lot of the things that Councilmember Lee, Councilmember...few others, I think, that's on this call right now have brought up. So yeah, happy to hear from all of you, and good to see you Councilmember Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you.

MR. ING: I didn't see you last time.

CHAIR KING: Thank you Member...I mean...I think of you as one of our community members, but thank you, Mr. Ing. And Members, Mr. Ing has special expertise on this subject matter, so I wanted...if there's no objections, I want to designate Mr. Ing as a resource person in accordance with Rule 18A of the Rules of the Council.

### COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS

CHAIR KING: Okay. Forgot to do that ahead of time. Okay. Any clarifying questions...we'll get into deliberation, deeper dive, but if there's any clarifying questions right now? Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah. Thank you, Madam Chair. Kaniela, I just have a quick question. Is the main source of funding for this program the CARES Act?

CHAIR KING: Mr. Ing?

MR. ING: Yeah. So the "THRIVE" Agenda is like a...it's like a governing agenda that could incorporate elements of the CARES Act. But it's more focused on what's going to come next. Because there...there's inevitably going to be more stimulus than what we needed to get us out of COVID and be resilient. And I think there's like a HEROS Act, but that's been like kind of made partisan, so we're hoping that this will help spur something that's more bipartisan and durable, and able to be supported by folks on both sides of the aisle. So yeah, I think Biden has a plan, Trump has a plan, and we want to make sure that those plans center working people and local ones take governance...governments to...so that's kind of the push. It's not necessarily an existing bill, it's more of a governing agenda that could include the next round of stimulus in whatever form it takes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you.

CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair Lee. Thank you, Mr. Ing. Okay I'm going to go . . .  
(inaudible). . . and see if there's any additional testifiers and then we'll get into our

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discussion. Nicole, do we have any other testifiers wanting to testify?

MS. SIEGEL: Chair, I see that Maui Faith has logged on, and they want to testify.

CHAIR KING: Okay. Faith, are you wanting to testify?

MS. SIEGEL: Your microphone is still muted.

MS. CHASE: Hi. I'm sorry. No, I'm just listening. I'm a Kaniela fan, and "THRIVE" sounds great. Mahalo.

CHAIR KING: Okay, great. Thank you. We'll take that as your testimony. Thank you. Any other testifiers wishing to testify? If not, we'll go ahead and close testimony if there are no objections.

**COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS**

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

CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you. And then we'll have Rita on a little bit later. So okay, now that we're into deliberations, just...any other questions for Mr. Ing. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. I wasn't sure if this was a clarifying question or not, but like...so I feel like I think I see the big picture of it. I was wondering if you could help me see like for West Maui, my community, one thing that I think might fit into this "THRIVE" Agenda is we have a lot of like landscapers. And regardless of things, people need to cut the grass and like that's...that still was pretty much going on during the pandemic, during the tourism shutdowns, and whatnot. And Olowalu transfer station doesn't take commercial landscaping. I think at this point, even if they suspect you might be doing commercial landscaping, you get turned away. And so people just, you know, dump the commercial landscaping on the side of the road, all throughout the rural and remote places in our community. And when we're thinking about, you know, like Aina Aloha Economic futures and regenerative agriculture and that types of things, for me, my community, what I see as something would be like, you know, a commercial composting facility for green waste or something like that. And so I just was wondering, in practical terms, how would this help my community to do something like that?

MR. ING: Yeah. So I think that's a...that's like a brilliant way of looking at it. The way we've been doing...when we're doing any popular ag trainings and like organizer trainings around the "THRIVE" Agenda, we kind of conduct it like a visioning session. Like I'll share what it would mean for like the community I'm in, you know, you see like Pūnana Leo, like where my son is going to pre-school, emergent pre-school, can you shutdown, and then now like the funding's getting threatened, and the teachers aren't getting paid enough. You see like, you know, the last farms in our areas, local farms, community gardens getting shut down before like anything else. And just things like

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that, like we...like if the "THRIVE" Agenda were to pass, we'd be extending community garden, we'd be extending . . .(inaudible). . . we'll have emergent schools for not just native Hawaiians, but for like, you know, folks from Micronesia that are here and want to reconnect with their culture, and just kind of those public programs that aren't getting met. So we do try to keep it...I mean, yeah, it's like a Federal thing, but if it's not shaped from the ground up, trans locally, then it's not going to work. Like it operates under the premise that we are the experts of our own experience, and that like the Federal government should work with us, and not for us in a paternal fashion. So...yeah, the hope is if something were...like...there's no bill yet, but there's a group of like some of the best policies works across the nation that are working not just like in a vacuum, but with like people on the ground to figure out what's the best policy. And it looks like there's going to be like a new...if this were to move, there's going to be like a new...like investment arm of the Federal Government that will just give money to like local governments, and like local banks and businesses directly, and they can decide how's best to use. So that would be called like the Resource Finance Development Corporation, I think, or something like that. And there's also like a national employment agency that's being proposed, and those things will ultimately like empower like trans local efforts. So...yeah, I guess your answer is like...the money can be like moved from the Federal Government, but it'll...ultimately, the decision making will happen on the trans local level.

CHAIR KING: Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Thank you. And I guess, you know, part of the problem too is the expertise in that area across from where I live in Napili Park area, we did have something like a commercial composting facility, and I guess it went...it went down. And right before it went down, there was this big smell that could be smelled all through Napili, Napiliha, and then there was a big fire. So I mean, it's something we need, but we need it done right. And it takes a certain amount of knowledge to do that. Is the...its...is it like...you know, it's like a practical need, but I think that we don't have the capacity at this time. And it seems like it should be kind of easy because it's just, you know, green waste and people are ready, piling it up on the side of the road and stuff like that. But for some reason, we can't bring it to fruition. And then I guess maybe a little bit of the nervous too, about like, you know, if the monies coming from the Federal, what is the checks and balances. Like what if we say, well, we really need this commercial green waste composting facility, and it...how do we prevent it from coming into like a situation where there's bad smell, it catches on fire and like that?

CHAIR KING: So --

MR. ING: Yeah.

CHAIR KING: -- I think what I'm hearing with that the decision making would be left up to the community. Is that what you're...is that's what I just heard from...

MR. ING: Yeah. Ideally, that's like what's embedded in the "THRIVE" Agenda. There's no

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legislation yet, so we don't know the exact details. But it does recognize...like this was...this went through like consultation, not just for like local groups, but also like indigenous environmental network and other native organizers of minds who are experienced with that, with like tribal governance across the U.S. Like they don't want to take Federal money at all historically because of what you mentioned, like some like hooks attached to it. But the way it's set up is like, they'll be...you'll have to apply through like...like a local bank or like a local coalition, and there'll be like grants given out in like a bunch different mechanisms that ultimately would be decided on the local levels. So if like a bunch of folks from Lahaina was like hey, we need this...like green waste facility, and here's how we want to do it, then they'll be like okay, here's like...here's the money to do it. Or it can be like there's a local bank...like a public bank even that could like fund it. So yeah, it's kind of open, but I think that the core of this...the core of the "THRIVE" Agenda is to demand that any policy that comes has to meet these criteria, and like one of these criteria is like local control and home grown.

CHAIR KING: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

CHAIR KING: Great. That's...we like that. We like local control. I'm going to backtrack a little bit before I continue on with the Council Committee Members. I want to give Alex de Roode, who's on, a chance to comment on the "THRIVE" Agenda resolution. And Alex, are you still there? I see your square here.

MR. DE ROODE: Yes, Chair, I'm here.

CHAIR KING: Okay. Would you like to make any comments on the resolution to support the "THRIVE" Agenda from your vantage point at the Mayor's Climate Office?

MR. DE ROODE: Sure. Yes. Thank you for the opportunity. Yeah. I mean, the "THRIVE" Agenda is one that is very in line with the resiliency agenda, as well as the social equity agenda that we have being, you know, furthered through our Climate Action Resiliency and Sustainability office. And we have a number of initiatives underway, one is the development of our resiliency strategy for the County. That's been a little slowed down with all the COVID response efforts and the...although there are ways to engage, as we're seeing right now, virtually, it does make that community engagement a little more challenging. But we do have some funding this Fiscal Year, and we are moving forward with bringing on some further assistance to help move that effort forward. So the...sorry, the County resiliency strategy is one area where a lot of these issues will be addressed and *(audio interference)* but will . . . *(inaudible)*. . . And then we have our...our climate action planning efforts as well that will tie in to...to the climate...climate side of these issues. So I think we're very much in line with the "THRIVE" Agenda. And we have...certainly on the jobs front, I know from the energy perspective, there's a lot of discussion going on and collaboration going on with our Hawai'i State Energy Office. For those of you who were at the Water Infrastructure and Transportation Committee meeting earlier this week, you heard from Scott Glen.

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We're in regular contact with Hawai'i State Energy Office to look at not only that the policy side of energy and kind of best practices for deploying renewable energy technologies and energy efficiency technologies, but also looking at the local workforce development and workforce opportunities in the energy sector. So I'm sure Makale'a has more she could share...something must have come up for her, she's not able to join us at the moment. But yeah, the Administration is very supportive of the principles behind the "THRIVE" Agenda. And we...just a quick note, we are a member...the County's a member of the Urban Sustainability Director's Network, and the Council has heard from Kristin Baja and others in that organization. And that...we have the annual members meeting coming up here next week, and I know the "THRIVE" Agenda is a core part of the meeting content this year. Fortunately that conference, that annual conference was supposed to be held in Hawai'i this year, and it's going to be virtual, but maybe next year we'll have them come back to Hawai'i. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you so much, Alex, I really appreciate your input. And yes, I had about a...I had a meeting last week with Scott Glen at his request, and I think we spent an hour talking about public engagement. So hopefully we all can be working together going forward on this plan, you know, this Committee and the Council and the Mayor's Office as well, look forward to supporting that. Okay. So we'll go next to the Committee Vice-Chair Shane Sinenci. You have a question or a comments or discussion?

VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair. Yeah, for...mahalo for being here, Kaniela and Alex. My question to Kaniela, you know, thank you for sharing some of the...the support on...at Capitol Hill. And...because my...I guess my question...my inquiry was about...okay, this is...this is very...I mean, progressive policies, and I get it, we need to do it. If not, you know, we're in dire straits here that we need to push these progressive policies through. So I'm just looking at the elections...in...a lot of it would really depend on...on this year's elections as well, yeah, and how far we can push these policies post November 3rd. As you know, the Trump Administration had already rolled back a lot of the environmental protections, bowed out of the Paris Climate Agreement. So how does "THRIVE" get us back all of these things that were discarded during this last administration?

MR. ING: Thanks for that question, Councilmember Sinenci. I think it's a good question. When it comes to like what happens in November, I think what's important about the "THRIVE" Agenda is it's not just like a legislative tool to move, but it's also an organizing tool. So let's say if everything happens...if like not much changes...I don't want to be too explicit here, but if not much changes, then you'll likely see hundreds of thousands of people hitting the streets. And I don't think it's only going to be like one organization in control if things are going to pop up naturally like it did back in 2016 with the...with the creation of like indivisible, and J20 and a bunch of groups that didn't exist at all, like distributor groups. So likely you're going to see that again, and I think having like a center of gravity that already enjoys support from a wide array, like a wide tent of organizations and grassroots folks would be very helpful in that organizing effort. So there's that...it also...when you talk about like the Paris



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Accord and other bills that exist, a lot of it was about like limiting what we can do, right, it's like hey, we only can use a certain amount of carbon, or we only can...like you got to reduce the way you live or drive less. And frankly, that's not good to sell to people who aren't like well off, well to do. Like it's hard to think about like having to sacrifice more when you're like worried about feeding your kids, you know, or if you're going to get fired the next day. So what's unique about the "THRIVE" Agenda is it's more of a positive focus. You're thinking about like what can be created and a vision of where we can all thrive, . . .*(laughing)*. . . like, you know, that's the point of the thing. So I think that's kind of the difference between like the partisan gridlock that we've been in around the climate debate is it's always about like oh, we got to protect the environment, or we got to...like there are polar bears dying, or rather we should just be talking about like where we're at and what we need, and that's jobs that aren't so fragile. Like an economy that can withhold being put on pause for a few weeks, and that can actually bring us into the future in the way that we live in the past, or we could live for centuries on these islands without like being dependent on imports and so on and so forth. So yeah, I think that's the difference, it's more about like jobs and like infrastructure and things we actually need that resonate when you poll people across all parties, creeds, hues, whatever.

VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: Mahalo. Mahalo for that. And then along the lines of Member Paltin, you know, talking about more local...seeing it manifest at our local level. You know, we've got this 2050 impending date for us to be off cesspools and onto some kind of septic system. So how could this...we're looking down the line, so I'm just thinking what is one of our most...some of our environment issues here on the island that we need to really start looking at and start to plan for. So as far as just addressing our waste, maybe Alex can also chime in as well.

MR. ING: Okay. I can start. Like my...I was born and raised in Makawao...well, I was born in Kihei, but then raised in Makawao. But my mom recently had to sell our childhood home so that we have no like home base any more on Maui. And the reason why is because she had to upgrade, she had to replace the cesspool in order to be of compliance, and that would have cost like...I think like \$40,000 or something. So she ended up like with the...you know, she's lived...when my dad passed away, we like lived off of our equity of our home for a long time, so it wasn't like...there wasn't a ton of equity left. So she basically had to sell it, just to like pay that bill. So I hear you like really loud and clear when it comes to that, it's like a really important issue for our County because like, you know, we have that base, we have grandma's house right now. If that was an issue that we took care of maybe, or thought about 30 or 20 years back. So...yeah, that need to be proactive and invest now because then it costs a lot more later. So whenever people are like oh, what's the cost for this, which is a question that comes up just coming into it, it's like it costs...inaction cost a lot, a lot more. And I think that anecdote about my...our family home is an apt one. Yeah. I think that's it.

CHAIR KING: Any comments, Alex?

MR. de ROODE: Yes. Thank you, Councilmember Sinenci. This is, you know, outside of my

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scope as Energy Commissioner, but you know what, my personal thoughts on this are that it is going to be a financial challenge for many of our residents, and can lead to situations like Kaniela's describing, which we don't want to have happen. I know initially when the legislation was put in place with a 2050 date there...for the TMKs that are needing to address this more...in the more immediate term because they're close to sensitive water bodies or shorelines, there is some funding that's been allocated to help offset the costs through the State Department of Health, I believe. So I think those types of solutions are going to be needed to do this at a larger scale, and certainly right now, with the economic environment and budget constraints because of COVID is not really a ideal time to be trying to find more funding for this type of initiative. But we have until 2050, and hopefully we're going to see better years ahead between now and then that would allow us to leverage Federal funds, as well as State funding, and possibly County funds to...would be allotted to happen in a, you know, sustainable way for our families.

VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: Mahalo. Mahalo, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR KING: Mahalo, Vice-Chair Sinenci. Any other questions or discussion for our two resources here? Member Kama, did you have a question or are you just moving your hand? I'm sorry, you're muted.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you. Yeah, I was...I don't know, something's wrong with my laptop this whole week. But anyway, I wanted to...to just make a comment that I think that this is a great agenda as I've read it, and I think it's a bold agenda. But also it's hopeful, this is full of hope for all of us. But one of the things that I see missing in this component when I do a...when I think about indigenous peoples, every indigenous peoples, if you look, has some kind of spiritual component attached to their culture, and I don't see anything spiritual written within the confines of this. So I wanted to just mention that, that I think while people connect to each other in their own culture, they connect spiritually also, and I'd like to be able to see that somehow included in this language when it does become a piece of legislation. So that's my comment, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you, Member Kama. Any comments on that? I know we have separation of church and State at the...especially at the Federal level that everyone always has to consider, but it's a good thought to...going forward, the things that...to talk about our...everybody's got their own spirituality. and it doesn't have to necessarily attach to a religion...organized religion.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Correct. But I think that if we don't talk about that element, then it makes everything empty because spiritual people are not empty. That's what makes indigenous people so special, it's that spirituality they have in relationship to their land, the sky, and all the elements around them. And if we want to become really totally balanced, then we got to connect with that spirituality part of who we are. Thank you.

CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you, Member Kama. Any other comments or questions?

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Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Aloha, Mr. Ing. Mahalo for joining us again today. So what...when the...I guess...okay, first question. Approximately how much do you think something like this...how much funding would need to be allocated?

MR. ING: Well, I think the investment...I mean, it's about investing, right, and...so like we'll take the climate, the Biden plan, for example...I think that's like the most aggressive out there right now, \$3 trillion dollars from the Federal Government, and I think that's...that's like a start that makes sense. When...I think people got really caught up in like these language of like the green new deal, and it's become like a polarizing thing...some...like news organizations like FOX News that has kind of twisted what it...what it's saying, talking about like how it's about cow farts and we can't like fly an airplane or eat meat. No one's really proposing that, like that's not the truth of it. What it is, is...so like this is the kind of like retrying like what...what...what it means, what...like bold climate investment that makes us scale up the problem really means. And yeah, it's less about limiting and more about what's possible and like every time...like let's take the new deal for example. Back in the last like major depression, the great depression back in the...when we started investing in the 1940s in like wartime numbers...like way bigger than the scale we're talking about here. What we saw is because of there's more money in the pockets of working people, they would spend it in the economy, businesses would grow, and actually our GDP went way up, and then our tax revenue went up. So even though there was an investment up front, governments were actually much, much better off down the line. So I think like history proves that, when you look at the massive cuts in governments spending in the '70s and '80s, and especially after like the Reagan Administration, you actually saw like tax revenue go down and governance...governments be more susceptible to austerity. And you see like, you know, tax cuts, especially for the rich, making things even worse. So that's just like historical. So I think the \$3 trillion would be like a good start for the investment, but what we'd see is a lot more return, you'll see like a dollar returning in multiples.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I agree. And I...it's with the CARES Act...there's echo...municipalities of search and sizes were allowed to access the funds directly from the Federal Government, whereas the...those that are small...so O'ahu, for example, population of 500,000 were able...was able to access the Federal (*audio interference*). But because our population is less than 500,000, we had to go through the...well, Maui County, Hawai'i County, and Kauai County all had to go through the State to access the funds. And what happened was there was more restrictions and conditions on the funding that we received through the State because of how it (*audio interference*) to us. So I was trying to look through...I...I know that this the "THRIVE" Agenda focuses a lot on, you know, equity and assuring that rural communities, small farms, you know, those that generally don't have like...have a lot of barriers to accessing the funds trying to, you know, reduce those barriers. But I guess I want to make sure that, you know, those of us smaller municipalities with smaller populations won't have that . . . (*inaudible*). . . you know, barriers that we experienced with the . . .

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*.(inaudible). . .*

MR. ING: Yeah. I think one thing that could be helpful, even like one of the questions that Councilmember Sinenci had earlier is, there's like a group of...like . . .*.(inaudible)*. . . mentioned, groups of policy wonks that are like crafting over 50 pages now of what like Legislation could look like on the Federal level. A lot of these policies would...could translate to like the local level. So if you folks are looking at doing like, you know, especially if you did receive like a second round stimulus, like things to do with that, that will like create jobs directly in your Districts. I think it could be really helpful. And part of that process where we're learning like it might make sense to create or encourage instead of eyes like local banks and like publicly owned or community owned banks. So when like money does come into our communities, it's not like a free for all and it creates a more cooperative environment than a competitive one where there's like...or like a centralized kind of thing where you...like you had mentioned, you have to check into the State. It could be more like you go through the community bank, which there are like members of local...varying local community members that like control it on a board, kind of like a...like a food co-op or something. And yeah, that's like a big part of like the policy is actually being shaped. Again, the "THRIVE" Agenda we're talking about today is more like broad strokes, but there is work that's happening on this more granular level that I'm happy to share with you and Staff.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. And hi, Khara, hi, Leguna at hale pueo.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi.

CHAIR KING: Okay. Any...is that...is that all your questions? Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR KING: Thank you. Thank you for those.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

CHAIR KING: Yeah. Thank you for those questions, as they're very apropos coming from the Chair of our Economic Development and Budget Committee. Any other questions? Chair Lee, any other questions or comments?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: No. I'm fine, thank you.

CHAIR KING: Okay. If not, then thank you so much, Kaniela, and I...Members, I...the Chair will entertain a motion to recommend adoption of the proposed resolution entitled, "SUPPORTING AN AGENDA TO TRANSFORM, HEAL, AND RENEW BY INVESTING IN A VIBRANT ECONOMY: "THRIVE"," allowing Staff to make any nonsubstantive revisions and the filing of County Communication 20-498.

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COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So moved.

VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: Second.

CHAIR KING: Okay. Moved by...I believe that was moved by Member Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

CHAIR KING: And seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Sinenci. Any other further discussion, other than welcoming Kaniela's family to the screen. Hi kids. Okay. If there are no other...if there's no other discussion, all those in favor of the motion on the floor raise your hand and say aye.

CHAIR KING: Okay. Motion passes one, two, three, four, five, six to zero. Zero noes and one excused, Mr. Hokama. Thank you very much, Kaniela. Thank you to Khara and the kids for bearing with us. And we'll move on to...Motion passes unanimously, and I didn't see island. We'll be in touch.

MR. ING: Thank you, Chair King. Thanks, Members, for your nice questions, appreciate you all.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: A hui hou.

CHAIR KING: And we'll be in touch when we want...when you have the...when you open up those purse strings. We'll be the first one in line. Remember we were the first ones to support the reso...to support the agenda. Okay. Thank you so much. Aloha.

**VOTE: AYES: Chair King, Vice-Chair Sinenci, and Councilmembers Kama, Lee, Paltin and Rawlins-Fernandez.**

**NOES:** None.

**ABSTAIN:     None.**

**ABSENT: None.**

**EXC.: Councilmember Hokama.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:**                **Recommending ADOPTION of proposed resolution  
and FILING of communication.**

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### **MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION (CC 20-15)**

CHAIR KING: Okay. Members I want to move on to the Entity to Coordinate Climate Action, Including Mitigation and Adaptation, which was CAR-8. And we'll bring back on Rita Ryan, if you're still there. So we have before us the County Communication 20-15 relating to Entity to Coordinate Climate Action, Including Mitigation and Adaptation. Joining us today is Rita Ryan, Pro Tempore Chair for Climate Action and Advisory Group...or Committee. Ms. Ryan is also co-founder of the Climate Reality Project Hawai'i Chapter. So you may recognize her from some of our meetings earlier this year. Other co-founders include myself, Kasie Apo Takayama, and Michelle Del Rosario, and Kate Griffiths, we're all part of the...helping to launch that. I believe...I don't know, Vice-Chair Sinenci, were you on the co-founding group as well? There were several of us. Okay, so today...

VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: I was part of...yeah.

CHAIR KING: Okay. Part of the launch. So today, Rita Ryan will be discussing the status of the advisory group, and anything they may have worked on with the Mayor's Office of Climate Action Sustainability and Resiliency. So folks, she has the special expertise in this subject matter, and if there are no objections, I would like to designate Ms. Ryan as a resource person in accordance with Rule 18A of the Rules of the Council.

### **COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS**

CHAIR KING: Okay, great. Okay. So the Climate Action Advisory...is it Council or Committee...I think it's Committee will likely remain a working group, and I wanted Ms. Ryan to kind of explain what's been going on with that volunteer...this is the one that we considered at one time possibly making into a subcommittee or TIG, and the group has decided they'd rather stay an advisory working group, much like the Ag working group that meets Upcountry. So Rita, go ahead and maybe just give your thoughts on that, and what you folks have been working on.

MS. RYAN: Thank you, Chair King. Yeah. So we were formed, I think, earlier this year, soon after the Climate Action and Resiliency Committee was formed, and our intention is to research and advise on matters related to climate action. So we're comprised of all types of people from all walks--we've got PhDs, and JDs, we've got subject matter experts in various fields, we have activists, we have engineers--all walks of life of expertise related to climate action. So early this year when we formed, we had a list of, I think, 17 different topics that we could focus on. And we narrowed it down to five topics that we wanted to focus on that were most relevant to Maui Nui. And those are: sea level rise and managed retreat; energy...renewable energies, all types of renewable energies; transportation, including, you know, alternative energy vehicles, all types of alternative energy vehicles; agriculture, including regenerative agriculture and sustainable ag; and then the built environment, which is buildings. And these are the areas we found that we could take action here in Maui County, and we have the expertise to address and to make recommendations. So, you know, we went through our early phases, a little disorganized and trying to get ourselves together, but we

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finally settled on an organizational structure where we have a Steering Committee that meets once a month, and then we have the five working subcommittees. And within those working groups, they are the experts that...you know, that discuss, research, do what they need to do. And the focus is to come up with legislation-ready proposals for the CAR Committee to work with. And so right now, we're working on some really, really interesting things, and I'm just going to give you kind of a sneak peek into some of the things you may be...see coming before you. And so in the area of regenerative ag and sustainable farming, we're looking at indoor farming solutions. I know that sounds really crazy, but it's not. It's a very affordable and inexpensive way to grow crops, and we all know that land is prohibitively expensive here in Maui County. And indoor farming is very resilient to changes in weather and drought, and a very well low impact to the environment. There's suggestions to convert some local empty retail spaces, some of the big box stores that have left the...or moved out, and create indoor farming facilities, which will create jobs. We're also looking at preserving the soil here on Maui County, and looking at solutions including, you know, cover crops on bare soil, so no-till cover crops on bare soil. And so you should be seeing some of these recommendations coming across very soon. In the transportation division, looking at the charging system on the island and some solutions to that charging system, the EV fast chargers, the level two chargers. We're also looking at the Police fleet and County fleets. And an interesting proposal came up regarding Teslas, EVs for Police Departments. In other communities the Teslas have proven to be cheaper than gas-powered vehicles, faster and quieter. So you might be seeing some recommendations coming up on that for County fleets. It doesn't necessarily have to be a Tesla, it could also be other renewable energy vehicles. In the built environment, or buildings, we've been speaking with a green building modular home manufacturer to set up a plant on Maui. They're a job creator, they also produce small footprint homes and tiny homes that can help with our affordable housing crisis, and also help with jobs in the local economy. And you know, some of the issues we're coming up with is they need 40 acres for a facility, and that's their biggest...that's what's holding them back right now is that, you know, the land for 40 acres to--and they would like to buy it--is a little bit prohibitive. So we're working with them on that. So we have a lot of different focus areas that we're focusing on. At one time we were all focusing on those areas, but now we've broken it down to sizeable chunks. And we're recruiting experts into these groups, we continue...you know, we recruit people all the time to...specifically for specific proposals. So our mission is to really get the...you know, the best and brightest thinking minds and subject matter experts here in Maui Nui to focus, who know the landscape here in Maui Nui, who know what the issues are. And we're looking...you know, we're not, you know, blue sky...we're really looking at is this doable, and what are the impediments, what are the obstacles to getting this done. And there's very, very rich discussion going on in those Committees. And so you will see...be seeing a lot more of our recommendations coming to the Climate Action and Resilience Committee. We've also expanded our scope to...initially we were formed just to advise the CAR Committee, but now we also would like to advise to like the Planning Commission, also the Executive Office as well, and work with them to augment their staff in areas where they may be understaffed to really dive deep into some of these issues and come up with real attainable solutions for Maui County.

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CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you so much for that, Rita. And just to remind the Committee Members, in the beginning of...after the first...from the first meeting on, we had talked about whether we want to create a subcommittee or a TIG, and this volunteer group that was formed discussed it over a couple of meetings and decided they'd rather remain as a volunteer citizens working group, kind of like what Upcountry does with the Ag working group. And I believe it's...it kind of expanded, and you are advising also the Mayor, sending information directly to the Administration and even private entities that you're working on. So it's kind of gone beyond the scope of just this Committee, although we hope to tap into the expertise that you have, as needed. And I really appreciate the fact that the folks on that Committee are dedicated enough to want to actually strengthen their structure. They have by-laws now, and subcommittees, and continue on with that work. So appreciate it, and...but my...my purpose of putting it on the agenda right now is for today was to file the actual communication so that we don't have this ongoing discussion of why is this on the agenda. But we'll stay...you know, completely intend to stay in touch. And one of the people...one thing that's interesting is that because the group is also partnered with the Climate Reality Project, one of the people who came back from D.C. recently was Olena Horcajo, whose last name is now Alex, she got married and had a child. And she was working for six or seven years in D.C. as Al Gore's kind of right-hand woman, I want to say, in the Climate Reality Project and overseeing a lot of the mass trainings that were going on. So she's back on Maui now, and she's joined this group as well. So she'll be helping, you know, come up with creative solutions as well. So it's expanding, and I really appreciate all the work that everyone...you know, they're all volunteers, so really mahalo all the work that you're doing, Rita, with that group. Any other...any questions or...Member Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Rita, for being here again and again and again and again, so I appreciate that. So my question is, is...do you have policymakers from any branch of government on any of your committees, or is that something that you are not open to?

MS. RYAN: We do not have policymakers from the local government, but yes, we would be open to that. We could use the guidance, certainly, in how to, you know, move these policies through the system. I don't...I'll admit, I don't totally understand the system and the different branches of government and how they work together, or don't. You know, so...so it's been interesting. We've, you know, reached out at times to different branches of government, and it would be great to have an advisor who could help us through that process. Yeah, we're very open to that.

CHAIR KING: I kind of see myself as the advisor because I have been attending the meetings.

MS. RYAN: Yes.

CHAIR KING: So I'd be...but, you know, I don't...I didn't put myself on that Committee as a...Steering Committee as a Voting Member because I see them as, you know, kind of advising our Committee. But certainly would be open to even more, you know, policymakers joining these Committee meetings. So...



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COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah. I thought...I was –

MS. RYAN: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: -- because it would seem like a really nice, natural networking fit, you know, to be able to...to do that. But thank you, Chair. Thank you, Rita.

CHAIR KING: Yeah.

MS. RYAN: Chair, and I also want to correct my statement...I think I said no too quickly, but we do have Kate Griffiths from Kelly's office, who comes to our meeting and advises us on what is happening in the CAR Committee, what's happening on the Council, and our calls to action. So she keeps us updated with...we're not all able...most of us --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

MS. RYAN: -- have jobs, we're not able to participate in all --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Right.

MS. RYAN: -- of the meetings. So she gives us the summary. So we do...we do get a lot of very, very valuable input from Kate. But again, like Kelly, she's not a Voting Member --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Right.

MS. RYAN: -- but she does inform and advise. Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So how would people know when you meet?

MS. RYAN: Well, we do have an application process.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Nice.

MS. RYAN: Because we...you know, we ask people about their background and what their subject matter expertise is of what they can bring to the Committee. And then we bring them to one of the meetings to introduce themselves, and then members can ask them questions. And then we vote on whether or not to accept them into the group, and where their expertise can be best leveraged. And they can participate on one or more working groups; however, they...a person can only chair one subcommittee group because we really want people --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Right.

MS. RYAN: -- to be focused and --

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COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Oh, absolutely.

MS. RYAN: -- so yeah. So we do have...we have a great structure in place thanks to Jason Economou and Darla Palmer-Ellingson, who put together by-laws. She's very...they're both very organizational minded, and he is a JD, I believe. And so we do...we did have some expertise, organizational expertise in putting the Committee together. And we do now have a formal process that folks go through, so we...so we really do get, you know, people who have that expertise that we're looking for.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you. Thank you, Chair. Interesting.

CHAIR KING: Thank you, Member Kama. I really appreciate that question because one of my...one of my kind of goals in bringing Ms. Ryan here to talk about it was to get that information out there too. So I think they're getting ready to do a big launch after the restructure, and possibly around the ReTree event that's coming up at the end of the month. I know we talked about that. And also, I just wanted to mention too that we have had a attendance by a State Legislator, Tina Wildberger has attended some of the meetings, and we usually try to reach out to other State Legislators for every meeting and see who shows out, so. I've been...I've been sort of monitoring it, but I've been wanting it to have a life of its own, so --

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Right. Yeah.

CHAIR KING: -- I'm really excited that it's getting there. It is.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Good. Thank you.

CHAIR KING: Okay. Vice...Committee Vice-Chair Sinenci?

VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair, and mahalo, Rita, for being here today. Happy birthday. I just...you mentioned five different categories. Do you have just five, or you mentioned seven?

MS. RYAN: There's five main categories, yeah. There's one being sea level rise and managed retreat; the second one, renewable energy; the third one, transportation and mobility; the fourth, agriculture, including regenerative and sustainable agriculture; and then the fifth is, you know, buildings...green buildings, and that includes existing structures, new construction and things like, you know, refrigeration, you know, that sort of thing.

VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: Okay. Thank you. For your regenerative agriculture, is that...are you looking towards...like looking for spaces to...processing or production areas for regenerative agriculture? I know the State has the Pulehu Nui area going down to Kihei. So they're looking at, I guess, creating some kind of...not industrial area, but it's just that could potentially be areas for agriculture processing and production. So I was just wondering if that was part of that section.

MS. RYAN: Yeah. Yes, and thank you for that question. Yes, that's a great question. Jenny

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Powell is our Subcommittee Chair for agriculture, and she's looking into food hubs. So you know, having a food hub right by the agriculture properties where you can process the food, and also get the...you know, the raw fruits and vegetables to market, and also have a processing facility. It's something that they are working on. So yes, we haven't gone as far as looking for land, and I did not know that that was available, and that's really exciting news. And I will pass that to Jenny so her group can look into that.

VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: Yeah. Thank you, that's just as a possibility. And then I just wanted to thank you guys for your advocacy, your volunteerism for creating these policies. I know some of the policies that we've been pushing are either in partnership with the other Counties that have the same types of progressive ideas, so that's one thing that we can look at. And also looking at...we've definitely continued some policies that never went through. A lot of people prior to us have had set...had already done the work, and so maybe looking at past policies that didn't go through, that could also be another avenue for pushing the policies through.

MS. RYAN: Oh, absolutely. Thank you for that suggestion. That's really exciting, and I would like to find out a little bit more about that so that I can pass that to Jenny. She may be aware of those, I don't know. But that is...those kinds of ideas, that's excellent. If we can leverage work that's been done in the past, and maybe continue down the path where maybe things sort of, you know, fell off the rails, we would be more than willing to get behind that and, you know, come together and work...you know, work on the foundations that have already been built. Yes. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: Mahalo. Mahalo.

CHAIR KING: Thank you, Vice-Chair Sinenci. And we actually did that already once. We had a bill that didn't pass in the last term to add the environmental expert on the Planning Commission. So we brought that back up and were able to pass that through this Council. So there's...so we do know how to do that. And I...and Member Rawlins-Fernandez is smiling because she was a huge advocate as a constituent last term. Do you have any questions, Council Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Couple quick questions, and I support filing this item. Aloha, Ms. Ryan hau'oli lā hānau again. You said that you worked with the Executive Office. I'm assuming that you're talking about the Mayor's Office?

MS. RYAN: Yeah. I wouldn't say worked with so much, as far as saying what we're doing is trying to get in contact. You know, COVID has derailed many of our...we haven't been able to get things through, and the Executive Office has been, you know, I think stretched thin perhaps. But we have reached out to them, we have sent letters from the Committee to the Executive Branch with recommendations, but we haven't...I wouldn't say we've been working together, but we are...we would like to have a working relationship, yes, with the Executive Branch, and we will continue to preserve...pursue that. Thanks. Thank you for the question.

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Yeah, I was wondering how that was working. So we're...you're looking forward to kind of building and developing a better working relationship?

MS. RYAN: Yes. Yes, that is our goal.

CHAIR KING: Haven't you had...has Makale`a Ane attended some of your meetings as well?

MS. RYAN: No, I don't believe so. I mean, if my memory serves me right, I don't remember her attending any of the meetings, no. But I can...we can reach out...we have reached out to her, but I could put her on the invitation list for the Steering Committee meeting, so she can, you know, listen in on some of the ideas we're floating and some of the work that we're doing. Because if we can...you know, if we can make this work available to a broader group, not just the CAR Committee, we definitely would like to do that, you know to...you know, different branches of government, wherever we can, and get...you know, get...get it into the right hands, I guess, is what it is that we're...to the right decision makers. I think that's...that would be really valuable, and would make our work much more effective.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And then last question, Chair. So we're...I think we're all trying to be mindful about not working in silos and reaching out and partnering with other groups that perhaps are working on similar efforts, especially when our efforts are pretty broad like, you know, climate change. So like Moloka`i, for example, the community put together a...well, I helped the community put together Pane Huli Au, which hosted Moloka`i's first climate summit last year, Chair King attended. And so I think it would be great to have these groups, you know, like kind of...I don't know, keep in touch or see how, you know, the groups can support each other --

MS. RYAN: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- their effort. And Moloka`i is also putting together Moloka`i renewable energy co-op, so perhaps that's something that, you know, the climate reality project may want to also support if it...

MS. RYAN: Absolutely. Yeah, we do have...we do have membership from, you know, different organizations...certainly Hawaiian Island Land Trust members, certainly quite a lot of climate reality project members, Sierra Club, Maui Tomorrow...I hope I'm not leaving too many off the list. But we are very open to working with other environmental...oh, Maui Nui Resource Council...other environmental groups who have the expertise. And actually, in our last meeting, that was one of our goals is to reach out to these other groups and help support their work and, you know, be supportive of each other and collaborate better. So thank you, thank you for that comment, but that is something we're...we are actively doing. And if you do...those groups, if you could just shoot me a chat or a note, that would be great, and I will definitely reach out to them before our next meeting.

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COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Ryan.

MS. RYAN: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Awesome. Mahalo for doing that work. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR KING: Mahalo to you, Member Rawlins-Fernandez. So the other thing to I just want to mention to the Committee with this group, and all the other groups as they're collaborating is that, you know, this is one of those issues that cuts across most of the other Committees, and sort of like COVID does. When Chair Lee put the COVID issues on every...you know, sent a communication adding them to every Committee. This is, you know, the Sustainable Ag recommendations may go to EACP Committee, there may be some planning issues that go to the PSLU Committee. So, you know, this is...it's good to have this broad discussion with all of you as Chairs of the Committees too. Because it doesn't necessarily have to...everything have to come through this Committee, and I'm really appreciating the fact that we're having more of a holistic discussion about it. So we're not working in silos either, but we're working across our Committees. So anyway, with that, I will entertain a motion to file County Communication 20-15.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Second.

CHAIR KING: Moved by Member Rawlins-Fernandez, seconded by Chair Lee. And any further discussion? I think we've...thank you so much for your discussion on what you...what the Committee's doing, and we will have you back again. You might be invited by some of the other Committees as well. So thank you for that. All those in favor of the motion on the floor raise your hand and say aye.

**COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED AYE.**

CHAIR KING: Any opposed? Okay, motion passes unanimously, six ayes, no...zero noes, and one excused, Member Hokama. Thank you so much, Rita, really appreciate it. And have a glorious day today, I hope you get to eat cake.

MS. RYAN: I'm going to have a cupcake at the beach with my dogs and my husband and daughter, so that's my...as they're waking up to my 60th birthday, I never thought I'd make it this far, and I'm just...it's just a wonderful birthday present. And it is just a birthday present to be here today, and to be invited by all of the respected Members of this group. So thank you for making my birthday very special. Thank you so much.

CHAIR KING: Thank you for your presence.

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**VOTE:**        **AYES:**    **Chair King, Vice-Chair Sinenci, and Councilmembers Kama, Lee, Paltin and Rawlins-Fernandez.**

**NOES:**    **None.**

**ABSTAIN:**    **None.**

**ABSENT:**    **None.**

**EXC.:**    **Councilmember Hokama.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:**                    **Recommending FILING of communication.**

**CAR-6:                    REVIEW OF NEW YORK CITY'S CLIMATE MOBILIZATION ACT  
AND OTHER MUNICIPAL LAWS ON MITIGATION AND ADAPTION  
OF CLIMATE CHANGE (CC 20-13)**

CHAIR KING: Okay. Members, I know its break time, but I just have this one other issue CAR-8...or CAR-6 that I'd like to address, it's a filing issue. And if we can do this before we take the break, then we can break until 1:30 because 1:30 is when we'll take up the...the adding the climate action to the Countywide Policy Plan. So is everyone okay to go, go through this . . . *(inaudible)*. . .? So this is the Review of New York City's Climate Mobilization Act and Other Municipal Laws on Mitigation and Adaptation of Climate Change, which is CAR-6. We have before us communication 20-13 relating to the Review of New York City's Climate Mobilization Act and Other Municipal Laws on Mitigation and Adaptation of Climate Change. At our August 17th meeting earlier this year, under CAR Item 1(2) Climate Action Policies by Government Agencies, we heard from climate change experts and leaders across the country on how they were taking action to combat climate change. Ms. Caitlin Akoi staff attorney at Harvard Law School's Environmental and Energy Law Program gave us a great review of New York City's climate mobilization act, and how we can take similar action in Maui County. Climate action leaders from Seattle, Boulder County, Houston and San Mateo County gave us insight on what they were doing in their communities to combat climate change, inspiring some legislation I have in the works, and possibly other committee members do as well. So since we had such a great discussion, I feel like we don't...we really don't need the subject matter for CAR-6 open for discussion. The public, going forward, will be hearing specific proposals. And I would like to entertain a motion to file County Communication 20-13.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Second.

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CHAIR KING: Okay, moved by Chair Lee. Seconded by Council Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez. So any discussion on this item? I think all the...further presentations can still happen under other items, so I just wanted to put this one to rest. All right. All those in favor of the motion on the floor, raise your hand and say aye.

**COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED AYE.**

CHAIR KING: Okay. Any opposed? Motion passes unanimously, six ayes, one excused, Member Hokama, zero noes.

**VOTE:           AYES:   Chair King, Vice-Chair Sinenci, and Councilmembers  
                              Kama, Lee, Paltin and Rawlins-Fernandez.**

**NOES:       None.**

**ABSTAIN:   None.**

**ABSENT:    None.**

**EXC.:       Councilmember Hokama.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ACTION:                        Recommending FILING of communication.**

CHAIR KING: And so with that, it's 10:38. And I would like to recess the meeting until 1:30. We have people coming for our second action item on the agenda. But thank you, Members, for really thoughtful discussion, and I'm really happy that we were able to hear from the volunteer committee that's been forming and expanding, and next expanding hopefully to include the Moloka'i groups. All right. So we'll see you at 1:30. The meeting is in recess.. .*(gavel)*. . .

**RECESS:           10:38 a.m.**

**RECONVENE:   1:32 p.m. (Excused: RH)**

CHAIR KING: . . .*(gavel)*. . .

**CAR-23:            ADDING SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE**

***(Note to Transcriber: Video starts at 1:34 p.m. as Granicus recording was started later.)***

CHAIR KING: ...the matter relating to Adding Sustainable Agriculture and Climate Change Solutions to the Maui County General Plan Objectives. On October 15, 2020, the Committee submitted to Corporation Counsel a proposed resolution entitled,

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"REFERRING TO THE PLANNING COMMISSIONS A PROPOSED BILL AMENDING SECTION 2.80B MAUI COUNTY CODE, TO ADD 'MITIGATE CLIMATE CHANGE AND WORK TOWARDS RESILIENCE' AS A GOAL OF THE COUNTYWIDE POLICY PLAN." The purpose of the proposed resolution is to refer to the Maui, Moloka'i, and Lāna'i Planning Commissions the Proposed Bill to Amend the Countywide Policy Plan to Incorporate the Amended Section 4 by adding, "Mitigate Climate Change and Work Towards Resilience" as a goal. The proposed revisions to the Countywide Policy Plan can be found on Exhibit 1 of the correspondence to Corporation Counsel dated October 15, 2020. And if you look through...it's a long document, but the changes are actually underlined on pages 43 and then 82, 83, 84, and 85 of the exhibit. Our...at our last meeting on September 29th, we received presentations from Leslie Matthews, a co-founder of the Climate Reality Project Hawai'i Chapter; and Dr. Chip Fletcher, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor, Department of Earth Sciences at the School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology, SOEST, University of Hawai'i at Manoa. He's also the Vice-Chair of the Honolulu Plan of Change Commission. Their presentations on climate change helped us to show why it's important to be highlighted in the Countywide Policy Plan. As a reminder, we are focusing on climate change, and hope to also add sustainable agriculture as a goal at a later date, or possibly work with Councilmember Sinenci's Environmental, Agricultural, and Cultural Preservation Committee on moving it forward. Although there are climate change policies noted throughout the Countywide Policy Plan, it is essential to focus on and highlight the importance of minimizing the causes and negative effects to climate change. You may see some duplication in the new Section 4. I worked with OCS to draft the legislation this way, keeping similar policies in other sections as climate change actions and impacts can apply to work being done in other Committees, much the same as our Chair's communication for each Council Committee to add COVID-19 issues to discuss. This duplication also emphasizes the importance of the climate change challenges, and there are no legal issues with amending the Countywide Policy Plan in this manner. To date, the Countywide Policy Plan has not been amended, and this is a step forward in updating the Plan and opening the door for future Councils to review and treat the Countywide Policy Plan as a living document. At our last meeting, Ms. Tara Owens, Coastal Processes and Hazards Specialist for the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant Program, mentioned the report, Guidance for Addressing Sea Level Rise in Community Planning in Hawai'i, and she submitted a copy to the Committee later that day. I believe she's here today. We also have with us Dr. Bradley Romine, and they will be doing...not sure which one, but will be doing a presentation of that report, to dive a little bit deeper into the report and share with us how it can help us possibly strengthen this new proposed section for other Countywide Policy Plan. From County Departments, we have invited Makale'a Ane, not confirmed yet, who's our Environmental Coordinator; and Alex de Roode, Energy Commissioner from the Mayor's Office of Climate Action Sustainability and Resiliency. And I'm not sure...Alex, are you on today...this afternoon? He was on earlier this morning. I don't see him yet. Okay. And Michele McLean, our Planning Director, she is...I believe she will be joining us, and she has a meeting from 2:30 to 3:30, so Ms. Kathleen Aoki will be representing her during this time, if we...Kathleen Aoki is the Planning Program Manager of our Planning Department. And Herman Andaya of the Maui Emergency Management Agency, the



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Administrator, he will also give us comments on this matter. Okay. So before we get started, Members, given our presenters' expertise in the matter relating to climate change and mitigation, if there are no objections, I would like designate all of our presenters this afternoon as resource persons in accordance with Rule 18A of the Rules of the Council. This would include Tara Owens and Dr. Romine. Any objections?

**COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS**

CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you, Members. All right. We'll go right into the presentation first from...I'm not sure, is...if Tara will be doing this or...Dr. Romine, are you on?

MR. ROMINE: Aloha. Yeah, this is Brad.

CHAIR KING: . . .*(inaudible)*. . . Is it [Ro-mine]?

MR. ROMINE: [Ro-mine]. Romine. That's okay though, but yeah. Thank you, Councilmember. Yeah, thank you for the invitation. I'm going to present on our --

CHAIR KING: Okay.

MR. ROMINE: -- plans for addressing sea level rise and community planning. Just give me a moment. I'm not super familiar with BlueJeans, so I'm going to --

CHAIR KING: Okay.

MR. ROMINE: -- pull up some slides and share my screen if --

CHAIR KING: Okay.

MR. ROMINE: -- you'd like me to go ahead. Yeah.

CHAIR KING: Sure. You see the icon for sharing your screen? Should be...

MR. ROMINE: I do. Yeah. Thank you. Let's...okay, you see my slides now?

CHAIR KING: Got it.

MR. ROMINE: Great, great. Thank you. Yeah, again, I'm Brad Romine with the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant Program. I'm located on O`ahu, and I do a lot of coastal management hazard resilience work, particularly with the State Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands and the Climate Commission through there. But also have some work with each of the Counties, including Maui, through Tara and our other colleagues around the islands. I'm here to share some information at Tara's request, and I guess at the Committee's request as well, on our recently completed guidance for addressing sea level rise in community planning. This is a Hawai'i Sea Grant Project in partnership with State DLNR Office of Conservation Coastal Lands and OP Coastal

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Zone Management Program. The full project team is listed here, of course includes your very own Tara Owens, and then Kitty Courtney with Tetra Tech, Incorporated was our project consultant, and did much of the document writing and technical support along through this project. The community planning guidance is part of a bigger project we're calling building resilience to coastal hazards and climate change in Hawai'i, which is funded through a 2016 NOAA Coastal Resilience Grant, as well as some funding through the DLNR OCCL. The project...the overall project was developed to build on the results and recommendations of the 2017 Hawai'i sea level rise report, which I was also involved in...I think the last time I got to speak to this Committee was around the time we were completing or near completing that...that report. So it's good to have this chance to talk to you again, thank you. And also, building on other recent initiatives, including the State's climate adaption priority guidelines within the State Planning Act...as I mentioned, our project partners are also...are DLNR and the Office of Planning, who also are co-chairs of the State Climate and Change Commission, so working through that entity, supporting them as well. This project was developed to provide three companion tools to better equip the County and State agencies in addressing climate change and sea level rise hazards. The first project through this funding was the Hawai'i Sea Leve Rise Viewer, which I'm sure you're familiar with, a online mapping tool with the sea level rise report, finished that in 2017. Last year we completed our guidance for disaster recovery preparedness in Hawai'i. This project developed recovery practices to be implemented before disastery [sic] occurs, to enable communities to recover quickly, while also improving resilience to future disasters and protecting sensitive coastal environments. The third project, which I'm here to talk to you about today, is guidance for addressing sea level rise in community planning in Hawai'i. We just finished this guidance document in August of 2000, again, as the focus of this presentation. So diving into this guidance document for sea level rise in community planning, the purpose...the overall purpose is to assist County Planners to build upon ongoing efforts to address sea level rise. One moment. The focus is particularly on County General and Community Plans as a critical entry point, but a lot of the guidance may also be applied in other planning efforts, sector specific planning and other efforts at the State and County levels. Our guidance is categorized under four key topics, being vulnerability assessment, land use and development alternatives, plan and policy alignment, and adaptive management. And I'll talk about those in a little more detail coming up. And in our . . . (inaudible). . . to those guidance, we have recommended practices, and then following that, we have examples and resources to support and better inform practices under each of the recommended practices. And those are in appendices within...an appendix within the guidance document. And then further, we have another appendix that provides a summary of the recommended practices with the relevance to the State priority guidelines. Okay. This guidance document was developed through extensive input and technical review from planners in each of the Counties, including Maui. The recommended practices and examples were developed through research, consultation, as well as ongoing work for Community Plan updates. We conducted 15 different outreach events with over 100 County Staff and other stakeholders. This included workshops, webinars, and other smaller in-person meetings. Written comments on drafts of the reports were also essential to refine the guidance, so we're very thankful, especially...including the folks at Maui County Planning Department

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that provided input and comments on it. This guidance was about four years in the making, and we really took our time to complete this to really capitalize on and capture emergent practices for sea level rise planning through our research, and particularly following and contributing to a number of the ongoing Community Plan updates at each of the Counties, including Maui's West Maui Community Plan Update. It will be critically important for localities to institutionalize flexible decision-making frameworks that extend long into the future, possibly for 50 years or more. This presents a challenge for community planning in particular, which historically, typically has had an outlook of about 20 years or so. So this requires looking at a longer time frame for addressing these climate sea level rise impacts that'll stand out generations into the future. Land use decisions made today will be in place and have consequences well into the latter half this century, when three feet or more sea level rise is likely to be realized. Adapting to sea level rise requires communities to make difficult decisions when priorities and consequences, community planning provides a critical entry point in existing framework for locally appropriate combination of decision analysis, land use planning, and public participation. Okay. So the four guidance topics, which I listed in one earlier...slides A through D are at the left, and are aligned to the community planning and implementation cycle, here presented as a cycle, the process of how the Counties go through this community or general planning process. In step one, vulnerability assessment, the sea level rise and perhaps beyond, you know, including other climate and coastal hazard impacts, it's critical to understand present and future conditions as part of developing the community profile. This information can then be carried through the following steps. Step two of the cycle, vulnerability assessment, is used to inform the community visioning process, i.e. where do we want to be in the future, and to identify a range of land use and development alternatives that are informed by sea level rise. Step three in the cycle is focused on the critical phase of developing policies and actions to make our communities more resilient, sustainable, through the Community or General Plan. Again, we were depicting this as a cycle rather than a linear process, with steps five and six implementation, and monitoring, and evaluation to address changing conditions and community needs. And that sounds kind of like what's, you know, going on here at the Committee here, discussing maybe some updates to the General Plan, which I haven't a chance to review yet, but I appreciate your efforts, certainly consistent with what we've discussed with the Counties also. Okay. Diving into our guidance a little bit, Guidance A, and recommended practices under that guidance are about assessing vulnerabilities to sea level rise and identifying potential adaptation strategies to inform, plan, and policy development. For time's sake I'm not going to go into all of the recommended practices, just highlight a few examples. It sounds like you have the document that's been provided to you, happy to answer questions in follow up as well. The icons on the right of this graphic depict the scale at which the recommendations may be applied...either Countywide, that full pie diagram; or at the community planning scale, one slice at a time. And some could be applied at either/or, or both. A vulnerability assessment, as I've already discussed, can be conducted at the Community Plan or the General Plan scale. Probably should be developed so it can be scaled down to that community level plan also, if done at a general plan scale. And results of vulnerability assessment could then be carried through all the following phases, the plan update including community outreach,

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alternative assessment, and support development of actions and policies. As I mentioned, examples and resources are provided in an appendix and a report to further support each of the recommended practices. Examples of resources for recommended practices under guidance A include the climate change in sea level rise technical resource paper that Tara led the development of for the West Maui Community Plan. I can see a graphic, a nice graphic from that effort on the right there, you've probably seen that, as well as use of vulnerability assessments to inform policies and adaptation actions in recent plans. Okay. Guidance B focuses on creating sea level rise, informed land use, and development alternatives. At this stage, Counties are conducting community visioning, including through outreach, and creating land use and development alternatives that should be informed through shared understanding of the sea level rise and coastal hazards. This phase also can provide an opportunity for aligning community planning and disaster recovery preparedness. Again, I mentioned we did a document on that as well that built on some previous work by Maui County, including Tara and Jim Bucca (*phonetic*). This phase provides a possible entry point for aligning those efforts, community planning and disaster recovery preparedness by including an alternative for how a community might be redeveloped in the event of a major coastal disaster, the impacts of which we expect to increase with climate change and sea level rise. One second. Some of the examples and resources under guidance B include vulnerability mapping and community engagement for the ongoing Honolulu primary urban center development plan update, something Sea Grant has also been involved in. Also shown here at the right are sea level rise and for land use and development alternatives for the draft West Maui Community Plan Update. Guidance C is focused on aligning plans, policies, and actions to reduce vulnerability and adapt to sea level rise. This requires coordination across County Departments, and if possible, we recommend submitting draft ordinances with the plan to support implementation of resilience and adaptation policies. Some examples and resources for guidance C include Hawai'i County's efforts to align their General Plan update, lava recovery plan, and multi-hazard mitigation plans at the same time. Guidance D is about approaching planning and implementation as a cycle, and monitoring and evaluating the support adaptive management. This includes monitoring and evaluating plan invitation and making course corrections, such as amendments when needed. Pilot projects can also be used to test and demonstrate the adaptation strategies that have been developed through the plan. Some example of resources...examples and resources under this guidance include Maui County's Plan Implementation Division...I understand Kathleen's on the call, nice to see that, Kathleen...and pilot projects, such as recent dune restoration work in South Maui that can demonstrate nature-based approaches to adaptation in sea level rise and coastal hazards. So in conclusion, adapting to sea level rise, as I'm sure you understand, is challenging and will probably be disruptive in some ways. However, disruption brings opportunity for innovation and creativity to re-envision our community as more equitable, sustainable and resilient. In the long run, inaction will be the costliest and most complicated path. And among other things, development guidance is really emphasizing the importance of continuing to share our evolving knowledge and practices among the Counties and State agencies, University and our (*audio interference*) So mahalo. It sounds like you already have a copy of the guidance, it is available on our Sea Grant website there. I'm happy to

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answer any questions if there's time, and I believe Tara's on the line to help with that if needed, there's some Maui specific questions. Following with the Q and A, feel free to reach out, my email is there...if you have follow-up questions, I'd be happy to answer. Thank you.

CHAIR KING: Thank you, Dr. Romine. I was just remembering when you gave this report in my Planning Committee meeting back in the last term, and I think I had to ask you then too how to pronounce your name, so...sorry that I didn't remember.

MR. ROMINE: No problem.

CHAIR KING: You want to stop sharing your screen then we can get everyone else --

MR. ROMINE: Sure.

CHAIR KING: -- on the screen. Great. Thank you so much. And I'm going to let...see if Tara Owens has anything to add at this point. We're going to...I'm going to give the Departments a chance to comment as well, and then we'll have the discussion, the Q and A. But do you have anything to add right now, Tara?

MS. OWENS: I don't have anything to add. Thank you for the opportunity. I think this is a perfectly relevant time to have this conversation. And you are doing, like Brad said, exactly what is recommended in terms of revisiting plans and keeping them up to date and as living documents. So thank you.

CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you so much. All right. Members, we're going to go our resource people that we have on the call right now, and starting with Planning. I think I don't see Director McLean here, so I think we're...Kathleen Aoki is sitting...oh, there you are, I'm sorry.

MS. MCLEAN: Hi, Chair. Hi.

CHAIR KING: I didn't see you. Yeah, so whatever...if you want to give us your thoughts on the proposal or on the report or whatever you would like to talk about.

MS. MCLEAN: Just to...I think our comment letter just expresses the concern with having with so many redundancies in the plan, and certainly not opposed to putting an emphasis on climate change and resiliency, and taking language from existing sections in the plan and consolidating them in this new goal. But rather than copy and pasting, we'd prefer cutting and pasting so we don't have to, you know, track any efforts on implementing those actions repeatedly...doing it more than once. So that's just being mindful of where the language is currently situated, and the context of that language before removing it from those sections. But again, putting the emphasis on this very important topic is...is...we support that. We just don't want to see the duplication in the plan of language that already exists.

CHAIR KING: Okay. All right. Thank you for those comments. And I think we have Director

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Andaya from...or Administrator Andaya from Maui Emergency Management Agency. Okay, we see the room...oh, there you are. Okay. Aloha, Director Andaya. If you would like to give us any of your comments on either the report or the proposal to add an action and resilience to the Maui Countywide Policy Plan. Thank you so much for being here. You're muted right now, so you need to unmute first.

MR. ANDAYA: Can you hear me now, Madam Chair?

CHAIR KING: We can hear you.

MR. ANDAYA: Okay. Thank you very much. Good afternoon, Madam Chair, Members of the Committee. Thank you very much for allowing me the opportunity to provide comments with respect to this resolution. Generally we are in support of this resolution to include climate change as part of the General Plan. The prevalence of climate change within our County borders is evident through a number of severe weather events that has occurred throughout the year. In this past Fiscal Year, it has been a very active year for this agency. In Fiscal Year 2020, the Emergency Operations Center, or EOC, was activated 13 times, which is relatively high for this agency. Likewise, our Staff has sent out, in this past Fiscal Year, 393 alerts to the public through Maka`ala, which is the Maui Emergency Alert System. It appears that these natural events are growing in quantity and intensity. And while the County does not have the ability to stop these types of events from occurring, we are capable of lessening the harms that these threats may pose to the County, and encouraging resiliency in our communities. Part of this agency's preparation for climate change is through the hazard mitigation plan. And as you know, the County's hazard mitigation plan update is now complete, and at over 1,000 pages long, it is a very comprehensive plan which touches every region in this County, and is completed with data and recommendations to mitigate various hazards that may threaten our communities. I'd like to thank this Committee and this Council for your support of the hazard mitigation plan update. The Council approved sharing the cost of the...the cost of the plan along with a Federal grant. In addition, this Council assisted our contractor and has a mitigation specialist, Dr. Anthony Joyce, with reaching out to the communities you represent, and obtaining input from those communities regarding hazards that may historically affected these areas. The hazard mitigation plan is aimed at coordinating our hazard mitigation efforts by identifying projects that would mitigate or lessen the threat, which may include threats caused by changes in our climate. By drafting our hazard mitigation plan, we recognize the effects of climate change in our County, and in fact, the mission statement even reads as such. And it reads, protect people, the environment, the local economy, infrastructure from the natural hazards and climate change. The draft hazard mitigation plan also made certain that the plan is in alignment with the Maui County General Plan. Our hazard mitigation efforts should be coordinated, and both the hazard mitigation plan and the General Plan should be aligned in addressing the effects of climate change. The hazard mitigation plan includes recommendations for possible hazard mitigation projects. There are over 50 project recommendations, and each project is also rated by priority. Some of the recommendations...sorry...some of the recommendations include retrofitting roadways that may be threatened by sea level rise. Another recommended project is a

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fuel pipeline on Moloka'i that may be vulnerable during earthquake, tsunami, or hurricanes. Other projects deal with hazards such as coastal erosion, drought, extreme cold, extreme heat, high windstorm, landslides, dam reservoir failure, wildfire, and many others. For these reasons, MEMA supports the inclusion of climate change considerations in the County's General Plan. Chair, I'm open to any questions if there are any.

CHAIR KING: Okay. Great.

MR. ANDAYA: Thank you.

CHAIR KING: Thank you so much, Herman, I really appreciate that input. We're going to check back in and see if anybody is here from the Mayor's Office of Climate Action Sustainability and Resiliency, if...any comments from either Alex or Makale'a, but I don't see either one of them here. So we'll move on to questions from Committee Members. So go ahead...we'll go ahead and go through, let everyone ask two questions, and...because I don't really like timing, so we'll just go with the two question method, and then we'll see if we need another round. And we'll start with our Committee Vice-Chair Shane Sinenci.

VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: Mahalo, Chair. And mahalo, Mr. Romine and Director McLean, for your presentation today. For...my first question is for Director McLean. So it looks like in her letter, the third page, it says, so we recommend careful consideration of its existing context before deciding whether it should remain in its existing location, whether it should be relocated to a proposed . . . *(inaudible)*. . . theme, like a chapter, and consultation with members of the former General Plan . . . *(inaudible)*. . . So my question is, so if there's anything to do with sea level rise, climate change, that's already existing in the Countywide Plan, we should go and...go take all of those things out in the existing plan and put it in a new chapter? Is that what you're suggesting?

CHAIR KING: Director?

MS. MCLEAN: That would be the more efficient way to do it, and would avoid duplication. But before doing that, as I noted, you'd want to see the context of where that's located now to make sure that it's not detracting from what that section is trying to achieve. And if you feel like it's appropriate in its current location, but it's also appropriate in the new location, well, then, you know, it...that just doesn't really reconcile...you'd want to pick one place or the other.

VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: Can I?

MS. MCLEAN: And make sure that it belongs in this new section rather than the section it's in now.

VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: Okay. Thank you. And I appreciate that you've highlighted all of the policies and the different pages, yeah, it looks like the majority of them are on page 82, 83, 84.

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CHAIR KING: Yeah, I...Member Sinenci, we also have James Forrest on as a resource person. He worked on this and we had a discussion...I had a pretty good discussion with OCS about the redundancy. So if you want a comment from him as well, we can ask his opinion on that.

VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: Sure.

CHAIR KING: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: That'd be great.

CHAIR KING: James, are you there?

MR. FORREST: Hi, I'm here, can you hear me?

CHAIR KING: Yep, we can hear you now. Did you hear the question from Member Sinenci?

MR. FORREST: Yeah. And, you know, as far as...I think redundancy isn't quite the word, it's sort of comprehensive approach that the language would be throughout the document, and that would show that this type of issue, similar to the COVID issue, reaches the different sections. And it could be rightfully so in several different sections. And the fact that it is, you know, the same verbiage doesn't necessarily mean that it shouldn't be in both places. I think each instance should be evaluated on its own merits, not just saying that it was copied and pasted, which it was on certain language. You know, saying that you should reduce...you know, carbon emissions could be in several sections, for example, and that wouldn't mean that you would want to cut it from one and add it to another. Also, when you're looking at something from a legal interpretation...stance, the context that it is read in...I believe it was Ms. Owens...Ms. McLean that said that, you know, you read something in the context and so before you delete it, you...please, you know, look...do it to where it's coming from. I would just say that the context does matter, and that's why it is important to have it in different sections. And that's just going with the, you know, the sort of the movement that we're talking about right now, where you're wanting to have it considered a vital part of the plan and to encompass other areas. And so if that is your true objective, having it in several areas, including its own chapter, is a better way to do it because it encompasses the other sections. And if that's your goal, then you're achieving that by having it in different sections.

VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: Okay. Mahalo, Mr. Forrest, for your input. And then my second question, Chair, was for Director McLean. So we've always talked about SMA boundaries. So with the new SLR-XA anticipation and a lot of...we have a lot of ag zoning. So are there some areas where we should be considering moving the SMA boundaries mauka?

CHAIR KING: Director?

MS. MCLEAN: Thank you for the question. I...we haven't gone so far yet as to consider



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moving the SMA boundaries mauka because of the SLR-XA. We are working on proposed amendments to the Maui Planning Commission's SMA rules to factor the SLR-XA into the shoreline setback formula. In terms of broader SMA, we have discussed, and we are continuing to look at amending SMA boundaries in a more comprehensive way. In some cases, it would be moving it mauka; in other cases, it might be moving it makai, but basing those boundaries on specific SMA criteria found in State law. Right now, the SMA boundary generally follows the coastal highway which, in a lot of cases is quite close to the shoreline. In those cases, the boundary should be moved up, but in other cases it's quite far from the shoreline, and perhaps could be moved down. But looking at the criteria in State law to make sure that the resources that the SMA is intended to protect are protected by where that boundary may be. We have done that on the island of Lānaʻi, amended the SMA boundary, and I think it's a good long-term objective to amend the SMA boundaries for Molokaʻi and Maui. But that will take quite a while, and that'll be a long process.

VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: Mahalo, Director. Mahalo, Chair. I'll yield to my fellow Members. Thank you.

CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you, Vice-Chair Sinenci. And...oh, Chair Lee, you have your hand up. I'll go to you next.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah. Thank you, Madam Chair. So Director McLean, are you suggesting that instead of inserting language in a repetitive manner, as you're saying, that it'd be more focused in its own chapter or something like that?

MS. MCLEAN: Yes. I understand what Mr. Forrest was saying, and certainly there's nothing that prohibits duplication. But we're really making a concerted effort, like with our Community Plan updates, for them not to be repetitive with the Maui Island Plan or the Countywide Policy Plan. We want these documents to be lean and efficient and implementable. Then if in one document there's duplication within that document, it makes it difficult for us to emphasize avoiding duplication with all of these plans that layered together, create the General Plan. So it would enable implementation to be more focused in those areas, and we would really rather not see the duplication. And the reason I talked about its existing context is I didn't want to just do a blanket suggestion that the language be removed from one place and be put in another. You need your standard context that that language is in currently. And maybe you do want to cut all of those areas and put them all in a new one, but maybe there are some policies you want to leave where they are, and still create this new section, but maybe fewer policies because you'll be leaving some in their existing location.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Thank you. Madam Chair, I'm still thinking...actually, I'm not totally convinced that this might be the right path, but certainly, we need to have the discussion. Thank you.

CHAIR KING: Thank you. Okay, I'll go next to Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. So I was wondering...I don't have both

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documents up at the same time, but I'm referring to Director McLean's document. And I was wondering, you know, if you took the new...all the new ones--because those wouldn't be duplications--and then maybe implemented some of Tara's suggestions off of her response. And then maybe the existing with modification, those could be included with the modification. And then the ones that are existing, just as it is. If we leave it there but, you know, like put an asterisk or something, and say like it applies to the other, would that still be...that would still be considered redundancy or what?

MS. MCLEAN: That's a great suggestion. I don't think it would be considered redundant because certainly there are...there's language throughout the plan that could apply in more than one location. So it...figuring out some way to highlight that, that certain policies have relevance in more than one theme or . . . *(inaudible)*. . . Yeah, I wouldn't object to that, and I wouldn't think that would be duplication.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then...so with the...I guess the next question would be for Ms. Owens. Like with your...the suggestions in your correspondence, like for example, objective two, policy B, get more specific with improved efforts. Did...were we supposed to come up with the specificity of improving the efforts, or did you have some examples for us?

MS. OWENS: Well, in that particular case...hi, thank you for the question. In that particular case, I would have been curious in using that language if there were specific efforts that were perceived as needing improvement. So I think we could have a whole discussion, either from my perspective or your perspective, what those might be and if possible, clarify them so that the policy is...has a little more strength.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. And then to clarify too, when you're talking about groins, those could be the ones that Kahana Bay is talking about, the T-groins type of thing?

MS. OWENS: Right. Kahana is one area where groins are currently being proposed. And there have been projects in the last decade, one at Stable Road on the North Shore, where groins were applied as a part of the beach restoration effort. So my comment was just to, you know, offer you the opportunity to have a thoughtful discussion on whether you would want to keep those in the toolbox or you've . . . *(inaudible)*. . . excluded them from the toolbox.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Thank you for my two questions. I didn't print all the documents out, but it seems like, you know, between the resolution itself, Director McLean's comments and Tara Owens' comments, it would be nice to have them like all...so that you can look at all three at the same time, and maybe have the discussion like that. Because it's kind of different...difficult when you're talking about objective two, and then you got a reference to that page in the Resolution, and then you got a reference to Director McLean's thing, and see...this one is a duplicate and is it...so I mean, I didn't want to kill trees, but I didn't print them all out.

CHAIR KING: Well, they're all in Legistar like they usually are but, you know, that's how we receive documents. So there are just...Members, there are six bullet points in

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Ms. Owens' letter of support and suggestions that she had. Just also keep in mind...

VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: We have Ms. Owens' letter? Sorry.

CHAIR KING: It's okay. So just to remind everybody that this resolution we're considering today is a resolution to send this to the Planning Commissions. So there's going to be other...there's going to be more opportunity. You know, my thought was we could send it to the Planning Commission with the letter from Ms. Owens with her suggestions, and if they want to...if they want to work these into the policy, they can. Or we can, you know, defer this and we can work on it...the changes ourselves and then send it on. But the fastest way to get it through the system...because it's still going to have to be heard by three Planning Commissions before it comes back to the Council for consideration. So that's kind of where we're at with that. And Member Rawlins-Fernandez? I read your mind before you even put your hand up.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You're getting good at this video conferencing stuff. Okay. So I support sending it to the Planning Commissions. My question...I can't find my printed version, I printed it the last time it was on the agenda, and I can't find it. But...so what we're sending to the Planning Commission is what is attached to the resolution, which includes all the additional text and not just the newly proposed climate mitigation, climate--oh, shoot, what was it called--to address climate change.

CHAIR KING: Right. So the...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Go ahead.

CHAIR KING: So the changes are on page 43 and 82 through 85. So the...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So the new section is called, mitigate climate change and work towards resilience as a goal of the County --

CHAIR KING: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- Policy Plan. So there are other things too, that I saw that could be amended. So when it goes back to the Planning Commissions, would they be limited to only working on things that are related to climate change?

CHAIR KING: Only...would they...would they be able to work on other sections of the Countywide Policy Plan, is that what you're asking?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. For example, I know that, you know, it's used often, but I don't know where the word or the term "host culture" comes from, but I hate that term. So I don't...you know, native Hawaiians, kānaka ʻōiwi, you know, like I think that would be a more appropriate term. So just, you know, like little things like that, that aren't that little, but it's kind of...like so...yeah...so I was

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wondering about like...and I don't know if it's a question for you, Chair, or if it would be for Director McLean.

CHAIR KING: I think probably for Director McLean since they oversee the Planning Commissions. Maybe you can speak to that, Director McLean.

MS. MCLEAN: Thank you for the question. I think it would be advisable to perhaps amend the resolution, and maybe amend the bill as well to include replacing references to host culture with native Hawaiians or other terminology. Because the Commissions would be counseled by Corp. Counsel to only discuss the matters that are on their agenda. And I don't know that that item would be considered agendaized where the public would have an opportunity to comment on those proposals. So it would be better to amend the resolution and the bill to add that.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for that guidance, Director McLean. So as far as your recommendations, Director, regarding the duplications throughout the document...those would be included as the resolution, or those would be on the table to amend as the resolution is written now?

MS. MCLEAN: If, for example, the Council were to adopt the Resolution as drafted, we would do a staff memo for the Commissions, and in that memo we would make a similar recommendation. And they could go along with our recommendation, they could make other changes to those sections of the plan, they would take whatever action they felt was appropriate. And then we would take the comments from all three Commissions together, and package them, and send them back to the Council. Typically, if there's consensus among the three Commissions, then we would actually go so far as to draft a new proposed bill. But if there isn't consensus, then we might just send all the comments back to the Council, and then you folks would determine what to do with them.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So to clarify, the answer to my question would be yes...anything that is like involved with climate change would be on the table for amendments, even if it's not in the proposed section?

MS. MCLEAN: Right. For example, if they came up with a new policy, they could suggest new language. And we would...

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry, a new policy...

MS. MCLEAN: I'm sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: A new policy...a new policy in the new section, or a new policy in an existing section?

MS. MCLEAN: It would have to be confined to the subject matter in front of them, which would be relating to climate change and resiliency. So we would provide them our recommendation, we would provide them with Tara's recommendations. And so they'd

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be...you know, they'd be facing the same discussion that you folks are facing today.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So if they...if there was a new policy under the existing Section C, improve education to include education in climate change resiliency, they could do that?

MS. MCLEAN: I would think so. It would be up to the Deputy Corp. Counsel who is advising them. But that seems to me like it would be within the same subject matter that's posted on the agenda.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Director. Mahalo, Chair. That's all the questions I have right now.

CHAIR KING: Mahalo, Member Rawlins-Fernandez. Member Kama, questions or discussion? Member Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Chair, thank you.

CHAIR KING: Okay. Great, go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I said not at this time, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR KING: Oh, okay. I couldn't hear the first part of that comment. All right. Thank you, Member Kama. Okay. Do you have any other additional comments, Ms. Owens, at this point?

MS. OWENS: No, thank you.

CHAIR KING: Okay. So I'll go back to...anybody else have any additional questions? Go ahead and raise your hand, and we'll complete...Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. I just was wondering, you know, I know we're sending it to the Planning Commissions, but did we want to give them further direction as to, you know, how to integrate these things, or did we want to do any brainstorming off of Ms. Owens' suggestions? I know they have like pretty full agendas a lot of times and like that, so I just was wondering if...if we wanted to...how far we wanted to take it. And then I guess, you know, depending on what they give back to us, by the time it comes back to us, then we don't have like too much restrictions on how we can change it unless it's radically different or...how does that work out.

CHAIR KING: Well, it's basically at the will of this Committee. We could...you know, I could defer it and work on it some more with the suggestion that...that Tara gave us. I'm fairly comfortable with...you know, and I had a discussion with James Forrest and a couple of the other folks from OCS about the repetitiveness, and we felt that it was appropriate given the fact that there may be different committees that want to take different items and work on it. And you know, if we all work together we can get

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everything done, but if we keep it in one section and it...then it gets into that whole territorial issue of which committee...who should work on what. So there...and there's nothing...there was nothing illegal...there are no legal issues with having repetitive language, so we didn't feel that was an issue...what was...what should be causing anybody any extra work because the things that get addressed will be...you know, not going to get addressed doubly by two different committees. So I didn't have a problem with that. But if the Committee wants to, you know, hone it down and remove some language from some of the other areas, that could lead to whole discussions on what other Committee Chairs want to do with those issues. So I kind of looked at it...like Mr. Forrest said, I looked at it like...like the COVID-19 referrals that went to every Committee, and so where each Committee can address it in, you know, along the lines of whatever is relevant to their Committee, or not, or even bring out things that...I've seen some of the Committees bring up items that were, you know, more budgetary and...but they went into a different Committee because that particular Chair wanted to address that item. So it's kind of up to what the Committee wants to do. If you want to see more work on this, and you want it to be honed down a little bit more, I can do that. I can pull it back and work with OCS some more on it...if you have suggestions for other changes, we can put that in. But it's...you know, my feeling was...I was a little uncomfortable after seeing Director McLean's input, but after reading Ms. Owens' input and the input of...hearing the input of the Maui Emergency Management Agency and talking to OCS, I feel comfortable with the language that's in there being in that section, also living in other sections. Because I think that's not the only thing that...you know, it's like Member Rawlins-Fernandez said, when you look at the education section, education could be about anything in there. So you don't really need...you don't...you know, if we put education about climate change, that would be kind of redundant too because we could put it into the climate change section as well. But I think as long as we're all working together and working on this document as a living...as an important document, the main purpose...my main purpose was to get climate change onto...into the plan as a major goal so that we're focused on it however it happens. And a lot of the goals are being addressed by various committees, not just one committee per goal, but they're being addressed across the board, I think too. Well...does that kind of answer your question? I mean, I guess it's up to...we can take a temperature and see who would like to pass this on and who would like to...you know, if the Committee wants to do work on it for a couple more weeks.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: It kind of does. I just was wondering about the parts of Ms. Owens' letter, where it says, consider a policy...you know, like consider a policy implementing action that identifies, evaluates, develops innovative and sustainable financing to support mitigation and/or adaptation. So....

CHAIR KING: Yeah, I really like all her suggestions. I didn't get them until late Monday, so I didn't have time to incorporate them in, but...and so my intention was to send her letter on with the document to the Planning Commissions. But if we want...if this Committee would rather see us put them in there, her suggestions in there first and then send them on, we can do that. I'm open either way.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Do that...yeah, let's do that.

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CHAIR KING: Chair Lee, and then Member Rawlins-Fernandez.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, did you say you're going to work on it further before it's sent to the Planning Commission?

CHAIR KING: If the Committee would like that. I mean, that's up to the Committee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I think so. I think...you might be ready because you've been working on it for several weeks, and we've only been working on it for couple hours. So, you know, we need to absorb more of this, and be able to weigh the input that we're getting from Ms. Owens and from Director McLean and everybody else. You know, I tend to want to work with the Planning Department because they're the ones that actually implement a lot of these policies. So I'd like to find a way that we can work hand in hand with them. So...and I understand how you use the Director referral matter of COVID-19 to all...all the Committees, standing Committees, and yeah, in a sense that's a good analogy, but it...but also, the reason why I did that was because it's so time sensitive, whereas this is not necessarily time sensitive. So the idea is that every Committee has COVID-19, so no matter what comes up, we can react to it really fast. So...which is a little different from this one, where the land use process and policies take a lot longer, you know, to go through, so. But anyway, I'm sure you know all there is to know about this subject, but I think we need to catch up --

CHAIR KING: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: -- to where you are.

CHAIR KING: And we did have...and that's why I had the initial, you know, discussion about this last month so that we would, you know, have some background to it, and we had presentations then. But you know, it's up to the Committee, so I'm willing to do whatever the Committee would like. Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. Two things. One, OCS attorney's recommendation is that, you know, the things that I had mentioned previously in my comments should be in a separate bill, which I agree with. And then two, I was going to say that, you know, like with climate change, like time is of the essence, and it is urgent. And I was going to see if perhaps we could, you know, make the motion to, you know, pass to first reading and then, you know, amend the main motion to include some of the suggestions from Ms. Owens. But I'm okay with, you know, like waiting until the next meeting, only because if this Council wasn't already taking great strides in addressing all these climate change...this climate change crisis that we're in, that I would feel like a document like this would need to be expedited to force the body to take these, you know, steps necessary to get us where we need to be as quickly as possible. But you know, with you at the helm of our CAR Committee, and with everyone on board, you know, recognizing that climate change is real, first step, and that it is necessary that we take mitigative action --

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COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Action.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: As soon as possible.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Absolutely.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That...yeah. So I'm okay with waiting for one more meeting, and then perhaps, you know, everyone in the CAR...all the CAR Committee Members can, you know, have some time with this document and insert some of the, you know, proposed changes that each Member feels should be included or would rather, you know, not have in the document before we send it to the Planning Commission. So yeah. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR KING: Mahalo for those comments, I appreciate it and, you know, it will be...because we're doing the one meeting a month, it will be a little bit longer, but --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Next month we'll have two. Oh, kind of...next month is a weird month. Sorry.

CHAIR KING: -- I'm not sure...yeah...are we having two half-day meetings, Chair Lee, next month? Did we go back, or are we still sticking with the one meeting?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I don't know.

CHAIR KING: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I normally react to both of you. So you guys plan it.

CHAIR KING: We'll decide.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Let me respond.

CHAIR KING: Okay. We'll decide it.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I think the elections kind of threw off the schedule.

CHAIR KING: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: But yeah. So we're supposed to go back to the half-day meetings.

CHAIR KING: Okay. We can put this on as the single item. Member Kama?



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COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yes, Chair. Thank you. I would agree with the...the Chair and the Vice-Chair that, you know, it would give me more time to read everything. It's...it is lengthy, but exciting...it's exciting. So you know, anything that we're going to do that's exciting is worth doing, but it's also worth waiting for. So thank you, Chair.

CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you for that comment. Yeah, there were...the actual additions are on...are really limited to four pages, but if we go through and, you know, remove sections from the other areas, then there'll be a lot more changes to look at. So you'll have to look at the places they're coming out of, as well as the places they're going into. So that was, you know, another...that'll make...that'll give you a little more work to do, but we'll try to give you some...enough time to do that. Member Sinenci, you had another question?

VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: Yeah. Thank you, Chair. Yeah, just wanted to provide my comments. I'm okay with this new section. I mean, when you read it...I mean, it's pretty clear, it's climate action. I mean, if there are other places within the Countywide Plan, it's almost secondary to what this section provides. I think when you read it within the context of this new section, it's pretty bold and it's...you know, it pretty much says...it aligns with the State's sea level rise documents. I think it's a great guide for your...the CAR Committee to follow, being it a new Committee that you're not just kind of, you know, bringing up items, you're following this plan. So I'm okay with...I'm okay with it. I think it's pretty clear, bold, and it definitely reflects the urgency of climate change. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR KING: Okay. Mahalo, Vice-Chair Sinenci. Okay, so we're...kind of at two pathways we can take here, and...Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Sorry. Thanks. I'm not being helpful, but I just was wondering. You know the parts...are we going to be coming up with the policies for the implementing action, or...like now, or at home on our own, or is it the Planning Commission that we're expecting to come up with the implementing action policies?

CHAIR KING: I'm not sure what you're asking. Are you talking about the existing policies that are in the plan...that are in the proposal?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'm talking about Ms. Owens' suggestions. Like her last three are consider a policy or implementing action to do this. Who...who was it that we were intending would come up with the policy or implementing action? Because I guess it's just...you know, there's financing policy or implementing action, planning for resilience, focus building on rebuilding after disaster, public or affordable housing, develop siting, and/or design standards. Like so she's...I think she's suggesting that there be policies or implementing actions for these various categories, but who's the one...or who is it that's coming up with the policy and implementing action? Like it sounds like a great idea, policies and implementing actions, but are we referencing other places that already have those and fitting it to our needs, or just coming up with them from scratch, or asking the Planning Commission to do it?

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CHAIR KING: So if we add these sections to the plan, these are guidelines for, you know, saying that we need a policy on this. And policies can either come from Councilmembers directly, sometimes they come from the Departments, sometimes they come from the Administration. But we're all supposed to be...you know, the Administration and the Council is supposed to be following this Countywide Policy Plan, so this is a guide for all of us. And if we see something that we want to do policy wide or wise or ordinance, and it doesn't fit or conflicts with this, then this plan is telling us we should not do that. If it's in...if the plan says we do need a policy for funding, you know, funding some of these mechanisms, then we should come up with that. But sometimes it'll be the Council, sometimes it'll be the Administration. This Council, this particular Council seems a little more focused on, you know, looking at the Countywide Policy Plan than in the past, so I have real confidence that, you know, all the sections, we're going to be able to address the guidance that we have in there. But it's not necessarily describing who comes up with it, it's for the...you know, it's for County leaders, and it's Administration and Council. And it could come from Ms. Owens too, she could have a proposal for a policy that she presents to the Council and we deliberate on. Did you have a comment you wanted to make, Tara?

MS. OWENS: Yes. Thank you for acknowledging me. Councilmember Paltin, I think...were you asking for the last three bullets that were included in my letter, how to include those into the new list that the Chair is proposing as legislation?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah. I kind of --

MS. OWENS: I mean...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -- the way that I interpreted it was that like somebody should be making policies or implementing actions in those areas that you described.

MS. OWENS: Exactly. I didn't want to be presumptuous in thinking that...that these things would for sure be something that the Council would be interested in. So my strategy in reviewing the legislation quickly was to look for gaps. And in thinking about some of the things that Brad included in the presentation earlier that we've been talking about, some of which are already reflected in the legislation as objectives and policies or actions. But these three things here were ones that I saw as gaps. You could take the language right off the page here, develop siting and/or design standards, yada, yada, yada, and that could be a policy. I know...as somebody who's not a planner, and I struggle sometimes with the fine language that is the difference between something being a policy and an action, I know we had the problem in conversation a lot with the Community Plan. So I definitely wanted to leave that up to you, the Council, and so that...that was where I was going with these things.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR KING: Does that answer your question?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah. Yeah, I just I didn't want to be throwing off work that we

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were supposed to be doing onto somebody else or something. But in sitting through the West Maui Community Plan Advisory Committee, I identify with what she was saying like, you know, between this is a policy, or we need a implementing action, and all that like. And it's like, you know, you throw something out there, and they'll be like oh, that's a that. And you're like oh, I don't know.

CHAIR KING: Yeah. I kind of see the policies and ordinances that we're passing as, you know, that's...then it's up the Administration to enforce and implement. Because now it's County law, right. So putting this...these bullet points into the Countywide Policy Plan is kind of guidance. And a lot of stuff that...a lot of things that we have in this plan and our Community Plans are guides, and sometimes we pick them up or we say okay, we're going to pass this policy, it's in line with this Community Plan or this General Plan. And sometimes the Administration will do something and say well, we're addressing this part of the General Plan. So you know --

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Well...

CHAIR KING: -- it's always nice to get...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: If we want to be more specific...like when you say policy, it's kind of a broad thing. And they might do something, and you think like well, I'm in line with this policy, and you're like, not so much. You know, if you want to get more specific, then...then you would say like here's some implementing actions that would be in line with this policy, and then it leaves less to chance maybe. So then, you know, I mean, I don't know how broad or how specific we want to get based on how important and time sensitive it is, or how critical the implementing action that we want to put in there is. But if there's really, really important things like...I mean, I think one of the things that Member Sinenci was talking about was like the SLR-XA and moving the SMA and like that. To me, that's kind of a critical thing because things are still going on. I mean, maybe not necessary the SMA, but making like a no-build area below the SLR-XA or something big like that, that could be a implementing action. Or you know, have them put up like some certain sort of bond funding in case the sea level rises faster, then that bond is what to use to move them away from the shoreline. I think those types of implementing actions are kind of critical, but it's definitely a huge, bold step, you know. But I don't know how far folks are willing to go, but it seems like we don't have that...that much time left with 3.2 being a conservative estimate, and us being at the equator and, you know, the water...when it's warmer water, how it like expands and so expanded water is going to be more up necessarily than 3.2. So, you know, I'm kind of...I don't have a problem with those types of bold implementing actions, you know.

CHAIR KING: Yeah, and I think those could be...actually, I do have one that I've been working on as far as construction in those areas along the shoreline. But those kinds of actions could...are guided by this document, I believe. So this...you know, as we go through and start looking at those things, we can address it under the Countywide Policy Plan climate action section. But there's other sections too, I mean, there's...you know, there's design and planning sections. And so that's kind of why I'm comfortable

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with having these items listed more than once in the plan because they may be taken up by different Committee Chairs if they see fit, and if they...you know, if it aligns with something else you're working on. So that's kind of my thought on that. So just to take a temperature then, is the Committee's...the will of the Committee to...I think you had a comment, Member Rawlins-Fernandez? Did you have your hand up earlier?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I did. I was going to add to the conversation with Member Paltin about what differentiates a policy versus implementation item. Because yeah, with the Moloka'i Island Community Plan, that was something I got really familiar with too. But I don't know...I was going to ask the Department because I thought that it was like more specific, and it had an associated cost generally if it was an implementation item versus a policy. And a policy was broader, you know, not as measurable and didn't have like...wasn't able to get a estimated cost for it...that. But I don't know how much that adds. And so to the your temperature check, Chair, I think, you know, just giving all the Members just a little more time because I...again, I agree that, you know, this is urgent that...but thankfully, we don't need a plan to tell us to take action. We're already just taking action on our own without this document. And, you know, that I think that this is the kind of bold action that we do need to take. So I support the proposal, I would just like to ensure that...you know, that everyone has an opportunity to come along with this idea and not, you know, leave anyone out. And if Members are asking for a little more time, then I think it would be, you know, good to allow Members to have that time, one last chance, and then we move forward from there so that we can...you know, there doesn't need to be division in taking this action, that consensus as much as possible would be ideal. Mahalo, Chair.

CHAIR KING: I appreciate that. Thank you so much for that comment. And also, you know, I know Mr. Hokama really wanted to be here, and he has been one of the vocal Councilmembers bringing up climate change often. So I really appreciate that about him, that he thinks about it even in his Committee, that's Healthy Families. So I'm...I am willing to defer this and, you know, we'll...if we can work on the schedule of two meetings in November, and that way I can bring it back, you know, it won't be a whole month before I bring it back. I could bring it back in a couple of weeks and I'll work with Ms. Owens on the changes that you proposed, maybe we can incorporate those as well. Because I didn't have time to get those in before today's meeting. But another comment...I almost said Dr. Paltin...Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: That's my siblings and my dad.

CHAIR KING: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I was wondering if we were to push it on to the Planning Commission now, including Tara Owens' correspondence as well, is...what would be the downside to that? I mean, I don't have a problem putting them both to the Planning Commission now. I don't know how soon that they would be able to get it on their agenda. And is there some...if we defer it, is there like homework that you want us to do before we come back, or is it mostly that...something that you're going to do?

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CHAIR KING: It would be something that I would do. Working with OCS, we'll incorporate the suggestions that Ms. Owens made. I guess I wanted to find out from this Committee if they really see a problem with the repetitiveness because, you know, when we had our meeting, our team meeting with OCS and my Staff, nobody really had a problem with that. And I'm still trying to understand the Department's issue with the repetitiveness, but if this Committee wants to see it more streamlined, I'm happy to do that. I just didn't want to create a situation where something is taken out of another section that that Committee Chair might want to work on. So, you know, we've been doing more...and I think it's a good sign of collaboration, we've been doing more dual referrals, and I think this Friday we have a triple referral, and I like the idea of, you know, multiple committees working on things so that it doesn't...you know, it doesn't...we're not working in silos, like was said earlier. So if we do defer it, I kind of need some direction on that, where if you folks want to...you know, want me to remove it from the other sections, the things in the climate change section, or just keep it the way it is. We can keep it the way it is and see what the Planning Department or Planning Commission has to say about it.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just was wondering if the Planning Department felt that that asterisk idea wasn't a redundancy thing, would that fit into both folks' categories where it's not redundant, but given the asterisk, more than one Committee can work on it, not in a silo...would that be acceptable?

CHAIR KING: I think...I don't see Director McLean here, but I think if we're going to do that, we might want to look at all the sections and see if we want to put asterisks too. So maybe that would be something that could be done if...I mean, my thought was to just to send it to the Planning Commission with...you know, with the language that's in there, in the other sections as well as this section. And if it comes back with a recommendation that it needs to be more streamlined, we can work on that. If we decide to put asterisks in, we probably want to do that for all the sections because it'll be multiple committees working on all the goals, I think.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. I'm okay with referring it now, whatever the majority says.

CHAIR KING: Okay. Well, I've got...I think we're kind of split between wanting to hold off on it and wanting to refer it, so...Member Rawlins-Fernandez?

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair. And then in response to Member Paltin's comments about what would be the harm, I don't...I mean, personally I don't think there's any harm to sending it to...in sending it to the Planning Commissions, but a couple of our Councilmembers requested a little more time and, you know, I'm okay with, you know, allowing the Members to have a little more time with it. And you know, as far as homework goes, with this time that, you know, Chair King would be giving us, in addition to the work that she'll be taking on to incorporate the suggestions from Director McLean and Ms. Owens, I think, you know, the things that perhaps we heard from our residency districts, our communities, if there's anything that, you know, may have been overlooked or is something new because

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this...what is it called again...this document, you know, is supposed to be updated every ten years, and it's way past due to be updated. So I...you know, I commend, you know, Chair King in taking this initiative to update this, you know, really...yeah, this . . . (laughing). . . And then I think for the redundancies, I don't mind redundancies. I was thinking that perhaps if there are, and if it's verbatim, or if it's similar, that maybe there can...I don't know if that's what you mean by asterisks, if there's a reference to the other policy or action item in the other sections. Was that what you meant by asterisks?

CHAIR KING: Like a footnote.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, that's what I meant like...I mean, if it's modified then you can put the modification, but maybe like a asterisk and say, see page blah, and then on that page you can say, see page blah, and they like refer to each other.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm also...Mahalo, Member Paltin. I'm also wondering if...because I haven't...I need to be...I need to refresh myself on this again. But if things have been accomplished, I think that would be great to make mention to, you know, if...because this is over ten years ago, that if, in this policy document, if we achieved some of those...I don't know. Chair King, do you know if there's some of the things that were referenced that, you know, we did achieve? Because I do see like a Countywide Climate Resiliency Plan. And so our Council already voted to get that started --

CHAIR KING: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: -- right, so we're starting with Moloka'i, and then we'll...we're going to do the entire County.

CHAIR KING: Yeah. But we haven't completed it yet. So --

COUNCILMEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right.

CHAIR KING: -- it's like we were talking about, the Council can fund items, we can set policy and we can even change ordinances. But it's up to the Administration to implement. So I think until it's implemented...and I think that's also part of the update, what the update should do is look through the whole plan and see what items have been accomplished in all the sections and make...make those notes. But that's, I think, the Planning Department's...so well, I'll sit down...I'll also sit down with Director McLean and kind of go over our position as far as, you know, the issue of redundancy and how we can footnote it. And then I'll make an update for the next CAR Committee meeting. Because I think everybody supports pushing..you know, making...having this go forward as far as the County Policy Plan, it's just how we do it. And you know, it should be a good...it should be a big discussion...it should be a good discussion because it's a big plan, and making amendment to it is not, you know, an overnight thing. So I appreciate the Committee's thoughtfulness and questions. Committee Vice-Chair Sinenci?

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VICE-CHAIR SINENCI: Yeah. I just wanted to add to the conversation. I can wait to defer it. I think it's...and I'm sorry if I'm...I sound selfish or anything, but I'm open to getting everybody on board on this. That'll be the better way. I think, you know, even...it is bold, and it's a lot, so I can see where some of the Departments are like fidgeting but, you know, I was just thinking even if...you know, they might be already addressing some of these things that is listed in this section. You know, if we sent it to all the Departments and we had a little checklist or hey, we're working on this. I was even thinking if there was a timeline where there's a couple things that would come before some of the other things. That way it'll kind of put it into perspective, and have all the Departments chime in if they're already working on it, they already planning on it, if they're doing it, planning on it two years down the road. So I'm open to having everybody's input. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you, Vice-Chair Sinenci, I appreciate that. So Members, we'll thank our presenters again. Thank you so much for being here, and really appreciate your support for this very important issue because it is...you know, it might not be urgent for tomorrow, but it's kind of urgent because we're planning for tomorrow and for, you know, like was said earlier, 50 years from now. And if we take these bold moves now, we'll...I might not be around to see it in 50 years, but I'm sure the people coming after us will appreciate it greatly. So if you're willing to work with me, Tara, on incorporating those changes, just so I make sure I capture the intent of what you were proposing. Because I thought it was very thorough, your review of the proposed policy. And I appreciate that, appreciate your input. And we'll put this on the next CAR Committee Agenda, and we'll have some changes to it. I'll try to see too if we can maybe...I don't know if we can...since we already have . . . *(inaudible)*. . . if we can incorporate those other changes, but I'll try to see if that's possible for the next iteration as well. And maybe I can work with Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez on some of those . . . *(inaudible)*. . . some of the terminology because it may be that we could put those under the heading of non-substantive changes too. So we'll work on those. Okay. Any last comments or?

MS. OWENS: Thank you. Mahalo.

CHAIR KING: Yeah. Mahalo for your...for being here, and mahalo, Dr. Romine. I promise I will remember your name the next time you come to...

MR. ROMINE: That's all right. Mahalo for the opportunity to share, Chair and Councilmembers, appreciate it.

CHAIR KING: Yeah, it feels like it's getting more cohesive when you start talking about, you know, the community plans and the actions we're going to be taking. So the next year is going to be really exciting, I think. And thank you, Ms. Aoki, for filling in for Director McLean...appreciate you, your presence. Thank you, Director...I don't see if he's still here, Director Andaya, thank you so much for your comments. And we'll move forward with Climate Action, and we'll...I'm going to go ahead and defer this item. No objections?

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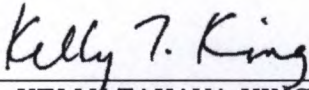
**COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS** (Excused: RH)

**ACTION:            DEFER PENDING FURTHER DISCUSSION.**

CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you, Members. So with that, that comes to the end of our agenda. It is 3:00 and the Climate Action Resiliency Committee of 10/21/20 is adjourned. . . .(gavel). . .

**ADJOURN:**    3:00 p.m.

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