

TRANSCRIPTION

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public hearing. >> councilmember. >> hi. (Inaudible). >> vice chair fernandez? >> aloha here. And chair. >> and I'm here with all my chicadees, we leave nobody behind.\r\n\r\nSo we have a number of people. Madam Clerk, would you please complain the rules. >> pior to that, I want to announce that there is 9 members present and quorum is present to conduct the business of the council. Madam Clerk for the record, was notice of this meeting published in the county sdm >> yes, Madam Chair, the notice was published on the maou' news in March 31, 2020. Thank you. >> I just got some text, there are some people waiting. There is somebody at the wrong site that need help. I don't know if we can put something up on the screen and show them where they should look into?\r\n\r\nOr if I can just, forward these people to james? >> all right, thank you for letting us know. James will take care of it. >> thank you, chair. Proceed with the presentation of the testimony. Members of the public May testify by connecting to the council's online meeting through the information posted on the hearing notice. The individuals connected to the council's online meeting will be called on to testimony.\r\n\r\nIf you are connected by video conference, staff will send you a request to interact live when it comes to your time. Clicking on that request, will prompt you to download the blue jeans application, if you don't have it installed please download the application and install it. Once you install t you can accept the request to go live. Individuals can prepare now by installing and downloading the blue jeans application. Individuals intending to testimony at home are currently mute, staff will unmute you when it's time to testimony. After we invite you to view the rest of the meeting on website or channel 53. Testifiers calling in will be mute approximated after their testimony is stated. We also testifiers that are not testifying to disconnect.\r\n\r\nTestimony is limited to the proposed fiscal year 2020 budget and capitol program. When testifying, please state the name and the name of any organization you represent. Please also identify to the council, if you are paid lobbyist. Based on the individuals currently connected to the meeting, we have ten testifiers and the first person to testify in the chambers is kay han hodgers. >> not in the chamber. >> virtual chambers. >> the virtual chambers.\r\n\r\n>> right. >> am I on? Hello, am I on? >> yes, you are. Sorry. Okay. aloha I'm shay, I'm the coorganizers of the maui esg project.\r\n\r\nI'm asking for your support for the projects phase 2 connecting deployment to community need. The goal of this phase is diversify maui's economy in the wake of covid-19. To achieve these goals, the maui will take concrete options that supports the deployment of capitol of projects within maui county that address the needs particularly the job creation sxen verment al social and good governorance standards. On January 31, and February 1, over 120 participants gathered at uh maui college for the investment summit. The summit was very successful in terms of building summit and investment practitioners who attended, amended and for building vital on going relationship between community members and investment experts. We now have firsthand understand of maui's opportunities and we have a personal interest in our success. Maui county is faced unprecedented economic stressors in addition to the immediate unemployment and loss of revenue resulting from the covid-19 crisis. Even when the state is able to open

to the tourist, there will be a drastic reduction in revenue as thousands cut back in leisure spending such as vacations.\r\n\r\nThe maui project is there to address the following needs. Short to median term economic activity that is compliant to covid-19 strategies. creation of jobs not reliant on outside discretionary spending, increase local control over protected assets and long term viability for working family. In order to implement these strategies, the project will establish a capitol deployment for need task force which will include participant as well as institutional investors, business leaders, foundations and entrepreneurs and practitioners. It will provide expert identification and analysis of investment opportunities in agriculture, renewable energy, technology and other areas that can result in creation of good jobs while upholding aloha values and ga standards. Identification of sources of capitol that can be invested in the community to meet community needs and rapid responses to issues raised by the community relate today local and international policies and economic trends particularly those resulting from covid-19. I believe that every member of council knows how critical it is to begin to diversify maui's economy. Thank you for your consideration.\r\n\r\nMahalo. >> thank you, are there any questions? Yes, Ms. Hawk in? >> how much are you asking for? >> \$150,000? >> okay, thank you. >> you're welcome.\r\n\r\n>> anyone else? Yes, Ms. King? >> thank you. Is this already in the mayor's budget? >> no, it is not. >> is it requested by one of the other councilmembers?\r\n\r\n>> yes, it is. >> okay. Thank you. >> you're welcome. >> anybody else? >> Madam Clerk? >> thank you, chair.\r\n\r\nNext up to testify is rj sellca followed by jay wright. >> can you repeat that name, Madam Clerk? >> rj kel -- sellca. >> okay, let's move on to the next one. Jay wright followed by leonard necoa. >> aloha council, I'm jim wright and I live in lahina and I pastor church. It's in concern with the mayor's 3.5 million dollars for the tourist.\r\n\r\nWhat is concerning is, the mayor's shared quickest way for us to bounce back. But what is a concern is we've been working as a church for the last mobsinger doing everything we can to get monies to provide food for families during this pandemic. I recently learned an incredible lesson and let me explain it to you. When we first started this, there was an abundant of food made available at a steep discount because of a closure of so many restaurant and resorts. Since that food has passed its used time, I'm now ordering food for families. And mind you just this past week we served over 450 boxes of food in just one day and delivered up to 100 boxes on tuesday. As of today and this morning, my resent conversation wz with food suppliers, they're looking for food and I told them it's low.\r\n\r\nAnd I need to start to prepare to pay market prices because food needs to be shipped in wha. Is concerning to me, the increase 3.5 million in particular, I think he's requested 500,000 additional, what is of concerned to me, is the lack of focus on agriculture here in maui. We clearly don't have enough food that is available or perhaps, I can be in error and there is plenty of food and those people who are providing it, supplying it, are not known to me. However, what is a tremendous concern is I see a lot of households, too many that really, they're greatest need is not somebody flying to this island to visit and spend their tourist dollar. Their greatest need is looking at the family and putting a meal at the table. So I humbly rquest this council to do all that you cn to look within the budget whether it's this item for the business bureau or any other item and seriously consider investing in the wonderful families that are here, that have

this space and the land that is available to provide food for the people that live on this island. They're so wonderful and I thank God for the privilege to serve and to live among.\r\n\r\nThank you very much. >> thank you. any questions? If not, thank you very much for coming. Madam Clerk? >> thank you, chair. Next to testify is leonard niko.\r\n\r\nFollowed by phone number last four digit 8919. Thank you. >> are you there? >> okay, I'm ready. >> ready? >> same thing with the pastor guy. The 3.5 million dollars for tourism, we should look for some to go to farming. The local people doing right now.\r\n\r\nThey get you to here in the yard but you can get more about qualified farmers to take more in maui. And then, I was doing shop online and I stopped my travel on May 13th. And my -- March 13. And my team they stopped too. So they kind of followed suit. But what I'm saying, the 3.5 million dollars goes to advertising for people to come back. They all get a week to come back. Somebody tell me, that when this is open, they will come.\r\n\r\nYou're going to get the maui site, they're all waiting to come. So the 3.5 million dollars, we don't need that for tourist for this area, but they will use it for advertisement for people to come. We've got to be ready. The maui people got to be ready. You've got to make them slowly come. maui on heart attack, right now, the road that like our vain, they doing good. But, fr all that cars coming againstinger it's going to be a heart attack.\r\n\r\nMoney to tourism, they putting to farming they take care of church and small businesses that feed the people. And also, education to our kids. >> thank you. Any questions? If not thank you very much leonard. Madam Clerk. >> thank you, chair.\r\n\r\nI have just been informed that 8919 is a member senince. >> okay, he's not going to testify. >> our next testifier is phone with the last four digits of 0147. >> we have somebody out there with the last four digits of your phone number 0147. Okay, Madam Chair. Continuing on. >> can you repeat the name. >> mike waldburger followed by debbie. >> can you hear me?\r\n\r\n>> yes. >> can you say your name? >> joni (Inaudible) This is sandy May, can you hear me? >> yes. >> can you hear me? >> we May as well take her. >> go ahead, >> can you guys hear me now?\r\n\r\n>> yes. >> all right. Thank you. I'll listen to my phone here. Thank you for your, yes, I can hear you fine. I can hear you? >> all right, I'm testifying on behalf of the (Inaudible) Association.\r\n\r\nAnd we -- >> can you speak louder? >> [Staticy] >> lucia, we cannot hear you anymore. >> okay, I'll try from my phone. I was trying from my computer. Yes, I'm testifying on behalf of the hytu community association. And I appreciate the hard work that the budget and mayor have done on the budget. And we support a number of (Inaudible) Can you hear me now?\r\n\r\nI'm testifying on behalf of the community (Inaudible) >> lucy anne can you hear us? >> I can hear you fine. >> okay, the only time we can hear you is when you say, can you hear me now. And then we don't hear anything after that. >> wow. Well we're getting a lost echo in here. I was a computer and the cell phone on.\r\n\r\nLet me move away from the computer. Can you hear now? >> ys. >> can she just call in? >> there is an echo on our side, so maybe kathy needs to mute hers. >> I have not spoken for a while because it's a time lag, when I speak into the phone, it's already seaking on the screen in the computer. Can you guys hear at all?\r\n\r\n>> mute your computer. >> mute my computer. yeah, maybe I should just snd in a written testimony. I hate to take up your time. We support things for the hyku community that have been added to the budget by our councilmember mike molina. And we also support things that have been added to the budget by

each maui representative to battle invasive species and help take care of our environment. And we really do appreciate your consideration of listening to the folks from the community about the needs of the community.\r\n\r\nAnd we know that you have very hard decisions to make because there is a lot of economic needs right now. Mahalo. >> thank you. >> kathy? >> mike wildberger? >> it looks like mike left, he said he had a date. And said he wanted to say that you are doing great.\r\n\r\nAnd as a business owner, I say keep them out and plan for self sufficiency. >> okay. >> thank you. So ak mike was debbie tashima. >> also returned. Rj he was the second or third testifier, rj. >> well debbie is on the screen right now.\r\n\r\nSo we'll take debbie first. >> okay. >> okay, can you hear? >> yes. >> aloha, I'm debbie I'm a teacher at pukeland school and I'm here to testify on behalf of ndv. Every day I have the privilege to see the effects on the children but rther than to tell you about it, is it okay if I share my screen? >> all right.\r\n\r\n>> what's that? >> I'll give it a go, I hope it works. I don't think it's going to work. I need a special extension. So maybe I'm going to have to just send it in. >> that will be fine. That will be fine.\r\n\r\n>> yeah. Thank you. Our students really do get a lot of mdbd support of our students. I see them becoming self directed learners which really are the deal we want for all our students. We're sincerely thankful for your efforts and we hope to keep the program in place. It's our fourth year now and we wanted to continue. We can all see that it's so cute.\r\n\r\nIt's just about 5 minutes. >> okay. Thank you. >> are there any questions for debbie? If not, thank you again. >> thank you. >> next.\r\n\r\nRj salcof. [No audio] Rj are you there? >> yes, I'm here. >> oh, it's your turn. Welcome. >> good evening, chair woman, alice lee and other councilmembers. I'm rj, I'm senior and importance that ndbd has given (Inaudible) Take place in engineering.\r\n\r\nWe get to travel materials, also helps us to work as a team. I think that robotics, we participate in which we showcase a robot. We also use these funds for to post our own robotic competition at our high school at the gym where it's the best teams around the state helping them interact with one another and communicating. Building the community and yeah. >> very good. Thank you. Any questions?\r\n\r\nIf not thank you very much, rj for joining us. >> thank you. >> Madam? Clerk? >> 9980? >> next. >> this is rita ryan am I being heard? >> oh well.\r\n\r\n>> I was given video and audio so I'm not sure if I'm not next or. >> did you put your phone number down? >> no. I came in to bluejeans with my name. >> all right, rita why don't you just go ahead and give your testimony. >>hi, I'm rita ryan I'm with the climate reality hawaii chapter the climate reality projects and 350 hawaii.Org. I'm going to thank everybody for working late to listen to public testimony.\r\n\r\nAnd with that being said, what the hell with this blue jean. We had wrong link and we had a bunch of testifiers on the wrong link what was on the website, was wong meeting and we had dozens of people on the wrong call. A lot of them fell off so we're low on testifiers that should have been given a voice. That being said, I'll move to what is going on as far as what I would like to say to the county so. We're in this pandemic situation right now which is killing our economy and tourism. This is a dress rehearsal on the climate crisis and what we're going to be experiencing. It's now time to reassess our economics time here in maui county and look at maui county green new deal, where we can shift our economy instead of sending this money for off the island for food and fossil fuel.\r\n\r\nLet's invest in farming

and agriculture here so we have food security. We need it now more than ever, we have the pandemic and the climate crises situations coming right behind that. So I'm in support of the -- support about na. -- that. I'm in support of the food security project. I'm in support of the management salaries which we're going to need these professionals and we need to keep them because we will not be able to find them if we don't catch them now and paying them internship salary. Sxl I have item numbers but know the numbers because we were not given the paperwork before the meeting.\r\n\r\nAdditional 50,000 for the shoreline management, we pay now or we pay exponentially later for that. As far as the south maui wetlands. You don't get the wetlands back once you use them. So 320,000 is a small investment in the future and in the future generation to see save the wetlands and to save the environment. The mayor's 3.5 million dollars for tourism, no. Let's tourism is not going to be our economy going forward for a long time. Let's reinvent our economy.\r\n\r\nPut that money into renewable energy and agriculture. As far as the open space in amaleah, we're in support of that as well. We need to keep this space open and that space is getting hit by wildfires and chocking up the rigs. We need to prevent that. So I think I got it all. Wrapped up here, all of the items. But right now, we really have to look to this new economy.\r\n\r\nAnd this new economy in face of pandemic, means keeping the money you have here in mui and the keeping the economy self sufficient and stop throwing our money away at fssil fuel and outside imported food when we're living in this paradise and grow our own food and feed our own people here. Thank you so much for your time tonight. >> thank you. And we apologize to you and everybody else who had a hard time joining us. This is our first time using this particular app and i appreciate your understanding. Are there any questions? If not?\r\n\r\nPlease call the next testifier. I do have a message that we don't have any live show on -- maybe you can check this out while we have the next caller of >> next is 6276 telephone number. >> hello am I being heard? >> yes, you are. >> hi, I'm martha I'm testifying on behalf of ndbd. >> what is your name again. >> martha salazar.\r\n\r\n>> okay. >> I'm a senior and a four-year competitor of robotic teams also known as blue fender. Nebd has supported the team financially. It has allowed us to pay for competition, travel and transportation and lodging because of this, we can attend one in california. Last year we participated in the competition. Members kint act with members from all over the world. Using our, appeal to potential new members by showing them all the things that we do in robotic and they can decide if they would like to stay with them.\r\n\r\nThey're not limited to learning the coding language shapa how to wuer a robot. -- wire a robot. Our members are set with life stills and occupation. Specifically for this allows us to hold and host the tournament in our school gym with teams from all over the state can compete for a spot in the championships. many of our high school members mentor our team. In contrast the high school has had an opportunity to practice their leadership skills. Have also been hosting a league for the past three years.\r\n\r\nIt's for elementary and intermediate school students. This operates over a few months and run by members on competition days. >> thank you very much for joining us. Are there any questions? If not, please call the next testifier. >> next is terry lawrence followed by telephone 9980. >> aloha. >> aloha.\r\n\r\n>> aloha everybody, thank you so much for all the work you've been put ing. I know this is precedented times and mahalo for all your work. You heard the

need to diversify our economy and mrets face it, right. Unsustainable and right now, it's a perfect time for us to really things serious and look to diversify our economy. With that said, I would urge the council to really look at agriculture as a means to diverse economy. In my experience talk to go farmers and small businesses across maui, the need to access to commercial kitchens and cold storage, I would encourage maui county to invest in coop and to eat local, and to help get locals to support, people think eating local is a loco moco, but we need to turn tat switch and en taourj people and think differently and starting to eat more local. I think the county would support a security garden initiative that's my own personal thinking because a lost people probably don't have access to back yard farm or their experience in farming.\r\n\r\nAnd I wuld also like to highlight the potential for added products in maui, the potential to build growing building materials and medicines and cosmetics. And it is my hope that one day we can fly over maui in 20 years and see a mosaic of farms. Listen to the community, climate change is a serious issue and I would really like to see a separate economy and learn from this pandemic and take this as growing pains and create a better future for our kids. Mahalo. >> thank you, terry. Are there any questions? If not, thank you for joining us.\r\n\r\n>> aloha. >> aloha. >> next to testify is telephone last four digits, 9840. 9980. >> aloha, can you hear me? >> your name. >> hello. >> hello, what is your name? >> oh aloha I'm kathleen.\r\n\r\n>> cassidy, can you speak a little louder please? >> sure. Can you hear me now? >> a little bit better. >> hello. Bert now? >> yes.\r\n\r\n>> okay. Aloha council members. my name is cassidy and I'm testifying on maui aids foundation. Thank you for all of your hard work and for allowing me to share my testimony tonight. I live with the maui aids foundation which is the only organization. And I currently run and continue to provide direct service to see our H.I.V. With providing them with essential needs such as food and hygiene supplies to ensure that they stay safe and healthy. During normal working conditions, maui aids foundation with the support of maui, the services for thousands in our community.\r\n\r\nThose services include no cross testing and education, and hepatitis and syphilis. We have underwriting for smft under served population such as incarcerated individuals and intervenous drug users. We're also able to provide services to our rural community. With the support of the county of maui we provide unique innovation programs that support. I truly believe the services provided by maui help the health of our community on behalf of the maui aids foundation, and volunteers, I ask that you strongly consider continuing your support for maui. Thank you for your time. >> thank you, we have a question for you, member king?\r\n\r\n>> thank you, chair. Sorry I didn't catch your name? >> chelsey, thank you for what you're doing to the aids foundation. i heard you're doing a lot of testing. Is it possible that you can develop the capacity to test for covid-19 locally? >> it is a possibility, we closely with a department of health and we have been on their list. >> I would encourage we're so far behind I would encourage to check in with the department of health to see if there is a area for support.\r\n\r\n>> I'll definitely do that, thank you. >> thank you, chelsey. Thank you chair. >> any other questions? If not, call the next testifier. >> thank you, chair. Next testifier is telephone number 1665 followed by telephone last four digits 7637. >> telephone phone 1665. >> can you hear me?\r\n\r\n>> yes. >> okay, I'm calling. Thank you for working so late on a friday night. It's a very important question. How

should we spend our money locally? And what is our best use of our money? I'm definitely in favor of saving this island from any kind of disaster when any of the shipping industries cannot provide the essentials that we need.\r\n\r\nSo I'm looking to rearrange our budget to accommodate the needs of our islands so that we never face that disaster. And I feel that the ohana garden is a great way to express how to provide for others other than ourselves, and I ask that part of your support go to them to we can become more self sufficient. >> very good. Any questions? Yes, Ms. Faulton? >> thank you.\r\n\r\nI didn't catch the testifier's name and her item was on the mayor's budget? >> I'm valerie lasha. >> do you know. >> I'm calling from the ohana garden on the budget. I'm not familiar with the items on the budget. I just wanted to let everybody know how important for ourselves in providing so we can be self sufficient how important that is. >> do you know how much they're requesting?\r\n\r\n>> I'm sorry, I don't I heard something like 150,000, I cannot take that without being a reality. Okay, thank you. >> thank you. >> thank you for joining us. >> thank you. >> thank you for being there. >> next up to testimony is telephone 7637 followed by richard.\r\n\r\n7637. Last call 7637. 7637 you're unmuted now. >> can you hear me? >> yes. >> okay. Your name? >> I can hear you now. Okay, aloha chair, vice chair and councilmembers.\r\n\r\n>> hi. >> this is ashley.>> oh. >> haven't heard from you in a while. >> yes. well I want to say mahalo for your dedication in providing the community the opportunity to show their opinions on the taxpayer's money and the budget. I'm in opposition of the 3.5 million being earmarked for the visitor's bureau.\r\n\r\nWhether it's hearsay or can't see all the lined details to show that specific amount, I trust that our leaders the information on social media which is the best way to find things if we want to research instead of the agenda. But we have gone to almost a month of how it feels to downsize. It's like, cleaning house. You start to give away things that you have not used within the year. And share it with others in need. We have lived without the food industry for a month. And it feels kind of nice.\r\n\r\nThe rains has poured on us cleansing us nt only of our bodies but also our minds, the cobb webs have been cleaned out. That money that you want to give to the visitor industry, can go to our community, our first responders, our teachers, our soon to be hmeless, jobless and the list goes on. Now we need this time to hang on to our money and use it for emergency purposes: I'm sure everyone has made a budget as to how much money they are spending daily. My husband and I are retired. Living on a fixed budget, but we have blessings. We believe that we together will survive. Our families will survive because they believe.\r\n\r\nMy testimony is to convince you to believe. Do what is right for the community. Listen to their testimony but believe that your decision will get us through our new look and how we do business from now on. Mahalo for allowing me to share. Together we will rise again. Aloha. >> aloha, thank you for those inspiring words.\r\n\r\nThank you. >> next to testify is robert followed by anonymous. Richard? >> I think we need to hear from the next testifier. >> next testifier is anonymous. >> I think he left the call. >> okay, next one.\r\n\r\n>> 6659 are the last four digits. Telephone 6659. >> not muted either. >> somebody want to mute her? >> can you mute, no just that's all. With still need to hear the next one. >> who is the next person? Next in the lne up is kypa keikona.\r\n\r\n>> can you see me? >> yes, we can hear you. >> awesome. Aloha I'm from la haina, I'm the chair for the lahaina chapter. We're 12 acres, a little bit

bigger 12 acres in size and we not only educate our multiple farming practices but also provide an incubator site for interested farming or gardening people in our community. We currently have four acres available with irrigation in place for people to come and take a spot or take a space and try to provide food for your own households in whatever capacity you can locate what you're doing. With the understanding of working within an environment of where we are.

Just think that the budget should be mainly focused towards all the essential businesses or avenues that we have that we're acknowledging today and recognizing as an importance. And if we can take money towards that and expand those avenues or venues in ways that would increase employment. I'm still working now as a farmer. We could all still be having a lot of people still at work in the case of an event like this happening again. We are in the budget on the mayor's budget list I believe, and I would like to ask for your support in giving us or supporting us in providing more for our community. We just opened up two food hubs through the union with hana and the halhala chapter. We just opened up our pilot this food hub system.

We've been doing it for at a farmers market scale for a while. We're looking at the infrastructure like some of the testimony stated earlier is the biggest trouble we have now in this experience. A lot of restaurants have opened up and allowing us to use their refrigerator space. There is a lot of need in this area. this housing health education is the primetime that we should be focusing on at the moment and tourism, I believe will our name already sells itself, maui, it's hawaii. People are lined up to come back. I don't expect them to come back right away, we're in a hard time.

But I don't believe we need to put too much effort to make us an attraction again. And in even limiting that would be a good idea. I would support pouring all the budget into those types of venues, our teachers, from elementary all the way to college, all the way, they all need that support. Our first responders most definitely. A hospital that we were asking for in lahaina would have been sweet, I call it ground zero, where it started. Just to know, I know it would have gotten everywhere. We could have slowed the curve even faster.

So that's just where I'm at with that stuff. Yeah, agriculture is big. We've got a lot of land, our community plan was just pushed hard. They were a lot in support of agriculture land. That's all prime to consider. Getting some equipment together where we can encourage and assist other farms and other places, that is just what we need to focus on at the moment. That's about it.

I think I spoke as much that was on my brain at the moment. >> thank you very much for sharing. We have a question, members? >> thank you, chair. We have not seen you since cool rising. But my question for those farmers out in the west side. Have you established a process for farm to table where you've got your small farmers, you're able to take your produce, produce it and get your produce out to the communities, the schools?

>> so I'm not sure if I'm still being heard. Yeah, we have made numerous efforts and we have been successful at talk to go a lost farmers that are not only involved in the union. A lot of them are poured out in the community. We don't have a centralized food hub say. We do have number of farmers markets still operating. A lot of produce are funneling out of those, we cannot even keep up with the demand. We have some places like choice, it's a health food bar and what is that noodle house up in era, they opened up their fridge space allowing us to store stuff in there for short-term.

Very small spaces. Many of our produce our current



plan for our establishment is going into, they gather all our produce from the farms and held enough fraoeser there and brought back like the next two days later and delivered to places and picked up. That's how we're making it work right now in a situation that we're in. >> okay, mahalo. >> member carlson. >> thank you, chair. I just wanted to clarify what, your item is the one was my priority proposal not in the mayor's proposal, right?\r\n\r\n>> yes. We wanted to, that's what our center referred to, I was worried, getting everything out there. Did a little bit of rambling yes but yes o hana first program is what we're trying to get support for. Just providing irrigation and materials for our farm project there. >> okay, no other questions, thank you very much Mr. Keikona. >> next to testify is jenny.\r\n\r\nIs followed by jennifer jenny? >> I see Mr. Sheehan? Is jenny on the line? >> yes. >> you're next, jenny. >> okay, thanks so much.\r\n\r\nThank you all for working so late tonight. I really appreciate it. I'm here to respectfully plead with the county to defund the 3.5 million for visitors and put that into location al, into indigenous farming and in the case of our project back yard gardens. I'm specifically asking the county to fund the food security 501c nonprofit with the ohana gardens. Back yard gardens can provide up to 40% of households foods and vegetable. Materials and expertise and et cetera. We're teaming up with maui sustainable solution sxz in conversation with other maui county organizations.\r\n\r\nI also ask that you fund the clerk, this organization has set up so hard so they can expand their services. Finally, please don't forget that the climate crisis has not gone away. Protecting or reefs, and wetland are vital community resources. Please fund the water shed and the wetland's project. I sit in the climate advisory committee and there are several items in there that need to be included in the budget. Coastal protections, funding positions that are going to support a capacity to care of these vital resources. Thank you very much.\r\n\r\n>> thank you. Any questions? If not thank you very much for coming. Thank you for coming. >> you're welcome. >> next up to testify is jennifer, mather. >> she said she was not on.\r\n\r\nShe was not plan to go testify. >> mahalo. >> okay, she's not going to testify. >> okay. Next is deb followed by telephone number 8229. Deb kaibi. >> aloha members. >> hi.\r\n\r\n>> mahalo for the time. I really wasn't planning on testifying but mahalo kathy for allowing me this moment. I strongly strongly would like for us to consider to be defund the maui visitor bureau and put all that money into helping our most vulnerable community members. there comes a time when we need to level off the playing field where we can all thrive. Right now, only those who are employed are thriving. We have so many people who are unemployed, who are sheltered mess, who are foodless as a result of this pandemic. Much of that money also needs to go into sustainable agriculture, regenerativ economy.\r\n\r\n>> thank you for coming. Are there any questions? >> our next testifier is identified as number 8229. Number 8229 and 8229 will be followed by sesame. >> this is 8229 otherwise known as albert perez. >> hello albert. >> hi. Hi.\r\n\r\nI'm just a little confused because the video is like 30 seconds behind the phone. I'm testifying as the executive director and I would like to start off by saying, as said, we don't need to advertise maui to get people to come here and we can use that 3.5 million for other things. I am a low impact on maui residents. So instead I would like t urge the council to refund the 3.5 to land trust to negotiate of 257 acres, along with the 225,000 for coastal water quality projects these

are weighted projects are ways to protect the water fault which is important to humpback whales. Maui county's 2006 making a historic inventory identifying the use across these acres and high value. We should pay attention to the studies that have been done in the past. In past years, much destruction has been caused passing through the lands. Coverts are clogged. And they have had a detrimental impact on the coastal water, but maui renew the council and state dnr which manages thousands of acres and strategies that they put together strategies to mitigate those problems. There is also secured grant to work on the fire hazards and understanding the range impact. Another grant is being propose today water stains and prevent. (Inaudible) But it's difficult to plan these long types of project when it's a chance that a large area of land will be broken into privately owned agriculture parcels. There will be simpler and more likely to be successful this land which is wonderful of open space. We urge you folks to support the county acquisition of your plan. Also, relate today water quality is 325,000 for wetland preservation in south maui. It used to be 11100 acres and it's down to 24 acres. Storm sediment that protects water quality off-shore. If we don't preserve the wetlands, they'll get worse and we'll have to pay those impacts as well. Finally there are important positions in the planning department that I would like to see preserved to deal with the on going impacts of climate change. And these I think are two grant positions and other plan urging, keep an eye out for that. If you're tempted to cut things, please don't cut those to identify an options other than shoreline heartening before it becomes urgent so we can preserve our beaches. Mahalo. >> perfect timing. Any questions for albert? If not, thank you for coming. >> next up to testify is sesame, sesame will be followed by mark. >> aloha. I do feel that I want to share as far as the 3.5 million dollars budget that would be allotted to the tourism industry. I think due to the current covid-19 circumstances, we see that maui needs a change. We, and we can do that change. It's a drastic change for sure to changeover an entire economic system to something else. However it's, look at how much rental cars on land. Vacant land that could be used to house homeless. There is a lot that we do as hawaii as a state, to support the tourist economy. And meanwhile it's killing our island, it's killing our lifestyle. Even for like, I mean, as simple as like, the price of food, it's so much cheaper now because there is a not of tourist here buying our food. In the sense like the tourism giving money to support tourism to bring money back to maui. It's not really helping us. It's harming us more than it's helping us. And we are seeing that essential workers are the ones that need all the support, our nurses, we need more hospitals. It's ridiculous that we have only one hospital. Our teachers, farming, there is so many small farms out there that are look for support and wanting to grow, and I support that. And I understand that the whole shift in mentality for people to get people to work in farming. But to see that the county is supporting that overtourism I think is something that will help everybody the value behind that. Right now, it's like even with the tourism industry and what farmers that we do have, all of their food is going to the tourist. I think it's detrimental that we need, we need to start making change and it's not going to be easy and we all understand that we see that. But we see that possible. But that's all. Mahalo. >> all right. Thank you. Thank you for coming. >> who is our next testifier. >> mark is going to be followed number 9293. Mark? >>

here. >> aloha.\r\n\r\n>> yes. >> can we get your name. >> I'm mark. >> the previous caller? >> previous, my name is sesame khims. >> okay. thank you very much sesame.\r\n\r\nMark, are you there? >> I am and I'm ready to testify. >> okay, ready. Yes. I group during second world war, when I arrived in haw the first thing I thought about was how remote we were and how food was an issue. So food issue has been an issue. I bought land and immediately set up farming land.\r\n\r\nThe last five years, we worked in farm programming back in robinson's program. And has been very successful to see the farmers. What I realized that we're in the biggest space ship, we're never going to go back to the normal. Tourism, we would love to have it come back, but it will never come back the way it was, because the world has changed so dramatically. Monitoring news for the last 7 years, and the food security issues have been mounting because of the climate change issues that we all are aware of. Mass migrations, and those issues are happy elsewhere, are going to be effecting us in the delivery system. So as a security maui food group, the most effective thing to do is to train as many people as possible to plant their own gardens, know how to plant and how to take care of it.\r\n\r\nKnow where to find the tools. So I want to first of all ask for support for the ohana program, \$75,000 and repurpose that money going to tourism to supporting local farming. we're going to have, with 25 to 30,000 unemployed people in this town, we're going to have a lot of stress on the food and delivery system. I'm hoping and I reached out to the state, using foods refrigeration, we have the facilities, we can't figure out now to deliver food. But right now, one of the things that people can do, is to go into their back yard and get the seed lings, we're going to be producing the seed ning to make it for you 1500 worth of seeds to distribute. To make it easy for people to get the food that they need. Sxl this, the quicker we can do this and to support oher groups, collective, all there is a wide variety of food.\r\n\r\nThey all need supporting because food is the number one issue. And food will get us through times of no money. That's the crisis that we're facing. So I'm going to urge you to do everything that you can to support the food security and the other, looking for support to get money together from the sources to people who need that. So, thank you for considering this. And please consider the urgency of the food security situation and thank you for your time. >> thank you, mark.\r\n\r\nAre there any questions? If not, May we ask for the next testifier. >> our next testifier is identified by number 9293 testifier, 9293 followed by pamelA. Testifier 9293. >> hello I'm here. >> name? >> hello. >> you can start.\r\n\r\n>> okay, my name is madge shaver. I have some comments probably most appropriate after the cuts that the department is going through I think on monday. These are just a few things that I would like to add to the council. Number oe, in the court council budget and risk management, I believe that council should release the 466,000 for security of the county building. The second should be deleted a brief manager is health and wellness for 212,030. I'm going quickly through this. Number 2 in council services delete the armed funding, delete the council office budget. Delete 8400 for each maui office computers.\r\n\r\nIt's not that I don't think that you need new computers but 8400 on new computers I think is a lot. And staff 12.2% increase is probably not a good idea. Number 2, environmental management contractual services, I would like to delete funding for the three-can plan which 1500 properties. 450,000. Now meadow was the project and residents were not (Inaudible) They are

charged an additional 121 in fees. This program pays \$930 per ton versus \$120. Many properties have greenways by lawn service providers. no grass recycling, no magazine, county receives nothing back for the recycled materials. Four on economic development on the maui business bureau, I believe now is not the time to remove funding from this agency.\r\n\r\nLast year there was much execution about reducing tourism now we know what that looks like. Their funding for hawaiian tourism will be cut. Maybe through no county funding. The county has no say in their message or mission. All these families that have been impacted by the shut down will concluded with council about bringing the jobs back. Put them on notice that future reduction May be possible. It's a quirky thing I found in the bijt regarding emergency management.\r\n\r\nThis department's number one goal was to make sure that professional growth and well being of our staff. The number 2 goal is the development of county wide emergency response cape abilitying to provide for the effective resources and personnel and restoration of county source sxz greatest possible reimbursement. Don't you think that ought to be number 1. 6, the special purpose revenue. It appears that over 2 million dollars is spent on disposal, maui. Can't some of that money be spent to build those betters. In comparison to the overall budget, these are the items that once said, a million here, a million there and it ads up. never forget.\r\n\r\nThank you very much. >> okay, thank you. Any questions? If not thank you for your patience. >> (Inaudible) Working on county dot U.S. >> all right. Thank you. >> next to testify is pamela will be followed by cliff.\r\n\r\nPamela. >> pam, are you there? >> unmute her. >> next up to testify is cliff followed by rob wattman. Cliff? Members, do you want to take a break? Okay, how about a ten-minute break?\r\n\r\nTen? All right. Ten minutes. [Council in recess] And the trickle down affect is about 75% for all local businesses. So this is evidence by te unemployment stats to tell that story because you're seeing massive layoffs to the tune of about 30,000 people and that does not count this week's numbers and more are coming. Not only restaurants but small retail shops activities businesses, wedding and event businesses, farmers who are struggling, farm tours, manufactures who live off the visitor industry. Many business don't know if they're going to survive the shut down and if they do, can they survive the time that it takes to revisit.\r\n\r\n0 so there is concern on how long this is going to go. We know this because almost all of the applicant, right now have applied for the 25,000 amount. Which is the maximum. And we are seeing deep hurt in their application of mounting rent when they're not able to use their retail space or their store front. And other bills that they're committed to. So they just don't know the resources, the expenses loom. Or can reopen they're coming back on day one without any income and yet, huge expense to see cover their operations.\r\n\r\nSo they're hurting for help. The challenge is where are the jobs going to come from when you have all of these people laid off, and those directly relate today them. If we don't help bring back this industry. I'm not saying in the same way I'm saying in a new way, and I'll tell you why is if the county subsidize them, isn't it better to ploit families verses constantly look for a bailout. In the this crisis all economist say no hstorical data is relevant, we have to look at new data. That means through the serious health concerns and for the massive loss of health, not just across the country but the across the globe. The industry is already going to have to pivot and change.\r\n\r\nSo the industry is already look at

reinventing themselves. This is the time where we can rebuild, and reshape. We need new campaign. many economies and industry experts realize that you need to invest and invest now to rebuild the industry and bring back jobs. Or we're going to have a world of hurt. It's also important to note that when you look at the world health organization which is combined with the monetary fund, they understand that you have to build both, you have to deal with the health issues and deal with the economic issues together to survive. This very difficult time.\r\n\r\nAnd we don't have the other resources like other count others, we don't have a military installation, we don't have a direct university, very with uhmc which is spectacular but we don't have the size of the university and other specialized schools, we don't have a mature ag industry. So we need to look at the things. Next we have to look at the cost of government control, and they used a very basic calculation to come up with a return of investment. Cultural program and social service sxz much more. >> thank you. Can you sort of summarize, please. >> I will thank you.\r\n\r\nLastly sustainable is on the triple bottom line and right now our economy is dependent on the social industry. We need to bring that back while we continue to diversify. Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony. >> thank you, pam. Are there any questions for pam? >> thank you for all the things that you're doing to help the people in the business community. >> thank you.\r\n\r\n>> I just wanted to clarify you know when you talk about investing and you're testifying to us and you saw the certification, can you tell us what you mean in investing? Like specific item or items that you support? >> specifically, now I the time I know, many people are saying, it's not the time to support the industry funding. We support the budgeted amount in the budget. And we realize, it needs to change. To market maui, when we have maui funded. We came out of 9/11 better than other counties.\r\n\r\nWhile there is a report that the return on investment is not significant amount. There are other ways to look at the report. So we want to support the funding in the budget, the mayor's budget. >> thank you, you answered my question halfway through. But the other question I had to 3.5 million and you're saying that the other industries are not established like farming and education at the university, but my question is, if we gave them 4 million every year, maybe they would be established and social media, the way it is for marketing, May be the general public can do a better job mrketing maui themselves without paying somebody 3.5 million dollars. >> well I think, I agree with part of what you're saying, which is we need to look a systemic plan to bring that back to our community. But right now, I don't think neither the university nor farmers are ready to employ all of those people who are now unemployed by the visitor unjust re.\r\n\r\n>> thank you. >> same thing what you said about the visitor industry. It's not ready for 3.5 million dollars of marketing. We're nt ready for that. >> I think we're ready for the money to be used for planning on a reinvestment campaign on how we need to reposition ourself after this global pandemic the likes of which we've never seen before. >> clarifying question, who are we paying 3.5 million dollars to do this. >> the funding is going to maui visitors day.\r\n\r\n>> so we're going to maui bureau 3.5 million how to sell maui better. >> to reposition the new offerings, the news way of promoteling maui that is different from what we've done before. >> I just got to ask, you saw the mayor say, 30 million dollars less than 5 million dollars less, but you still want to pay 3.5 million for something to repurpose. >> sell ourselves, I view it as repromoting an industry

that has the best opportunity to employ people currently while we continue to diversify our economy. >> thank you. >> thank you. thank you for being me.\r\n\r\nMy question is for the industry, we have not seen them investor purchase agriculture from maui. A lot of the agriculture, they're shipping in everything for the tourism industry, and they haven't been investing into maui's agriculture economy. And we've got that potential to generate here in maui, if they're shipping everything in. >> first of all I agree that anytime that we can support our local industry particularly farming. And we all have been want to go build sustainable farming for many years. I think that is very important. I have hard from many farmers who when the hotel shut down, they were selling a lot of produce in the hotels.\r\n\r\nSo when the hotel shut down, they lost that income. They have been, they have been taking their produce and struggling to find community programs who can benefit from it. So not oly did the farmers lose their income but they're working to get that produce that they farmed and watered and cultivated to keep it from being in the ground in the community programs. I believe the visitor industry is buying a lot of local produce. Is it as much as we would like to see and what I hear what you're saying? Are which going to be able to sustain all of those restaurants locally? So we absolutely.\r\n\r\n>> recording has started. >> but we donough that they're buying quite a bit because we're hearing from the farmers that were hurt by not having those orders. >> Ms. King? >> thank you, thank you. >> thank you for being here. >> people mute yourselves.\r\n\r\n>> we have heard from the mayor's office that he ws putting together an economic recovery committee or task force, and I'm wondering if you're part of that? >> that's truce bureau to determine. I'm glad you're keeping in touch with that, thank you. >> thank you. >> thank you. >> thu chair. Next up is rob and rob will be followed by jenet.\r\n\r\n>> rob, I just wanted talk about three specific items in the budget. And they have been discussed earlier in the meeting so I will not spend a lost time on them. First one is the open space funds purchase, for for the preserve. I saw that in the mayor's budget. As they have wounted out, maui used to be wetlands and that protects the ocean from flooding and we really need to preserve what we have left. I think we could preserve them in such a way that there is secondary benefits too, like parks and other things. (Inaudible) It's on mute?\r\n\r\nOkay. I just wanted to point out where this type of project where we have a huge amount of unpaid work, and already the case for marine council, water testing. We hve one for all the department of health and having all of these volunteers, doing water quality to the health standards, means that we're able to test and around south maui too. What they want to do to bind the soil so you don't get kind of rn off that we're getting right now. Many other people wanted to contribute to preserve in the area and its traditional purpose which is having the storm water running into the ocean. Aloha. >> thank you very much.\r\n\r\nAre there any questions for Mr. Walton? >> thank you, chair. Thank you so I just wanted clarify you're talking about the hulia project, right? >> that's correct. >> okay, I just wanted read that into the record. >> yes.\r\n\r\n>> okay, any other questions? Not thank you for coming. >> our next testifier is trenet. Testifier trenet. >> members can you hear me? >> thank you for the opportunity to testify and thank you so much for the very long day that all have put in. I have been following every single step of the meetings today.\r\n\r\nSo I really appreciate you know, you guys being here and listening to all of us and offering everyone an alternative to

the public meet that'sing we could not have. That being said, my name is trenet and I'm from kula maui and I'm speaking on my own behalf. First off, I want to talk when the maui bureau was first through the section, advertising travel to maui was a necessity of sorts. We obviously need today bring more visitors in and entice them with the beauty of our place and our love for this place. But that was a long time ago. And with the advertising, advertising at this level is unnecessary. As this crisis has shown us and has shown that it necessitates.\r\n\r\nWe look and practice prudent planning ad diversification of our spending because as we are seeing, the visitor industry has taken a hit and so have we, because we have spent a portion a good portion of our time placing the emphasis on that one industry. I looked at the stats for 2020 and -- the average daily census for maui was up and that is the case for all the rental cars that ae parked for fbruary of total amount was 246.102 visitors per day and just maui 241,773. My point here is that if advertising really did keep jobs o create jobs, we would see that be the case. We would see our hotel workers being made more. We don't see that that's the case. I hope that you'll think critically about the funding that is given to the maui visitors bureau and if you do not reduce it b 3 million that you consider the cost of governments commissions report to you what they recommend which is reducing the grant to \$500,000. And I ask as a suggest as a caveat of that that the business bureau put together a new business model and reapply for a grant just like the other grant he's must do when asking the county for funds. Not just to feed others during the gold rush for what you did feed the east coast. And it was not because of advertising dollars to our visitors bureau.\r\n\r\nI want to just very briefly say I do support the purchase of laya malca. I hope as I a whole look into that and look at investing our money in agriculture endeavours that support our local farmers. As one person said earlier, we must never forget where the funding comes from. It comes from us and if you're hearing from people and you hear very loud', people are asking, demanding that we look at the funds for a more diversified interest. Thank you for allowing me to testify and I hope that after this meeting, you all have a wonderful weekend. >> thank you, trenet. Nice to see you.\r\n\r\nDo we have any questions for trenet? No, no questions. You did a great job. >> thank you aloha have a good evening. >> you too. >> our next testifier chair is ky and following will be phyllis robinson. >> aloha.\r\n\r\n>> no better place I wuld spend my friday evening. >> right. >> aloha. So tourism has been our economic driver. However in instead of enabling (Inaudible) A weak news a vulnerability and actually a liability, (Inaudible) Among the vulnerable is our continued connectivity to hot zones. Large multi general, honestly, it feels like hawaii in a relationship with the tourism industry. During this pandemic, we ask for a little to keep our (Inaudible) Even our government leaders have asked visitors to stay away?\r\n\r\nSo what have we seen visitors continue to stream and the desire and their entitlement to just let hawaii happen. This has been encouraged with the wheat hotel rooms and almost zero self-regulation which is the most shocking thing. I thought we were suppose to be in some sort of relationship that is equal but if we're saying please stay away and you will not even respect that, I don't understand why we're going to continue to give them our money. And now they're going to say trust us, we'll take care of us. Just give us millions once again. It's a crisis, you cannot live without us, we pay your bills? What are we going back to?\r\n\r\nSystemic abuse. We have not had time to see what

life is like just a little bit of time, of need to go maintain that smile while we surf, our waters are clear, our reef are happy, traffic is manageable and we can find parking spot to take our kids to the beach. Even visitors see the writing on the wall in regards to tourist management. (Inaudible) We budgeted ha nama bay. And be proactive not reactive and make sure there are transparency for the public to see. The industry self regulate and show respect. Please stop giving them our money.\r\n\r\nWe need to remember, tourism works for us, not us for them. (Inaudible) Support -- all of our shoreline areas so we know how many visitors we want to invite here. And on coastal zone management, thank you very much. Mahalo. >> thank you. Thank you kai, are there any questions? Ms.\r\n\r\n\r\nKing? >> thank you, chair. I had to find the little button. Thank you for being ki, I hope your dad is doing better. >> oh thank you. He is. >> that's so good to hear.\r\n\r\n\r\nSo I wanted to ask you, you were breaking up a lot. And I do hear you said something about making the point and I didn't hear what the point was? >> oh, so sorry. Before presented the west nally sea pack and he was talking about tourism management at hannah ma bay and he brought up the point not to wait for a crisis to happen for a problem. [Audio breaking up] It's probably going to be backwards but anyway. >> thank you kelly for leading the way in regards to climate resiliency. Mahalo.\r\n\r\n\r\n>>thank you, I look forward to working with you when you're done with the cpac. >> yes. >> any other questions? >> yes. Yes. I don't see you but, is that you kiani? >> it is.\r\n\r\n\r\nMahalo chair. Mahalo has cheeki for your testimony tonight. Because there is such bad connection, would you be able to provide your testimony in writing to us? >> oh yes, absolutely. >> will you please send it to maui county? >> yes ma'am. Mahalo.\r\n\r\n\r\n>> mahalo. Have a good night. >> any other questions? You have tomorrow? You tomorrow? >> thank you, kai for visiting with us. Thank you.\r\n\r\n\r\n>> chair, our next testifier is phyllis robinson and phyllis robinson will be followed by noy lani. >> can everybody hear me? >> yes. >> wonderful. Well aloha, and county councilmembers. I am very grateful to all of you for making it possible for us to testify during this crisis. And thank you for your very hard work.\r\n\r\n\r\nAnd your devotion to making maui county a true. I wish to begin to say that funding a program called ohan gardens under the food security will provide thousands of citizens with their own back yard gardens. I think this would be a good decision to fund this program. This morning, food security hawaii got an email from another organization called maui sustainable solutions who are doing the same thing. The email were saying that they want to partner and not compete. I felt my heart sink. We do not need to, we do need to come together and collaborate during these times making it possible for people to grow their own food and if we look at super food security, it will begin to not just look like unreachable goal but a reality.\r\n\r\n\r\nThere is so much support in the community for this project. And now on to something very near and dear to my heart and your hearts as well which is growing new farmers in maui county. And I'm suggesting that instead of funding one farmer program, what we create on going fund under the office of economic development and hopefully some day under the maui county department of agriculture for beginning farmer training with an emphasis on collaborative partnerships, for example I want to see a bridge created to establish farmer training programs like fam for all the high schools so they too can benefit from this fund. Farmer education is not new here in the county. The future farmers of america, programs and the 4h



programs and any youth programs when alika atie will take them out in the field and when glen on molakahi began the rancher and farmer program and created an amazing learning environment with an emphasis on harvesting -- oh excuse me on malakhi, they have the program and they have an emphasis on harvesting like deer and sheep. And there is go-farm at the college. I noticed their emphasis on the business on the side of farm and they provide our fam with a two-day intensive on one on one coaching during their second phase as they build their farm plans especially their marketing plans.\r\n\r\nListening to testimony in this year's budget, I realized that maui county a plethora. Each of you have money for growing farmers. What if with the help of go-farm founders, maui training networks, the maui farms, command and schools through ago program with pelligrino, the project on the west side all got to weigh in on rfp that would be offered to them with the purposes of growing new farmers in maui county. Please consider what I would like to call it takes avillage to grow a farmer. A fund that will have amazing program to recognize farmers for what they can offer. thank you so much for your time. >> thank you.\r\n\r\nDo we have any questions? Ms. King? >> thank you, chair. Thank you for being here Dr. Robinson and for your hard work. Did you, I just wanted to know in your years of running damage have you ever had a number of farmers that you were trying to get to?\r\n\r\nHow many farmers do we need to grow our own food. Everybody is talking about how many acres do we need. But have you discussed how many farmers we need across the county. >> it was interesting when bill one of the founders first got involved, he had a wonderful role. I wish I could remember it, it was lofty. And now as I see the numbers coming out of fam, this year we would have graduated 95 apprentices in five years. So I think they May have been 100, over 5 years.\r\n\r\nBut that was based on? I'm not sure. But it's an interesting question kelly that we should consider because we do have existing farmers. And those existing farmers are our mentors for the next generation. And so, they combined with their apprentice making up the farming population of maui so maybe there is a way to create the fields to feed our people. Which is very important in these times and we have to believe that it's possible. >> thank you.\r\n\r\nI just wondered because I'm a great goal setter and I do know that we an aging population of farmers. My own husband who considers himself a farmer, and he's over 60 so that page of farmers trying to grow young farmers. I just thought what we think with a reasonable number that we need to shoot for to get to that food sustainability. What age group they need to be in to sustain us. >> yes. Well I think having funds like this suddenly some of these farmer programs are getting support from the county and that way goals May be able to be set as we see how many are graduating from these programs. What are they going on to do?\r\n\r\nWe have been serving our family this past year. That's how we came up with the number that 78% of 62 graduate right side still farming. So if we need to keep those surveys coming. >> thanks phyllis. >> okay, any other questions? If not thank you very much. >> you're welcome.\r\n\r\n>> thank you. Kathy? >> our next testifier is no ey lani who will be followed by kevin watkins. >> aloha. Can you guys hear me? >> yes. >> okay, mahalo.\r\n\r\nMahalo for being here and giving us this opportunity to let us testimony in this new and unique way. I want to say no to the 3 and a half million dollars to the tourism bureau. We keep talking about the industry but we see now that we need to swift back to the old world. We need to shift back to go to him, to the land, man is the servant. And we need to look at the ways that we

can survive here regardless of what kind of crisis is thrown us. Today it's infectious disease and tomorrow it would be climate change or north korea. Our people were able to survive here for years with no economy and industry.\r\n\r\nThey did that through the connection with haina, we planted our ancestors back to the haina. And the main reason I wanted to testimony that in particular. I would like to say ole to the proposal for the a and bwaili lands that the mayor would like to purchase for the affordable housing. As you know this land is in the pool san dume complex that is known to have a lost burials. So industrial projects has unearthed since February 27 of this year. There is still digging up our ancestors and I don't trust that if this project will go forward, that it's not going to disturb our an testers. Ancestors.\r\n\r\nSo we're trying to commit to the at the united nations. We received a response from them. They have a treaty obligation. So the federal government and the state and county is held responsible for the content of that document. And one of those things is ensuring the right to constitution and free and uninformed consent to the kanapali people on their traditional lands and territories including their burial sites. I sent you this letter on March 9th on a mratorium on any disturbance in the sand dune complex unless we have a place that can adequately protect the burial. And until we can do that, I'm all for affordable housing, but I'm not going to put houses on a cemetary or anybodyelse's burials.\r\n\r\nSxl I think it's right to fund a project to put houses on burials. We have to go back to hainaia if we want to have more than survival. Mahalo hope you have a good night. >> thank you, are there any questions. If nt, thank you very much. >> kathy our next testifier is kevin watkins. Mr.\r\n\r\nWatkins will be followed by george. Kevin? >> can you hear me? It keeps unturning everything off. Are we good? >> good. There we go.\r\n\r\nHello. >> we see you. Hello. >> can you unmute him? How about now? >> we can see you and hear you. >> wonderful.\r\n\r\n>> so first of all, thank you for it's getting late and you have been doing wonderful things today. also thank you on the unanimous vote on bill 52 for banning single use plastics. That is exciting. We're excited to colab rate with business. I'll try to be quick, I have a lost things I want to go over. The 3.5 million for tourism, a lot of people articulated that very well. I don't need to testify other than that I agree that that money is better spent in investing in different industries to help create a new economy that does not rely on tourism.\r\n\r\nHawaii food security and the ohana gardening program. So we have been working together with them to figure out how to best move forward. A lot of people that have testified. My company about six months ago, we started an app in development, and we looked at part of abig component of the plastic problem is that we import 90% of our food. Now with this crisis it's important that we are making our own food here and becoming agriculture independent. What we started designing six months ago, is an app and it supplies entire supply chain farm to table and green jobs and g-o services, I've got a big list of different things that it does. So everything that they're talking and all of these volunteers.\r\n\r\nWe created a centralized hub for everything sustainability. And that's what I would like to put in the budget. It's only 50,000 to have it fully developed to take a 12-week window. That would be fully up and running. And so with all of these different things, the garden projects right we're, right now, we're at a sickle and distributing to the community so people can start their own gardens. The big barriers is where we're going

to get soil from. That makes it easy for the community to get.\r\n\r\nA lot of people are being creative and using the google. So many people are really diversifying and adapting as quick as they can in light of this crisis. The people here are willing to work and see the big picture. That's why we have this app and the development is what we want to put is a line item again, we really believe, do believe that this is a, pivotal tool in developing the kind of company that we want to see, that is not 70% reliant on tourism. Even getting to the point of exporting it to other islands. >> can you wrap it up, kevin. >> yeah yeah.\r\n\r\nThank you. We have the app development. And so I just wanted to let you know about that and submit it for line item. It's an app for smart phone devices. >> okay, very good. Any questions? If not, thank you kevin for coming.\r\n\r\n>> thank you. I just want to mention that ukilai has been on the program. So ukili you can ask questions whenever you need to. Kathy? >> thank you, chair. Our next testifier is georgia la pinskey you're up. >> hi there guys, can you hear me?\r\n\r\n>> yes. Just ask questions whenever you need to. >> okay, I'm listening. Are we ready? >> yes. >> okay. Hi there aloha I'm georgia and I'm coming to you this evening from pekiholo it's nice and chilly this evening.\r\n\r\nI had recently read a report that maui county is expected to be the second hardest hit in the entire united states. That unemployment will be second only to mid-land texas and that our unemployment rate could reach as high as 47%. With this in mind, I wanted to ask you to please fund all food related programs that you see in the budget. I want to support food security hawaii, the name says it all. Feeding people here should be our number one priority when it comes to budget. I want to support harvest collective, they harvested 500 pounds of avocados and oranges and shipping to all families that are hungry. I want to support all six programs across the country and I ask that they get all the funding they need to continue growing more farmers so we have more. I want you to support all the foodbanks and look and support families who rely on the school lunch programs.\r\n\r\nyou need to fund all programs that are focused on food. I'm asking for your support in all farming related projects and food programs. As councilmembers during this crazy time in the world, you have this opportunity that covid-19 has provided you. You now find yourself in a position to make right the focus of our own economy to change permanently the way that maui families eat, where our food comes from and how it's grown and purchased. Eat local. We hear that all the time. But this is hard to do when there is limited supply and most farmers are supplying hotels primarily.\r\n\r\nWe need to change not only the base of how food is grown but it's distributed. We need food hubs and we need consumer communication lines. Thank you for taking the money from where it needs to be taken and that's up to you. I don't need to pooh pooh on the visitor industry but the money is there and our people need to eat. Thank you so much for this incredibly long day. I know you're in your 12th hour and I appreciate all the time and patience that you have to listen to people in this creative venue. Aloha.\r\n\r\n>> thank you very much. Thank you for joining us all way from peiholu. Are there any questions? If not, thank you. >> our next testifier is nicole furgeson. Nicole will be followed by tara grace. Nicole furgeson?\r\n\r\n>> hi there, everybody. Aloha councilmember. Thank you for the opportunity to testify this evening and for all your hard work. I'll introduce myself briefly. My background is in biology, research and teaching. I have done so in different capacities most recently in maui college. The reason I'm

here as part of the bijt meeting is because I pivoted towards helping with the covid-19 response.\r\n\r\nThis has taken a couple of forms. I'm helping with testing people on maui. Both last week and this week. We had really great success in terms of how many people have come through the free testing sites. These are the drif through testing sites that have been set up. We're now transitioning to a model that is relied on maui. The great team that has been set up here with Dr.\r\n\r\nKaimathus and stephanie have really pushed this forward. One of the things that we're seeing is that, people are still having barriers to getting hotel rooms to protect their families from bringing the transmission of covid-19 from maui memorial back to their families. We know that hawaii has so many hotel capacity including here on maui, and it's the number one tool that we can use to break the risk of transmission. We have all of these rooms and by separating family members to isolate them that way, even though it seems cruel, it's isolation to protect them. We have been in conversation with dan ross, the prnt of the nurses association and he agrees that there is not enough being dne to connect heather care workers to hotels at this time. Because there is not enough happening through hotels for hero under this, we have here on maui reached out to visitors bureau and sherri. Sherri and I have been in conversation over the last wek how these funds can best be used to connect healthcare workers with those rooms there.\r\n\r\nIt's still a conversation that is evolving. And I think my point here is that we need to scrutinize how mdb is using the funds for this fiscal year in order to inform our decisions. Do they show to us that they step up to the plate and help us deal with covid? Or do they decide not to use the funds to protect healthcare workers and their families. We know that maui memorial cluster. I had some of these people come through the test site last week and this week. I also had some of my former students that we had to screen which is something that no teacher wants to do.\r\n\r\nAnd as exciting to is to use testing technology, I don't want to be doing this for any longer than we have to. And anyone hre wants to see their healthcare workers get sick. I'll wrap up and I want to say we scrutinize how they use their funds in order to supplement in buildings hotels for heroes. >> thank you nicole. Any questions? Yes, Ms. King.\r\n\r\n>> thanks so much Ms. Furgeson for all the work that you're doing. Just really warms my heart to see that you're focusing on testing. And I just wonder if yu're working with the maui aids foundation. They came to us earlier this evening talking about the testing they do and they May be a partner this this work. >> great question. We have not reached out to the maui aids foundation I tink that May be a good partnership so I'll take note ad have one of our coordinator reach out to them.\r\n\r\nThank you for the suggestion. >> thank you for all your hard work. >> thank you. >> are there any other questions? >> thank you for your work and for doing this. >> thank you, member lee. >> chair, our next testifier is tara grace.\r\n\r\nFollowed by kasia joy. >> can you hear me? >> yes. >> aloha council thank you so much for staying up this late. It's late for me past my bed time. I'm calling and testifying here in mahalo road in support of the food security hawaii and the ohan gardens initiative. We're really excited to be working on this project and supporting local families all over the place.\r\n\r\nWe're getting a lot of feedback and people are stepping up and wanting to help and volunteer. We have some new experts on the team and we feel good about being part of the solution for feeding our people here. Thank you very much for having that line item and the food security

of hawaii project. How much we want to redirect the funds into more locally economy and supporting local economy in the new deal for hawaii. Now there is talent here and so many experts that are super intelligent and wanting to help. This is the time, it's now. Renewable energy?\r\n\r\nYes, it's past the time. Back yard gardens? Yes. Like georgia said, this is the time. You can by the foodbanks, it's coming. It's here. So it's good to prepare.\r\n\r\nI have been here for 42 yars and I was very young. And it feels like that. Now those days. It feels like that. I cry it's so quiet. I remember how it used to be. I hope that we can find new ways to be here with this many people and this much energy and the young people that are volunteers, God bless their hearts and souls, they're volunteering their time.\r\n\r\nYoung man kevin, very impressive who is planting gardens for our local community. It's a beautiful thing. and he's got help. That's why he's willing to help us. Mahalo again. Thank you. >> thank you very much.\r\n\r\nAre there any questions? If not, thank you tara. >> our next testifier is keisha joy followed by clifford. Keisha joy? >> hello. Hello. Hello.\r\n\r\n>> hi. Keisha? >> you can start now. >> aloha, wow, I've been with you all day. Holy cow, what you've been through. It's just, sorry about my dog. Of course they have to bark right now.\r\n\r\nThis is just an amazing time. I really am enjoying seeing some of you in your homes and some you know, reactions and, and discussions and openness is far more forthcoming in this crisis we get to see who we really are in these types of situations. Who knows, maybe we have more to come with the climate crisis or what have you. I'm going to keep it really brief but I just thank you for the last person's testimony like the island is a very different place now. Now more than ever, is the time to prioritize with a very clear vision. Anything that is going to create a living model for the rest of the world of how we can do things differently now. And the new normal, it's, I mean because the old normal was not working.\r\n\r\nI don't want to go back to the old normal. We can cret a new normal right now. And we have a real chance here. I just see all of you doing such amazing work and feeling that in your own hearts, in your soul in your own understanding of where we are as human beings and the choices that we're making each of us, to our choices on the island and on our planet. And so I just want to say, that I'm hoping we make those choices for our health of not only ourselves and family and the ability to thrive not just drive ourselves into the ground but to really actually thrive. So I support so many things. I support the maui aids connection, thank goodness for you guys connecting.\r\n\r\nAnything related. I support funding for the maui to be able to 42 test water testing sites. It's run by volunteer. It's a great return on investment like rob said earlier. And I enjoy the presentation that's they give the community. They did just a a great presentation on zoom this week and keep protecting our ocean and reef life. As a marine biologist, I understand the quality of water.\r\n\r\nI appreciate the with the funds that are there. I know you're making tough decisions on you know, how to deal with the five million over budget and what not. And I think we have a real chance here. save the open spaces, fund the farmers, and not put money into the same ol' things that we've always done. There is a good points. We been voted the number one island for how many years now? Because we're amazing.\r\n\r\nWe don't have to promote maui, they're going to come. We almost had to run them off. I'm opposed of giving that 3.5 million. Somebody said they can apply for grants like all other, non profits that are doing so much for the community for the

hawaiian culture for the environment for the waters, for the ky for the  
vy, let us be the true print of how living sustainable and in alignment  
with nature can be done. Let us be that. Thank you so much. I'm with you,  
I love you and bless you.\r\n\r\nAloha. >> thank you. Tamara, we have a  
question. Ms. Paulton? >> yes, just clarifying, you're talking about the  
water program. >> yes, with the maui resource council, I don't know the  
name but yes.\r\n\r\n>> thank you. >> yeah, I feel it's critical. >> yes,  
Ms. Chang? >> I just wanted to clarify with keisha, are you representing  
the sierra club? >> you know, I'm speaking for myself. Rob has already  
been.\r\n\r\nThis is just from keisha joy as a marine biology and lover  
of lover of land and very concerned citizen that is with you in this ride  
of life. >> thank you. It's great. All right. >> anymore questions? >> if  
not, keisha. >> mahalo.\r\n\r\nKeep on keeping on. >> take care. >>  
kathy. >> our next testifier is clifford and clifford will be followed by  
leina ala. Clifford? >> try the next one. Oh I hear his voice.\r\n\r\n>>  
here. You got it? >> okay, you're on. >> okay. Sorry about that. My  
concern is that we should take a total approach on how we are talking  
about the budgeting. The immediate situation is now.\r\n\r\nWe have hard  
about the high unemployment, the jobs coming back. And I have yet, I  
wonder why can't we follow governor from south dakota who refused to shut  
down. Because they refuse to shut down, you trust the community to dot  
right thing. I believe that we have a perfect wall around maui. And we  
should just shut it down. Shut that down and take the visitor money that  
you're talking about the 3 million, if it's a pandemic, the model are not  
reflective. It fights along the democratic and republican lives and it's  
confusion.\r\n\r\nSo if we take a proactive approach and say, we're going  
to shut the island down, we want to get you back into the work field and  
teach our residents that it's okay to shop locally which they don't. It's  
amazing to me, that only one store in the island, costco, people line up  
for two blocks. I went to food land, you go to longs, no line. We are so  
brain washed that we even hoarded toilet paper. As I interpret it, our  
leaders. Create a different marketing program. We do have to market maui.  
I've been in the business industry for a while and as far as marketing  
concerns, w're in competition with mexico, we're in competition with  
other destinations and we cannot say just because everybody knows  
us.\r\n\r\nThe reality is look at the rental cars that you have on the  
island. Make use of public transportation that is on the island. Have  
these, things that we have proposed years ago. When I walk when I swam in  
kiaknuta, five condominiums. I walked back to the club site, every single  
patio was vacant. I swam in malayo bay today. I agree, preserve the water  
shed so that fish comes back.\r\n\r\nVery little fish are in the water  
swimming, snorkeling seeing it there up front and close. You need t get  
together with the visitor bureau and say market maui, we are clean. We're  
practicing good habits. When you come back to us, we'll have these things  
in place. Educate local community, shop locally, spend the money in your  
local restaurants. We are going to lose some we realize that. But the  
ones that survive condition the chain restaurants.\r\n\r\nIt should be  
the mom-and-pop trying to survive. Lunch wagons, that's who you need to  
support. But you need to train our community that way. With that kind of  
assistance, you go and talk about the same thing how are we going to do  
this? Take a proactive approach. She did not shut do you want entire  
state of south carolina. K -- south dakota because she trusted the  
community to do the right thing.\r\n\r\nI hope you have the same attitude  
that you can trust the community to do the right thing. Coming from and

working in happy valley and also in the visiter industry, I saw a spread of diverse communities. And we need leadership here. Not just sitting around counters, you're not bean counters. Provide a leader ship required. Thank you. >> thank you, clifford.\r\n\r\nAre there any questions? If not, thank you again. Kathy our next testifier? >> our next testifier is registered as lena allah followed by nils. Lana? Lana? >> if there are no objections, we need to take a recess for technical reasons.\r\n\r\n9:30. [COUNCIL IN RECESS] >> CHAIR, OUR NEXT TESTIFIER IS IDENTIFIED BY TELEPHONE NUMBER LAST FOUR DIGITS 7770. AND WILL BE FOLLOWED BY TELEPHONE NUMBER 6859. 7770 IS UP. >> HELLO. >> HELLO. >> HELLO. >> HI, WE CAN HEAR YOU. >> HELLO. HELLO.\r\n\r\n>> YES, PLEASE START TALKING. YOU CAN START WITH YOUR TESTIMONY. >> OKAY, THANK YOU. GOOD EVENING, THANK YOU GUYS FOR STAYING UP SO LATE AND TAKING CARE OF EVERYTHING THAT THE COMMUNITY IS THROWING AT YOU WITH ALL OF THESE TESTIMONIES. I'M JUST ONE OF MANY THAT YOU'VE HAD TO LISTEN TO AND FIRST AND FOR MOST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR PASSING THE PLASTIC BAN. THAT IS A HUGE WIN FOR OUR ISLAND. I'M NICHOLAS SIMPONI I'M A RESIDENT OF TYKU MAUI AND I SERVE ON THE POUROU OF NONPROFIT HERE IN MAUI.\r\n\r\nOUR MAIN GOAL IS INCREASE FOOD SECURITY AND GETTING OUR COMMUNITY HEALTHIER AND EDUCATED AND CONNECTED WITH THE LAND. I'M CALLING AND TESTIFYING IN SUPPORT OF OUR PROPOSAL THAT WE SENT IN FOR THE SUM OF \$100,000. THESE FUNDS WILL GO TOWARD, WE HAVE TWO PROGRAMS CURRENTLY RIGHT NOW THAT THIS WILL FUND AND ONE IS OUR FARMING HARVEST, WHICH WE HAVE BEEN TAKING PART IN SINCE THE BEGINNING OF LAST YEAR. AND THE OTHER PART WILL GO TOWARDS INSTALLATION WHICH WE'RE ALL SEEING NOW IS THIS MASSIVE NEED. NOT ONLY IN THE ISLAND BUT EVERYWHERE RIGHT NOW CONSIDERING THE TIME. SO ORIGINALLY, WE HAD SUBMITTED THIS FUNDING FOR FOSTER PROGRAM PROGRAMMING WHICH WE WEEKLY HARVESTING PRODUCE FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT WE MET AND HAVE HAD ATTACHED OURSELVES WITH. AND WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO BRING SINCE WE STARTED THE PROGRAM, JUST ABOUT 11,000 POUNDS OF PRODUCE. THAT'S 11,000 POUNDS OF PRODUCE THAT WAS NEVER HITTING THE MARKETPLACE TO BEGIN WITH.\r\n\r\nTHAT'S JUST THROUGH OUR HARVESTING PROGRAM. WE HAVE BEEN SET UP SINCE DAY ONE IN 2017. OUR DREAM WAS TO DO INSTALL, INSTALLED AND PEOPLE'S SMALL'S YARD BUT ALSO TWO ACRES. YOU KNOW, RIGHT NOW WHAT WE HAVE LISTED ON THE PROPOSAL WHERE SET TO DO ANYTHING TO DO BOX GARDEN'S BED TO INSTALLATION ORCHARD SIZE, UP TO FOUR ACRES. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON SINCE 2017, ITS INCEPTION. WE LOOK FORWARD TO GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO RAMP UP. WE HAVE BEEN GRASS ROOT, FUNDRAISING, WE GOT A COUPLE OF GRANTS THAT WE RECEIVED. BUT WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY LARGE GRANTS.\r\n\r\nAND THAT HAS BEEN HOLDING US UP TO ACHIEVE OUR GREATER GOALS THAT WE HAVE WHICH IS THE INCREASE LOCAL FOOD SECURITY HERE IN THE ISLAND. WITHOUT PASSING OVER THE HARVESTING THROUGH MARKETING. INSTALLATION IS DEFINITELY NEEDED. WE'RE SEEING A LOT OF PEOPLE, VOICING THEIR OPINIONS ABOUT THAT AND SHOWING THE NEED FOR THIS SERVICE. YOU KNOW, WE'VE BEEN READY FOR THAT SINCE DAY ONE. AND WE'RE JUST LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING THE OPPORTUNITY TO NOT ONLY PLANT AND GROW OUT PEOPLE'S YARD IN THE COMMUNITY THAT PROVIDE FOOD. BUT WE CANNOT OVERLOOK OUR FOSTER FARMING PROGRAM.\r\n\r\nSINCE THE INCEPTION, SINCE WE IMPLEMENTED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE LAST YEAR, WE HAVE BEEN BRINGING HUNDREDS OF POUNDS OF PRODUCE TO THE MARKET. WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO DO THAT EVERY WEEK. I BELIEVE THIS WEEK, WE HARVESTED, AROUND 650 POUNDS THAT IS GOING TO THE LOCAL MARKET. THAT IS ALSO GOING TO OTHER NONPROFITS THAT DISTRIBUTED TO FEED PEOPLE IN NEED. AND WE CAN REALLY USE THE SUPPORT FROM THE COUNTY AND YOU KNOW, JUST TO PERPETUATE WHAT WE'VE BEEN

DOING AND CONTINUE TO DO. WE'RE, YOU KNOW, METAPHORICALLY AND LITERALLY HAVE BOOTS ON THE GROUND AND SHOVELS ON THE DIRT WHEN IT COMES TO INSTALLATION AND GETTING FOOD TO MARKET. AGAIN, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU GUYS FOR PUTTING IN THE LONG HOURS TODAY.\r\n\r\nAND THANK YOU FOR HEARING ME OUT. AND, YOU KNOW, EVERYTHING THAT HAS BEEN SAID, THAT I HEARD TONIGHT IS UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF SUSTAINABILITY WHETHER IT'S ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, IN SOCIETY AND OBVIOUSLY OUR ENVIRONMENT. EVERYONE'S VERY CONCERNED. WITH INCREASING OUR SUSTAINABILITY AND SUPPORTING FARMING PROGRAMS AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE WORKING HARD AT INCREASING OUR FOOD SECURITY HERE. THAT'S JUST ANOTHER STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. I KNOW THE COMMUNITY APPRECIATES THAT. AND AGAIN WE ALL APPRECIATE YOUR WORK.\r\n\r\nYOU'RE NOT IN A EASY POSITION. AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HEARING ME OUT. >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS FOR THE TESTIFIER? MS. DENETI? >> SIMPONI.\r\n\r\n>> NO, I MEAN. THANK YOU, THANK YOU THANKS FOR COMING. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. >> FOLLOWING MR. SIMPONI, YES WE RECEIVED COMMON GROUND COLLECTIVE ORGANIZATION CHART FROM MS. BOWER AND SHE WAS ABLE TO SHOW HOW, YOU KNOW, MATCHING FUNDS WITH \$30,000 CAN INCREASE YOUR ORGANIZATIONS PRODUCTIVITY WITH SOME SALES AS WELL AS FUNNELING SOME DONATIONS OUT TO INCREASE YOUR PRODUCTABILITY. I THINK SOME OF THE MEMBERS WERE ASKING, WOULD YOU HAVE A FARTHER REACH THROUGHOUT THE ISLAND?\r\n\r\n>> YES, I BELIEVE. WE INCREASED OUR PROPOSAL FROM \$30,000 TO \$100,000. THAT WOULD COVER THE ORIGINAL \$30,000 TO KEEP OUR HARVESTING PROGRAM GOING WITH \$70,000 BEING USED TO SPEAR HEAD INSTALLATION ANYWHERE FROM GARDEN'S BEDS IN PEOPLE'S YARD TO ORCHARD PLANTING. WHEN THAT HAPPENS, WE ARE THE WAY WE'RE SET UP AND MODELED IS STICK WITH THE PLANTING, FROM INSTALLATION TO HOWEVER LONG THE LAND OWNER WANTS US TO BE INVOLVED. WHETHER THAT'S IN PERPETUITY OR IF THEY WANT US TO WALK AWAY. OUR MAIN GOAL IS THAT WE WANT TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF LAND THAT IS PRODUCTIVE AND TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A PRODUCT FROM THAT LAND IN THE FORM OF FOOD, WHICH IS BOTTOM LINE, WE ALL KNOW HOW IMPORTANT THAT IS. SO THAT'S WHERE THE \$70,000 WOULD BE GOING. AND THE WAY THAT WE HAVE IT STRUCTURED WHEN WE GET, 3, SO WE WOULD OPERATE ON SLIDING SCALES, THOSE WHO CAN AFFORD TO PAY FOR OUT-OF-POCKET WOULD.\r\n\r\nAND FOR THREE INSTALLATIONS THAT CAN AFFORD A FULL PRICE, THAT WILL COVER ONE INSTALLATION FOR A FAMILY IN NEED COMPLETE BASICALLY, YOU KNOW, A FREE INSTALLATION. SO WE HOPE, YOU KNOW, IN THE FUTURE THAT WHEN THAT GETS ROLLING, WE BECOME SELF SUSTAINING JUST ON PEOPLE, PAYING FOR THE INSTALLS. ALLOWING US TO PAY THAT EXTRA COVER PEOPLE IN NEED. WE'RE ASKING FOR THIS FUNDING TO GET THE BALL ROLLING. WE'VE BEEN WORKING AT IT SINCE 2017. AND EVERY DAY, WE'RE JUST REACHING ITS PINNACLE AS FAR AS A NECESSITY AND AS FAR AS PEOPLE CALLING FOR HELP. SO HERE WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP AS WELL. >> ALL OF US, MR.\r\n\r\nSIMPONI. >> MAHALO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. HAVE A WONDERFUL EVENING. >> NEXT. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. WE HAVE UP NEXT TO TESTIFY TELEPHONE NUMBER LAST FOUR DIGITS, 6659. AND THAT TESTIFIER WILL BE FOLLOWED BY LAST FOUR DIGITS, 4411. TESTIFIER 6659, YOU'RE UP. >> ALOHA, THIS IS ROBIN KNOT.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU FOR WORKING WITH ME TO GET ME THROUGH THE TECHNOLOGY LOOP, I THINK YOU'RE DOING A GREAT JOB WITH THIS TECHNOLOGY TRIAL AND ERROR. I JUST WANT TO AFFIRM ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF FOOD SECURITY AND IN THE BUDGET SUPPORTING ANYTHING THAT INCREASES OUR ABILITY TO PROVIDE FOOD LOCALLY AND TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL FARMERS AND OTHER BUSINESSES THAT ARE RELATED TO FARMING. WITH REGARD TO THE MAUI VISITOR BUREAU FUNDING, I THINK THAT THAT NEEDS TO BE SEVERELY CUT. WE DON'T NEED TO BE SPENDING MONEY ON ADVERTISING. HOWEVER, WE DO SHOULD TRY TO PRESERVE THE JOBS OF THE PEOPLE



THAT WORK IN THAT BUREAU AND PUT THEM TO WORK PLANNING HOW TO REVAMP TOURISM. I DON'T THINK WE WANT IT TO GO AWAY PERMANENTLY, BUT YOU HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SEE WHAT THE IMPACT IS ON OUR ECONOMY AND REALLY ASSESS ALL OF THAT. I THINK WE COULD, TAKE THREE MILLION AWAY AND STILL GET SOME WORK DONE THERE.\r\n\r\nAND THEN I WOULD ALSO SAY THAT YOU KNOW, I THINK THE REALITY IS THAT ALL THE BUDGETS ARE GOING TO HAVE TO BE LOOKED AT AND RATHER THAN CUTTING OFF AN ENTIRE ARMOR LEG, IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO ASK EVERYBODY TO REDUCE SOME INSTEAD OF COMPLETELY ELIMINATING THINGS. YOU KNOW, ONE EXAMPLE THAT I CAN THINK OF IS, YOU KNOW, EVERYBODY REALLY LOVES THE MAUI NEWLY RESOURCE COUNCIL'S WORK. AND THEY HAVE A LOT OF NEAT PROJECTS GOING ON. BUT, WE COULD ASSESS THOSE PROJECTS AND SAY, DO WE REALLY NEED DATA FROM EVERY ONE OF THESE PARTS EVERY MONTH? OR DO WE REALLY NEED TO DO THE OYSTERS RIGHT NOW? SO THAT WE CAN TRIM BACK BUDGETS, I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO DO THE ONES WITH THE WATER SHED WHERE THAT SEDIMENT IS GOING TO COME DO YOU KNOW WHETHER THERE IS A PANDEMIC OR NOT. AND THAT HAD A GRANT ASSOCIATED THAT BROUGHT MONEY FROM OUTSIDE THE COUNTY AND PUT PEOPLE TO WORK DOING THE HARD NETWORK, WHETHER THEY HAVE THE EQUIPMENT OR WHATEVER NEEDS TO BE DONE THERE.\r\n\r\nTHAT'S JUST ONE EXAMPLE, I THINK ALL OF THE BUDGETS CAN BE LOOKED AT IN THAT LIGHT. WHAT OF THESE THINGS THAT WE WERE PLANNING TO DO NEXT YEAR, COULD BE PUT ON HOLD AND US BE ABLE TO DECREASE OUR BUDGETS, YOU KNOW IN ORDER TO TAKE CARE OF SOME OTHER THINGS THAT HAVE COME UP IN THIS PANDEMIC THAT WE NEED TO ADDRESS. THAT'S ALL I HAVE. THANK YOU. >> VERY GOOD. ANY QUESTIONS? IF NOT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.\r\n\r\nFOR WAITING SO LONG. >> YOU'RE WELCOME. >> I APPRECIATE IT. >> CHAIR, OUR NEXT TESTIFIER IS LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THE TELEPHONE 4411. TESTIFIER 4411. >> THANK YOU FOR HEARING MY WORDS TODAY. THIS IS CLARA PALMA. THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME BE THE LAST TESTIFIER, MAYBE. I AM SO IMPRESSED WITH ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE TESTIFIED TONIGHT IN COMING TOGETHER FOR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.\r\n\r\nTO RELATE TO YOU TONIGHT. IF WE SIT IN THIS PLACE OF REALLY, FIGHTING FOR OUR LIVES SEVERAL OF US. I WILL SAY THAT MY SON IS AN EMERGENCY ROOM DOCTOR IN WASHINGTON DC. AND HE SAID TO ME, YOU KNOW MOM, I'M WATCHING PEOPLE DIE AND THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT. BUT I'M WATCHING PEOPLE DIE. HE'S ALWAYS BEEN THE HIGH-TECH PERSON WHO CAN FIND SOME MIRACLE MEDICINE OR MACHINE TO USE BUT WE SIT HERE TRYING TO PROTECT OUR ISLAND. AND AT THE SAME TIME, I AM IN THE SAME PLACE FIGHTING FOR OUR ALIKABUNA, AND NOW MORE THAN ANYTIME, I HAVE TO SAY THAT IT'S SO IMPORTANT THAT WE GIVE THEM THE RESPECT BECAUSE THEY ARE HERE WITH US PROTECTING US, GUIDING US IN THIS PLACE AS THEY WERE MEANT TO BE.\r\n\r\nWE MAMALIKUA AND OTHER, WE DON'T DO THE (INAUDIBLE) FOR NO REASON. WE DON'T STAY IN THIS FOR DECADES FOR NO REASON. OUR KAPUNA ARE SO IMPORTANT TO BRINGING OUR LAND BACK, BRINGING OUR LIFE PRESERVING IT, AND YOU HAVE PROPOSALS TO BUY THE WYALI LAND. I TESTIFIED FOR THREE YEARS ABOUT THOSE LANDS WITH ONE THOUGHT, WE MUST PROTECT THE BURIALS THAT ARE THERE. THEY ARE IN THE SAND DUNE. I DO NOT KNOW THAT IF YOU KNOW HOW MUCH YOU REALLY CAN BUILD ON. HOW MUCH OF THAT IS NOT BANDONED BUT THERE ARE TALL SAND DUNES THERE AND THERE YOU WILL FIND BURIAL AND YOU'LL FIND OUR KAKUNA.\r\n\r\nI TRIED TO HELP, MAYOR BUT I COULD NOT GET A MAP OF WHAT WAS PROPOSED. SO I COULD NOT GIVE AN ANSWER ABOUT WHETHER THE KAKUNA WOULD BE IMPACTED. AND I SAY YOU MUST BE VERY CAREFUL AND KNOW WHAT YOU'RE ACTUALLY BUYING. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD PAY ANYTHING. THIS COMPANY HAS SAND MINE, MY ANCESTORS FOR DECADES. THEY'VE GONE THROUGH HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS AND THOUSANDS OF BURIALS AND WHAT HAVE THEY PAID FOR IT? NOTHING.\r\n\r\nTHEY SHOULD GIVE THIS TO OUR COUNTRY. I

THINK IT SHOULD BE GIVEN TO US, IT SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE PEOPLE FOR ALL THE DAMAGE THAT HAS BEEN DONE BEFORE. AND ABOUT THE MALILANI PARKWAY, AS I'VE SEEN IT COME THROUGH THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE DIFFERENT VARIOUS PLACES, IT WAS ALWAYS MALILANI RESPONSIBILITY AND THEY RAN INTO MANY MANY BURIALS SO THE ROAD WAS NEVER OPENED. THERE ARE MANY BURIAL THAT YOU HAVE OUTLINED AND THERE WILL BE MORE BURIALS THAT WILL BE IMPACTED AS YOU TRY TO CONNECT THE ROAD. IN THE PREVIOUS TESTIMONY IN THE PLANNING COMMISSION, YOU WILL SEE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT HOW MUCH WILL THE ROAD ACTUALLY CONTRIBUTE TO DECREASING TRAFFIC BECAUSE WHERE IT CONNECTS, YOU'RE ALREADY AGAIN ON A BUSY ROAD. I AM NOT SURE THAT THIS IS THE RIGHT SOLUTION. I KNOW THAT I WOULD NOT WANT TO HAVE HEAVY TRAFFIC ON THAT ROAD BECAUSE, THERE ARE BURIALS ALL AROUND IT.\r\n\r\nAND WHERE THE TWO-WELL STATIONS ARE, THERE WERE BURIAL BOUNDS. THEY WERE ACTUALLY 92 BURIALS FOUND BUILDING THAT SHORT SECTION OF ROAD. >> CAN YOU CONCLUDE, PLEASE. >> I CAN, THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I THANK YOU FOR HEARING ME. I WANT TO REITERATE THAT WE NEED TO GO BACK TO THE SPIRIT AND THE HAINA AND WHAT FEEDS ALL OF US HERE AND THAT STARTS WITH OUR KAKUNA NO MATTER WHAT NATIONALITY YOU ARE, WHETHER YOU PRACTICE YOUR TRADITIONS OR NOT, WE NEED TO RESPECT THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE US AND STAYED WITH US TO SEE THAT WE CONTINUE TO THRIVE.\r\n\r\nMAHALO. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU, ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS? IF NOT, TAKE CARE CLAIRE AND WE'LL TALK TO YOU AGAIN. >> OKAY. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\nSO ARE THERE ANYMORE TESTIFIER. >> WE DO NOT HAVE ANYMORE TESTIFIER NOTED. IF YOU'RE CONNECTED TO THE MEETING AND YOU WISH TO WEBSITE AND WISH TO TESTIFY, PLEASE LET US KNOW NOW. REPEATING LAST CALL FOR TESTIFIERS. PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY IN THE CHAT OR PLEASE SEND A REQUEST TO INTER REACT LIVE NOW. >> OKAY, IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, COUNCILMEMBERS, I'M GOING TO CLOSE PUBLIC TESTIMONY. >> NO OBJECTIONS.\r\n\r\n>> NO OBJECTIONS. >> SO ORDERED. >> HERE. --CHAIR. WE HAVE RECEIVED WRITTEN TESTIMONY AS WELL. >> OKAY. >> ANY OBJECTIONS TO ACCEPTING THE WRITTEN TESTIMONY?\r\n\r\n>> NO OBJECTION. >> NO OBJECTIONS. >> NO OBJECTIONS. >> ANYTHING ELSE? >> WELL YOU ALL HAVE A NICE EVENING. YOU STILL HAVE TIME TO GO DANCING AND ENJOY MUSIC. YOU GUYS HAVE FUN.\r\n\r\nAND TAKE CARE, PLEASE TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOUR SELVES AND WE'LL SEE YOU ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS WEEKEND. OKAY. MEETING ADJOURNED. [GAVEL]