

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

# HUMAN SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

May 18, 2001

Committee  
Report No.

01-85

Honorable Chair and Members  
of the County Council  
County of Maui  
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Human Services and Economic Development Committee, having met on May 3, 2001, makes reference to County Communication No. 01-110, from the Director of Housing and Human Concerns, transmitting the following:

1. Proposed resolution entitled "AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF A LEASE OF COUNTY REAL PROPERTY TO MAUI ECONOMIC CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY, INC.";
2. Copy of Grant Agreement for a Lease of County Real Property; and
3. Copy of the Lease.

The purpose of the proposed resolution is to grant a lease of approximately five acres of County real property (TMK: 2-4-6-015:por. 001) to Maui Economic Concerns of the Community, Inc. (MECC) for the purpose of developing the West Side Resource Center Project, a proposed homeless resource center and affordable housing facility for homeless and low-income families and individuals in Lahaina, Maui.

Your Committee notes that it previously reported on a related matter by Human Services and Economic Development Committee Report No. 01-15 (As Amended). Pursuant to the recommendations of Committee Report No. 01-15 (As Amended), the Council adopted the following resolutions on March 2, 2001:

1. Resolution No. 00-28, entitled "ACCEPTING DEDICATION OF LAND PURSUANT TO SECTION 3.44.015, MAUI COUNTY CODE", accepting approximately five acres of land (TMK: 2-4-6-015:por. 001) from Pioneer Mill Company, Ltd. for the West Maui Resource Center Project; and

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2. Resolution No. 00-29, entitled "APPROVING THE WEST SIDE RESOURCE CENTER PROJECT PURSUANT TO SECTION 201G-118, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES", approving the West Side Resource Center Project.

At its meeting, your Committee met with the Director of Housing and Human Concerns; a Deputy Corporation Counsel and Charles Ridings, MECC's Executive Director.

Your Committee received written testimony from one individual, who stated that the Council's actions relating to the West Side Resource Center Project, at the Council meeting of March 2, 2001, were improper because he was allegedly denied the opportunity to present oral testimony. He further stated that he believes that the deed and proposed warranty deed for the subject property are invalid. For these reasons, he requested that your Committee defer action on the proposed resolution.

The Director provided an overview of the proposed project, noting that the five-acre parcel is located above the Lahaina Aquatic Center. She noted that approximately 114 affordable housing units will be available upon completion of the project.

The Director further noted that your Budget and Finance Committee recommended that a \$4 million bond appropriation be used for the development of this project. On March 21, 2001, the Grants Review Committee recommended approval of the proposed lease agreement.

Your Committee asked the Deputy Corporation Counsel to comment on the written testimony.

The Deputy Corporation Counsel stated that, because the alleged incident mentioned by the testifier occurred at a Council meeting, any resolution of the testifier's concerns would have to occur at the Council level. The Deputy Corporation Counsel further stated that his office believes that the Council's actions were proper and should not impede your Committee's discussions.

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Your Committee voted to recommend that the proposed resolution be adopted.

Your Human Services and Economic Development Committee RECOMMENDS the following:

1. That Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_, attached hereto, entitled "AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF A LEASE OF COUNTY REAL PROPERTY TO MAUI ECONOMIC CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY, INC.", be ADOPTED; and
2. That County Communication No. 01-110 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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