

# **BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Council of the County of Maui

## **MINUTES**

**April 6, 2011**

**Mitchell Pauole Center, Main Hall (Molokai)**

**CONVENE:** 6:02 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councilmember Joseph Pontanilla, Chair  
Councilmember Gladys C. Baisa, Member  
Councilmember Robert Carroll, Member  
Councilmember Elle Cochran, Member  
Councilmember Donald G. Couch, Jr., Member  
Councilmember Danny A. Mateo, Member  
Councilmember Michael P. Victorino, Member  
Councilmember Mike White, Member

**EXCUSED:**  
Councilmember G. Riki Hokama, Vice-Chair

**STAFF:** Scott Kaneshina, Legislative Analyst  
Kirstin Hamman, Substitute Legislative Analyst  
Yvette Bouthillier, Substitute Committee Secretary

Ella Alcon, Council Aide, Molokai Council Office

**OTHERS:** Heidi Jenkins, Molokai Robotics Coordinator  
Edwin Mendija, Student, Molokai High School  
Michael Kikukawa, Student, Molokai High School  
Michael Onofrio, Student, Molokai High School  
Ehiku Arnold, Student, Molokai High School  
Sarah Jenkins, Student  
Hikilii Chow, Student  
Mariah Jenkins, Student, Molokai High School  
Lily Jenkins, Student  
Momi Afelin, Student, Molokai Middle School  
Arleone Dibben-Young  
Kai Magdarilo  
Audrey Nahoopii Kaawai  
Pania Santiago  
Lori Buchanan, Molokai/Maui Invasive Species Committee  
Kimberly Svetin, President, Molokai Drugs  
Margaret (Meg) Fox  
Tessie Juario, Administrative Assistant, Kuhao Business Center, Maui County  
Office of Economic Development

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Emillia Noordhook  
Amy Maeda, Executive Director, Molokai Occupational Center  
Iese Tanielu, Superintendent, Molokai Occupational Center  
Ruth Yolanda Tanielu, Molokai Community Children Council Parent Co-Chair  
Claire Mawae, Owner, Molokai Outdoors  
Nancy McPherson, Staff Planner, Department of Planning (Molokai)  
Jennifer Whitted, Board of Directors, President, Molokai Humane Society  
Lorna Huizinga, Board of Directors, Treasurer, Molokai Humane Society  
Matthew Goodrich, Board of Directors, Vice-Chair, Molokai Humane Society  
Hollis Stewart, Visiting Veterinarian, Molokai Humane Society  
Sarah Nartatez  
Brenda Kaneshiro, Owner, Molokai Meli, LLC  
Denny Kaneshiro, Owner, Molokai Meli, LLC  
Elijah Kaneshiro, Owner, Elijah's Best  
Elisabeth Kaneshiro, Owner, From Bee 2 U  
Tabitha Kaneshiro, Owner, Tabitha's Treasures  
Esther Kaneshiro  
Desiree Puhi, Executive Director, Molokai Community Health Center  
Judy Caparida  
Gladys Brown  
Kelly Kaawa Richardson  
Karen Ashley  
Barbara Haliniak, President, Molokai Chamber of Commerce Foundation  
Ruth Manu  
Janice Espiritu, Principal, Kaunakakai School  
Melany Parker  
Misty Parker  
Marisa Morton  
Beverly Pauole-Moore  
Betty Puaa, Manager, Spencer Business Service, Inc.  
J. J. Iruka Saitoh-Caree  
(10) additional unidentified attendees

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: ...*(gavel)*... I'd like to call to order the Council Budget and Finance Committee meeting for April the 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011 [*sic*] at Mitchell Pauole Center on Molokai to order. Good evening, everyone.

ALL: Good evening.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you for. . .good evening. Thank you for having us here tonight to discuss Mayor Arakawa's 2012 Fiscal Year Budget here tonight. At this time, I would like to yield the floor to our Council Chairman and your Councilmember Danny Mateo to introduce the Members that are here tonight. Danny?

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COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Thank you. Aloha, everybody.

ALL: Aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: I'm, I'm gonna start on my right working my way down. From the, from the Makawao-Paia-Haiku area, Councilmember Mike White.

AUDIENCE: Aloha . . .(*clapping*). . .

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Next to him from West Maui, Councilmember Elle Cochran.

AUDIENCE: . . .(*clapping*). . .

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: From the Kihei area, Don Couch.

AUDIENCE: . . .(*clapping*). . .

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: From heavenly Hana, Bob Carroll.

AUDIENCE: . . .(*clapping*). . .

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: And obviously the one that needs no introduction because we all know her, the one and only, Gladys Baisa.

AUDIENCE: . . .(*clapping*). . .

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: And the candy man for the County, our Budget Chair, also Vice-Chair of the Council, Joseph Pontanilla.

AUDIENCE: . . .(*clapping*). . .

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: And from the Wailuku area, Councilmember Michael Victorino.

AUDIENCE: . . .(*clapping*). . .

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Chairman Mateo. At this time, the Chair would like to recognize the Staff members that are here tonight. To my left directly here, we have Yvette Bouthillier, along with Kirstin Hamman, and at the end that young man, ladies, still single, Scott Kaneshina. And Staff member from Molokai, Ella Alcon.

AUDIENCE: . . .(*clapping*). . .

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: And at this time, I'd like to publicly thank Ella for, and, and Danny for providing dinner for all of us here --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: --all of us that sitting over here with dinner.

**ITEM NO. 1: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2012 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI** (C.C. No. 11-80)

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay, again, you know, this is your opportunity to provide comments on Mayor Arakawa's 2012 Fiscal Year Budget, and we're here to, to hear your public testimony in regards to your needs on Molokai. But before we take public testimony, I, I'd just like to provide the ground rules. You have three minutes to provide public testimony, one minute to conclude. When you come up if you can speak directly into the mic. This proceeding is being recorded. State your name, organization that you represent, and we'll continue from there. So, the first person to sign up for public testimony is Maria Jenkins. Mariah?

*...BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY...*

MS. HEIDI JENKINS: . . . *(inaudible)*. . . my daughter, if that's okay? Do you mind if I speak? Hi, my name is Heidi Jenkins. I'm Mariah's mom.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Sure.

MS. HEIDI JENKINS: Aloha, Council Chair Danny Mateo, Budget Chair, Mr. Pontanilla, and Council Members. My name is Heidi Jenkins and I'm here tonight to speak on behalf of the Maui Economic Development Board - Women in Technology. We recognize that we're in challenging economic times, but we're here tonight to request that the County Council continue their financial funding for MEDB. MEDB funds numerous science, technology, engineering, and math programs here on Molokai, such as FIRST LEGO League Robotics, VEX Robotics, EXCITE Engineering Camp for Molokai Middle School girls, Tech Careers for Molokai High School students, Hydroponics Project and Greenhouse Project at Kaunakakai Elementary School, and most recently Molokai Math Day, which are just a few.

MEDB provided funding. . . I'm going to speak mostly for robotics 'cause I am the robotics instructor and I help coordinate that program. MEDB provided funding for 48 FIRST LEGO League Robotic students in grades four to eight to travel to off-island tournaments. Students from various Molokai schools, including Kilohana Elementary School, Kaunakakai, Kualapuu, Molokai Middle, Halau Lokahi Public Charter Online School, and home-schooled students.

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We researched community problems and invented solutions within the field of biomedical engineering. Three Molokai teams advanced to the State tournament at the Neil Blaisdell Center, taking home first and second place awards for their projects, teamwork, and for gracious professionalism. While taking home top awards was impressive, what these students won was not nearly as important as what they learned throughout the process.

I have several students behind me tonight who are going to speak a little bit more about what they personally came away with from these programs, things such as technological skills, the ability to design our own websites, 3-D computer-assisted designs, Skyping with experts at universities such as Rice and on the mainland, creating educational brochures, PowerPoints are just a few of these tech skills that are going to help them in their classroom as well as in the future. Other skills such as communication and problem solving are those essential skills that they learn in robotics that will help them throughout their lives.

MEDB also provided funding for 14 Molokai High School VEX Robotic students in grades 9 through 12 to travel to off-island tournaments as well. Students engage in experiences that enable them to reach their full potential while they develop the knowledge and skills vital to success in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Skills such as robotics, the engineering design process, ROBOTC programming language, and physics concepts, such as torque versus speed are just a few things they learn. Given to these global challenges compared to the rest of history in the past, there's never been an age with a greater need for new scientists, engineers, and problem-solving leaders. These students behind me are our future leaders of Maui County.

MS. HAMMAN: Three minutes.

MS. HEIDI JENKINS: The Molokai VEX Team won the Rookie Team of the Year. And again, I don't want to go too much into their awards, but they competed over 100 teams throughout the State and the level of their competition was raised from being able to go off-island. So, we just want to say please continue supporting MEDB - Women in Technology 'cause they're the ones who fund our Molokai students. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any questions for the testifier. Thank you very much and, and we saw that in *The Maui News* where your team came in first and second throughout. . .through the State. Next testifier is Edwin Mendija.

AUDIENCE: . . .(clapping). . .

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Mendija.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER (*speaking from the gallery*): Mendija.

MR. MENDIJA: Hello, my name is Edwin Mendija. I'm currently a senior enrolled at Molokai High School. As a part of the VEX Club sponsored by the MEDB - Women in Technology, I'm here to. . .I decided to chase my passion in engineering, which is why I joined the club. Also, through

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this types of programs and stuff I started this CAD classes, they call it, computer-aided design. I've been teaching elementary students all, all because we have this VEX-funded program. And I'd greatly appreciate it if you guys would keep funding. . .they keep funding us because, you know, to me, they have a lot of potential.

We've, we've done well this year. A lot of students have been learning. It also teaches us a lot about team work, leadership skills, and it keeps us up-to-date with advancing technologies and stuff. Yes, I would greatly appreciate it if you guys keep, keep it going for the next guys after me because I'm leaving now. I would just like, like them to continue on what we started. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

AUDIENCE: . . .(*clapping*). . .

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Members, any questions for the testifier? Seeing none, thank you. Michael Kikukawa?

MR. KIKUKAWA: Hello, Council Members. My name is Michael Kikukawa and I am a sophomore at Molokai High School. Over the past year, I have participated in many activities funded by the Maui Economic Development Board. They include being a secretary of the VEX Robotics Team, attending Tech Career Day on Maui, and being a member of the Molokai Mahina MoonBots Team. All of these activities have increased my aptitude in math, science, technology, and engineering, which are all vital in our careers in the future. They have also improved my communication and teamwork skills, which have helped me get an honorable mention and astronomy award at the County Science Fair this year. Please continue funding MEDB. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any questions for the testifier? Seeing none, thank you. Michael Onofrio?

MR. ONOFRIO: Hello, my name is Michael Onofrio and I'm a sophomore at Molokai High School. I'm asking MEDB to continue funding our club. As a current high school student, VEX has helped me to become a more mature and driven student. MEDB has helped fund many clubs and trips that I have been on, such as Science Fair, VEX, FLL, and CAD. I would appreciate the Council to further fund MEDB so I can continue to have these opportunities. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

AUDIENCE: . . .(*clapping*). . .

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Members, any questions for the testifier? Seeing none, Ehiku Arnold?

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MR. ARNOLD: Hello, my name is Ehiku Arnold. I am here to represent Molokai High School VEX Robotics Team. I am here to ask the County Council to continue funding for further study on robotic technology. Robotics has helped me to interact with students that I would normally not interact with. I am looking at becoming a mechanical engineer when I grow up. I will also be the first in my family to go to college. VEX has provided me many opportunities and I appreciate all of their support. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any questions for the testifier? Seeing none, thank you, again. Sarah Jenkins?

AUDIENCE: . . .(*clapping*). . .

MS. SARAH JENKINS: Aloha, Maui County Council Members. My name is Sarah and I'm in eighth grade.

MS. CHOW: Aloha, my name is Hikilii and I'm also in eighth grade.

MS. SARAH JENKINS: Even though only 20 percent of engineers are women, Maui Economic Development Board has inspired and encouraged us to pursue an engineering field.

MS. CHOW: Our Robotics Program funded by MEDB opened us to a new field we didn't know about called bioengineering, which is the future of veterinary science.

MS. SARAH JENKINS: And this is our career path that we want to pursue when we're older.

MS. CHOW: Also, MEO also helps us because we use it daily to attend these activities like robotics as well as to get home after robotics.

MS. SARAH JENKINS: So, thank you and we just want you guys to continue funding Maui Economic Development Board as well as MEO. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any questions for these two young ladies? Seeing none, thank you. Lily Jenkins.

AUDIENCE: . . .(*clapping*). . .

MS. MARIAH JENKINS: Sorry, my mom skipped me earlier 'cause she talked about the Robotics Program so my sister can go after me. But my name is Mariah Jenkins and I'm a junior this year at Molokai High School. VEX Robotics Team was my senior project for next year. And so, I started this year and I'm currently captain of the VEX Robotics Team.

MEDB has helped me in several opportunities such as MoonBots, FLL, VEX, and Tech Career Day. They also sponsored Science Fair, which I placed at the State competition which was last week at the Honolulu Convention Center. And there I won two awards totaling \$1,000 in

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scholarships and prizes for my project, which was creating a, a three. . .a robotic leg for a three-legged dog. This won me \$300 from the Humane Society and also a Verizon scholarship.

So, like my sister, I want to pursue next a year a, a career of bioengineering and veterinary science. And bioengineering is pretty much just engineering, but I want to go a step further and put it. . .they right now create tools and such for doctors. But I want to change that and I want to look at it through veterinary science. And I want to do this through the Army ROTC because their veterinarians right now are becoming a big problem because they have shortages of them through the Army and that is because of animal and food safety. So, that's where I want to go through. And actually when I told them that I did VEX and all these robotics activities, they were really impressed with that. So, I just want to say thank you and they've helped me a lot with teamwork skills. And I'd appreciate it if you keep funding them. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

AUDIENCE: . . .(*clapping*). . .

MS. LILY JENKINS: Aloha, County Council Members. My name is Lily Jenkins and I am a sixth grade student at Halau Lokahi. Programs like robotics that are funded by the Maui Economic Development Board taught me a lot of technological skills such as CAD. CAD is. . . stands for Computer-Assisted [*sic*] Design. CAD is a computer program that allows you to create three-dimensional objects. Using CAD can help me in the future by pursuing my career as an environmental engineer. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any questions for the lady?

AUDIENCE: . . .(*clapping*). . .

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Seeing none, thank you. Next testifier is Momi Afelin.

MS. AFELIN: Hi, my name is Momi Afelin and I'm a seventh grader at Molokai Middle School. Having the opportunity to be involved in a MEDB support. . .MEDB-supported programs such as robotics has helped me in other areas besides just robotics. For example, it helped me with my science fair project which revolved around robotics and light sensors. It also helped me with like coming up with an idea and having like the courage to get up and in front of judges and speak to them and have them interview me. Without. . .it also helped me like without these skills I don't think I would have been able to advance to the State level of Science Fair where I won an award for electronics and communications. I want to say thank you for helping us support or helping to support all these programs here on Molokai. And we really ask that you help to keep on funding us. It really helps. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any questions for the testifier? Seeing none, thank you, again. Arleone Dibben-Young?



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MS. DIBBEN-YOUNG: Aloha mai, nice to see everyone tonight. My name is Arleone Dibben-Young. I'm a private contractor. I do wetland and dune restoration and ecosystem restoration. I'm here today to provide testimony for the County of Maui's mitigation site known as Ohiapilo Pond Bird Sanctuary. The County is currently in noncompliance with both the Endangered Species Act and with the Consent Decree from the EPA.

In 1994, just for a brief history, the County of Maui executed an Administrative Order on Consent for the County's Clean Water Act violation at that now-closed Kalamaula Landfill. The mitigation project named Ohiapilo Pond Bird Sanctuary, which I will call OPBS, was completed in 1999. Ducks Unlimited was hired to manage the site and they immediately abandoned the site.

I filed a complaint in 2004 and I began managing the site in . . . from 2005 to 2009 by contract. I was responsible for developing the site's scope of work and meeting the success criteria for the Consent Decree. Since my absence from the site, the County has remained noncompliant with both the Consent Decree and the Endangered Species Act due to its failure to reduce the threat avian botulism outbreaks, and to conduct year round predator control. The County is at risk of loss of all of the achieved success criteria according to a personal communication I have with the EPA. EPA may also levy fines at great expense to taxpayers if all EPA-ordered site management tasks are not fully resumed.

In my experience, I found that \$100,000--which is the sum currently requested by Solid Waste Management--to be insufficient to conduct the tasks required to meet the compulsory success criteria. And I estimate \$200,000 would be necessary to return OPBS to a success criterial, criteria level due to site regression from insufficient maintenance over the past 18 months. Let's see, costs to fill the County's manmade canal to reduce the risk of botulism was...is, is excluded from the. . .Page 2--I just did kind of a really rough estimate of how monies would be spent, which categories they were in. . .they would be in--that's excluded from that budget. It's imperative that OPBS funding remain as a specific line item in the budget to prevent the monies from being shifted to another category, which has happened in the past.

Long-term actual costs on a yearly basis remain unknown because the fluctuation of the funding has been up and down, up and down.

MS. HAMMAN: Three minutes.

MS. DIBBEN-YOUNG: And, okay, and so, we really don't know what it would take to maintain the site at the maintenance success criteria level. Your consideration at getting the mitigation site back on track is greatly appreciated. Mahalo.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any questions for the testifier? Seeing none, thank you, again.

MS. DIBBEN-YOUNG: Thank you, mahalo.

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: The next testifier is Kai Magdaula.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER (*speaking from the gallery*): Kai Magdarilo.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Who's that?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER (*speaking from the gallery*): Kai Magdarilo.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yeah Kai Magdarila...rilo?

MR. MAGDARILO: Aloha, budget community Members. My name is Kai Magdarilo. I am here on behalf of the Molokai Youth Center because there is no other place where kids can go here on Molokai. We would love it if you could keep supporting the Molokai Youth Center so it can keep open. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any questions for the young man? Seeing none, thank you. Audrey Nahoopii Kaanai...Kaaunai?

AUDIENCE: . . .(*speaking from the gallery*). . . Kaawai, Kaawai.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Kaawai. Oh, you guys get fancy writing, boy, I can say that.

MS. NAHOOPII KAAWAI: Aloha, Budget Committee Members. My name is Audrey Nahoopii and I am also here on behalf of the Molokai Youth Center and its programs, which I not only participate in but I am very appreciative of as well. At the Molokai Youth Center, many of Molokai's keiki enter the doors on a daily basis. It is there that we receive assistance from the many programs offered such as daily homework, self-esteem building through our Mana Wahine Young Women Group, mentorship, outdoor play, which engages us especially teams in physical play rather than bouncing around and watching TV or playing video games which would be the ultimate. . .the alternative choice if not offered.

On a personal level, I have so much respect and aloha for the staff members at the center for they share their aloha unconditionally to each and every one of us who walk through the doors. In return, we learn trust, respect, responsibility, and most of all, the knowledge that we are respected for who we are. I appreciate the, the Youth Center and all that it offers and ask that you please continue to support the center. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any questions for the testifier?

AUDIENCE: . . .(*clapping*). . .

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Seeing none, thank you. Pania Santiago followed by Lori Buchanan.

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MS. SANTIAGO: Good evening. My name is Pania Santiago and I am also here on behalf of the Molokai Youth Center. I've been coming to the Youth Center for over five years and I really enjoyed it. I like to come to the Youth Center because it provides many activities and programs that I am currently attending to teach us about leadership qualities, sports, and more. They also provide foods and snacks for the children that is very delicious and made by the wonderful staff that run the Youth Center. The staff is the best and they are very helpful and caring. They have helped me through a lot in my life and they have changed me. I learned a lot there and I would recommend this place to many others. It is a very unique, responsible, and respectful place. With the Youth Center, I have been managing to keep my grades up and meet new faces. Please continue to support the Molokai Youth Center. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, questions for the testifier? Seeing none, thank you. Lori Buchanan followed by Kim Svetin and Kimberly Sventin.

MS. BUCHANAN: Aloha, my County Council. I wanted to use my three minutes to stand here and thank my County Council because you're the best Council people in the State of Hawaii.

AUDIENCE: . . .(*clapping*). . .

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

MS. BUCHANAN: And we have the best Chair. Yeah.

AUDIENCE: . . .(*clapping*). . .

MS. BUCHANAN: I know this because I work in all levels of government. I work with our State and Federal government in partnerships in my job, and I know that this Council consistently walks the talk. While everybody is talking about sustainability, malama aina, and our environment, this County Council consistently leads the way in the State of Hawaii to really take care of our environment. And I wanted to thank you guys for that. I look forward to working with all the new Members. I'm really happy that you guys are on the Council now.

I wanted to say that I'm here representing the Molokai-Maui Invasive Species Committee. We are a Sub-Committee of the Maui Invasive Species Committee and we are a research project of the University of Hawaii. While we got our funds severely cut by the State along with everybody else, Maui County continued to recognize the importance of protecting the environment, because without the environment we have nothing. Everything just goes to pot. And so, I really wanted to thank you for your continued support to the Invasive Species Committee and all of the rest of the environmental programs, watershed programs, natural area reserves, everything that you guys fund and the time you take to really analyze and also balance between social services.

You guys are the bomb. I'm telling you. . .I cannot tell you guys how much all the rest of the counties look to Maui County. You guys balance your budget. You guys worked hard and still

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provided the needed services to all the community of Maui County. And I say Maui Nui because us here on Molokai who don't provide a big tax base to help with all the services, we still continue to have the support of the County. And so, I wanted to just thank you guys tonight and I didn't need a paper to do that. So, mahalo, and thank you for your continued support for our environment.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you very much.

AUDIENCE: . . .(*clapping*). . .

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Come to Maui and say the same thing, please.

AUDIENCE: . . .(*laughter*). . .

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: On camera.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Kim Svetin and Kimberly Svetin.

MS. SVETIN: Hi, my name is Kimberly Mikami Svetin, and I'm actually here as the President of Molokai Drugs and our soon to be annex of the store, which is called Molokai General Store. It's a new store that we will be opening in about six weeks.

The second hat I'm wearing is as the General Manager of Kamoi Snack-N-Go. I'm here to support funding and continued funding for the Maui Visitors Bureau. Although we are not at the peak numbers of the '70s with Kaluakoi Resort and 100,000-plus visitors, we still receive several dozen to hundreds of people a day on island. At our ice cream shop, we call the ferry folks the blue sticker people. And you may think that we are not Maui with over 2 million visitors a year, but the difference the visitor industry brings to our island determines if I will be offering full benefits, medical, dental, drug, vision to my employees, and a competitive wage or not. Without visitors to our island, I will probably not be able to offer those types of benefits to my employees and instead of having close to 28 full-time and part-time employees, I'll probably have 50 part-time employees and not be able to offer those types of benefits. So, please continue to support the MVB. We are direct beneficiaries of that funding and I cannot emphasize how important our visitor industry is to the three retail stores I manage.

The second hat I, I'm wearing is as a taxpayer for Maui County for the last six years. I love paying taxes because of the Parks and Recreation program called PALS. Without PALS during the summers and during Christmas, my two very active sons would have to spend time in my office, because they would not have established care and aloha during two long periods where I would have to scramble to find babysitters for my children. So, thank you very much for, for funding PALS. I, I love paying taxes for that program.

The third hat I'm wearing is as a volunteer for this community and I'm speaking on behalf of the Maui Economic Development Board, which I have volunteered for since October 2009. My role

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as a volunteer is to provide partnerships between different organizations and companies both located in Hawaii and on the mainland with our students from grades K to 12 who want to become future engineers, computer scientists, doctors. My sons, Mr. Victorino, want to be professional baseball players; however, they know that their backup plan is engineering. And MEDB --

MS. HAMMAN: Three minutes.

MS. SVETIN: --through all of their programs has been able to put that seed, the engineering, the mathematician, computer scientist seed in dozens of our keiki here who two to three years ago never would have thought it would be possible. So, anyway, mahalo and thank you for being so supportive of our programs here on Molokai.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you very much. Members, questions?

AUDIENCE: . . . *(clapping)* . . .

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Excuse me, there's a question for you from Member Couch.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Hi, thank you for sharing your thoughts. I just wanted to ask you about the Summer PALS versus the Molokai Youth Center. Is there a difference? Do they supplement each other?

MS. SVETIN: Yes, there is a difference and because I am a working mom I've actually utilized both programs in the past year. Because of the funding cuts, the Molokai Youth Center provided necessary and essential and very much valued childcare and activities for my kids during spring break last month. Because of funding cuts PALS was not able to be on island. So, this past year I had babysitters watching my kids during fall break. I had my sons in Winter PALS and then I had my sons in the Molokai Youth Center program last month. And then this summer they're . . . I'm still determining if they're going to go to PALS or Molokai Youth Center. But both programs are very much needed on island.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any more questions for the testifier? Seeing none, thank you. Heidi Jenkins.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER (speaking from the audience): . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Margaret Fox.

MS. FOX: Aloha, thank you for being here this evening. My name is Meg Fox and I like Kim will change hats several times during the course of my three minutes plus.

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The first thing I would like to say is I am here to ask for continued support for MEDB - Women in Technology. I am the mother of four children, three girls, one boy, and I'm an educator here at Kaunakakai School. Two of my daughters are very heavily involved with robotics. One is in second grade and the other one is Momi who spoke earlier.

MEDB has really supported our robotics teams this year. They have done so much more for Molokai. If you look at their data they have supported a lot of things happening on Molokai all STEM related. I'm going to be very personal and talk about robotics because that's what my daughters are doing.

My daughter was a very shy girl a few years ago. Last...this last year she spoke at MEDB's board meeting and gala to over 600 people with Senator Dan Inouye there and actually talked with him and had a great time going and doing that. She just went to the State's Science Fair. She built her own robot. She programmed her own robot. She did something above and beyond what she learned at robotics. Robotics would be just something that they did after school without MEDB support, because we cannot fundraise enough on Molokai to send the amount of children that we did over to Maui and then to States. There's, there's...we are so fundraised out as parents here, it's crazy.

So, the support of MEDB in getting our children off island and to these competitions has been irreplaceable. I have a daughter who for the first time at Molokai Intermediate School...first child ever who went to States for Science Fair from that school, and it's in a direct correlation from the support that we get from MEDB - Women in Technology. They taught...they introduced our students from Molokai to CAD designers, to engineers, to guided GPS system laser sighting. They provided children from Molokai the opportunity to go off island and not sleep on a gym floor but to sleep in a hotel and to know what that experience is and that's big for our kids on Molokai. They're teaching them class. They're teaching them goals. My daughter is talking about being an engineer.

On Molokai, I'm an educator. I've been here 17 years. I have never seen 15 to 20 kids saying, I want to be an engineer...on Molokai. This is so unbelievable. So, please, as a parent and as an educator, please, please, please continue to fund MEDB - Women in Technology. They do so much for our island. They're changing the face of Molokai with their support and I mean that very sincerely.

Okay, changing hats. I am also on the board at Molokai Occupational Center. And we are under new leadership. We are passionate. We are dynamic. I've been there for over two years --

MS. HAMMAN: Three minutes.

MS. FOX: --as a board member and I want to say thank you for continuing to support our yard crew and allowing them to work for Maui County. We are reaching disadvantaged and disabled people and we will do more of that under our new leadership. So, please continue to support MOC, Molokai Occupational Center.

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Last hat, I'm a mom with four children. They're in every kind of sport, everywhere, every place on this island, at any kind time of day, and I can't be with them at all the different times and places we need to be. We use Molokai Youth Center all the time. They provide homework help. They provide leadership. They provide afternoon snacks. They provide play outside. It's a wonderful facility and it's extremely needed on Molokai.

So, those will be my three pleas as a parent and educator on Molokai. Please continue to support MEDB, MOC, and the Molokai Youth Center. Thank you so much.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, questions for the testifier? Thank you again. Cendall Manley? Cendall Manley? Louise Manley?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Emillia Noordhook?

MS. NOORDHOOK: Thank you, that's Emillia Noordhook. You want to go? Okay, so, we're both representing the Business Center. So, I'm going to allow. . .Tessie's going to testify first. She has to lower that?

MS. JUARIO: I have brochures that was designed and printed at the center for each one of you folks. Aloha and good evening, Maui County Council Members. My name is Tessie Juario. I am currently the Administrative Assistant at the County of Maui Office of Economic Development, Kuha`o Business Center. On behalf of myself and KBC's Small Business Specialist, Annette Pauole-Ahakuelo, who could not be present tonight, we would like to thank you for your continued support of the center and our Molokai entrepreneurs.

Since the new Fiscal Year 2010-2011, the center has already helped 897 Molokai residents, 42 of which are new clients. We have helped them with consultations, workshops, access to computers to do business research, and on-hand resources. We are currently working closely with some of our partners, such as Kuulei Arce at MEO Core Four, and Helen Wai to provide better financial, literacy, education workshops to the different communities on our island.

We also have helped and are helping outside agencies with projects such as the Molokai Agricultural Country Fair, Sustainable Molokai, and the Annual Food and Business Expo. Again, thank you for your support of the Kuha`o Business Center and our Molokai entrepreneurs.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

MS. NOORDHOOK: Okay, thank you, Members of the Council. I'm also here wearing a couple of different hats. I represent Sustainable Molokai and I just wanted to say thank you for your support of the Business Center, because without which we wouldn't have been given the help

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that we needed to put on a conference two years ago that drew 400 people to talk about sustainability issues and economic development in that field. We also through the Business Center received support and, and Annette's assisting us in becoming a 501(c)(3).

And then I also am reading a letter for someone else who had to attend a family funeral, Malia Akutagawa, who is the, the head of the Rural Development Project here on Molokai. And I'm just going to read a couple of the paragraphs from that.

In 2004, the Molokai Rural Development Project provided the necessary seed money to move the center into a more expanded space and to hire Annette to lead this effort. Today, the center is sustainable and stand-alone as the name Kuha`o implies. The Molokai Rural Development Project has, has since ended its fiscal sponsorship of the project. I believe it was through Annette's leadership and successful results in the Molokai community that raised the confidence of the County of Maui to adopt the Kuha`o Business Center under the management of the Office of Economic Development, expanding its staff, and keeping Annette at the helm as a Small Business Advocate. The center has assumed a vital role towards Molokai's economic revitalization through empowering residents to establish small businesses. For the many clients that walk through the center's door and take part in various workshops, Annette with her gentle manner and steadfast commitment to every entrepreneur has managed to give each individual a greater sense of possibility and opportunity. Her assets-driven approach and genuine aloha for each client are the secret ingredients to the successful outcomes realized.

In 19. .in 2009, I provided a final evaluation report to my superiors of the impact of the Business Center and has since. .has had since 2004. My staff and I contacted all the participants in our database to update their status and discovered the following outcomes. And I won't read these out loud. They'll be copies for you so that you can see the incredible amount of advancement that was. .that happened.

It is evident from these outcomes that the Business Center is a key component in strengthening Molokai's people and economy. National and State statistics also demonstrate that small businesses serve as the engine of our economy. Therefore, mechanisms like the Kuha`o Business Center that help to engage our citizens' innate talents for innovation and entrepreneurship makes for wise government investments.

And again, we thank you very much for your support and your continued support of the Business Center as an important and valued entity in our community.

MS. HAMMAN: Three minutes.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, questions for the testifier? Seeing none, thank you, again. Amy Maeda.

MS. MAEDA: Thank you so much for coming here. Aloha, I'm Amy Maeda. I am the Executive Director for Molokai Occupational Center. And Molokai Occupational Center is an employer to



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36 staff and participants to our developmentally disabled and disadvantaged program. We thank you so much for supporting us because we do have two County contracts that keep our workers busy and we thank you so much.

I've had six years in Maui at Ka Lima O Maui, which prepares me to take over the vocational/rehabilitation in, in Molokai. And we are looking for more workers. We have jobs to offer them and we're thankful that our staff is able to train disadvantaged and developmentally disadvantaged adults here in Molokai. We thank you so much for your support and what I will do is send you some information and data to your office once you get back to Maui. Thank you so much for coming here.

I also wanted to say that we serve the entire length of the island. Our scope of services goes all the way from Maunaloa on the west all the way to Halawa on the east. We cover a lot of ground here and it's through that County contract that we're able to, to cover that kind of ground. Thank you so much. We're expecting to grow this year with your support and aloha.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, questions for the testifier? Excuse me, Member Baisa. Excuse me.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Just, just a quick one, Amy.

MS. MAEDA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: We're very familiar with what the Ka Lima folks do on Maui. What do your people do here? What kind of work?

MS. MAEDA: Okay, very, very similar. We have a thrift store. We have car wash. We have landscape maintenance, yard work, janitorial, custodial, and we have programming. And the new things we're going to do this year is start a community garden in which our clients can experience a farm-to-table experience, learn life skills to be able to grow, cook healthy food for themselves.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you very much.

MS. MAEDA: Good to see you.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Good work.

MS. MAEDA: Yeah.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Iese Tanielu followed by Michael Drew.

MR. TANIELU: Aloha, Council Members. My name is Iese Tanielu and I'm representing Molokai Occupational Center. I'm one of the supervisor and we train and educate most of our people

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with special needs that transition to our center for work. And thank you very much for your ongoing support. We really do appreciate your help and we're looking forward to your continuing on that support. We appreciate your help. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, questions for the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You want me to say anything?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: You want to say something?

MS. TANIELU: I guess so, he brought me up here. I'm Yolanda Tanielu. I'm the better half of him. I'm, I'm here to support the Molokai Occupational Center. They have just started up again. This is one year. I mean, excuse me, one month since Amy and my husband has been hired. And so far they have been doing an excellent job.

On the other part, I would say that we have had a lot of clients come in and me being the person. . . a community member, I have noticed it by my own self as well as hearing other people in the community supporting Molokai Occupational Center.

But more importantly, I am also a Molokai Community Children Council Parent Co-Chair. And this is an excitement for our council because we have students who are now adults and can't find jobs especially because of their disability. So having a restructured Molokai Occupational Center there, it enables us as parents to take our children up there to get training and training that they need for daily living skills and also to learn how to work with other people. And I'm saying this because we have a 17 year old autistic, mental retardation child and I have just. . . we have just filed for Alu Like Summer Youth Program to support her so that she can work for the summer up at Molokai Occupational Center. This is the first for me as a mama and the reason why I say that is because now I can trust that this agency will train my daughter the right way. And this is what I look for as a parent and that for a person that is also a parent co-chair for our council, this is what our community needs.

We have special needs adults out there that needs help. So, we need to get them the help that they need. Now, with your support, it will go a long way in helping them to provide them with jobs, but also training them and giving them the confidence to go out and try the waters out there in the community and probably on Maui or on Oahu.

So, please continue to support our Molokai Occupational Center, and also I wanna say as the parent co-chair. . . I wanna say to Danny Mateo, thank you very much for taking care of our Molokai children in the community for the special, Special Fair Day. Thank you for all your support. And please continue --

MS. HAMMAN: Three minutes.

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MS. TANIELU: --to support that as well. And I look forward to your support. Thank you. Any questions?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, questions for the testifier?

MS. TANIELU: No?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: No, excuse me, if, if you could sign up with the --

MS. TANIELU: I did already.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: --oh, you already did, fine. Thank you. Claire Mawae followed by Nancy McPherson.

MS. MAWAE: Aloha, Council. My name is Claire Mawae. I'm the owner of Molokai Outdoors for the past 12 years. I'm also the Chairman of Youth in Motion, the Stand Up Paddle Association of Molokai, and--what else?--a mother. So, anyway I'm wearing many hats.

But first of all, I'd like to say that Julie, who's our director of the MVA, is away educating travel agents right now so that's why she cannot be here. I do ask that the Council supports the budget of the MVB mainly because the MVB helps us to educate everybody that comes to our shores. Molokai is not your typical tourist destination with all the amenities like the other islands. But what we are. . .we're like a chapter of a history book. People come here and learn and that's why we need the support of the MVB to help us so that we can go out there and educate people and have the right kind of people that come to our shores. And our visitor industry is very important just like it's important that we educate the visitors that come here.

I also wear another hat of as a mother. So, I do support the Molokai Youth, Youth Center, Summer PALS, any youth program on this island that helps us working parents, especially us working parents that are stretched, stretched in many directions. It's really important that these youth programs are supported. We have kids that have now got ambitions and so we need to keep encouraging that.

Another hat that I wear is that recently we've been getting more involved with the skateboarding. We have a great skate park over here, but we just found out back in February that the skate series on Maui got cancelled, and the guys come over to Molokai to do sessions with the kids over here. They bring over skateboards. It's not a budget issue. There was over \$100,000 allocated to, to the skate park, and this little skate series is a small fraction of the budget. When they come over here, they do everything as cheap as they can. They get sponsors but that has been cut. And we have a lot of kids that look forward to this. Okay, not every kid will do the regular sports.

I think. . .let me try to think what else, but, you know, I just ask that you do support the MVB. And I do ask that you do support the youth programs. And could you please look into the skate

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series? 'Cause we had a lot of kids that were really disappointed that the skate session didn't happen over here. And thank you for all your support and I'm glad to see some new faces on board. Mahalo.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, questions for the testifier? Seeing none, thank you. Nancy McPherson followed by Jennifer Whitted.

MS. McPHERSON: Aloha kakou, Council Members. I'm . . . I submitted a letter on behalf of Morgan Davis, the lead archaeologist for the State Historic Preservation Division of DLNR, who I've worked with the last Monday and Tuesday of this week, doing site visits on Molokai, and she's very concerned about the lack of resources both at the State level and at the County level for cultural resources management and protection. So, she asked me to please. . .so strike Budget Committee. I'm realizing this is not the Budget Committee. This is the Council as a, as a Whole, of the Whole.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Budget Committee.

MS. McPHERSON: It is Budget Committee, okay, that's correct. Okay, so I'm not going to read the letter, but I would just like to mention that it's become obvious to both Morgan and myself that we need to increase effect...effective enforcement of SMA violations that results in fines and fees. That would also bring in extra revenue. I realize it goes into the General Fund. But cultural resource management is not supported well enough by the Planning Department budget nor by State DLNR, SHPD budget. Working closely together, Morgan and I are still daunted by the workload, lack of good data, lack of reliable equipment, travel budget for the archaeologist to come to Molokai, and also to bring the Cultural Resources Commission to Molokai to have a meeting. The code actually says we're supposed to meet here once a year and that hasn't happened for a really long time. So, the cultural resources on Molokai will continue to deteriorate and be destroyed unless this changes and changes soon, so. I'm usually not consulted when the Planning Department's preparing their budget. So, otherwise, I would have given them this input earlier on in the process, so. Mahalo.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, questions for the testifier? Chairman Mateo?

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Yeah, thank you very much. Have you shared your concerns with the Department?

MS. McPHERSON: In the past, yes, over many years.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: And nothing from them?

MS. McPHERSON: Well, I think, enforcement continues to be problematic. It's hard not having a full-time or even part-time zoning enforcement officer here on island who can go, go out whenever it's needed and go out right away. And I'm trying to help our cultural resources

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planner as much as I can, but that's actually not supposed to be a big part of my workload. It ends up. . . I do it on my own time.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Yeah, okay, I would, I would suggest that you submit your concerns to the, the new director, and hopefully they'll, they'll be able to address it because some of what you, you have mentioned are already in place.

MS. McPHERSON: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: So, you know, at least he can follow up with you.

MS. McPHERSON: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Jennifer Whitted.

MS. WHITTED: Hi, thank you for coming. My name is Jennifer Whitted and I'm here for two different organizations tonight.

The first one I want to speak about and you've heard a lot about, Maui Economic Development Board. I'm one of the robotics coaches on this island. And I just wanna really stress how much of a difference it makes in the kids' lives when they're exposed to the science, technology, engineering, and math that these kids are. A lot of the people who spoke tonight were older, but I actually coach robotics for kids that are five to nine years old as well as nine to 18. So, we're reaching out to all ages and all the keiki of the island and it's really, really a beneficial program to have here. So, I just want to say that.

The second thing I'm here for is the Molokai Humane Society of which I'm the President of the Board. And I just want to talk to you guys a little bit about the Molokai Humane Society. We're the only veterinary care provider on this island. So, anybody who has animals, if they want to take care of their animals, they have to come to us. We run a low-cost spay and neuter program with the support of off-island vets, because we do not have a vet who lives on this island. We also sell vaccinations, provide limited veterinary services, and provide education to community members via our one part-time employee. She's extremely overworked and she loves her job, but it would be nice to get her some more money.

We do all of these things from a container that was transformed into an exam and small office located on a parcel of Hawaiian Home Land in Hoolehua. Our lease on this land is monthly. It doesn't make it the most appropriate to have a permanent building on, so currently all of our facilities are mobile. Let's see.

The Molokai Humane Society, like I said, is the only provider of animal care and education in this area of Maui County. It seems logical to partner more closely with the County and, and by

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doing that we might have access to land that we wouldn't currently. The current County shelter does not meet the needs of the community based on its size and rundown condition. And also there's a serious disconnect in the community at this time when it comes to finding a free roaming animal and getting it placed in an appropriate facility until its permanent home can be identified.

The current County animal shelter holds approximately six animals and is only accessible when the one animal control officer that we have on the island is working. So, if I lose my pet or I find a pet, it's not very easy for me to do the right thing and, and find it a safe place. If Maui County could help the Molokai Humane Society with the one-time expense of locating and purchasing appropriate land, as well as set up, as well as set up possibly a matching capital improvement account, we are confident that we could help serve the Molokai members of Maui County more successfully.

At this time, we are running at maximum capacity for our location and funds. While we do currently receive the majority of our funding from Maui County, and thank you for that, it is just barely enough to maintain our current services.

MS. HAMMAN: Three minutes.

MS. WHITTED: We sell vaccinations to the community in order to offset the costs of our low-cost spay and neuter program. In addition, we have rummage sales, t-shirt sales, and membership drives as additional ways to raise money. And we also receive in-kind donations from our vets when they come over.

So, I would consider. . . I would ask you guys to please consider maintaining our current funding and helping us expand onto land so we could get a permanent location and animal shelter so we can meet the needs of the community. And thank you for coming here.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, question for the testifier? Member Baisa?

MS. WHITTED: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: I heard you say several times that what you need is a piece of land and you also mentioned mobile. Are you thinking that if you had site you have, I don't know, offices or whatever that you can move onto that land? Or are you going to need a building to go with the land?

MS. WHITTED: At this time, we need a piece of land. We know things on Molokai tend to move a little slow. So, we don't want to get wrapped up in the whole we need land, we need a building. What we need now is a piece of land that can be our permanent home, which we could then move our mobile clinic onto, and then work on getting the building. Like we understand it's not going to happen overnight. So, we're, we're ready and prepared to take those baby steps.

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COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: So, you don't necessarily have to have a piece of land we buy. You need a site to be located on permanently?

MS. WHITTED: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Okay.

MS. WHITTED: Well which would be the land too because we're having issues with zoning, so.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: I, I understand and I think you're smart. It's a good plan to take it one step at a time.

MS. WHITTED: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, more questions? Seeing none, thank you, again. Arlana [sic] Huizinga.

MS. HUIZINGA: Hi, aloha, thanks for coming. I'm Lorna Huizinga--you got it close--with the Molokai Humane Society. I'm the treasurer. I've been on the board for four years so lots of changes and, you know, with. . .we try with what we have, but we really appreciate really appreciate your funding and any help you can give us. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, questions for the testifier? Seeing none, thank you, again. Matthew Goodrich.

MR. GOODRICH: Hello, thank you for coming. I'm Matthew Goodrich. I'm the Vice-Chair of the Humane Society and I'd also like to make sure that we get refunded this year. Our current funding that we get from Maui County is about \$40,000 and that covers our one employee, and with any kind of cut we basically are close to out of business. We, we don't really. . .we don't have a lot of programs to cut. And that money that we do get, we actually get that through the Maui Humane Society. And I know that in 2008-2009 that was their last annual report. They received about \$1.8 million of which we got 40,000. And so, you know, we're pretty happy getting our money through them. They have, they have the organization and we're not looking at building that type of organization, but we would like to make sure that when you're looking at the budget that you realize that when you fund them, you are funding us, and to make sure that we get our fair share, yeah. Okay, aloha.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, question for the testifier? Matthew, we do have a question for you. Member Couch?

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COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you. When you say you are funded by the Maui Humane Society, does that mean you're a subsidiary of them? Or, are they. . .are you a separate entity and they just . . .(inaudible). . .--?

MR. GOODRICH: No, you know, at this point, we are not a subsidiary of them. We are, we are, we are different. They are the Maui Humane Society and really I don't believe their mission statement, at this point in time, goes off the shores of, of Maui. So, really the money that we get through them is really from the kindness of their hearts. They write that grant and we do get the money, but we are a separate entity. And we. . .but we would like to work more closely with them. Like I said, I don't think we're interested in becoming, you know, that kind of organization when we could actually do it through them.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Yeah, Mr. Chair?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yeah, Mr. Mateo, maybe you can clarify some of the things that he is presenting.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Yeah, I just need to clarify some of your misstatements.

MR. GOODRICH: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: Okay. The Humane Society on Maui does not give you monies out of their budget per se. When we do the budget, we proviso "x" amount of monies, which is specifically from their budget dedicated to the Molokai project.

MR. GOODRICH: Yeah, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER MATEO: So, it comes not directly from them but it is a proviso for us. And, you know, for us we talking fair share. A long time ago, this Council appropriated two hundred something thousand dollars for this organization to find land. That was like years and years and I, I still had black hair, you know. So, so, it's not the fact that this body is not trying to help, you know. This is how we recently have gotten together to talk story, and we've had to work with the, with the societies so you guys come up with a plan. So, you don't get monies without a plan. So, as the Vice-President of the Humane Society, I strongly suggest you work with the Committee and come up with a workable and sensible plan that I will gladly look at and perhaps come back to, to this body. So, you know, when you speak, get your facts correct. Thank you.

MR. GOODRICH: Thank you very much, sir.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Hollis Stewart. I'm sorry, Mr. White? Matthew, Mathew, can you come up again, please? Mr. White hasn't completed his questioning.

COUNCILMEMBER WHITE: Actually, I haven't started yet, but. The question I had for you was there was a discussion. . .I'm over here.



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MR. GOODRICH: Sorry, I forgot my glasses.

COUNCILMEMBER WHITE: That's all right. . . .(laughter). . . The question I have is that with 1.8 million in funding and they have a full-time vet there, do you can get any assistance from their staff?

MR. GOODRICH: You know, we have visiting vets and stuff like that. And we haven't really made a connection with Maui Humane Society that, I think, we would like to make.

COUNCILMEMBER WHITE: But the visiting vets are not.

MR. GOODRICH: No, they're not from there.

COUNCILMEMBER WHITE: They're not the, the vet from the Humane Society?

MR. GOODRICH: No.

COUNCILMEMBER WHITE: Okay, thank you very much.

MR. GOODRICH: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any more questions for Matthew? Okay, fine, that's it, thank you. Hollis Stewart.

MS. STEWART: Aloha, I'm Hollis Stewart. I'm one of the visiting vets. I'm from the North Shore of Oahu, and I, I think there are about four or five of us come from Maui, Oahu, and then maybe Kauai, that come and help with Molokai's Humane Society. I usually come about three days a week, once a month. Sometimes, it's twice a month. Actually this whole month of April nobody's coming, so I'm here three days a week for the whole month.

Not only is the Maui. . .the Molokai Humane Society beneficial for the pet owners, but, I think, the most important thing that I do here is help with the feral cat population. I would say just this week, 70 percent of our female cats that I sterilized were pregnant. It used to be that cats started reproducing at one-and-a-half years. Now, it's as young as six months. It used to be that the average cat would give birth to one to three kittens and now it's from four to seven. So, just by. . .just in this week, we probably prevented 50 cats from being born. And this isn't just a Molokai problem. It's problems in Maui. It's problems all over the mainland, but the fact that we have. . .I'm really honestly shocked how many people come in because of the low-cost spay and neuter program. . .will come in and pay \$10 and go spay 'em, spay 'em, you know, we don't have to euthanize cats. We don't have to drown cats like we did in Georgia and stuff like.

I mean, we've really, I think, as Americans come a long way, and I can spay and neuter all day long. You know, I'm only here for these three days 'cause the budget only has so much money

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to give the vets. Most of the time, I bring all my own equipment, all my own anesthesia. I help with the oxygen. I help with the soda lime. I'm really happy when I make my plane fare coming over, but it's kind of a joy to work here 'cause everyone's so appreciative that I'm here. And I'm probably the only vet so far right now that actually is interested in moving to Molokai, I don't know. . . .(laughter). . . People think I'm too young to move here, but. . .

AUDIENCE: . . .(clapping). . .

MS. STEWART: . . .the community has been just so amazing and I see this need for it. We had a sick owl. We have sick ducks. I get called on, you know, monk seals. I just feel like their needs. . .you know, the community is so in touch with their animals and everyone is so great here, and it would be nice to have, you know, funding and a shelter and cages and I could like do the best job I could for these animals.

But right now, it's just, you know, spay, neuter, or feral cat program is really...we just need to get on it. You know, we can. . .every day we have more and more animals and we don't have people there to, to fix them. We had two that were just about to give birth like this week and we. . .I don't know how you guys feel about that, but, you know, it's like the less cats we have, the less spread of disease. We can, we can care of this problem. I think, in the five years we could really get this under control if, if it picks up, you know. And I'm willing to, to get on board, so. Thank you for your support and, you know, I hope that there's continued support eventually.

MS. HAMMAN: Three minutes.

MS. STEWART: Now we have...all the kids have gone but the. . .you know, we have all these young students that want to be veterinarians. It would be great if they could come and help out and work and see what I do, and they can build legs for three-legged dogs and stuff, so. Thank you and I'm happy to be here despite missing my flight . . .(inaudible). . .

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, questions for the testifier?

COUNCILMEMBER WHITE: Chair?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Mr. White.

COUNCILMEMBER WHITE: Thank you. What does the Humane Society here charge for a spay and how much for a neuter?

MS. STEWART: I believe for dogs, male or female, it's \$20, and for cats, it's ten, as opposed to Oahu, where you're looking at \$300 or something. And most people that come are shocked and so it's good, you know, they come and they bring more cats and more cats and more cats and more dogs, so . . .(inaudible). . .

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COUNCILMEMBER WHITE: Well, I, I hear about spay and neuter from wife every night, every morning, for the last three or four years. So, I take my hat off to the Molokai Humane Society for that program and thank you very much for coming over. It's a really important thing for us all to get control of the wild populations.

MS. STEWART: Yeah. Thank you very much. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER WHITE: Mahalo.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

AUDIENCE: . . . *(clapping)* . . .

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Next testifier is Sarah Nartatez followed by Brenda Kaneshiro.

MS. NARTATEZ: Aloha and good evening, everyone. My name is Sarah Nartatez and I'm the proud parent of Enzo Kansana. Enzo is in MEO Head Start, Kaunakakai A.

I am delighted to be here this evening to acknowledge MEO Head Start program and to repeatedly and sincerely thank Maui County Council for your support and the faith, commitment, and incredible generosity that you have shown and continue to show the MEO Head Start program.

The MEO Head Start program has provided my son with the means of an efficient education. I am the . . . I'm fond of the staffs' eagerness to support my family's goals and efforts to praise our accomplishments. My family and I are grateful to MEO staff and faculty for expanding the scope of Enzo's knowledge, sense of belonging and purpose, and endeavor to build a better world.

Maui County Council, MEO funding contributor, we are deeply indebted to you for your compassion to invest into a program that encourages us all to make a real difference in this world. Without your support, very little of this would be possible. So, thank you. Thank you for your devotion and admiration. Thank you on behalf of the MEO Head Start program, Kaunakakai A and B who benefit from your investment. We are all better for it. Mahalo.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, question for the testifier? Seeing none, thank you. Brenda Kaneshiro followed by Denny Kaneshiro.

MS. BRENDA KANESHIRO: Aloha, Council Members. I just want to say mahalo for coming and hearing us and taking time out of your busy schedule to come to Molokai. I am Brenda Kaneshiro from Molokai Meli and this is my family who are here on behalf of Kuha`o Business Center also known as the Office of Economic Development. That business in itself has

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helped many, many people on Molokai and I can't say how many, but I can say our family, every one of us has been helped by Auntie Annette Pauole-Ahakuelo at the center. And she has helped us in ways that nobody else would have been able to help us, not only to help us plan our business six years ago and help us to get funds that were grant funds to help us start, but she continues on an ongoing basis to be our number one marketing agent, our support. And everything you that you can think of a small business might need, Auntie Annette is it.

And I just want to say that for right now when the economy is bad and everybody needs to look at how they spend their dollars, for us it means a lot for us to know that we are raising our dollars through our, our honey business, and we have control of that to a certain extent. And it's something that has empowered us and we're also able to continue giving back to the community through Auntie Annette. We're able to do workshops with her and help some of her other members as well.

It also has helped us that each one of our children has their own business and their own products and they will speak about that in just a minute. So, it helps us at this time for us to have more control over our funds. If we need more then we just need to work harder and make more money. But also I know for each one of you, you're having to manage funds for all of us, and you need to be really looking at where your dollars are going to be best spent. And I just want share with you that the Kuha`o Business Center or the Office of Economic Development is really dollars best spent on Molokai. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Denny?

MR. DENNY KANESHIRO: Good evening. We think it's a really sweet deal. You, you guys help us financially and we can pass out honey to you. So, we hope you enjoy the honey sticks that we, we passed out. But, you know, it's been a blessing for us that to have our own family business that we can do it as a family, and Auntie Annette has been very instrumental in, in helping our children market products and, and, you know, keep us in that we can stay on this lovely island of Molokai. So, we're, we're very thankful to you folks for allowing us to have our own business that we can. . .*(clears throat)*. . .excuse me, you know, enjoy as, as a family and work together and, and be. . .how you say it, not a burden to Molokai but a help to our economy and, and everything here. So, we just want to thank you very much for your support.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Next testifier is Elijah Kaneshiro.

MR. ELIJAH KANESHIRO: Hello, my name is Elijah Kaneshiro and I am. . .my business is Elijah's Best and Auntie Annette has helped me get that started. She was helping me with labels and products and where to market it. Right now, I don't have any product to show you because I sold out. But I sell salad dressing and I, I also sell comb honey. So, that's the honey in the comb. I just would like to ask you if you can please keep on funding Kuha`o Business Center and Auntie Annette. She's been a great help. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Elizabeth Kaneshiro.

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MS. ELIZABETH KANESHIRO: Hi, my name is Elizabeth Kaneshiro and my business name is From Bee 2 U and I make and sell perfume and chapstick. And Aunty Annette helped me like. . .or helped me have my business. And I ask you to please help her to continue in her business.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Tabitha Kaneshiro?

MS. TABITHA KANESHIRO: Hi, my name is Tabitha Kaneshiro and my business name, my business name is Tabitha's Treasures and I make candles. And I want. . .Aunty Annette has helped me to start my business and figure out prices. . .how to price my things. And so, I just want to ask that you can help fund her to continue her good work. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. And the last one is Esther.

MS. ESTHER KANESHIRO: Hi, my name is Esther Kaneshiro and I make and sell birthday candles. And Aunty Fern and Aunty Annette has helped me start my business and I ask you to please keep on helping her keep her business open.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you very much.

AUDIENCE: . . .(*clapping*). . .

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Members, any questions for the family? Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Do you guys have anything you don't do? I mean, I think, you covered the gamut, but I am very overwhelmed with the type of success your whole family has.

MR. DENNY KANESHIRO: No, we even play music.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Hey, okay, so, so, I think, we covered the gamut. But thank you and congratulations for a job well done.

MR. DENNY KANESHIRO: Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you very much.

AUDIENCE: . . .(*clapping*). . .

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Desiree Puhi followed by Gladys Brown.

MS. PUHI: Hi. I'm here for the Molokai Community Health Center and I just really wanted to welcome you all to Molokai. And we just appreciate all the hard work that you are doing for our, our community.

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I am Executive Director of the Molokai Community Health Center. So, I am here on behalf of the patients and my staff, really requesting support for the Molokai Community Health Center. We provide integrated health care services, primary care, dental, behavioral health services, and enabling services. Our patient load is now at 3,000 and it's really. . .our target population is for the uninsured and underinsured on Molokai. And as you know, 38 percent of Molokai population is on Medicaid. That's the highest in the State. And the State right now is looking at ways to save on the Medicaid Program and basically everything's on the table. I don't know if you know that the dental, adult dental, has totally been cut, and we still provide the services. Behavioral health visits have been decreased and we still provide the services and the list goes on. I mean, even transportation off the island is on the table to be cut and that would be so severe for this island because the services aren't here.

Funding would enable us to expand our behavioral health program and expand our dental program to meet the needs. Right now, our dental program is booked three months in advance just to come in for appointments, just hygiene appointments, and just care for children and adults. Thank you and Aunt Judy's here.

MS. CAPARIDA: Aloha.

ALL: Aloha.

MS. CAPARIDA: I'm here to support our Health Center. There were funds that was given before to our Health Center but then now it's like we have to make. . .they want us to be partnership and we want to be partnership. But there is not enough funds for the hospital that takes care of the big stuff and then we are an extra help, that's what it was to me. You know, there's no competition. For us guys when people's lives is on the line, you don't talk about competition. And so, this is where I'm coming from. That's how much we need this Health Center because the hospital cannot take care all of us. It's been growing and growing. There's majority of the Health Center take care almost 45 percent of Hawaiian families. They cannot afford. A lot of them cannot afford so then where they go? They throw 'em to no more insurance or uninsured. This is where we go to for the Health Center. So, we need the funds to continue the work done at our new Health Center. We need it because people's lives is at stake and that's where I go to go for my health center. That's my health center too and it's, and it's a lot of them that cannot afford that we try to make them come to the, to the doctor so that they can get tended and not wait until it's too late. So, I'm here for that.

I'm here for the MEO bus because all the families making use of the bus service. We can't afford to have it cut back. And we know that because of the bus service there's no excuse that they cannot go to the doctors. So, we really. . .I tell you we looking. . .the kupunas no can catch the bus because we have mom, maybe four or five children, going on the bus. And on Manae side, I'm talking about East End, and I'm talking about Maunaloa. All those families make use of the bus services for marketing, for going down to the doctors, bringing their children to the doctors, and taking care some of our school children, too.

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So, I really want you folks to support us as our Health Center. We having a lot of pilikia with that, but, you know what, that's what you folks are here for to hear about all the mess we in and to help us give a helping hand to all the families. Because I know that all we service is we're accountable. If you know that we need the help then that means we go ahead and give the help because the people all belong to God. And that's the way I was raised. If you know that there's somebody needs help, you don't have to wait to be asked, you go do it. So, I really thank you folks all and aloha to all of you. Thank you, sis. Okay.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, questions for the ladies?

MS. CAPARIDA: Yeah, no questions.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Seeing none, thank you very much. Gladys Brown?

MS. BROWN: Aloha, all of you. I'm glad to see all of you. It's very nice to see all of you here together. Well tonight I'm not going to ask you for money and I'm not going to ask you for anything else. But what I'm going to talk to you about is one of my pet projects and that's saving money. You know, if you could put a box in the County offices and other places where you hire people, where they could put in suggestions on how to save money, you would be surprised how many good ideas you will get. Because out of everybody, everybody here, and all of you have good ideas on how to save money. And, I think, there's been a lot of waste in the workplace and so that's one of my suggestions that I'd like you to do. Have a place where you can keep a box and people can put in ideas, because they are the people that know how to save money, the people that are working there. I think that would be a very good idea.

And number two, if you would use more solar and user friendly equipment. You know, Gladys has a trash compactor in her house and I am very impressed. You know, we should subsidize the people that pay for garbage disposal by letting them buy a trash compactor for maybe a discounted price then. You know me and saving money. Well, I think, that would be a big saving.

And then places where you put lights, put solar lights there. At night, it's free. The lights go on without your turning electricity on. Now, many of these things are things that people haven't looked into. They're so busy trying to cut people's wages and cut this and that, cut, cut, cut. And I'm very sorry for those people because everybody needs a, a salary. And to cut even one day out of their salary is, is bad. So, the furlough Fridays is hurting Molokai. And then all these people have ideas on how to save money, because to make up for the money they don't get they've been saving money otherwise. So, if you get their ideas too that would make it much, much better. Get people to avoid waste in whatever they do and try to use less of what we don't need.

And I think that these three suggestions are things that I'd like to present to all of you so you could take it back to the County and tell people to start using these ideas to save money instead

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of spending it. And I think that the County would save a lot of money in expenses and equipment and things if they would listen to the people who are using it.

So, I would like to suggest this to you, Danny, don't forget the solar lights. You know, that is such a great thing to have especially out the East End. Do you know out at the East End, those of you who are first-time Council Members?

MS. HAMMAN: Three minutes.

MS. BROWN: It's terrible. I'll talk to you later about that.

AUDIENCE: . . .*(Laughter)*. . .

MS. BROWN: Thank you. Thank you very much for coming.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Gladys. Questions, Members? Seeing none, I, I think --

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Comment.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: --you should work for the Planning Department.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Comment, Joe. We're not accepting trash at the Baisa house. Thank you.

. . .*(Laughter)*. . .

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Gotta get some humor, yeah, once in a while, too serious. So, next testifier is Kelly Richardson. I hope you get one joke before you start, but.

MS. RICHARDSON: Oh man, it's hard to follow Mrs. Gladys Brown. She was my Brownie's leader. Anyways, my name is Kelly Kaawa Richardson. Aloha, welcome to Molokai and for those of you already live here, mahalo, for being here and your time.

I am in here. . . I am here to speak on behalf of MEDB. Arleone Young and her whole staff is so supportive. Thank you guys so much for supporting that program. I am also the Registrar and Activities Coordinator at Molokai Middle School. And so for the last three years, we've been supported with some of the resources from MEDB. And the unreal and overwhelming support from this program has. . . I've seen so much and then I not being over dramatic or anything but so much change in our students who are faced with so much distractions otherwise.

Three things, I noticed. Confidence levels in themselves when they take on these projects and even in technology. They become familiar with something. They're a lot more willing, familiar to try more technology, and not afraid of it. And some of it has to do with exposure, yeah.



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The second thing that I really enjoy about MEDB and its efforts with STEM and EAST is the whole concept of service. At seventh grade when you can catch a kid or eighth grade to understand what this means, you don't have to tell them to do it. They want to do it and they will take it and you don't even have to stick with them. You become the facilitator and the learner while they teach you how to serve. So, I've seen that in our kids.

And then the last thing, which we all need and, I think, most of us adults would have need it. . .needed this kinds of programs in schools when we were young is being able to work together. MEDB, the STEM, STEM hands-on projects really teach kids to collaborate. And I cannot even describe except for that the students, they just came off from a STEM conference on Maui. Seven of my students got to go and last year I took eight students. And just by sitting next to another school, they're motivated. They, they make connections. They make. . .they, they are exposed to something that most of our families cannot provide. And I'm more. . .I think I'm more touched by it, because the program can teach any kid whatever race they from. If you think your child is gifted and talented, if they have a supported child or not, no matter how much money they make in that family, as long as they've seen the, the resource, the computer and the GPS monitor, and the. . .*(inaudible)*. . .water quality tester, the plotter machine that make the maps --

MS. HAMMAN: Three minutes.

MS. RICHARDSON: --when they are exposed to it they are more up to trying something different. And that's all I wanted to say. So, thank you for funding it. We look forward for it just because of everything that I've stated. Mahalo, again. And if you have any questions, I'm here.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Questions, Members? Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you. It's more, more of a comment. You were at the STEM conference this last year?

MS. RICHARDSON: Not this one 'cause I'm involved with Little League but last year.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: I ran into. . .I had the good fortune to run into some of the boys from your STEM group and they were very enthusiastic and energetic. And so, good job.

MS. RICHARDSON: Thank you so much.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: And what you did say about them working with other. . .right next to other schools. They were quite interested in the Baldwin High School display right beside them or the girls there. I wasn't sure which one.

MS. RICHARDSON: And if I can follow up with a short comment. One of my girls, seventh grade, totally student-centered. . .student-initiated, everything. She came back and she said, kumu, we cannot just do this after school. We need it during school. We need a time. . .you have to make

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one block of time for an hour a day. I said, well we can do it like as club, you know, every day. She goes, no. Man, what I saw and she's starting. . .she made an appointment with the principal. She started a PowerPoint project. And these are. . .this is not like my 3.0, 4.0 students. Can be any child so long as they see 'em. And, I think, you guys are aware of this. But, I think, this, this drive comes from actually the top. . . (inaudible). . . Young is incredible and the way she runs her staff and the way she gets the. . . it's very different from public school, you know. the way how the resource can get to the child's hand. It's. . . there's no layers. You know what I mean? If that's what we need and we want. . . and there's a second piece. There's accountability. I. . . you now have all these resources. What are your children producing? And if there is no product, what was the process that they went through? So, thank you, again, for that comment, that's really good. I was. . . it was hard to let them go without me but that, that is what parenting and teaching is about, yeah. Give them the tools and let them run with it. So, mahalo, again.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Next testifier is Karen Ashley followed by Michael Drew.

MS. ASHLEY: Hello, everybody. Am I speaking loud enough? I, I live in Gladys Brown's old house. So, I'm not wearing. . . I'm just wearing the one hat and it's invisible but it's. . . (inaudible). . .

In July, I'll have 31 years free of cancer, 31 years without cancer. So, I don't know anybody. I don't know. I actually I do. . . I did met a lady. I did meet a lady with 50 years free of cancer, but I was teaching her stuff just a couple of weeks ago.

So, what I'm here for is to ask you not to spend money on things that cause cancer, and there's a lot of things that cause cancer on this island, but mainly it's our biotech industries. It's the Roundup. I had a neighbor have an asthma attack a month after spraying Roundup in the. . . in his yard. Am I allowed to see and the only reason he's alive is 'cause the Coast Guard went out and air lifted him out there. And then the neighbor behind sprayed Roundup and his mother died immediately, and his brother, I think, had. . . brother-in-law had two heart attacks within about six, seven weeks of him spraying. And I. . . the first time I passed a sinus tumor after taking a lot of wheat grass juice. And then the second time my kidneys ached for about a month and my lung. . . my head ached for three weeks.

So, according to George Balazs, who is the, the turtle, world's leading authority He works for NOAA in Honolulu, the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration. He, he says that we have in Molokai, Molokai in Palaau, right here, just, you know, west of the wharf, the highest cancer rate for turtles in the world. Now, what's the difference between us and the rest of the world? Everybody's got garbage dumps. I'm really tired of hearing it's the garbage dumps that's killing our turtle. It's everywhere in the world got garbage dumps. What we've got is Dow, which is Micogen. What we've got is Monsanto, which makes Roundup and other stuff that's been. . . you know, the heptachlor that was killing our kids, and Agent Orange and aspartame. My girlfriend died from aspartame poisoning, begging me to tell her why I'm dying from brain cancer. Well I had seizures. I had my driver's license taken away when I was

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drinking diet pop, and they were giving her the diet pop in the hospital, okay. So, you know, this stuff isn't coming out, because the universities are being silenced. They're being bribed by...

MS. HAMMAN: Three minutes.

MS. ASHLEY: Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any question for the testifier? Seeing none, thank you, again.

MS. ASHLEY: Can I say one thing? Anything you need in terms of proof, I can give you. I've got a lot of...you know, contact me I can give you a lot of stuff in black and white.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Michael Drew? Barbara Haliniak?

MS. HALINIAK: Aloha, just for your. . .welcome to Molokai. Chair, just for your information, I was on Maui today, attending the Civil Service Commission meeting, so you got my testimony and I just want to recap on what I wanted to testify about.

I'm testifying as the President of the Molokai Chamber of Commerce Foundation. We're a 501(c)(3). Also, as a board member for Maui Economic Development Board and as the Chair for the Molokai Hotel. . .the Molokai Charity Walk.

First of all, I'd like to thank the County, the Council, for the past funding for our Christmas parade, our hoolaulea, and the Senior Dinner Dance. And I'm still recruiting dancers. . .male dancers for the ladies. So, don't rush up to me right away, but. Anyway, you folks heard a lot about MEDB, okay, but I'm, I'm not sure if you, you. . .and I think that you must know about the Ke Alahela Fundraiser that MEDB does annually. And, I believe, last year we raised about \$250,000. A lot of this funding goes to grants, to schools, to STEM projects, and the latest one that they gave, it was a \$5,000 grant. It was awarded to Kilohana School to purchase computers and GPS equipment to teach special education students spatial concepts, pattern recognition, and map analysis through geographic study. Because of the outstanding technical support from MEDB our kids can compete not only nationally but globally. And that is very significant as to what the other testifiers said.

I'm also a supporter of the Kuha`o Business Center. It's a vital part of our community. I ask that you keep funding that.

And lastly for the Charity Walk, I just want you to know that because Molokai is a small island, not too many nonprofits here, you might think there's a lot, but there are other organizations that need funding like Kaunakakai School. They came under our 501(c) umbrella and they were able to raise \$600 with some matching from the Maui Hotel and Lodging Association, and our foundation we presented them a check for \$1,000. Also, the Molokai High School Wrestling

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Team is . . . came under the umbrella of a church that did the charity walk. So, it, it's really spread out, not just 501(c), but you have all this youth organizations participating also.

I'd like to take part of my three minutes --

MS. HAMMAN: Three minutes.

MS. HALINIYAK: --and I know she's going to say three minutes--to recognize my hero, Greg Jenkins. He's looking away. I just want to say that my husband. . . I had to call 911. They came up to my house thinking that they only going do my husband, and my neighbor fell down and was in critical condition. So on that one visit, they, they were attending two people. So, we have, I mean, outstanding Fire Department here and I just wanna congratulate him.

AUDIENCE: . . . (*clapping*) . . .

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Barbara. Congratulations and good job, Mr. Jenkins. Next testifier is Ruth Manu.

MS. MANU: Aloha.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Aloha.

MS. MANU: All right. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, all right. Aloha, I'm Ruth Manu, kupuna Ruth Manu. Thank you, Jesus, we got a new board, new faces, new people to know. It's wonderful.

I want to talk about MOC, Molokai Occupational Center up there. We need. . . they just started back not too long ago they came and talked. That was my son-in-law, Iese. He's working. He came back on board for MOC and they taking care of all the parks, mostly at One Alii I and II and Kilohana or wherever. Because they had two citation with the old guy that got out, now they're on and they're doing a very beautiful job. Keep on supporting them because they really do need the help and they have disability people that's. . . he's working with that teaches them how to fend and live for themselves, you know, and do it for themselves. I really proud of my son-in-law being there. He tell me, you know, mom, it's a headache. I say, you know what, stay there and be a fighter, don't give up.

And then I also want to talk about Molokai Community Health Center. We truly need funding for that health center. It's not like I was to say competition. It's like if we swear an oath saying that you're going to save lives then we're here to save life. Just like how the firemen take in this. Like how Barbara was saying, he went there for one and went away for two. One bird two, one stone, two birds. So, it's just like that. So, we can say it's any competition. It isn't. It's life. We're there to help the people and better the people.

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And then we have PALS. Please fund PALS. Why I say that? Me and my sister work for the PALS Department for going be two years now and we love it. I work. . .we work at Kualapuu Center first time and then we split. I went Kualapuu and my sister went at Kilohana. We are the kupunas for the center and we love being there and a lot of children. I tell you, you talk about kids, we got 'em. Just like how the Youth Center. They are very important 'cause a lot of children are here on this island and they need to be getting something. They keep them busy while their parents is at work and we love doing that. So, aloha, and thank you very much for coming and God bless you guys.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, questions for the testifier? Seeing none, thank you, again. Janice Espiritu?

MS. ESPIRITU: Aloha.

ALL: Aloha.

MS. ESPIRITU: To you, the Honorable Members of the Maui County Council, welcome to the friendly island of Molokai. My name is Janice Espiritu and I'm a parent of four children, all born and raised on Molokai, a grandparent of six, and the Principal of Kaunakakai School where 246 beautiful and intelligent students reside with me. I have been with the Department of Education for 34 years and a resident of Molokai for 33 years.

I am here this evening advocating and asking you to continue to provide funding and support to the Maui Economic Development Board – Women in Technology for their continued efforts to the people of Maui County, with particular emphasis to our youth on Molokai. They have graced us with grants that supports initiatives in science, technology, engineering, and math, so our students may benefit from the many opportunities that STEM-related careers have to offer.

We know that it takes a village to raise a child and our village includes many generous hands and hearts working together for the sake of each other and especially our children. MEDB is a valued partner we cannot do without.

I have issued to you a Complex Area Superintendent's Report generated in August, so you find it in the back, okay. Anyway it was generated in August of 2010, highlighting the many accomplishments of our Molokai students in competing with the best of the best in robotics competitions district and Statewide. I think they deserve a round of applause, don't you?

AUDIENCE: . . .(*clapping*). . .

MS. ESPIRITU: This was accomplished through funding and support from our 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant and MEDB.

Another highly successful project which involved many hands and many hearts was our island-wide Go Green and Carbon Clean project through partnerships with Blue Planet

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Foundation, the Molokai Complex Schools, other Molokai organizations, and yes, MEDB funding. And at this time, it's not in my report but I would like to acknowledge Greg Jenkins, because through Greg Jenkins and his wife, Heidi, they were very instrumental in getting this project started.

Oh, yet, another initiative worth mentioning is the Hydroponics in Space (Garden and Butterfly House) project. This is another grant that was designed to reach 140 Kaunakakai students in grades three to six. And this project allows --

MS. HAMMAN: Three minutes.

MS. ESPIRITU: --allows. . .three minutes already? . . .*(laughter)*. . . Okay, anyway. You have my report and I just wanted to say thank you and have a safe journey home. Okay, thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you very much. Members, questions for the principal? Seeing none, thank you.

MS. ESPIRITU: Whoa, that three minutes went by so fast.

AUDIENCE: Yeah, Janice. . .*(clapping)*. . .

CHAIR PONTANILLA: You know, when you on a roll, you on a roll, yeah. The last person to sign up for public testimony this evening is Melany Parker. So, if there's anyone that want to provide public testimony after Melany, if you could sign up, please.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(speaking from the gallery)*. . . With who?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Ella.

MS. MELANY PARKER: Good evening, Council Members. My name is Melany Parker and this is my daughter, Misty.

MS. MISTY PARKER: Hi.

MS. MELANY PARKER: And Marisa Morton.

MS. MORTON: Hi.

MS. MELANY PARKER We're here on behalf of MEDB. We're just so grateful. We're here to thank you folks for funding them. Because, because of the funding that you folks are giving them this kids. . .I mean, we have a chance last year to go and bring four kids to the EXCITE Camp. . .eight kids, eight kids to the EXCITE Camp. The beauty about it is when. . .they don't choose, I mean, they don't pick up like just smart kids, but they offer it to everybody. And most of the time, it's hard for Molokai kids to even get out of this island. But these opportunities that

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you guys has given them by providing the funding for this kids, they be able to meet with other kids and broaden their horizons, so they can hey, you know what, there's something out there for me. And if they meet other people who has the same interests with them that would kind of help them to focus more on education. And I'm sure this kids have something to share with you guys, something that learned and they will keep it for the rest of their lives. Go ahead.

MS. MISTY PARKER: I think it was pretty cool. It was a fun experience when we went there, 'cause we learned how to take apart this computer and put it back together. And we also learned how to make ice cream, which was my favorite part.

MS. MELANY PARKER: They made, learned. . .make ice cream without putting it in the freezer. They had to do it with just like salt, ice, and milk, and vanilla. So, it's really, really cool. It's something like that's stuck with them. They're still doing it after over one year.

MS. MORTON: We met new friends and we friended them on Facebook so we could like get in touch and stuff.

MS. MELANY PARKER: And my son get to go also attend the STEM. So, thank you, folks, for funding it. Please continue to fund them because they're learning a lot and they want to do engineering stuff, especially women which we don't, seldom. . .they're saying there's only like few fraction of a percent, you know, for female engineers. So, please continue to fund them so we can please continue to send kids over there and so they'll learn more and they can. . .we can produce more better students and produce a better community contributor as they finish their college degrees. Thank you so much, folks.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any questions for the testifier? Seeing none, thank you.

AUDIENCE: . . .(*clapping*). . .

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Next testifier is Beverly Pauole-Moore.

MS. PAUOLE-MOORE: Good evening, everyone.

ALL: Good evening.

MS. PAUOLE-MOORE: I want to first welcome you to Molokai, again. And this is a very important meeting for our community. But I speak today and I wasn't planning to talk, but just come here because my twin sister wasn't available. She's in Oahu recuperating. And when I was with her in the ER at Molokai General Hospital, she gave me a list of things that I need to share this with you, but she realized, she felt she couldn't make here today.

The first thing she said to me, Beverly, could you please notify the following people because I don't think I can make my appointment. She said, could you notify

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Councilman Chair Danny Mateo that I will not be able to attend today's meeting. I said, okay, so she gave me a whole list of names to do. And today she's doing very well with the prayers of our Molokai people. And I did not realize my sister's involvement with the Kuha`o Business Center until the journey our family took. And I thank the Lord the power of prayer, the pule o`o of the community besides my family and her friends. When she woke up from her journey, instead of she saying, oh, Beverly, how are you? The first thing she told is did you notify Chairman Danny Mateo?

ALL: . . .(laughter). . .

MS. PAUOLE-MOORE: I said, yes, Annette. And when she started talking I . . .praise the Lord.

So, I come before you because at that time when she and I was making this journey together, I didn't realize the impact of the community of her involvement with the Kuha`o Business Center. It astonished me and my family on the people who came there to support her. Even though I told them I couldn't allow them in the intensive, ICR unit, they said, no they came to support her. And it was at that time besides the community coming to Oahu I got more e-mails. When I came home I got a lot of cell phone calls. But I need to tell you since the inception of this program and I normally don't speak about it. . .I never get involved with Annette. I'm on the right side of the building and she's on the left. We never see each other because she's so passionate about her job.

MS. HAMMAN: Three minutes.

MS. PAUOLE-MOORE: So, I come before you to continue to support this program, to help our community, because one of the things she told me when she came out of her journey, she said, Beverly...I couldn't believe this, you know, so I just smile a lot hearing her beautiful voice to me telling me, Beverly, I just love my job. I could not believe it. And so, today I come before you to continue and support the Kuha`o Business Center. And I thank you very much.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, questions for the testifier? Seeing none, Betty Puaa?

MS. PUAA: Welcome to Molokai all of you. I'm not sure if I should be at this meeting, but Zeke told me to come here because I wrote letter. I called to complain. . .the Mayor's office and Danny, your office too. I also wrote letters to them and I was. . .well they told me go to this meeting so here I am, 'cause, I guess, all of you folks are here, that's why he told me to come.

Anyway, my. . .I not asking for money, you know, everybody else is asking for money. I'm not here to ask for money. I'm here to ask you folks as Council Members, Molokai Naiwa Landfill, they close the dump on Sundays and Mondays. We have parties Saturday nights. All the luaus are on Saturday nights. They gotta hold that opala until Tuesday when we get all the maggots, unpleasant odors. That's the first thing I wanted to say to you.



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I work. I manage a school bus company. I've been there for five years and the bus company is over 50 years old, but I don't have time. I'm a widow. I don't have time to take all my opala down there on Saturday 'cause I love to socialize. I love to shop. I like to go to our swap meet. So, by the time I pau all that, the dump is closed. I call it the dump. We all do. The nice word is Naiwa Landfill.

But I don't know how instrumental you folks you are. I think you guys are the instruments that tell the other committees, hey, come on we gotta. You guys not here, you folks are not here to see all the opala. People going down the road...I'm on the main highway when I'm at the bus company, I see people from East End going all the way to the dump, wrong day. They taking their greens to the dump on Tuesday, Wednesday. It doesn't open till Thursday, Friday, Saturday. We gotta keep all that in mind. You cannot take metals any old time. You can only take your rubbish certain times. Your tires cannot go anytime. I mean, I know, they trying to keep everything separate, but is my five. . .my three minutes up?

MS. HAMMAN: Not yet.

MS. PUAA: Not yet. I mean, please, please, have it in your heart to think of us widows that don't have anybody else to help us to get this opala to the dump. We clean up. I have a homestead that my son has. He works. He doesn't finish till five in the evening. He wants to go squidding on the weekends. Sunday comes, we don't have much to do on Sunday, except go to church, but my church only one hour. So, after that, I figure, I can go dump, dump, my dump, dump, but no more, no more the dump. And you know what, I know --

MS. HAMMAN: Three minutes.

MS. PUAA: --Tavares' regime is the one that changed it. I've been a resident here for 60 years. That dump been open every time we want to go there. Thirty million dollars the taxpayers paid for that dump. I think we should have it open for our convenience and not for the guys that work over there and not for you County people, you, you guys that live on Maui. Why you guys look at me like that?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 'Cause you looking at me l'dat.

...*(Laughter)*...

MS. PUAA: Please, please think about this. You know, it's something so simple. It doesn't take any money, just take your...ovah der and over here. Okay, think us people on...especially, we get plenty parties Saturday night. They cannot even dump their rubbish until it has maggots. Okay, going get the Board of Health in there, too. I pau, thank you. Thank you for coming. Thank you for giving me the opportunity, yeah, as a citizen. I really thank you guys, yeah, this is really an opportunity for us. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay, thank you.

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(speaking from the gallery)*. . . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay, okay, the, the last person to sign up for public testimony is J. J. Iruka Saitoh-Caree? I don't know if I am, you know, I don't if I murdered your name, but.

MR. SAITOH-CAREE: Before I speak, I'd like . . .*(inaudible)*. . . Aloha, esteemed guests, here representing our government. . .County of Maui. My name is. . .*(inaudible)*. . .Iruka Saitoh-Caree and I'm a simple beach boy on Molokai. My passion is teaching sailing to the children of Molokai and offering therapeutic health means to our kupuna through the experience of getting back in the ocean. They think they're too old. No, no, they're not too old. We go sailing with them. So, what I'm proposing is to educate. I'm a volunteer, okay. I have just now secured language of what's called a 501(c)(3) called. . .*(inaudible)*. . .Sail. I'm trying to get this finalized, but I work under a profit organization called Captain Walter Naki's Molokai Action Adventures.

So where do I start? First thing is Wahipana of the back side of Molokai. I'm going to do this kind of Uncle Larry Helm style, the commander, yeah, I just do a short summary of everything. What we need here on Molokai is an ocean awareness academy. Maria Holmes--there's a few--Kekama Helm. . .there's a few other persons I can mention, again, Uncle Larry Helm, Aunty Lori Buchanan. And all these people are keynotes once you all call 'em, Kevin Misaki. They're all up to speed about if we could have whether it's fishing, whether it's diving, whether it's sailing, whether it's surfing, whether it's taking care, you know, malama the reef. There's, there's a site here on Molokai that could make a perfect inroads through our community to having that awareness program. So, basically, this pictures I'm having you look at, is giving you. . .a picture is worth 1,000 words. . .by allowing us to build canoes here on Molokai. And children take stewardship and empowerment of this. This could be put into the schools. This could be put into the kupuna programs. And most importantly, this is an opportunity when gasoline gets to be five, \$10 a gallon, we could still travel around this island very efficiently. And this what it's come down to, like Grandma, Grandma Lani Kapuni said, the crunch time is going to come, we're going to be doing just a few things. We're going be getting on a mule, we're going to be putting our foot one in front of the other, we going be putting a paddle in the water, or we're going to be setting our sails. So, I'm giving you just a forward running view of what Molokai is all about.

In closing, I really would like you to advocate the language. . .this is kind of a political statement on my behalf. Molokai should be designated a Wahipana, Wahipana community. There should be no other activities growing on the reef. There should be no other activities going up mauka in the rainforest.

MS. HAMMAN: Three minutes.

MR. SAITOH-CAREE: And I just want to thank you so much for your time and your aloha. Godspeed.

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any questions for the testifier? Seeing none, thank you very much. Anybody else want to testify? Okay, thank you.

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

CHAIR PONTANILLA: You know, tonight we really appreciate all of you that are left for being here, providing your public testimony on Mayor Arakawa's 2012 Fiscal Year Budget. As you know, you know, we go out to the different communities. We meet at the Council Chambers. We hear testimony. In the next couple of weeks, it's gonna be our job, all nine Council Members, to create a budget for the County of Maui. And as we, you know, gather this information, it gives us a clear idea or some idea of what is the community needs. And we've heard a lot here on Molokai as well as Hana and last night in Kihei. So, on behalf of the County Council and the Staff, again thank you very much for being here tonight. At this time, I would like to call the Budget and Finance Committee meeting here at Mitchell Pauole Hall adjourned. Thank you.  
...(gavel)..

**ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.**

**ADJOURN: 8:07 p.m.**

APPROVED:

  
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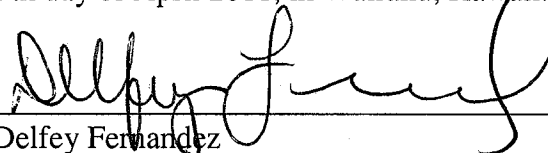
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CERTIFICATE

I, Delfey Fernandez, hereby certify that the foregoing represents to the best of my ability, a true and correct transcript of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not in any way concerned with the cause.

DATED this 29th day of April 2011, in Wailuku, Hawaii.

  
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Delfey Fernandez