

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Council of the County of Maui

MINUTES

April 14, 2011

Paia Community Center, Social Hall (Paia)

CONVENE: 5:57 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

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Troy Hashimoto, Executive Assistant to Councilmember White
Arthur Suyama, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Mateo
Susan Clements, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Couch

ADMIN.: Sananda K. Baz, Budget Director, Office of the Mayor
Patrick Matsui, Deputy Director, Department of Parks and Recreation

OTHERS: Scott Nunokawa, Troop 40 Leader, Boy Scouts of America
Eight (8) Troop 40 Boy Scouts, Boy Scouts of America
Roxanne Dickson, member, Maui Economic Opportunity (MEO) Underage
Drinking Prevention Program
Furious Dickson-Borge, MEO Underage Drinking Prevention Program
Jessie VamZandt, member, MEO Underage Drinking Prevention Program
Brandy Rosalin, member, MEO Youth Services
Channon Nakoa, member, MEO Youth Services
Aulia Burnett, Hui Malama Learning Center
Casey Kaya, Troop 40 Boy Scout, Boy Scouts of America
Scott Livingstone, Aloha House
Willow Krause, Coordinator, Focus Maui Nui Youth Alliance, Maui Economic
Development Board (MEDB)

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King Duke, member, Focus Maui Nui Youth Alliance, Maui Economic Development Board
Tyler Digiulio, member, Focus Maui Nui Youth Alliance, Maui Economic Development Board
Alisha Summers, member, Focus Maui Nui Youth Alliance, Maui Economic Development Board
Erik Seiden, Aloha House
Maurice Bajon, Haiku Unit Director, Boys and Girls Club of Maui, Inc.
Julian Schenck-Davis, member, Boys and Girls Club of Maui, Inc.
Janessa Goodman, member, Boys and Girls Club of Maui, Inc.
Mary Schenck, Boys and Girls Club of Maui, Inc.
Sandy Goodman, Boys and Girls Club of Maui, Inc.
Kelly Pearson, Director of Operations, Boys and Girls Club of Maui, Inc.
Marty Davis, Director of Field Operations, Maui Humane Society
Matt Minford, Dispatch for Animal Control, Maui Humane Society
Lindsey Nicolas, Director of Development and Community Outreach, Maui Humane Society
Ohu Burnett, member, Hui Malama Learning Center
Ann Leete, Secretary, Hui Malama Learning Center Board
Amber Weaver, Hui Malama Learning Center
Brent Noble, MEO B.E.S.T. (Being Empowered and Safe Together) Reintegration Program
Janelle Todd, Hospice
Pat Bily, The Nature Conservancy; East Maui Watershed Partnership; and Maui Invasive Species Committee
Ursula Platte, Program Director, Aloha House
Eugene Burgio, Site Manager and Operations Supervisor, BAE Systems; and Maui Economic Development Board
Maria Nachuo, MEO Head Start program
Melissa Suarez
Yonah Marks, Hospice
Sherman Baisa, Sr.
Rachelle "Kalele" Akoi, The Maui Farm, Inc.
Paula Ambre, Executive Director, The Maui Farm, Inc.
Rick Richerson, Boys and Girls Club of Maui, Inc.
Nancy Johnson, University of Hawaii Maui College Allied Health and Nursing
Curt Leonard, Maui Economic Development Board
Malcolm Findley, former member, Cost of Government Commission
Nikhilananda
Sixty-three (63) additional unidentified attendees

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

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: ...*(gavel)*... Good evening, everyone. The Council Budget and Finance Committee meeting for April 14, 2011, at the Paia Community Center, is now in session. Thank you for being here, everybody. We're here to listen to your testimony on the Mayor's 2012 Fiscal Year Budget, but before we start, at this time, I would like to call on your Councilmember, Councilmember Mike White to introduce the Council Members that are here this evening.

COUNCILMEMBER WHITE: Thank you, Joe, and welcome to everybody and thank you for coming and I am always happy when we can start on time. I'd like to start to my right and your left, Councilman Mike Victorino from Wailuku.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER WHITE: And next to me is our Council Chair Danny Mateo from Molokai and of course Joe Pontanilla from Kahului. Don Couch from Kihei and Makena of South Maui, Elle Cochran from West Maui, and our Mother Superior, Gladys Baisa from Upcountry. And our steady Eddy on the end, Bob Carroll from Hana.

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: Aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER WHITE: Again thank you for coming and we're looking forward to your testimony.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER WHITE: And I'm sorry, I forgot to mention we are joined by the Boy Scouts of America Troup 40 led by Scott Nunokawa, and they are here to earn their community involvement badge by participating in this evening's event. So thank you, all, and welcome, Boy's Scouts, aloha.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Councilmember White. At this time I'd like to introduce the Committee Staff that are here this evening. We do have Scott Kaneshina. We do have Kirstin Hamman. We do have Michele Yoshimura. From Danny Mateo's office, Chairman Mateo's office, we have Arthur Suyama. Also we do have Pauline Martins who is the Secretary, and then also joining us this evening, we do have the Parks Director...Deputy Director. I thought I'd promote him but, you know, he's the Deputy, Mr. Pat Matsui. And from Mr. White's office, we do have Lois Bisquera and, and Troy Hashimoto, along with Susan Clements, from Don Couch office. Again, ladies and gentlemen, we gonna be providing testimony to us. The Budget and Finance Committee will formulate the Budget for the 20, Fiscal Year 2012 year, so we're here to listen to your testimony this evening, on the proposal that our Mayor Alan Arakawa has provided to this Committee. For those of you that are providing public testimony this evening, we'll give you three minutes to provide your testimony and if you can speak directly into the mic, microphone here, we're recording the proceedings this evening. Again, you have three minutes to provide your testimony. When you come up, please state your name, organization that you represent, and once you're done, if you could remain at the mic, we may have some questions for

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you. So with that, we'll start off with the first testifier this evening. First testifier is Roxanne Dickson. Roxanne?

...BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY...

MS. DICKSON: Hi, I am . . .

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Speak directly into the mic. Yeah, put it up. Thank you.

MS. DICKSON: I am here on behalf of . . .

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Hang on, hang on.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: We still cannot hear you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Staff, check that mic.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Turn it on.

MS. DICKSON: Hello. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: There.

MS. DICKSON: Hi, I'm Roxanne Dickson and I'm on behalf of MEO, youth Underage Drinking Prevention Program. Okay. My name is Roxanne Dickson and I am an EA or paraprofessional at Kahului School or I mean Kahului Elementary School. My oldest son Furious is in the sixth grade at Kalama Intermediate School, who is in, who is participating in the MEO Underage Drinking Prevention Program. I would like to say, to take this time to tell, to say personally thank you all for funding a program and taking the time to listen to all of us. Being in the DOE, I do believe that it's very important to educate our youth the truth about underage drinking. We as an adult may not see it but it's out there and they can see it. It is a serious problem and you all have had seen it or read it in the news. My son comes home after the program and is not only telling me and his dad but is also telling his younger brothers, his cousins, his aunt, his uncle, grandma and, about the dangers and false advertising and the downfalls of underage drinking. So I know he is learning and taking in the knowledge that this program is teaching him, so when peer pressure comes knocking around the corner, I know he knows the truth and that he has a choice, and hopefully, you know, he makes the decisions and he'll pass on the knowledge he had learned from this program to those peers and so on and so on. So once again I'd like to thank all of you for giving me the time and listening to us.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

MS. DICKSON: Thank you.

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

MS. DICKSON: Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Furious Dickson-Borge, followed by Jessie VamZandt?

MR. DICKSON-BORGE: Good evening, Budget Council Members. My name is Furious Dickson-Borge. I am from Kalama Intermediate School. I am a part of MEO Underage Drinking Prevention Program. We are here today to tell you thank you for the money that was given to MEO for the program that we're, I'm in. We learn about false advertisement and Slick Tracy comic book, Niagara Falls, tells lies to the childrens [*sic*]. We did posters for underage drinking people, underage drinking. There are people forcing them to drink, people telling them they will be popular, but they don't, they won't. They will be...they won't, okay. Thank you so much for allowing us the time to listen to me speak. Please keep us in mind. Have a great evening.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, question for the testifier? Seeing none, Jessie VamZandt?

MR. VAMZANDT: Good evening, Budget Council Members, my name is Jessie VamZandt, I'm from Kalama Intermediate School. I am part of the MEO Underage Drinking Prevention Program. We're here to tell you thank you for the funding that was given to the MEO for this program. I learned about Slick Tracy and peer pressure. There are three types of pressure: direct, indirect, and insistent. Kids are always being affected by these pressures. Thank you so much for allowing us the time to share. Please don't forget about us.

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

MS. ROSALIN: Good evening, Council Members. My name is Brandy Rosalin. I'm a ninth grader at Baldwin High School. I'm here looking for a continued support for MEO Youth Services and Transportation. MEO Youth Services has a made a big change in my life and taught me lots of new things. I was in this program for about two years, and I am here tell you about some of the experiences I had in this program. MEO has helped me become more of a community contributor. For example, this past week, I participated in tobacco prevention. We went to Kahului Harbor and picked up cigarette butts for 15 minutes. In that 15 minutes, we picked up a total of over 500. Having this experience made me realize that people out there should stop smoking, because it is ruining our environment and themselves. As a young individual, I can lead others into making right choices in life and in the future, so others don't persuaded by distractions such as cigarettes, marijuana and alcohol. Those types of distractions can ruin one's life and lead into a future with extreme consequences. In conclusion, I would like to say thank you for funding our program and I hope you continue to support MEO Youth Services and Transportation. Thank you.

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

MR. NAKOA: Good evening, Council Members. My name is Channon Nakoa. I'm currently, I am seeking here, here seeking for your continuous support for MEO Youth Services. I'm currently a senior at Baldwin High School and I've been with MEO for about three years now. And in those three years, MEO has helped me improve my socializing skills, life skills, culinary arts, leadership skills. The list can go on and on. Being in MEO has changed me and that's what I'm here to discuss with everybody today, that MEO can actually change lives. For all the kids in the Youth Service including me, MEO is like a second home to us, a place where we can go to get away from our normal lives just for a couple of hours, to spend time with kids who can relate to us in almost every way, where we don't have to worry about being treated differently or like an outcast. Many people or just kids our own age consider the MEO Youth Service to be a program only for troublemakers but that's not true. I know that for a fact because I'm living proof of it. MEO is a program fit for any teenager. For example, when I first joined MEO, I considered myself a geek because I, like, I used to wear glasses and stuff. Like no like offense for the people wearing glasses, right, but that's just, that's just how I felt about myself. I wanted to change and MEO was there for me. MEO doesn't promote anybody to change themselves but they do encourage you to do what makes you happy. The one who I would like to thank the most would have to be our MEO Youth Service Coordinator Aunty Leslie Lau Hee, the one who I consider my real aunty, not just as a professional title but as a sign of unconditional and appreciation for her. My name is Channon Nakoa and I am here representing MEO Youth Services. I thank you for your past fundings and I hope you can continue.

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

MS. BURNETT: Good evening Council. My name is Aulia Burnett. I live up in Makawao. I have one daughter that's at Hui Malama Learning Center now. I have another daughter that graduated there about four years ago. I have a total of seven children and I chose...well I want to thank you for your past support and continued supporting of the Hui Malama Learning Center. I think there's kind of a misconception that it's kind of a troubled kids place but that's not why we chose that. We chose it because it has small class, that it has individual attention. The teachers are able to care about the kids and they have a comprehensive learning center. They take them to the community colleges, they've been there to meet you folks, so it's a rounded-about educational experience. It's very important to have an alternative that's an affordable alternative to lots of the private schools, that most of us can't afford. The public schools for some people just isn't an option, so I would really encourage you to continue. Also the staff being so committed to the children has been critical, and I am looking at that as an alternate for the rest of the children that we have at home. So thank you very much for continued supporting them.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, questions for the testifier? Seeing none, thank you again. Casey Kaya, Casey Kaya, Troop 40.

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MR. KAYA: *(NOTE: Eight (8) other Troop 40 Boy Scouts stood beside him.)* First of all, thank you for this opportunity to speak. My name is Casey and we are from the Troop 40. We would like to talk about the County Parks and Recreational facilities. Each of us here has learned and enjoyed at least one of these County facilities for our entire lives. We Scouts have a personal experience with these Parks whether if it's sports or just having a good time. And we would want others maybe from another generation to experience these parks as well. We would like you to just keep funding these facilities for the improvements, repairs and maintenance, so we and the next park users can continue to enjoy it for years to come. Thank you for your time, again.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, questions for the testifier? Thank you. Casey you know we do have the...Deputy Director right there and he took all of the things that you mentioned about, you know, the parks, so if you need help, go see the guy. The guy with the blue shirt. Scott?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Chair, Chair?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Casey?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Casey, can you come back, please?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: When we had our little meeting before the meeting, there were several remarks about several of the parks, concerns about the Kahului ball field and also about Keopuolani. Maybe the gentleman will wanna talk to Mr. Matsui. I'm sure he'd be very interested in hearing what they had to say. This is your opportunity, this is what civic participation is about and thank you for being here tonight.

MR. KAYA: Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Scott Livingstone, followed by Willow Krause?

MR. LIVINGSTONE: Hi my name is Scott Livingstone. At first, I would like to thank you guys for all your support, for the support that you've been giving to Aloha House who, whom of which I am a graduate and then also all the support in the community. That's what makes it awesome to be living in America and, and be here on Maui as well. In October of 2007, I had a traumatic brain injury and at the time, I couldn't cope with it and went through major emotional and issues and eventually was dealing with chronic pain and got physically addicted to the pain medication and was spiraling downhill. And I became homeless and I was addicted to alcohol, into drugs, and I didn't want to live and I didn't want to die. And somehow I ended up in the emergency room and the crisis hotline, one of the nurses or somebody got me to Aloha House, and they detoxed me there and they started treating me immediately for physiological things and getting me healthy physically. The whole staff was there for support and they treated me for psychological issues, got me a psych eval and started treating me for emotional issues, too. I was a mess. My

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wife had left me. I had no place to go and they got the psych eval. And eventually I became, to that department of mental health I got some case management and in the meantime though, I believe resources from the County Council is what kept me there; otherwise, I would have been asked to leave. And the time between those resources kept me there, so I could continue getting the help. I stayed there for several months and learned about addiction and alcoholism. I got treated for my psychological issues and mental illness, got the medication I needed and got stabilized. And I stayed there and they treated my family as well. And while I was in there, I watched them treat me and many others in the families for addiction which affects everybody in the community and my life started to change. I no longer feel like I am suffering from a hopeless disease. I know that I won't ever be cured but I treat it every day. The springboard for that, what got me going was Aloha House. They saved my life and they're saving the rest of my life, and all the families that are caught up in the cross fire, all of them are getting help too. And I can call that place 24/7. There's always a program assistant that will assist me and I do call. I volunteer there now. I'm now a full-time student and my life is changing. I've never felt so comfortable in my own skin and I feel useful and I reach out to the community, thanks to Aloha House. And I am going to stay involved and they're doing it for countless people. Now the reason I'm up here is I'm not asking for myself for assistance, for Aloha House. I'm asking for the people that are still out there suffering and their families and all the other people, 'cause I am literally, when I go to some of my support meetings, I'm literally stepping over bodies to get to these meetings. This disease is killing people. People don't understand it in the community. The only people that really understand it are those that are suffering from addiction. It is --

MS. HAMMAN: Three minutes.

MR. LIVINGSTONE: --it is a medical condition and it's so, we need it treated every day. Thanks.

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

MS. KRAUSE: Good evening, Council Members. My name is Willow Krause and I am the Coordinator of MEDB's Youth Alliance program. In planning the program's activities like visits to local businesses as well as cultural and historical sites, it has been my privilege to see our high school students renewed appreciation for all that Maui County has to offer. I have also been humbled by the generosity of people willing to donate their time and resources to mentoring our young people. This willingness to share and educate our students is part of what makes our community so special. As a mother myself, I hope that my son will have the opportunity to participate in a program such as this when he reaches his teenage years. I really feel like the, I really feel that the leadership and learning opportunities in this program are limitless. Thank you again for your time and consideration.

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

MS. KRAUSE: Thanks.

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: King Duke.

MR. DUKE: Good evening. My name is King Duke and I'm a sophomore at Maui High School and this is my first year at Youth Alliance. I just really enjoy Youth Alliance because it gets me out of the house, it gets me to see all the different places on Maui that I haven't been to, such as when we went on a tour with HC&S and we got to see different water wells and zero, zero ground water. I got to learn about different ways what you see is being made. We also got to go to Akaku, where I got to work with camera-editing equipment, which I, I felt very emotional too since that's kind of what I want to be when I grow up. I got to meet new people from different schools, different areas and even different islands. I just really want to thank you for your time, and I would really love to just continue being in this program.

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

MR. DIGIULIO: Good evening, Council Members. My name is Tyler Digiulio. I am a sophomore at Maui High School. This is my first year with Youth Alliance. My favorite part of youth or my favorite part of Youth Alliance was going to Akaku and learning about the camera...camera equipments and how it works, and I really enjoy all the activities that they provided. I enjoy meeting new people from different schools, different part of Maui. I believe this a great program for all people in high school and I really recommend it. Thank you for your time.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, question for the testifier? Seeing none, thanks. Alisha Summers?

MS. SUMMERS: Hi, my name is Alisha Summers and this is my second year being a member of MEDB Youth Alliance program, and these last two years in Youth Alliance has been a great experience. I've gained valuable information about various careers. For example, this year we learned about the process to start a business of our own, and we went to the Sweet Kula Enterprises. Then last year, I was involved in repairing the Ko'ie'ie Fishpond in Kihei which taught me to be sensitive and respect the Hawaiian culture. Youth Alliance has taught me to become actively involved in my community and to care about the aina, so I urge you to continue funding this valuable program. Thank you for giving me your time.

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

MR. SEIDEN: Hi, my name is Erik and I am also a graduate of Aloha House. I called them on May 31, 2010, with, looking for help for a 20-year addiction that heroin and other opiates. I had been going to the methadone clinic and that was helpful for a little while, but I found that I had the same problems after a while and was unable to stop. I knew the only way I could stop was to get completely clean and sober, and I was going to IOP and my counselor there called Aloha House and I was able to get in. And I dropped everything and went into Aloha House detox, and I was actually detoxing from methadone and, and Xanax and so I had a really long, horrible detox but I made it through obviously. I've been clean and sober now for over ten months. I

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went through the detox and people were great. I really believe in the people and what they're doing there. That's why I'm here today obviously. And I, I also stuck around, went through the residential program, and today I am a full-time student and I also am volunteering there. I go up there once a week and drive the clients that are currently there down here actually to 12 step meeting on Monday nights. So I, I hope you'll continue to support them. It's a much needed service and they're doing a lot of good for the community. Thank you.

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

MR. BAJON: Aloha, Chair Mateo, Chair Pontanilla and Council Members. My name is Maurice Bajon. I'm here to speak on behalf of Boys and Girls Clubs of Maui. I'm the Unit Director in the Haiku club and thanks to your continued support and funding, I feel like I am able to run the best program on Maui and I am able to become a second home for many youths in Haiku. Currently we have over 260 members and on daily basis we have more than 100 kids come to our club. They come to us right after school and they stay until 7 o'clock, sometimes later if we have some function going on. Basically if they weren't coming to the club, I don't even want to think about where they would be ending up, what they would be doing. Thanks to your funding, we're able to do some great things with the members that we currently have, in five co-areas. I want to brag about a little bit about what we did last year, so in our education and career development co-area, last summer we were able to employ 11 junior staff who got a valuable experience in having their first job and be able to learn what it is like to be in a job force. We also have a Fishing for A's program where kids bring in their GPAs and we reward that with many excursions or dinners. We also have power hour points and more and more kids are participating in our power hour. We almost have 100 percent participation and they get help with their homework, and they actually use computers and anything available to them. And they get tutoring from us and it's helping them raise their GPAs. And character and leadership development, we have a Torch Club. It's for members nine to twelve years old and basically this year they adopted the Hookipa Park. They do monthly beach cleanups. They really love the fact that most of them spend their weekends at that park and now they don't see any trash around. They feel a sense of ownership, not of just the club but now Hookipa Beach Park. We also have a Keystone Club, that's for the older members. They adopted a highway, the two miles from Haiku Road all the way to Peahi, they perform their duties. Every quarter they clean up the highway. I started Club Council when I took over this job. Some of the Club Council members are here with me today to testify. Basically they help me run the club, they tell me what's working, what's not working. Recently they actually helped me in an interview process for the new staff person when we had an opening. They loved that part. We have our Health and Life Skills program. In Health and Life Skills, basically we encourage them to live healthy lives and learn skills that they can apply later in, in their life. So they planted taro in the Waikikena...

MS. HAMMAN: Three minutes.

MR. BAJON: They planted taro in the Waikikena project. They started a soccer league and we were able to reward members with an Oahu trip, all-expense-paid Oahu trip for people who got the most points based on an incentive program. And all of that is thanks to you guys' support and

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you guys' funding, and I just want to thank you guys because without that, we wouldn't be able to offer a second home to these kids. Mahalo.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, question for the testifier? Seeing none, thank you. Julian Schenck followed by Jessica [sic] Goodman.

MR. SCHENCK-DAVIS: Dear County Council, my name is Julian Schenck Davis. I am a member of the Boys and Girls Club of Haiku. Without the Boys and Girls Club, I don't know what I'd do. I'd have to hitchhike from Jujitsu with my mom to home. And without...no wait, sorry. The Boys and Girls Club, there are so many things to...the, I look forward to--I heard my mom change this thing--I didn't have the boys--yeah, I know, but I can't because my mom changed this thing. Okay. I'd have to stay at home alone if, if I didn't go to Girls and Boys Club. My mom would be at work and I couldn't do my homework, but thanks to the staff--Maurice, Zack, Auntie Joy, Curtis and Johnny--I can get my homework finished and done, so I don't have to do it at home, okay.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Janessa Goodman?

MS. J. GOODMAN: Hi, I'm Janessa Goodman. Thank you, County Council, for letting me speak today. I am on Haiku Boys and Girls Club's Club Council. I am here to tell you about Boys and Girls Club in my opinion. I believe it is a safe place away from drugs, alcohol and violence. The staff there tries their best to make us happy and feel safe. We have a great, we have great programs there that include Power Hour, where we are required to do homework, Goals for Graduation, where you can, where you outline your goals to get to your, to graduation. We have sports including football, baseball, soccer and more. We also have a safe environment for kids ages nine to seventeen. We also have a program called Smart Moves that teaches you to stay away from drugs. We learn to try new experiences and try our best. It feels like a second home and the kids there are so nice and creative, there I feel safe and that's the reason I like Boys and Girls Club. I'm Janessa Goodman and thank you for letting me speak.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Mary Schenck?

MS. SCHENCK: Hi, my name is Mary Schenck. I'm Julian's mother. I typed Julian's thing up but the font was too small. I, I want to, I am, we are blessed by the Boys and Girls Club, but my son and I for the last year and a half, have had a tremendously difficult time where we've been homeless and the constant in his life has been the Boys and Girls Club. School and the dojo and the Boys and Girls Club is what he looks forward to every day through the organized sports, through the computers, through Power Hour. We used to do our homework with headlamps and candlelight. And the staff members, Maurice...when Maurice came in, he rocked the Boys and Girls Club, and he said mom, this guy is the most wonderful man and, you know, he, he looks forward to it every day. And then there's a young man named Zach, always with a smile on his face. And I have a past, you know, and without fail, every one of those kids that are staff members have opened their arms to me and to my son and have loved us no matter what. My son has a hard time leaving but he has to truck it up the hill to go to the dojo. It is his life center and without the Boys and Girls Club and the funding from the Council, I don't know what we would do today

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because our life has been so difficult for the last year and half. And it is, it has been a blessing for our lives and Julian's had...people have donated money to him anonymously. They, I mean it's just been unbelievable. He got a Keiki Dream award this year and got things that we were unable to pay for, being able to use a computer when were tenting, just so many things I can't tell you. I had a similar situation in my life called the Jewish Community Center. It was my life center and I think of it as that, and we're lucky to be in Hawaii with the Boys and Girls Club because I can tell you in Florida when I sent him there, it was not even remotely the same. I would like to mention that there's been some stealing going on from children maybe, guiding, being guided the wrong way, and that this school, the Boys and Girls Club really needs funding for cameras, to find out what's going on there, and maybe we can help those children make a different turn. Thank you.

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

MS. S. GOODMAN: This is a first. Thank you, County Council, for the opportunity to say a few words on behalf of Haiku Boys and Girls Club. My name is Sandy Goodman and I am a parent of three girls, two of which, including Janessa, attend every single school day, the Haiku Boys and Girls Club. I am a woman who wears a lot of hats. I have a lot of roles. I am an attorney who represents a Fortune 500 health care company. I am a daughter. I am a widow. I am a girlfriend to a wonderful man. I am a granddaughter, pet owner and friend but by far, the most important role I play is that of a mother. And as a single working parent, having a safe, fun, enriching environment for the oldest two of my three girls is of the outmost importance to me. I am raising happy, healthy, self-confident girls who have a bright future. Frankly just having a safe environment for them to go to might be enough but with Boys and Girls Club, I and all the parents who send their kids there get so much more: programs, sports, enrichment and adults who truly care. Please help me in continuing support, the critical role they play in helping to care for and enrich children's lives. Thank you.

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

MS. PEARSON: Good evening, County Council. I'm Kelly Pearson, Boys and Girls Club's Director of Operations for the last 14 years. I think, like a decade ago probably, nice stories, touching stories just like the ones that you heard, you know, really touched our hearts. I thank the parents for coming out and the kids. We're moving into a trend now, where funders...and, and I love the stories, I love the true stories that the parents are saying, but really funders are looking at what kind of impact that we're making on the kids. So how do you measure all of this stuff? And, and I'm here tonight to tell you where we're moving into, so we have what's called an impact formula. And what it is, is you heard Maurice mention all of the core program areas that we're doing. What we are doing is we're gonna find ways to measure how much impact we have on the kids. So we're focusing on three areas: academic success, healthy lifestyles and character building. So you tell me well, how do they measure that? We'll academic, we're gonna really track grades and grade progression is where we're gonna look at. We're also gonna track graduation from high school, so that's gonna give you real numbers to tell you, besides the nice

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stories, and the true stories and the things that touch your heart, we are gonna make an attempt to go into this direction. The other part we're gonna do is healthy lifestyles. Obesity is a major problem, so we're gonna count number of hours the kids participate in outdoor rec. We're gonna count the number of miles they walk around Keopuolani Park or any park that they're in. Character building, we gonna count how many hours they're participating in community service, and hopefully numbers like this will make an impact on, on, on the kids and we can prove this to you, so that's where we're moving. The other thing I want to mention real quickly is you heard the kids and the parents mention the staff. Today and tomorrow, we're hosting a Statewide Boys and Girls Club training at the central club. You're welcome to come down tomorrow but the kind of stuff that we're training our staff on is like applied guidance, fun in the club. But how do you work on their character building? We're working on bullying, which is key 'cause a lot of times, you cannot see if kids are being bullied and a lot of times that's what's knocking their self-esteem, so things like that. So we are investing in our staff because as you heard, the kids mentioned all of the staffs' names, and if there aren't trained and they don't know how to work with the kids then we're not going to make the impact on the kids. Last thing I want to mention is--you heard MEO talk about the underage drinking--we also have that grant. It's a ADAD grant. We are working with the middle schools. I have team directors in each of the schools, and this is the kind of outreach that Boys and Girls Club does. So besides our club work, I send Team Directors to Maui Waena, Iao, Kalama Intermediate, Lahainaluna and Lokelani and they're going in there and teaching the Positive Action curriculum, and so far our goal is to make sure that curriculum gets to 1,000 middle school kids and we're over halfway there. So that's the kind of stuff that we're doing --

MS. HAMMAN: Three minutes.

MS. PEARSON: --and that's for underage drinking. Again thank you for all your support the last 100 years. You guys have always been a big support of ours. Thank you.

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

MR. DAVIS: Good evening, Council. My name is Marty Davis and I am the Director of Field Operations for the Maui Humane Society. I'd like to thank you for your past support of the Humane Society and our programs and that of field operations are what you may formally or be more familiar with is animal control. I've been with the Humane Society in an enforcement capacity for seven years now. Our department works very hard to protect our island citizens and the animals from harm. Our department consists of seven officers and then a coordinator and dispatch person. The department covers the entire island including Hana, seven days a week for emergencies, animal-related emergencies and enforcement. We handle picking up stray animals, aggressive animals, injured animals, feral animals, and we try to keep animals properly restrained and that is huge job. Our officers are always trying to seek and find training and educational opportunities and humane investigations and procedures whenever possible. We have already responded to over 5,700 calls this year alone. Our department works hard to educate the public on the issues of animal welfare and how to best care for your animals. We believe that educating people on the responsibilities of animal care and ownership is the best way

