

# **BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Council of the County of Maui

## **MINUTES**

**April 2, 2012**

### **Kihei Community Center, Main Hall**

**CONVENE:** 6:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councilmember Joseph Pontanilla, Chair  
Councilmember G. Riki Hokama, Vice-Chair (in 6:25 p.m., out 6:26 p.m.,  
in 6:35 p.m.)  
Councilmember Gladys C. Baisa, Member (out 7:35 p.m., in 7:37 p.m.)  
Councilmember Robert Carroll, Member (out 6:45 p.m., in 6:48 p.m.)  
Councilmember Elle Cochran, Member  
Councilmember Donald G. Couch, Jr., Member  
Councilmember Danny A. Mateo, Member  
Councilmember Michael P. Victorino, Member  
Councilmember Mike White, Member

**STAFF:** Scott Kaneshina, Legislative Analyst  
Josiah Nishita, Legislative Analyst  
Yvette Bouthillier, Substitute Committee Secretary  
  
Michele Yoshimura, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Joseph Pontanilla  
Susan Clements, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Donald G. Couch  
Adrienne Nalette, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Donald G. Couch  
Arthur Suyama, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Danny A. Mateo  
Troy Hashimoto, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Mike White

**ADMIN.:** John Buck, Executive Assistant, Office of the Mayor

**OTHERS:** John Silva  
Robert Shiffer  
Aaron Marti  
Maka Vakauta  
Kaleikaumaka Dodd  
Chaz Chee  
Siaosi Ngalu, Boy Scout, Boy Scouts of America  
Phillip Ngalu, Boy Scout, Boy Scouts of America  
Leigh Drewry, Board Member, Maui Humane Society (accompanied by Makani,  
pet dog)  
Don Mehling, Board Member, Maui Humane Society  
Paul Mark, Board Chair, Best Buddies Hawaii  
Joanne Doell, Coordinator, College for Kids University of Hawaii – Maui College  
Ed Ginoza, Program/Personnel Chair, Hui Malama Learning Center  
Michael McCormick, State Director, Best Buddies Hawaii

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Lucy Feinberg, Maui Regional Director, Parents and Children Together (PACT)  
Robert Collesano, Volunteer, Mental Health America  
Kerry Ramm, President, Maui Meadows Neighborhood Association  
Terrilyn Elaban  
Haulani Enos, Program Affairs Specialist, Hui Malama Learning Center  
Rob Riebling, Vice President, Maalaea Community Association  
Charles Ribbel  
Ralph Overton, Vice President, Island Sands Association of Apartment Owners  
William Fey  
Patti Domingo, Cub Master of Pack 55, Boy Scouts of America  
Bonny Kahawaii Herbert, Webelos Cub Scout Pack 55 of Boy Scouts of America  
Ana Garcia  
Peter Tierney, Vice President, Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals  
Madge Schaefer  
Peter Davis  
John Finnegan, Maalaea Community Association  
Liza Pierce, Professional Social Media Consultant  
Pam Daoust, President, Maalaea Community Association  
Ana Makoni, Board President, Kihei Youth Center  
Tim Lawler, Secretary, Waipuilani Condos Association of Apartment Owners  
Bill Mclean  
Alisha C. Harrold, Teacher's Aid, Kihei Youth Center  
Marie Thomas, Development Director, Hale Kau Kau  
DeAndrea Parker  
Jamie Kamiki Carter  
Kyle Kaleo Carter  
Makaiwa Carter  
Kaleo Kamahi Carter  
Rosanne Wuthrich, Troop 22 Committee Member of Boy Scouts of America  
Michael Ito, Advancement Chair of Boy Scouts of America  
Daniel Kanehele, Wolf Den Leader Pack 55 of Boys Scouts of America  
Kaleb Wilstead, Troop 22 of Boys Scouts of America  
Mike Herbert, Merit Badge Counselor of Boy Scouts of America  
Minette Ngalu  
10 additional unidentified attendees

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**ITEM BF-1: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2013 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI**  
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CHAIR PONTANILLA: . . .(gavel). . . The Budget and Finance Committee meeting for April the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 at the Kihei Community Center main hall is now in session. Good evening, everyone. At

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this time I would like to call on the South Maui Councilmember Don Couch to introduce the Members that are here tonight. Mr. Couch.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. First the Chair of the committee is the Council member from Kahului Joe Pontanilla and he's the Council Vice-Chair as well. On my right is the Council Chair from Molokai Danny Mateo.

(audience clapping)

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: And then further on the right is the Council member from Wailuku Mike Victorino.

(audience clapping)

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: And then on the end is the Council member form Paia and Makawao Mike White.

(audience clapping)

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: And then the other side of the Committee Chair is the Council member from West Maui Elle Cochran.

(audience clapping)

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: And then the next to her is the Council member from Pukalani and Kula Gladys Baisa.

(audience clapping)

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: And finally, last but not least, the Council member from East Maui all the way from Hana is Bob Carroll.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you Member Couch. Member Hokama is presently on his way so he'll be joining us later. At this time the Chair would like to introduce the staff that are here this evening. We do have Legislative Analyst Scott Kaneshina as well as Josiah Nashita. Also we have Yvette Bouthillier, committee secretary, and presently on loan to Council staff from my staff is Michele Yoshimura, good evening. We do have Executive Assistant from the different Council member's office. We do have Troy Hashimoto who is a staff member for Member Mike White. We do have Adrienne Nalette as well as Susan Clements who are staff members for Councilmember Don Couch. We do have member. . .not member but staff member Arthur Suyama who is the staff member for Chairman Mateo. Also with us there is Mr. John Buck who is from the Administration.

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Good evening, again. Tonight is, it is your opportunity to provide public testimony and comments on the Mayor's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2013. Just a few ground rules before we start. If everyone of us could put our cell phones on the silent mode or turn it off at this time. For those of you that are providing public testimony this evening if you could give us your name, organization that you represent, start your testimony, you have three minutes to provide your testimony, the Chair will allow one minute to conclude, and once you're done if you could just remain at the microphone a few seconds some of the Members may have some questions for you. And if you could speak directly into the mike we are recording the proceedings for this evening. So the first person to provide public testimony this evening is John Silva. John Silva followed by Robert Shiffer.

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

MR. SILVA: Speaking on behalf of MEO, I think it's a program that the Council should continue funding for rental assistance. In my situation we came here from the mainland about a year ago for a job opportunity which at the time it sounded wonderful and the business decided not to go forward with it. It left myself and my partner without any income. We're living in a hotel vacation rental which as you might imagine would be very costly, and without their assistance of MEO we would probably be homeless today. So the program allowed us to get a leg up and continue and become sustainable. So I think it's a program that you should continue to fund so that people like myself don't find themselves living out of a vehicle or no place to go. Thank you.

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

MR. SILVA: Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Robert Shiffer followed by Aaron Marti.

MR. SHIFFER: Hello. My name is Robert Shiffer, and I'm here testifying on behalf of the MEDB Focus Maui Nui Youth Alliance and for continued funding of it. The . . .(inaudible). . .of the youths has been. . .(inaudible). . .since initial statehood and this program for those in it and those who might join it is both beneficial and enjoyable experience. It's. . .we both do educational and beneficial to the County. We have experienced the myriad of events to both benefitting the County and community work days, and we've also learned many aspects of the County recent. . .for an example recently we had gone to Wailuku and learned about the current development plans over there as to the competition with the Queen Kaahumanu Center in Kahului. Thank you for your time. My apologies I drew a blank there but. . .from educational gatherings in areas of the County to beneficial work days with aid the County, the events of quintessential values to many of the. . .(inaudible). . .time reiterated in modern societies. . .in my perspective a great ideal. And I hope that through personal experience you'll feel the same way as I do about it. Once more I thank you for your time and thank you for hearing me out.

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: Members, any questions for the testifier? Seeing none, thank you again. Aaron Marti followed by Maka Vakauta.

MR. MARTI: Good evening. Good evening, Chair Pontanilla and Members of the Budget Committee. My name is Aaron Marti. I am a seventh grade student at Maui Waena. I've been at MEO Youth Service after school program since the beginning of August 2011. I came to MEO because my counselor said it would be a great place for me to go to after school and a great place for me to make friends. I felt nervous at first, but then the more I went to MEO the more relaxed I felt. I learned many skills such as how to plant taro and how to weed the taro patches. I also learned how to work together with my peers. An achievement for me in that area was that I helped plant around 300 heads of taro. I have improved a lot in and out of my soci..., my personal life at, after being at MEO. Some things to show that I have done that are that I can make friends much easier. I can also control my anger much more than I used to be able to. So I would like to ask for you to please continue giving MEO Youth Services funding and support. Thank you for listening and have a great night.

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

(audience clapping)

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Maka Vakauta.

MR. VAKAUTA: Hi, my name is Maka Vakauta and on behalf of Hui Malama Learning Center. I'm 16 years old and I'm at Hui Malama to get my GED. I wasn't doing well at my last high school so I dropped out and found Hui Malama. I've been at Hui Malama for about four months. What I like about this school is that the teachers are very really nice and respectful and everyone knows everyone. My goal after I get my GED is to get a job and be independent and move on with my life. Thanks for sho..., thanks for supporting Hui Malama and for helping me get closer to reaching my goal.

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

(audience clapping)

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Next testifier is Kaleikaumaka Dodd.

MR. DODD: Aloha, my name is Kaleikaumaka Dodd from Iao Intermediate. I am in seventh grade and in the MEO Youth Services. I got interested in this program because my sister and my brother attended the program. They would always come home and share what a fun time they had at MEO. I couldn't wait until I was old enough to attend. I have learned about boys council. We talked about boundaries and personal bubbles and other person's bubbles, and what me and other boys have in common like certain foods and sports. This program has helped from getting out of

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my house more and helping the environment, meeting new friends. This program has changed me personally from doing stupid things and keeping me straight. Please continue funding MEO Youth Services. Thank you for your support and listening.

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

(audience clapping)

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Chaz Chee. Chaz Chee.

MR. CHEE: Hello, Council members. I'm Chaz Chee. I'm a little nervous right now. I'm here to talk for or speak for Hui Malama and why it's a good school. I got kinda forced into going to Hui Malama, but I'm happy that I had to go there because if I had to stay in my regular public school I probably wouldn't have got any form of education, but since the teachers at Hui Malama were so caring and supportive, I was able to get my GED, and the fact that there was less people there than Maui High and it was a drug-free school and you just had. . . don't have all those distractions. So at Hui Malama you are able to focus more on your work than your peers so it was real helpful to me that's all I have to say.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Any questions for the testifier? Seeing none, thanks again. Next testifier is Siaso Nagoogoo *[sic]*?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER (speaking from the audience): Ngalu.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Nagoo *[sic]*. Some of the names hard to pronounce you know. Sorry.

MS. NGALU: Aloha, my name is Siaso Ngalu and I'm here for and in behalf of the Boy Scouts of Maui. And I would like you to consider funding for improvements of Camp Maluhia, and I'd like to thank you for funding for new bathrooms. And the bathrooms my Mom said were there from when she was a little girl so it must be old. Thank you.

(audience clapping)

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Any questions for the testifier? Seeing none, thank you. Phillip Ng..., Nahoo *[sic]*.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER (speaking from the audience): Ngalu.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Ngalu, Phillip.

MR. NGALU: Aloha, my name is Phillip Ngalu and I'm here to testifier for and in behalf of Maui County Boy Scout Council and I would like to ask you to consider funding the boy scout program for. . .for. . .capital improvement and recently the bathrooms were just fixed, and I

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would like to thank you for that improvement and I'd like to thank you for funding and that you gave us to update the bathrooms, and I hope that your funding will allow more things to be fixed. Mahalo.

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

(audience clapping)

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Next to testify is Leigh Drewry followed by Paul Mark.

MS. DREWRY: Hello, everyone. Aloha, Budget Chair Pontanilla and Budget Com..., Committee Members, excuse me. Thank you for visiting Kihei this evening and. . .really? That close.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: There you go.

MS. DREWRY: Okay. . .and for offering this opportunity to testify. My name is Leigh Drewry. This is Don Mehling. We're currently both serving on the Board of the Maui Humane Society and this is Makani. She's from the shelter. As you know Maui Humane Society has already. . .is already in the Mayor's budget for \$200,000 this year, and although this is a generous increase from last year, it will still leave us with many operational challenges. Our number one focus of course is shelter operations. The shelter in Puunene is the most visible aspect of our operation. Last year Maui Humane Society spent almost \$500,000 funding programs and services. We got that money. . .well utilized money from our investments, private donations, grant revenue, and also earned income from private programs. The daily cost of operating the facility is still a concern to us due to the increase in water and power. We will continue like everyone to explore alternatives through green initiatives, photovoltaic, etcetera. In addition we have rebid all of our contracts and are continuing to use donated materials and volunteer labor for projects at the shelter.

Last year we completed a \$250,000 privately-funded improvement which expanded our kennel facilities and added a new surgical suite. So the surgical suite of course ties into the spay/neuter and that's a huge initiative here. I think you hear about it almost every time that one of us comes before you. The spay/neuter last year we received \$65,000 from the County, 35,000 of that was allocated for SNIP coupons. For those of you. . .I'm sure you know what. . .that's the subsidized discount program which is available to the community. The balance of that money offset the cost for spay/neuter services for Maui Humane Society animals. Last year we did approximately 4,000 spay/neuter surgeries at the shelter. A lot of that, a lot of that was attributed of course to adding the second surgical suite. The 4,000 surgeries that we performed represent over half of the spay/neuter services that were provided last year in Maui County. Animal intakes of course are up that's another big concern for us. On an average day we get 24 live animals to the shelter that's average 365 days. Do the math. I get 8,760 but you might check it. I'm not very good. Um. . .of that 24 a day, average day would be eight dogs, eight tamed cats, six feral cats, and two. . .and two animals that are either guinea pigs, rabbits, livestock, chickens, all of those.

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One of our other initiatives is field operations. Field operations last year really increased their services and I just have to read this because it's--

MR. KANESHINA: Three minutes.

MS. DREWRY: --it's amazing. Um. . .we increased the preventative patrols by 486 percent which is from two forty-three to eleven eighty-one,--I'm hurrying--increased leash law citations by almost 400 percent that increased the quality of the life for all of us on Maui from 49 to 192, increased citations overall by more than 300 percent. And the only increase in operating that program of course was the increase cost in fuel for the vehicles. And my thank you was, is on the back. Thank you for your past support and for the opportunity for us to provide testimony. I hope that you can keep the funding levels as proposed in the Mayor's budget to assist all of Maui County's animals and little Makani our partner for this evening. Thank you very much.

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

(audience clapping)

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Paul Mark. . .followed by Jonie [sic] Doell.

MR. MARK: Aloha. Thank you Councilmen and ladies. I'm here tonight to ask for your continued support of Best Buddies. I'm here as the Board Chair and also as a parent. As a parent when we moved here four years ago the program had just started and it helped my son, who has Down syndrome, to connect with the community and other kids to the point where my son is graduating this year, he's living on his own, he works part-time at Outback. And if it wasn't really for some of the services that Best Buddies provided and connecting him with the locals I don't think he would've moved on this far.

As Board Chair, I think one of the main things that I was impressed with is mutual benefitting relationships always work best. And last year out of my own pocket I went to the leadership conference in Indiana where I met Anthony Shriver and other chair members throughout the state. And one of the thing that I really liked was the fact that here not only does the recipient benefit but the provider also benefits. These kids that are working with our disabled kids are learning people skills, management skills, how to, how to manage and communicate, how to get these kids involved. So it's a mutually benefitting relationship in a sense that not only does the needy child get services, but the children that are volunteering to help these students are learning lifelong skills as well. So again I ask you for your continued support. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any questions for the testifier? Seeing none, thank you again. Joanne Doell followed by Ed Ginoza.

MS. DOELL: Aloha, all. I'm Joanne Doell and I am here to speak on behalf of the RAP program, the Read Aloud America Program, and to encourage you to have some continued and generous



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funding for this program. I also wear, I have another hat, a rotating hat because I volunteer at the RAP evenings. Actually Kihei School right across there has I think another evening. If you've never been to a RAP night please come. The energy is high. And one of the things that the program seeks to do is to give students the love of reading and to expand their imaginations. Each child gets to hear a book being read to them in their classrooms. Parents are also read to. We have a volunteer table of book exchanges. Each child gets either a new book or a book buck and believe me they spend that dollar wisely as they exchange books. As you know, vocabulary and comprehension are the one things that give us better test scores, yes? And this program not just pulls in 20 or 30 people and I know this because I have been to a parent-teacher meetings all over the island in schools. You're lucky to get four parents or maybe ten to come. If there is an event and kids are performing you'll get 60 or 70. RAP generously pulls in 300, 400, 500, 600 and even 700 and 800 people from families that's kupuna, that's children, that's parents. They come and they listen with RAP attention. So I encourage you to continue this because we are wanting to make zealous readers of our children because in this glut of information that you get coming across your desks every single day, our kids have to learn how to filter for relevancy and hopefully filter for wisdom, and this love of reading is where they start. So please continue that funding if it is all possible and be generous in it and I thank you very much for listening, and please remember our children. Thank you.

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

(audience clapping)

CHAIR PONTANILLA: --thank you again. Ed Ginoza followed by Michael McCormick.

MR. GINOZA: My name is Ed Ginoza, and I'd like to thank the Members of the Committee for letting us testify, and for your support in the past years. I am testifying on behalf of Hui Malama Learning Center. I am a member of the Board of Directors and I serve as the Program Committee Chair. I'm also a retired teacher and coach of the Maui High School Ocean Science Bowl and Science Bowl teams. I'm also a parent who a daughter attended Hui Malama. So I have some personal experience with Hui Malama. As an educator working in the public schools for over 30 years, I've come to the conclusion that the public schools cannot meet the needs of all the students because of the shared numbers and resources. As a result some of the students will fall through the crack. So how is Hui Malama different? Hui Malama deals with the entire child. We realize that it's not enough to only deal with subject matter. We deal with their nutritional, emotional needs as well as their academic needs. We have small classes to give the students individual attention necessary to meet their individual needs. Our gardening and nutritional. . .gardening unitri..., nutritional gardening project is one where students learn to compost, grow vegetables, but actually to learn how to prepare, cook, and consume products of their labor, and they also learn the business end as they participate in such things as Ag Fest like this Saturday. We also do deal with direct. . .(inaudible). . .and try to teach them values that'll help them survive. Our goal is to teach them and equip them for life skills and make them lifelong learners and at the same time we are also aware of the economic benefits of attaining

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higher educational levels as we do provide a GED program. Financially Hui Malama is very dependent on grants and again I thank the County for your past and hopefully continued support.

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

(audience clapping)

CHAIR PONTANILLA: The Chair would like to recognize the presence of Councilmember Riki Hokama. Mike.

MR. McCORMICK: Aloha, Committee Chair Pontanilla and other distinguished Council members here tonight. This is always sort of a grueling part of your jobs coming out to the communities, but we appreciate you come out and listen to, you know, what everybody throughout Maui has to say on their budget. I'm here tonight speaking on behalf of Best Buddies Hawaii. I'm the State Director but I live here in the Kihei area so this is always an evening that I like coming out and hearing what's on the agenda. Tonight I'm here asking you to please support the requested line item for Best Buddies. It's in the current budget. We now have 371 active participants at our schools here on Maui in Best Buddies, and along with Paul that had spoken previously about what Best Buddies is really doing, we also really encourage the kids to get out and do stuff to give back to the community. And I don't know if you received but there was a, a real nice article in the *Maui Weekly* just a few weeks ago that our Lokelani Best Buddies members went over and just cleaned and washed all the playground equipment at our new regional park here in South Maui that we're so proud to have. We've also done that on a regional park over in Central Maui. So once again we really instill in the young people and the community to give back to their community. I'm also excited that we've now started the program at Lahainaluna up on the west side. So the only high school that currently doesn't have Best Buddies is in Hana and we're working that direction, Bob, so we're coming to Hana. We're excited too that the Sheraton up on the west side has been an employer that has given job to a couple of our buddies with disabilities, Page and Bobby, up at the Lahainaluna Best Buddies chapter. So once again thank you for your time and consider the request for Best Buddies. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, questions for Mr. McCormick. Seeing none, thank you again.

(audience clapping)

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Lucy Feinberg followed by Robert Collesano.

MS. FEINBERG: Good evening, I'm Lucy Feinberg. I'm the Maui Regional Director of Parents and Children Together, and I'm here tonight to ask you for your continued support for our Family Peace Center Domestic Violence Intervention Program. Our program is divided into three areas. One is the Puuhonua which is place of refuge. We have the Kuleana Program which is for our batters, offenders, which means responsibility, and Na Opio which is our youth anger control.

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Our whole wish is that our youth are not gonna go into the same levels as the adults that have come before them. Our, our program is the only one that is contracted with the Judiciary and that makes it unique. We have, we serve the whole island of Maui including the island of Lanai for the batters' intervention program. Matter of fact we have a group right down here on the corner for our batters' program. We also have groups for Ilocano speakers as well as a combined domestic violence and substance use program. So those are specialties that we offer, and we can continue offering all of these programs because of the support from the County. The Judiciary does not provide the kind of support that we need to cover all of these types of needs in our program. We assist with our Puuhonua, we assist with TRO's and court advocacies. Going to court can be a terrifying experience for a victim who has to relive everything that happened through her statement as well as to be in the same room with the offender. And so our staff really support them through that and then also get. . .they also can join us in groups for support to help them change. . .to help them get into a new life one free of, free of violence. We also work with the offenders to help them change their beliefs and their behavior so that they do not reoffend and they can become role models for their family and children. The women support group that has a curriculum base program it is not just a rap group, but really we provide buil. . .building, skill building. We look forward to the continued funding and having the safety of women and children as a real priority in Maui County and we appreciate everything you've done in the past. I should also mention that men make up about 30 percent of the victims that we serve, and often men are the hidden victims. People don't think about men in that capacity, but we do see them every day coming in for support, and asking for judicial reliefs so that they don't take matters into their own hands.

Many of you remember the murder last fall of Celestial Cassman who was an attorney and came here with her partner or companion who is now alleged to have killed her. This. . .she was an attorney and what this represents for us is to keep the understanding that domestic violence--

MR. KANESHINA: Three minutes.

MS. FEINBERG: --crosses all, all socioeconomic status. One in four women are reported to have suffered abuse by an intimate partner at some time in their life. Our program seeks to change beliefs so that our keiki do not have to grow up thinking and being in fear of da..., fear of danger from the person who they love the most. Thank you very much for your concern and your continued support.

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

(audience clapping)

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thanks, thank you again Lucy. Robert Collesano followed by Kerry Ramon *[sic]*.

MR. COLLESANO: Good evening, Council members. Thank you for taking time to listen to us tonight. My name is Robert Collesano. I'm a volunteer with Mental Health America. Colleen

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O'Shea is the Executive Director of that organization. She was recently honored in *The Maui Weekly* as like a volunteer of the year and so were two other people of that organization, Bob and Harriet Collopy. What I do for Mental Health America I teach a workshop for them for parents and spouses, people who are mentally ill, and it's a 12 week course. I teach it right here in Kihei, Kalama Heights. Let us use their facility to do that, but we're supported by Mental Health America.

Now, you probably read recently in the newspaper about the jet blew pilot who kind of had an episode on the plane and ran down the aisle and muttering crazy things that's what Mental Health American addresses, those kind of issues. Those were classical symptoms of bipolar illness where a person has a meltdown like that and just can't function.

Right now tonight a half mile from here there's a young man, he's in his 40's who's being evicted from his condominium for the exact same thing where he caused an uproar and people complained and they want him out of his condo. Mental Health America addresses that. Mental Health America has a support group, a monthly support group for family members of folks that are mentally ill in addition to extended classes like I teach 12 week classes. Now you can just imagine the family of that pilot what they're going through, the spouse, the children. . .what they have to deal with in terms of their father and their husband's mental illness. Mental Health America takes people like that family members, supports them, teaches them how to work with the mentally ill and we appreciate your support here on Maui. And I'll just end with saying that I . . .I use to work for the state as a mental health case manager. When I worked for the state as a mental health case manager, we could see people five, six, seven hours a week if needed be to support them. Because of state cutbacks, Mental Health case managers can now only serve mentally ill folks for three hours a month, and I personally know as a result of that over five people that have committed suicide here on Maui because of a lack of care after the state has cutback. So services like Mental Health America provide are incredibly important in this day of cutbacks. Thank you very much.

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

(audience clapping)

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Kerry Ramon *[sic]*. . .followed by Terrilynn Elakon *[sic]*.

MS. RAMM: Aloha, my name is Kerry Ramm.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Oh, sorry.

MS. RAMM: I'm the Maui Meadows Neighborhood Association President. I would like to address the importance of enforcement for the short-term rental bill to be included in our upcoming budget. Without proper funding for inspectors to enforce island wide this short-term rental ordinance will fail. Tax paying residents will once again have to be subjected to the abuse of non-permitted

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rentals in our residential areas for lack of proper enforcement. I would like to suggest that a portion of the permit monies go to a special fund to sustain the enforcement inspectors. Many of us have worked very hard at making this a better ordinance. Over and over again we've heard one common thread and that's. . . was how important enforcement is. If this is done properly, this ordinance will work for both the residents of Maui and create revenue for our County. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak tonight.

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

(audience clapping)

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Terrilyn Elakon *[sic]*. . . followed by Haulani Ellis *[sic]*.

MS. ELABAN: Aloha and thank you for hearing me. My name is Terrilyn Elaban. I'm here on behalf of MEO A Head Start. My granddaughter since she started the school she's learned to identify with her letters, her numbers, colors, shapes, forms, she enjoys school, and I feel that you need to keep this fund going 'cause these are our future presidents and. . .

(audience laughing)

MS. ELABAN: . . . (chuckled). . . presidents. . . our presidents and our Council members. And we are presenting this to you.

(granddaughter submitting a picture board to Chair Pontanilla depicting the activities at MEO Head Start).

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Wow. Thank you.

MS. ELABAN: Thank you so much.

(audience clapping)

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Members, questions for the testifier? You know how to woo the County Council.

(audience laughing)

CHAIR PONTANILLA: That was unreal. That was good. Thank you. Haulani Enos followed by Rob Riebling.

MS. ENOS: Aloha, Council members. Thank you for your time. My name is Haulani Enos. I'm the Program Affairs Specialist at Hui Malama Learning Center. I serve as a Special Events Coordinator for all the events related to academic program like doing an open house or

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graduation. I'm also responsible for working with other community organizations. The community organizations that we work with is a blessing to Hui Malama Center. Definitely teaches. . .teaches our students self-reliance and responsibility. Another part of my job is to contact employers to come into Hui Malama and be a part of our employer mentor program. Watching our students learn everything from opening a bank account to building a hydroponic system is rather exciting. And as I watch them learn these skills, I think about my daughter who is part of the DOE system and those kids I believe rarely have the chance to have hands on learning experience like these. It's also great to see how involved our staff is with the process of teaching our students to be a positive part of our community. We continually encourage all our students to be successful learners and responsible individuals. Everyone at Hui Malama Learning Center appreciates your consideration. Thank you again for your time. Have a great evening.

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

MS. ENOS: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Rob Riebling.

MR. RIEBLING: Good evening, Council members. I'm Rob Riebling tonight representing the Maalaea Community Association and I'd like to swing the spot light back onto the capital improvements budget for Kihei-Makena for just. . .for just a moment.

We are very pleased that to have discovered that the Mayor has included funding for this important project in his 2013 capital improvements budget and that project is specifically Hauoli Street drainage improvements. I'll explain what that means in a minute, but you may recall some of us appeared here last year in the wake of the terrible flooding that Maalaea experienced in the winter of 2010-2011 which caused extensive property damage to a number of the apartment buildings and cut our community in half so residents on end of the street were trapped for three days. Couldn't get in or out and neither could emergency vehicles. So the County's immediate response to that was a temporary stop gap measure which amounts to basically a fort where three feet of water can flow across the road and that alleviates some of the. . .or will alleviate some of the damage to the adjacent buildings during the next floods, but it will still cut the community in half because nobody would drive a vehicle through three feet of running water.

But in the mean time working with us Public Works has come up with a really good engineering solution to this problem. It's an adequately sized culvert which we never had before. An upstream retention basin to catch some of the water born debris that floats down. You may recall last year our photographs of lawn mowers, toilets, old computers and stuff that wound up in the ocean because of this and. . .so it only remains for the Budget Committee to and the full Council to retain this very important line item in the Kihei-Makena Capital Improvements budget. It's easy to find. It's the one at the top of the list. So we thank you in advance for your kind consideration of this request and please do something about this because it's a very important issue of public, health, and safety. Thank you.

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, questions for the testifier? Seeing none, thank you again. Next testifier is Charles Ribbel.

MR. RIBBEL: Hi, I'm Charles Ribbel, Charlie. I'm here on behalf of Kihei B Head Start. I don't know. My daughter's been in it for like a year now and it's been great, and they've been there for us for everything. My daughter is learning a lot and. . .I really don't know what else to say. They're just really good so I hope we can keep it going. The kids really need it. Thank you.

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

(audience clapping)

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Ralph Overton. . .followed by William Fey.

MR. OVERTON: Aloha and good evening Members of the Council. Again thanks for your time tonight in giving me this opportunity to talk to. My name is Ralph Overton. I serve as Vice President of the Island Sands AOA and on behalf of all of the owners there and our board we want to express our thanks for as Rob talked about the Hauoli Street drainage improvement project. It's a project that the. . .or the floods occurred back in December 2010 we took the brutal impact of all the raging waters. And my wife and I as an owner had just purchased a condo in the first part of December, two weeks later we had the first set of floods, two weeks after that we had the second set of floods. And we. . .we've been unfortunate we were featured on the Christmas Day 2010 front page of *The Maui News*. The. . .as Rob talked about the improvements that have been made thus far are step in the right directions. We hopefully you will move forward with the Hauoli Street drainage as it is in the plan, and on behalf of all of us with the condo association and the owners we thank you for the support thus far and look forward to. . .to a successful implementation. Thank you.

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

(audience clapping)

CHAIR PONTANILLA: William Fey followed by Patti Domingis [*sic*].

MR. FEY: Aloha, Council members. My name is William Fey, and I'm here to ask your continued support for the Kihei Youth Center which is very valuable to not only my family, but I'm sure lots of other families because of the different activities that they for the kids is so many. There's homework assistance programs, sports, indoor activities, games. . .what stands out the most for me is the prevention programs which teaches alcohol and drug awareness, peer pressure, and finally the affordability of it is very helpful in a time when the cost of living always seems to go up. And also I wanna ask your support for the MEO which provides the transportation for my children from Kamalii Elementary to the Kihei Youth Center. And your support for the Maui

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Food Bank as well which helps the KYC provides lunch, snacks, and I believe now breakfast as well. So if you could continue support for KYC we appreciate it. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you. Thank you. What does your shirt mean?

MR. FEY: Oh, "Be A Jerk" that's one of the programs sponsored by the KYC and it's, it's meant to show not having such a nonchalant attitude towards alcohol abuse. You know some people wanna be the cool parent, the cool uncle, or something like that, and no, we don't need any more cool uncles or cool parents. We need someone to tell the kids, you know, be a law abiding citizen, be a responsible citizen you know. So that's pretty much it, yeah. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

MR. FEY: Aloha.

(audience clapping)

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Patti Domingis *[sic]* followed by Bonny Herbert.

MS. DOMINGO: It's Patti Domingo. . .(chuckled). . .

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Sorry.

MS. DOMINGO: I just gonna wait for somebody to show up in case there was a Patti Domingis *[sic]*. Okay, aloha, Chairman Pontanilla, and Don Couch representative of Kihei, and the rest of the Members on our Budget Committee. Thank you for your time and coming out here to listen to all of our pleas and beg for money. Well, that's my word. First I wanna thank the Mayor and those involved in this arduous work involved in this 2013 Budget. I know it's a lot of work as we can see today with all the testimonies that are up here. As our nation continues to suffer from the Federal government decision not to have an approved budget and we are bearing the financial burden and cost of the three year continuing resolution, I am proud of the County of Maui for embracing the process, steps necessary for community growth. I'm here today representing our Pack 55, LDS Cub Scouts in Kihei, and Maui Boy Scout Council. And you saw two of our boys that testified. They are from our pack and Siasoi is also working on his eagle scout. He does have a brother here Joseph who's in our Cub Scout as well following the footsteps of his two brothers.

My name is Patti Domingo and I am the Cub Scout Master for Pack 55. I'm proud to say we have 18 scouts in our program. We had started from seven and we've bloomed into 18. We're really proud of them. They go from ages 8 to 10 starting with the Webelos--excuse me--the Wolves all the way up to the Webelos and you'll hear some of our leaders speak tonight.



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I've been in the Cub Scout program for about four years, but I'm really not new to it because my son was an Eagle Scout in the '80s and he helped do a lot of community work. In fact a lot of our Eagle Scouts do community work to pass up their Eagle project, and I can say some of 'em have done cleaning up the boardwalks at Kealia Pond; refurbishing playgrounds in the schools; rock walls at Kalepolepo Park at the fishing pond; building, painting, and restoring benches for the church..., churches. Our scouter is very active in the community. And last couple years ago we participate in the flag program for the Kihei School Hoolaulea. We this year participate in the Whale Day program. . .holding the American flag, and we had all of our Cub Scouts doing that. We were also asked to do the flag ceremony for the Kihei Little League last year. So we're very proud to have our boys turn out to participate in the community.

As much as we integrate with our own community, Camp Maluhia is another important part of our program--

MR. KANESHINA: Three minutes.

MS. DOMINGO: --where many achievements and awards can be earned through activities. What was that? Our scouts look forward to Camp Maluhia. Every June we do a 3-day program and in that camp we're able to have specific certified instructors for our bb gun and our archery. . .(clearing throat). . .program where they can pass off their badges, and this is the only place they can have it. If you've been out to Camp Maluhia or haven't been I would really implore you to go out there and look it. It's a gorgeous place, it's a spiritual place, and the boys look forward to being there. And I just wanted to say that. . .being that my time is up. . .I want to say that Camp Maluhia is about 60 years old and with that comes age. It's, it's feeling their aches and pains and the capital that we are asking for is for the improvements that is needed by the County Code. So it's not something that we cannot do ourselves because all these years we've done most of the improvements through our own volunteerism which we. . . our families, our boys, and friends, and donators have given to us to do for ourselves. So we pretty much take care of Camp Maluhia as much as we can by ourselves, but this capital improvement is very needed--

MR. KANESHINA: Four minutes.

MS. DOMINGO: --for our boys. Thank you very much for your time.

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

(audience clapping)

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Bonny Herbert followed by Ana Garcia.

MS. HERBERT: Aloha mai kakou. My name is Bonny Kahawaii Herbert. I lived in Kihei all my life and. . .and have been to Camp Maluhia since I was little, and I love that place. Who doesn't? Who doesn't love Camp Maluhia? My brother Danny and my really good friend who

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became. . .he became a brain surgeon and he became. . .an Eagle Scout by attending the camps at Camp Maluhia. So we're here, we're here to thank the Council for all your support thus far and just ask for little bit more help to help get our camp up to code. Thank you so much.

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

(audience clapping)

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Ana Garcia followed by Peter Tierney.

MS. GARCIA: Good evening. My name is Ana Garcia. I've been a Maui resident for the past 18 years. This island is my home. This is what I have raised my five children and what I have grown personally and professionally thanks to the many resources available, and the love and the dedication of the people who work hard to make this community a better place for everyone.

When I first moved here with my family in 1994, we were very limited financially. So my husband would bring leftovers from the restaurants where he use to work and we'd have them for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. I was pregnant with my third child at the time and I had to pay a cab to go to my doctor's appointments in Wailuku until a cab driver told me about the MEO bus. For about three years until I could save up enough money from my cleaning jobs to buy a car, I used the MEO bus for my trips to Wailuku. The drivers were very compassionate and they helped me carry all my things to my door step. About ten years ago I took advantage of the MEO Enlace Hispano. At the time the staff helped get my passport and provided valuable information such as how to get a GED, and they assisted me with funds to take some computer courses from VITEC. The Enlace Hispano is the only place on Maui that provides free services for the growing Hispanic community. They do translations. They offer citizenship classes and provide referrals to other agencies, among many other services.

About nine years ago when my two younger children were admitted to the MEO Head Start, I decided to go back to school. I enrolled as a fulltime student at MCC on the Spring of 2012, and I recently received my certified public accountant license.

(audience clapping)

MS. GARCIA: Thank you. Sorry. Okay, the Head Start Program, as the name says, gives the children who enroll a head start on their education. It also gave me a head start on my education because my children attended the full day program for two years, including the summers. As you can see with a hand up not a hand out, and a strong will, and a lot of work, the poverty cycle can be broken, and the once needy people can become self-sufficient and be productive members of society.

In addition to my tax season occupation, I have been working at MEO as a budget specialist for the past few months as my way of giving back to the community. And I can personally testify that the people at MEO care about the community they serve and they carefully, and efficiently

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manage the funds that are entrusted to them. I humbly ask you to continue supporting these programs for there are a lot of people in our community asking for a hand up not a hand out. Thank you for your support.

(audience clapping)

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, questions for this testifier. Seeing none, thank you again. Peter Tierney followed by Madge Schaefer.

MR. TIERNEY: Aloha kakou. Thank you so much, mahalo to Maui County Council members and community for coming out tonight. My name is Peter Tierney and I'm the Vice President of the SPCA Maui that's the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

It's been proven countless times that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Our new organization we're less than two years old. As SPCA Maui is focused solely on prevention, and that is in reducing the management cost required for our animal control and animal overpopulation problem on Maui. Tonight we respectfully request your assistance to increase the level of funding provided for spay/neuter programs, in particular the Maui County's SNIP program that's Spay/Neuter Incentive Program that's administered right now by the Maui Humane Society. SPCA Maui works directly at the source of Maui's animal overpopulation problem. We target our communities in need, communities that maybe don't have a veterinarian. We work with them to provide the most efficient and affordable spay/neuter access in the County. This directly reduces the number of homeless pets and therefore the required management cost associated. Per capita Maui has a homeless animal challenge among the greatest in the United States, and our cost for traditional spay/neutral surgeries are among the highest also.

Maui Humane Society's most recent public statements emphasize our economic challenges due to overpopulation. The number of animals entering the Maui Humane Society shelter this year is up 6 percent from last year. Even though 2,000 homeless animals were housed and adopted at our local shelter, more than 70 percent were put down because they were unhealthy, aggressive, homeless, or unadoptable. Additionally, Maui Humane Society received more than 9,000 calls regarding loose dogs, dog bites, cruelty, neglect, and feral animals.

The statement from MHS suggested that the impound of an animal and the eventual euthanasia or adoption greatly exceeds the costs of one sterilization procedure. The only economic way to reverse the growing homeless challenge on Maui is with prevention spay and neuter programs.

Currently, any Maui residents regardless of financial need can take advantage of Maui County's SNIP program. SNIP coupons through any vet offset the cost of spay/neuter surgeries. SPCA Maui targets needy pet owners and use the Maui County's spay/neuter assistance program coupons to help pay for the surgeries. Our clients contribute what they can afford and our donors--

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MR. KANESHINA: Three minutes.

MR. TIERNEY: --pay the difference. The current year MHS allocated approximately 1,000 units of SNIP coupons for community use. During our recent startup, we used over 40 percent of the remaining SNIP funds for our targeted clients who did not have fixed animals at all. With SNIP and our additional contributions we performed over 400 fixes draining the SNIP budget in the third quarter of this year. In doing so, we prevented more than thousands of unwanted dogs and cats from being born or having being managed at our local shelter.

Both the MHS and Maui County need our organization's economic expertise and dedication to spay/neuter services. We are 100 percent volunteer organization with virtually no overhead. We are able to work through the use of spay/neuter assistance programs, donations, and grants. With adequate units for SNIP and some break through revolutionary technologies we are sponsoring, we plan to greatly raise the number of fixes in the coming year.

Tonight we respectfully request the Council assist with an increase in the level of funding available through the County SNIP program. SPCA Maui and other organizations like ours are focused directly on the source of our overpopulation problem can reverse Maui County's continually growing homeless animal management costs. Thank you.

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

(audience clapping)

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Oh, I'm sorry. Mr. Couch.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Tierney for coming here. Are you asking for this for your organization or, or in general or--

MR. TIERNEY: We're asking for in general a raise in this spay/neuter assistance program budget. Currently it is administered through the Maui Humane Society and then accessed. And how that program actually works is a client would contact a local veterinarian, make an appointment for a spay/neuter surgery, and then the Maui County SNIP program would reimburse that vet 15 to 25 dollars. So we're. . .what we're asking for is an increase in the amount of units. Last year was 1,000 units Maui Humane Society provided for spay/neuter surgeries. Out of that 400 plus clients came through SPCA Maui. We do not perform the surgeries. We partner with our local veterinarians allowing them to do business, stay in business, and make a profit, and at the same time help and contribute to stop this problem. We all know cats and dogs and the feral cat problem is growing exponentially. We spend money now, especially on spay and neuter, we can spend way less money in the coming years on adoption, management, and euthanasia.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay, thank you.

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Madge Schaefer followed by Peter Davis.

MS. SCHAEFER: Well, first I wanna thank you all for coming to Kihei. I know that this budget roadshow takes a lot of your time and I really do appreciate you coming so we don't need to make the commute to the other side. It's also good to sit here in the audience and learn about a lot of really good programs that need funding and offer a lot of opportunities for our young people and for families in need.

I wanted to speak to you about the. . .from my stress when I learned that the Mayor's budget did not include funding for any enforcement officers for the short-term rental home ordinance. This is something that the majority of the Council has worked very hard on and during those hearings I think that went on for six months. . .every two weeks for about six months. . .over and over you all heard the need for enforcement. I have to stress that the Mayor didn't hear those comments. The grapevine, the coconut wireless is pretty good, and to not have that in his budget sent a message that he wasn't interested in seeing enforcement, and it's distressing because I think enforcement was something that both sides agreed on whether there was a neighborhood that was opposed to having these rentals or whether it was an organization that was in support. They all. . .and we all agreed that enforcement was really essential. So I hope that those of you that made a commitment in, in the hearings on this will continue that commitment and find a way to put two enforcement officers into the budget.

The third thing I'd like to say is thank you very much. I under. . ., rumor has it that Kihei Road is going to get repaved, and if you haven't driven Kihei Road, while you're over here you might wanna take a little spin down. Maybe this time when it gets repaved. . .the last time when it got repaved about a year later. . .I don't know whether it was the wireless stuff or a sewer line or what, but along came the. . .(mimicking sounds of a heavy equipment vehicle). . .machine to dig trenches and that the road was a disaster. It seems like the contractors should be required to restore a road to the condition it was in. And so if you're gonna repave it please have the. . .machines come before you repave it not after.

And last but not least is when you know once you're in government your head kind of stays there and I would like to suggest that you all consider. . .I know you hate to raise taxes and we hate to have our taxes raised. Have you thought about not asking the department heads or the directors for cost savings within their departments but asking the employees to submit suggestions for ways to save the County money. The people who on. . .in the trenches, not the guy sitting behind the large mahogany desk, they know where the money's being wasted. And we tried an experiment back in the old days when I was in government, and what it resulted in was a million dollars in savings in one year.

MR. KANESHINA: Three minutes.

MS. SCHAEFER: So what I would like to recommend is somewhere along in this budget that you have maybe a hearing or a session or a suggestion box or whatever, that people from the public and the employees of the County have an opportunity to make suggestions. Little teeny bits can, can

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add up to startling amounts, and makes your jobs a lot easier too especially in an election year if you don't have to raise property taxes and fees. That's it. Thank you very much. I appreciate you being here again.

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

(audience clapping)

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Peter Davis followed by John Finnegan.

MR. DAVIS: Good evening. My name is Peter Davis. Thank you for coming down and spending some time with us tonight. I wanna lend my support to one of the arguments that Madge Schaefer just made and that relates to the short-term vacation rental bill. Some of us worked pretty hard as you all did. Spent a lot of time meeting with opposing parties and negotiating things to what we thought was a happy compromise, and in all those meetings both sides said we don't want this at all if there's no enforcement. Enforcement is the key to this. We really have to have an effective enforcement, and we're kind of chagrined and feel like the Mayor is not on the same team as the rest of us here and so I would simply ask if there's some way you guys can make this budget be changed to incorporate that we would all appreciate it. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: I can't resist. I have to say something. This was something we discussed today during our discussion of the Planning Department and I think everyone is well aware of the situation, and I'm sure the Members will try our best to see what we can do about it, try and find some money.

MR. DAVIS: Great. We appreciate that.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you for reminding us. Some of us made commitments.

(audience clapping)

CHAIR PONTANILLA: John Finnegan followed by Liza Pierre *[sic]*.

MR. FINNEGAN: I thank you. I am here on behalf of the Hauoli Street drainage project in Maalaea. My name is John Finnegan. I am a 26 year permanent resident of Maui. I've been on the condo

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board at the Maalaea Banyan's for several terms, and I am charter member of the Maalaea Community Association. And at this time I wish to thank Mayor Arakawa for attending our meeting in January and also Councilman Don Couch.

The rainfall in the Maalaea community so far this year has been manageable. However, the conditions that created the extensive damage in February 2004, December 2010, and January 2011 still exist. The bridge over the Hauoli Street culvert was severely damaged in 2011 by drainage. Maalaea was cut off from food shopping, police, firefighters, ambulances, and all emergency service. The bridge was repaired as a temporary measure and appears to be inadequate to contain the heavy rain and drainage from the Honoapiilani Highway and the cane fields. The debris, depth, and velocity of the runoff resulted in a mud and flooding problem that has caused the Maalaea Banyan's and the Island Sands thousands of dollars in property damage and cost clean ups. In addition we had five major mud-related slip and fall injuries, and one slip and fall resulted in a five day hospital stay. The runoff left Maalaea Bay with a quarter-mile wide brown stain of mud and refuse that pollutes the bay and kills the coral. It took one year to clean up the bay. In December 2011 young volunteers from the Community Work Day Program who could have spent their Saturday surfing or watching football, joined a group of Maalaea residents. We removed 2,000 pounds of garbage and refuse from the drainage ditch and cane fields that would've further polluted Maalaea Bay. A big mahalo to that valuable, helpful organization.

In conclusion, September 2011 members of the Maalaea Community Association, Maalaea Banyans, and Island Sands met with the Department of Public Works. We were shown plans and drawings for the proposed Maalaea drainage project. It appears to be shovel ready. We are here today to ask that the funds in the budget be retained for the Maalaea drainage project. Mahalo to all.

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

MR. FINNEGAN: Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Liza Pierce.

(audience clapping)

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Followed by Pam Daoust.

MS. PIERCE: Good evening. My name is Leza or Liza Pierce, and I am a professional social media consultant, and I am here to testify or show my support for Maui Ec..., Maui Economic Development Board, MEDB and. . .in behalf of the many business owners and small business owners that benefit from the services that the Maui Economic Development Board has, I would like to show support and ask you to please increase the budget or if not at least retain the budget that you have for them right now. They have many services, and one of those is what we call

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Maui Social Media Users Group. There's a group of us social media professionals that volunteer our time to teach the small business owners of Maui how to promote their businesses in the internet. As you know that's very important right now, and as we all know most of the bus..., small business people, small businessmen, the owners are really on a shoe string budget. They really do not have the budget to spend to pay a marketing professional. They want to learn it themselves and they do not have the money to pay consultants you know like us on a regular basis so a group of us volunteered their time. But Maui Economic Development Board supports us by providing the facility, by providing all of the coordination's so we just show up there and then we do our thing, you know, whatever we're trained for or whatever we're training the community of business owners for and so. .but that's just one thing that they do. They also. .my son goes to Kihei Charter School and they also have a lot of programs that support the education of our kids. You know my son was involved in this engineering day that they had. They had this contest in. .they actually won here on Maui and they represented Maui in a statewide competition, and that was in part coordinated by the Maui Economic Development Board. So, yeah, and like what I said in behalf of the many business. .I just found out about it, about this hearing today, but if I had found about this earlier I could have encouraged more of us coming here to testify. So thank you so much.

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

(audience clapping)

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Pam Daoust followed by Ana Makoni?

MS. DAOUST: Good evening, Councilmen. .members. I am Pam Daoust, and I am here testifying on behalf of the Maalaea Community Association on a Hauoli Street drainage project. And as some of the testifiers from Maalaea have already said they've stated the case very, very well for this project. It really. .MCA has gone back probably to. .since 2004 we've been advocating that the project get into the budget and each year it seems like it was pushed out another year. And the horrendous flooding from last winter really brought it to the attention of the County Administration, the Mayor, and everyone else who has worked together to try to get the project really ready to go. We understand that if it's approved they could actually let bids as soon as. .this coming August of this year if that project is approved by the Council. So we are really asking you to please go ahead and do that. I think one of the things we know that there's so much competition for infrastructure projects. We really understand that because we've been standing here every year begging for this. And I really wanna point out that one of the things that does set this apart is that Hauoli Street is a dead-end street. So when it's cut off, when it's flooded, when there's mud flowing down that street and you can't even walk, you've got half of the street that the people cannot get in or out, the emergency vehicles can't get down it. It is kind of a special case when it comes to infrastructure and the necessity for safety and health reasons to solve that issue. So thank you so much. We really appreciate all the County administration work that went into the project and the Mayor's support. We know that Councilman Couch has been supportive of us and helped us with this. And. .especially wanna thank a young lady



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named Wendy Kobashigawa which is, works for the County and David Goode because they have been very helpful in getting this together and again we urge your support. Mahalo.

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

(audience clapping)

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Ana Makoni followed by Tim Lawler.

MS. MAKONI: Aloha, County. . .Council members. My name is Ana Makoni. I am here on behalf of Kihei Youth Center and we're asking your continued support. These are my three kids. I actually have four kids attending Kihei Youth Center and I'm so grateful for their staff. . .as well as Lehua Huddleston who is their executive director for the programs that they have there that my kids are able to participate in. As mentioned earlier from another testimony, the services that they provide, prevention services as well as tutoring services also helps me as a parent 'cause I do work fulltime for the County also. I'm also grateful for the affordable price that they offer for members. As you can see with my four kids it would. . .it would be pretty expensive if I had to pay a certain amount, but with their \$10 membership for the annual year and their \$5 renewal each year after that it really helps me as a parent. I also like that they build characters with my character building, leadership skills, and just supporting for instance the "Be A Jerk" campaign to. . .to be a jerk if somebody under the age 21 is asking you to purchase alcohol just be a jerk about it so I'm so grateful for them for that.

I also am the Kihei Youth Center Board President and it's a position I feel is part of my community service. As a parent we can talk the talk but it really is walk the walk, and I wanna set a good example for my children because they are the future for all of us. I also am a member. . .I actually grew up here in Kihei and attended Kihei School. . .and as very familiar with the services that they offer. . .with the 489 members that the Kihei Youth Center support I just wanna thank MEO Youth Transportation who provides free bus services for the Kihei Youth Center kids. My kids attend Kihei School so for five days a week they provide this free transportation to the Kihei Youth Center. I also. . .as part of the MEO transportation they also provide two free fieldtrips a year which has enabled the kids to go to Hana and to Haleakala which is awesome for us. And also wanna thank and. . .Maui Food Bank for continuing to be a support for us as a recipient of, of the services that we receive. Because of Maui Food Bank, Kihei Youth Center provides a free lunch, snack, and now we're. . .we've officially added breakfast during all of our vacation and holiday times, but this is just some things I can continue talking on. I really appreciate their staff. And thank you for continuing to support Kihei Youth Center, its staff, and especially its 489 members. Thank you.

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

(audience clapping)

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: Tim Lawler followed by Alisha. . . Go ahead.

MR. LAWLER: Make it a little higher. Hello, my name is Tim Lawler and I'm with the Waipuilani Condos. I'm the secretary of the AOA and this is Bill Mclean. Bill is from. . .(inaudible). . . He's one of the condos that's also on Waipuilani Park and we're very much for CBS-1156 which is the reclaimed water in using South Maui reclaimed recycled water distribution in the park. And currently we dump. . .between the two of us we do about two million gallons per condo a year watering Waipuilani Park and we wanna use the recycled water. I was hoping we'd testify while it was still light out and I could show you how green the grass was out here 'cause they used recycled water out here. They used it in Kalama Park and Don Couch has been cheering this for us and pushing this along and we really have been paying a lot of money. And as the water rates have been up we've been paying more and more money and we also pay sewer fees. Both of our condos pays the \$3 per thousand gallon sewer fees and that's. . .you know we wanna save water and I feel this will save over 10 million gallons of water. And with using the recycled water. . .I testified before the Water Resources Committee so I see a lot of heads nodding here. Victorino. . .Mr. Victorino's committee and I think it's really important to get this done this year, and it's important because, you know, we've been paying and paying and the rate has gone up and it's, it's really costing like 70, \$80 a month per condo for us to do this. And it's very important to do that and, you know, we not only maintain the water but also we're currently maintaining the sprinkler heads, and we cut the grass, and we'd like the park district to get involved. I know there's some money in there to put a walkway through Waipuilani Park. I feel all this could be done at the same time and I think that would save water. We could use you know the reclaimed water which would be half the usage that were current usage, and I know that that would be over 10 million gallons for the nine condo properties that are on Waipuilani Park here in South Kihei. And I wanna thank all the Council members for coming down to South Kihei tonight, and I know some of you have come a long ways and I appreciate it and all those. . .and Water Resources Committee we appreciate what you've done for us and putting this in the budget and Mayor Arakawa having that in there. We're very excited and we're just hoping that it could be completed this year and that, that would be just great if it could be. It'd be much cheaper for everybody. And like Mr. Victorino had told me that this is going to be good for everybody using recycled water in getting it around the island. So I think this is something we should all be proud of and get it done. So I wanna thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members questions for the testifier? And Mr. Lawler you're so right.

(audience clapping)

CHAIR PONTANILLA: We've had that project for many years in the budget. Next testifier is Alisha. I can't pronounce the last name. Hard to read. It looks like Harold but I don't know. I might be wrong.

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MS. HARROLD: Good evening, Council. My name is Alisha Harrold. I am an employee at the Kihei Youth Center and have been for almost two years. I just wanted to say thank you so much for your continued support. It's been such a privilege working with these kids and seeing just the . . . just the wonderful children that we do have here in the community. I wanna ask for your continued support though because we are growing and we want to be able to continue to provide a great, caring staff for our kids here in the community, and as well as educational programs that we have been able to provide so far like the drug prevention and the health and wellness. Again, thank you for your time in listening and have a good night.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, questions for the testifier? Seeing none, thank you again. Maria [*sic*] Thomas.

(audience clapping)

MS. THOMAS: Good evening, Council members. Thank you for the opportunity to talk to you. My name is Marie Thomas and I'm the Development Director for the Hale Kau Kau Program here in Kihei out of St. Theresa's Church. As I know all of you are aware Hale . . . Hale Kau Kau has been feeding the people in our community who are hungry for over 20 years, going on 21 years, and you have been very supportive of us in the past and I hope that you will continue to be. I wanted to just give you a few numbers and tell you a story. Right at the present time we're feeding onsite on the St. Theresa campus, Hale Kau Kau is feeding between 100 and 140 people men, women, and children each day, and we are delivering between 45 and 55 meals to the homebound elderly, sick, and disabled. In addition to that via our food collection program that we do at the church we help Kealoha Hawaiian Church distribute food to the, to needy families that are in crisis and need to be able to shop at their pantry each week. And I wanted to tell you that we make really good use of the money that you have provided us in . . . in the past. Our, our meals for the, for the food and the containers that we need to distribute the food it cost about a dollar, a little bit over a dollar per person per meal I guess I should say. Our Executive Director who is Monsignor Terry Watanabe does not receive any compensation for being the Executive Director. We raise funds and we . . . our fundraising provides about 56 percent of our budget. The County provides a little bit under 20 percent . . . gifts and requests from our donors provide close to 20 percent and other grants from other foundations right now is about 6 percent. So we are . . . we do not ask for a huge amount of, of funding because we are able because of the support of the visitors, because of the support of donors and volunteers in the area we are able to raise a lot of funds and we thank everyone for that.

Lastly quick story, about a year ago or little bit over a year ago when we were gonna have our annual fundraiser, we wanted to come up with a new logo for Hale Kau Kau in honor of our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we wanted a new brochure. And one of our . . . the members of our advisory committee said "Oh, I know somebody on Oahu might be willing to do that". And when we found out the story, we understood why he was willing to do that at no charge. And the reason is that when he lived on Maui he became down on his luck. He's a graphic designer. He was down on his luck and he ate at Hale Kau Kau and then when things got better and he was able to get a job, he was able to move to Oahu, he's a very successful graphic designer now, and he designed

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our brochure that we used now. So that's just one of the many success stories and I'll pass this to each one of you if you cared to have it, and we thank you for your past support and hope you will continue to support us. Thank you. 'Cause we're helping a lot of people.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members questions for the testifier? Seeing none, thank you very much. The next set of testifiers all comes from the Kihei Youth Center. So I'm gonna call you and if you can all line behind one another. First one is DeAndrea Parker followed by Jaime Carter followed by Kyle Carter followed by Makaiwa Carter and Kaleo Carter. So the names that I called if you could line up over here. You all signed up for public testimony. Thank you. Go ahead.

MS. PARKER: Is it on? Aloha, my name is DeAndrea Parker and I'm here this evening to speak in behalf of the Kihei Youth Center. I'm telling you I'm a single parent. I'm a fulltime student at the University of Hawaii Maui College and thanks to the Kihei Youth Center I have peace of mind 'cause I know where my children are every day. They help 'em with their assignments. They have snacks, meals, they go on fieldtrips--everything I can't do with them the Kihei Center, Kihei Youth Center does with them. And I would really, really appreciate it if you guys could find it in your hearts to continue funding for the Kihei Youth Center. Mahalo.

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

(audience clapping)

MS. J. CARTER: Aloha, my name is Jamie Kamiki Carter. This is my husband Kaleo and children Kamahi and Makaiwa. Kamahi is 12 years old and attends Lokelani Intermediate and Makaiwa is 11 and attends Kihei Elementary. Kaleo and I needed to find a quality program that would support Kamahi and Makaiwa their special needs afterschool. Mahalo for funding Kihei Youth Center, a program that creates a safe environment for all children. Makaiwa was diagnosed ADHD with an anxiety disorder. Through the years we have advocated for him by educating various programs that Makaiwa was in or possibly would be in. Lehua and Stephanie took the time to learn about Makaiwa and his condition. They tr..., they trained their staff in positive approaches when working with him. Kihei Youth Center was the only program that embraced the idea of training their staff to set Makaiwa up to succeed from the start. KYC also educates the youths on sensitive topics and assist our family to maintain open communication with our children. Our recent campaign called "Be A Jerk" was created. KYC held a town hall meeting on "Be A Jerk" several weeks ago that we attended. One of our family values is to choose the right. Listening to the guest speaker from MADD, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, was eye opening and heartbreaking. Her testimony helped our boys to validate their choice to stay away from alcohol and reiterate the law on under aged drinking. Sending our boys to KYC was one of the best decisions we made as parents. We feel a sense of relief knowing they are educated on ways to choose the right when it becom..., when it comes to peer pressure, drugs, alcohol, sex, and other sensitive topics. The children are treated with love, respect, and are looked at as a capable children that have bright futures ahead of them. They have also supported my family

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with food from the Maui Food Bank. Because I believe in KYC, I am honored to stand before you today not only as a proud mother but as a proud Board Member. Please continue to fund the Kihei Youth Center because they're not just an afterschool program. They have been a positive asset to our community for the past 29 years. Every day the boys are transported to KYC using the MEO bus. Because transportation is free, we're able to stay at work with assurance they'll get to KYC safely. In November the MEO bus became more than just transportation for my children.

MR. KANESHINA: Three minutes.

MS. J. CARTER: I lost most feelings in both of my legs and was forced into a wheelchair where my hope started to dim. With the thought of not being able to drive to work I made a call to MEO and completed an intake over the phone. Transportation was immediately set up to and from my home to work to begin the next day. The drivers and staff I worked with treated me with respect, patience, and so much compassion. Please continue to fund the MEO bus and all of their assistance programs. Our family is a product of how MEO lives up to their mission--to strengthen the community while helping people in need restore their hope, reach their potential, and enrich their lives. Thank you.

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

(audience clapping)

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Seeing none, thank you. Kyle Carter.

MR. K. CARTER: Aloha, my name is Kyle Kaleo Carter and you have met my family. And because of our children, Kamiki and I are motivated to become involved within our community and advocate on behalf of them ensuring they will have various opportunities and positive choices to make. Kamiki and I have coached and team mom. . .well, team dad in many of their sport activities throughout the years. Most recently I coached Kamahi basketball and Kamiki was their team mom. He played for the South Maui Basketball Midget. . .Midget League. So I'd like to say mahalo to Jay Gusman, Todd Richter--I don't know if they're here though but--and Kaeo Asu. . .Ah Sau sorry, those who maintain our parks and others that make it possible for, to offer a low cost activities for our children. The league park next to Lokelani Intermediate is great. Kamiki is also on the board of the AYSO, Kihei AYSO. All of our children that played there is. . .this past season is looking forward to this upcoming season. Please continue to fund the projects so Kihei will have a gym to house other sports in a controlled environment. Mahalo for funding the MEO BDC Core. . .Four classes. Kamiki and I were part of the first 2012 classes largest so far to graduate. The program provided us the knowledge needed to prepare mentally and financially before starting a business of our own. Please continue to fund MEO BDC program and all the other assistance programs because they provided services needed to take care of our families like ours. Mahalo.

(audience clapping)

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: Members questions for the testifier? Seeing none thank you again. Makaiwa Carter.

MR. M. CARTER: Alo..., aloha my name is Makaiwa Carter. Mahalo for letting me be able to catch the MEO bus and attend the Kihei Youth Center. When I go to the youth center I have to do my homework first and then I can enjoy going on the computer. Aloha.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members--

(audience clapping)

CHAIR PONTANILLA: --question for the testifier? Seeing none, Kaleo Carter.

MR. K. CARTER: Aloha, my name is Kamahi Carter. Mahalo for the youth center. Mahalo for Kihei Center and the MEO bus. When I go to the youth center I do my homework and enjoy playing basketball and ukulele. Please continue to fund Kihei Youth Center and so that I can continue to choose the rights and go there. Aloha.

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

(audience clapping)

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you again. The next set, set of testifiers are from the Boys Scouts. Minetta [*sic*] Ngalu. Minetta [*sic*]? Oh, Minette. I'm sorry.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER (spoke from the audience): She had to leave.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Oh, okay. Rosanne Wuthrich.

MS. WUTHRICH: Aloha, my name is Rosanne Wuthrich and I am a committee member with Troop 22 Boy Scouts from the Kihei-Wailea area and Kamalii Elementary School. I'm here to ask the County of Maui Budget and Finance Committee to earmark funds in 2013 towards upgrades and improvements to Camp Maluhia. The Maui County Boy Scouts of America owns and manages one of the country's most widely used wilderness facilities in Camp Maluhia. With its large capacity and easily accessible, Camp Maluhia is occupied 60 percent of the year and 95 percent of weekends. Few Boy Scouts nationally are used. . .or Boy Scout camps nationally are used as. . .regularly by the general community as our camp. In the past 85 percent of enrolled Boy Scouts in the County of Maui camped at Camp Maluhia. Scouts are not the only ones who enjoy Camp Maluhia. Every year dozens of school groups, visiting scout troops and other nonprofit organizations and the Maui community take advantage of the camp for retreats and gatherings. It is one of the few facilities in Maui County that offers reasonably priced usage of the camp and all it has to offer. Some of the other groups that use the facility annually are Lahainaluna, Seabury, Imua Family Services, Waipuna Chapel, Grace Church, Narcotics Anonymous,

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Kahului Union Church, Hope Chapel, National Guard, the US Army, St. Anthony, and many other churches and school groups. In addition to scouting camp outs each year, a nationally youth leadership training course is held there to teach our young man how to be better citizens and leaders. Camp Maluhia is 17 acres of fee simple land and sits on another 195 acres of leasehold land. It is only 15 minutes from Wailuku. It has 250 beds and three sub-camps, and consist of eight cabins that sleep 20 people, six cabins that sleep 8 people. Each sub-camp also has a toilet and shower facility and a cook shed. Each year over thousands scouts stay at Camp Maluhia and over 2,000 non-scout stay there. During the summer alone over 800 scouts return each year to use the camp for either overnight camp outs or summer week camp. In addition to the sleeping cabins, there are cooks cabins, staff cabin, dining hall, kitchen, pool, rifle, archery range, ball field, long house, fire bowl, and the Lions pavilion.

I have two boys that are 15 and 16, and they have been involved in Boy Scouts for the last 10 years. They both started in the first grade. I too have been involved in Cub Scouts and now in Boy Scouts for the last ten years as both the leader and on the committee, helping to organize activities that are done throughout the year. Since my family has been involved with Scouts, we have been camping at Camp Maluhia at least two times each year. My sons have also attended summer camp every year and for the past three years have been staffing each year at Camp Maluhia. Ever since I've been going to Camp Maluhia it has been in dire need of repair, starting with the bathrooms, to the dining hall, to the various cabins with all the bunk beds.

MR. KANESHINA: Three minutes.

MS. WUTHRICH: There's so much termite damage that the paint is holding the buildings together. As you know it takes a lot of money to keep these buildings and the facilities in good repair, and if you could please find it in your budget to earmark funds to help upgrade the camp because it's so much used throughout the community it would be very greatly appreciated by many, creating many, many more memories for all of our boys.

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

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you Rosanne for coming. Just wanted to say first of all congratulations to Nash obtaining an Eagle Scout and I think, Members, Nash is in the back there I believe or is that Ben?

MS. WUTHRICH: That's Benny.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Oh, okay.

MS. WUTHRICH: Nash is playing soccer right now.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Her son obtained Eagle Scouts just this last couple months ago.

MS. WUTHRICH: Uh-huh. Yes, thank you.

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COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Do you know how much they're looking for for the Camp Maluhia?

MS. WUTHRICH: I know that they're asking for \$500,000. And as one of the previous testifier said that also helps to bring everything up to code out there.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay, thank you.

MS. WUTHRICH: You're welcome.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members any more questions? Seeing none, Michael Ito. . . followed by Daniel Kanehele. Mr. Ito, how are you?

MR. ITO: Fine. Thank you, Council members for taking this time in giving us this opportunity. I feel like fish out of water because I'm normally sitting where you are 'cause in the local council I'm the Advancement Chair, and I scrutinize the Eagle Scout projects, and we don't discriminate areas or association.

I believe most of you have been touched by at least one project that the scouts have done. We've done a lot for hospice. . . where hospice is located. There are two Eagle Scout projects and I asked the contractor it'll be. . . (clearing his throat). . . would be to have this project done and it was clearing of the kiawe trees that blocked the scenery from the. . . where they had meetings. . . (clearing his throat). . . for people that are. . . (inaudible). . . I guess their second life and. . . (clearing his throat). . . and the estimated cost was \$58,000 and this didn't cost hospice a penny. Most of our Eagle Scout projects are done independently. The scouts go out seek donations. And I believe even here in Kihei the pavilions. . . one pavilion was just recently redone, all the staples taken out, nails. . . they painted the benches and the chairs, and the schools. . . Lihikai School the cafeteria was painted by Eagle Scout. Baldwin High School I can attest because my son had done a project there and he restored all the lockers in the barricade. There's. . . lot of. . . projects that was done at Kula Hospital. So I know each member here maybe their families have been touched by these projects and it's sad to say that these are not recognized because we submitted to Maui News but a lot of the projects are not printed in the paper because it doesn't sell. It's not like an all-star athlete. So a lot of the projects that the scouts do are done with only the thank you from the council itself. . . I'm a bad example because one of the. . . (chuckled). . . mottos come here to be prepared and as you can see I have no notes—

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Laughter.

MR. ITO: --so everything's top of my head, but you know I'm here because I believe this is an investment. Whatever you folks are able to give to the scouts as far as improvement at the scout Camp at Maluhia. My vision is to see this as a self-sustaining place where not only the scouts but the general public can use, and as you have heard schools use it, churches use it for retreats. And this shirt I'm wearing we had a like a western region conference workshop here and the person in charge of the western region was so impressed that he gave each one of us a shirt. So



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it's not only locally but with the investment that you folks put into the scouting program, it'll benefit Maui County itself. Because I don't know if it was mention but there's a lot of scouts that come from the mainland to, to Maui to attend the camp at Camp Maluhia.

MR. KANESHINA: Three minutes.

MR. ITO: So besides. . .just local people scouts come in here, families come here so it boost our economy. So I thank you very much and hopefully. . .(chuckled). . .I know you guys have a hard job. So this part I'm glad I'm not sitting there. . .(chuckled). . . Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay, Members. . .(chuckled). . .any question for Mr. Ito? Thank you, Michael.

MR. ITO: Okay.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Daniel Kanehele.

(audience clapping)

MR. KANEHELE: Aloha mai kakou, Chair Pontanilla and committee Members. My name is Daniel Kanehele and so it's so wonderful to see you out of the stuff you confines of your County Council Chamber. Thank you for coming out to Kihei to hear our community.

As you can see one of the hats that I wear is cub scouting. I am the Wolf Den Leader for Pack 55 and you've heard from our Cub Scout Master earlier, Patti Domingo. So I have the privilege of working with 8-year-old boys and I have seven wolves in my den currently. Many people have come up and, and in support of efforts to have the County earmark some funds for Camp Maluhia. Camp Maluhia has been around for a long, long time, and it has been the. . .part of scouting and Camp Maluhia has been part of the character building infrastructure if you will of your young people for decades. I have to say that many of you on the committee have worn a similar hat in your lifetime either as a scout or as a parent of a scout or as a leader. So I know you already know the merits of scouting. And so speaking to the merits of Camp Maluhia it is an icon in our community and is in need of some help. And I sincerely hope that you can find some funds. . .some earmark some funds, amend the budget to include some funding. And I know that the Council has put forward a request, a budget request for some help, and I hope that you will support that because really as others have said Camp Maluhia is an investment in our future, in our youth. It's really a training ground for the leaders, the future leaders of our community, men and women. And so I echo with many others support for that.

On another tact, thank you for your support in funding efforts to help make Kihei a walkable and bikeable community. Your funding of Waipuilani bikeway is much needed and you know this is the fastest growing. . .one of the fastest growing communities in the state. And also the need to recycle our reclaimed water and I've noticed that you've put in some money for that too. So

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thank you very much for that. . .for those efforts and thank you for your. . .upholding your fiduciary responsibility to be fiscally responsible. Mahalo.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Daniel. Some of us wore the same uniform that you're wearing tonight. Members, any questions for Mr. Kanehele? Seeing none, thank you again. The last person to sign up for public testimony is Kaleb Wilstead.

MR. WILSTEAD: Hello. Hi, how you folks doing today? Pretty good. My name is Kaleb Wilstead. I been a boy scout now for the past three years. I am part of Troop 22 and I'm A Life Scout and currently working on my eagle right now. I've come up to testify because for the past three years I've gone to Camp Maluhia every year and I've just. . .(inaudible). . .up there. And it has been a big influence in my scouting life. I've got most of these badges from Camp Maluhia as. . .I've come back from. . .with life-long friends, new interests, and a lot of skills that have helped me in my life so far. But every time I go up there I get sad and sad 'cause the termites are hungry. The. . .yep, it's the paint holding it together, but what we're asking for is a little bit of funding and the Boy Scouts will get our elbows greased and we can get the work done. We just need the funding to get the tools. And, heck, we'll get a few boy scouts to get the carpentry merit badge while we're at it so. . .

AUDIENCE: Laughter.

MR. WILSTEAD: Thank you for your time. This has been my testimony and have a nice night. Any questions?

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

COUNCILMEMBER WHITE: Wait.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: I'm sorry. Mr. White.

MR. WILSTEAD: Yes, sir.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: There's two Mike's.

COUNCILMEMBER WHITE: Thanks to your comments. The experience with Camp Imua is a really moving one. All three of my children have been at. . .have been counselors at Camp Maluhia and. . .or Camp Imua I should say, and every one of them has gone back second, third, and one of 'em was there I think five years in a row, and it was the best. . .they would come away saying that was the most incredible experience in my life.

MR. WILSTEAD: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER WHITE: And you're right. The termites are really tired of holding it together.

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MR. WILSTEAD: Yes. . .(chuckled). . .

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: You know Mr. Wilson I wanted to thank you and don't lose sight of being coming an eagle. How much do you need to do?

MR. WILSTEAD: So far I have two more merit badges to earn which I'm really close to and my project is hopefully fixing the Kihei Kalama Park Little League Baseball backstop as collapsed.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: The one that was damaged by some vandals?

MR. WILSTEAD: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, thank you. And that's something I think Mr. Couch is working on very diligently right now. We can't wait that long but you know--

MR. WILSTEAD: No worries.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, thank you.

MR. WILSTEAD: . . .(inaudible). . .

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: And I wanna say that, you know, my son became an eagle scout and spent many a summer and many vacation up there at Camp Maluhia, and I know the mosquitoes are awful big up there but if you don't. . .don't move to quickly they don't usually bite you.

MR. WILSTEAD: Yeah. . .(chuckled). . .

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you very much.

MR. WILSTEAD: Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Ladies and gentlemen Kaleb was the last person to sign up for public testimony. Is there anyone that hasn't signed up for public testimony and would like to provide public testimony--Mr. Ito you're done--come up at this time. Seeing none, Members. . .okay why don't you come up and provide us your name, organization that you represent, and once you're done if you can sign up with the secretary to my left when you're done. Go ahead.

MR. HERBERT: My name is Mike Herbert and I spend many days, weeks, and months, and years up at Camp Maluhia, and I volunteer my time. I've been a Cub Master. . .Assistant Cub Master, and currently I help with the astronomy merit badge up at Camp Maluhia. And if you live in Kihei it's a long drive I tell you that going up night after night all summer long but you know what?

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That place is awesome. Totally awesome. If you could get the money to help keep it going that would be great and the memories are amazing. And I know that the youth after they spend their time up there come back feeling great and it's just money well spent. It's an investment in the future because our kids are gonna sit where you're sitting in the future and that's it. Mahalo.

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

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

CHAIR PONTANILLA: For those of you that are left here, you know, the committee would like to thank you for your testimony this evening. So the meeting of April the 2<sup>nd</sup> at Kihei Community Center is now adjourned. . . .(gavel). . .

**ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.**

**ADJOURN: 7:55 p.m.**

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