

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

HOUSING, HUMAN SERVICES, AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

February 18, 2015

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

Chair and Members:

Your Housing, Human Services, and Transportation Committee, having met on February 5, 2015, makes reference to County Communication 13-344, from Councilmember Mike White, relating to a grant of a license to Tri-Isle Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc. ("Tri-Isle"), for the use of the Pioneer Mill office building ("building") in Lahaina, Maui.

Your Committee notes Resolution 06-124 authorized a grant of a license of County real property to Tri-Isle for the building located at 380 Lahainaluna Road. The license to occupy the building, effective March 9, 2007, is for a term of 25 years at an annual fee of \$1.

Your Committee notes that the Council's Housing, Human Services, and Transportation Committee (2013-2015 Council term) met on this matter on November 14, 2013, February 6, 2014, and December 4, 2014.

Your Committee further notes the community organization Na Kupuna O Maui sought the assistance of Tri-Isle to be the building licensee and provide the administrative support for a project to restore the building. Their vision for the building consisted of a resource center with office and meeting space and a repository for genealogical and historical documents.

A representative from Tri-Isle stated the organization and Na Kupuna O Maui have been unsuccessful in obtaining financial resources and community support to restore the building and, therefore, the building continues to sit vacant and deteriorate. He further stated

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that as long as Tri-Isle continues to hold the license, it will be “an impediment to the rehabilitation and reuse of the historic building.” A request was submitted to the County to terminate the license.

The Director of Housing and Human Concerns acknowledged several organizations are interested in restoring and occupying the building. She stated she intends to issue a request for proposals to determine a future licensee and use of the building.

A Deputy Corporation Counsel stated the license to Tri-Isle should not be transferred to another organization; instead it should be cancelled. Once a new organization is identified, a grant agreement should be transmitted to the Council for approval.

Your Committee voted 5-0 to recommend filing of the communication. Committee Chair Crivello, Vice-Chair Baisa, and members Carroll, Couch, and Guzman voted “aye”. Committee members Hokama and Victorino were excused.

Your Housing, Human Services, and Transportation Committee **RECOMMENDS** that County Communication 13-344 be FILED.

This report is submitted in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of the Council.



STACY CRIVELLO, Chair