

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
Council of the County of Maui

MINUTES

April 7, 2015

Kaunakakai School Cafeteria

CONVENE: 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Mike White, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Gladys C. Baisa, Member
Councilmember Robert Carroll, Member
Councilmember Elle Cochran, Member
Councilmember Don Couch, Member
Councilmember Stacy Crivello, Member
Councilmember Don S. Guzman, Member

EXCUSED: VOTING MEMBERS:
Councilmember Riki Hokama, Chair
Councilmember Michael P. Victorino, Member

STAFF: Scott Jensen, Legislative Analyst
Raynette Yap, Committee Secretary
Ella Alcon, Council Aide, Molokai Council Office
Morris Haole, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Robert Carroll

OTHERS: Sophia Norris
Lisa Norris
Vonda Stone
Colleen Lightfoot
Pohakamalamalama Pat Palmer
Joan Reed
Keahi DeCosta
Justine Agcaoili
Ku`u Toledo
Ilya Ogden
Ku`ulei DeCosta-Parks
Ka`ala DeCosta
Kaleiokalani DeCosta
Marjorie Agcaoili
Ali`i Kaholokula
John Wordin
Codi Kamakana
Eugene Santiago
Ben Aquino
Wanette Lee
Shari Lynn

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Tami Yamashita
Yolanda Reyes
Gwendolyn Perreira
Hoala Davis
Mathew Goodrich
Clare Mawae
Sharon Samonte
Carmen Ortiz
Henry Lindo, Jr.
Zhantell Dudoit
Jennifer Hawkins
Julie Bicoy
Judy Caparida
Kaipo Poepoe
Joseph Howe
Charlotte Seales
Lyn Bonk
Kawika Crivello
Lori-Lei Rawlins-Crivello
Mahealani Rawlins
Debbie Naeole
Sierra Pico
Tanner Mosher
Paula Friel
Wilma Noelani Joy
Andrea Trenner
Others (20)

**ITEM BF-1: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY
OF MAUI (CC 15-41)**

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: . . .(*gavel*).various communities have...hear what you all have to say. And the...it is the Council's job to take the Mayor's Proposed Budget and decide what we want to put in and what we would prefer to take out or move or whatever. So it's the Council's job to provide the final Budget for the County of Maui. So, with that, I want to say, aloha, for coming this evening. And I will turn it over to your representative, Stacy Crivello, to do the introductions.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you, Mike. Aloha.

AUDIENCE: Aloha.

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COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you for being here this evening. I know we all have a busy schedule, so taking the time for your concerns and our needs, our needs, is most valuable. So thank you. At this time, mahalo to my colleagues. And I'd like to introduce...coming from our district of Hana, Mr. Bob Carroll. And our lady from Kula whose heart is imprinted on Molokai, our colleague, Gladys Baisa, Councilmember. And then if you hop on the ferry, you'll get to meet her maybe in Lahaina, West Maui's Councilmember is Elle Cochran. And from our Kahului area, Councilmember Don Guzman. And the Don's stick together, from south Kihei area is Mr. Don Couch. And our Council Chair who is also our Vice-Chair for the Budget, who's sitting in for Mr. Riki Hokama. Our Lanai Councilmember is not able to be with us tonight. Excused also is Mr. Mike Victorino our Councilmember from the Wailuku area. So before I turn the microphone over to our Vice-Chair for Budget, Mr. White. I'd like to introduce our capable Staff. Our dear Ella Alcon, out in that area. Then we have Rayna Yap who's our secretary, and staff person next to her is Scott Jensen. So another thing, so the only restroom that's open today, or this evening, is the teachers' restroom; so we don't have to squat so low, they've let us to have the teachers' restroom. So if you don't know where it is, the kids can show you, it's straight down this way. And so thank you again for being here, and we'll have Mr. White conduct our meeting.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Stacy. And we'll just get right into it if you don't mind. Our first testifier is Sophia Norris.

. . .BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

MS. NORRIS: Ah...

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Just make like you're sitting in your own living room; there's nobody here but you and your mom.

MS. SOPHIA NORRIS: I ride the MEO bus to the library from my school, and that's the only way I can get transportation there and that's how I get to town and back home. And I catch it back home from the library and in the summer I sometimes go to catch the 5:30 bus for the kids and the Saturday bus, I use.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Good job. Thank you, Sophia. Our next testifier is Lisa Norris. And Lisa will be followed by Vonda Stone.

MS. LISA NORRIS: Hi, I'm Sophia's grandmother. And we utilize the MEO bus so much. It's the only way we have to get to the doctor, it's the only way we have to get the groceries, or—is it too low?—or anything we need. Also, I have some bad health problems where I cannot exercise any way except for by using the pool down here. So, if it wasn't or the bus, I don't even know. I have diabetes and you have to exercise, and that's the only thing I can do. So I'm able to go six days a week and get that

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exercise I need. And I really appreciate especially the Saturday; because when it's a three-day weekend, it can be really a hardship to not be able to get groceries. And all my kids' doctor appointments, that's how they get there. So it's been a really great thing, and especially Saturday.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Lisa.

MS. STONE: Aloha, Councilmembers. Before I give my testimony tonight, I would like to say that I have always struggled with public speaking, but I will try my very best.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: If you could just...we just need your name for the record.

MS. STONE: Yeah. My name is Vonda Stone.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you.

MS. STONE: And I'm a single parent of three children under the age of 18. I utilize MEO's bus transportation on a daily basis. Everything from shopping to attending community events, attending my children's athletic practices and games, going to the doctors, just to name a few. Riding the bus on Molokai is not like riding the bus elsewhere. For starters, it's free; and the bus runs on Saturdays, too. Everyone that rides the bus is like family. We know everyone by name and we keep each other afloat on current events; upcoming happenings in the community; school functions; fundraisers; and, because we're family, we try to look out for each other, too. MEO's mission is helping people, changing lives; and this is exactly what these services are doing for us. So on behalf of my family and I, we would like to say, thank you, and humbly ask for continuous funding in support of MEO's bus transportation and MEO's Head Start program, which I have a grandson attending, both of which I truly believe are vital services to our island. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. The next testifier is Colleen Lightfoot, and she'll be followed by...looks like Pohakumalamalama [sic] Palmer.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Hi. My name is Colleen Lightfoot. I'm here to speak on behalf of MEO preschool. We all have children that attend MEO preschool; and, for me, being a single parent, it's just an awesome service that I don't know what I would do without it. Having a free service for my children being jobs are hard to come by on the island and, you know, it's...I don't know what I would do without it. It's been the best thing for my kids, and my kids love it. And everybody at the MEO...I mean the whole, entire MEO program, just the bus services, with the preschool, the teachers, the staff there so helpful and about family and always trying to get parents to be involved with their children as much as possible. And it really does change our lives, and they really do stick to that word. So thank you.

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VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Colleen. And, Members, please say something if you'd like to ask questions.

MS. PALMER: Good evening, my name is Pohakamalamalama Palmer. I lived on Molokai 35 years, and I'm here to talk about MEO that has helped me in ways that I'd never expected. They provided me with my deposit on my house that I'm renting right now through Section 8, because the previous landlords wouldn't give me my deposit back even though my house was clean. Their bus service has been a lifesaving thing for a lot of people. I'm not one of them, but it has. And the services that MEO gives to this island, incalculable, literally. I know of dozens of people that use their services all the time. And, there again, I want to thank MEO, thank you for saving my life. And I want to thank you for listening and being here. Aloha no.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much. Our next testifier is Joan Reed, followed by Keahi DeCosta.

MS. REED: Thank you all for listening to our needs. My name's Joan Reed. I've been on the island for about eight years, and I ride the bus every day. I got on this morning at 5:00 a.m. in the dark and I just came in, you know, on the last bus. I maybe ride it two, three times a day going back and forth to the east end. It's just I would have many holes in my shoes if weren't for that wonderful bus. So keep it up and keep it going. My mother in law, right now, is coming home from the airport on the bus in her wheelchair. She's almost 98 years old. What would we do without the bus? So mahalo.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Joan. And Keahi will be followed by Justine Agcaoili.

MS. DECOSTA: Hi. My name is Keahi DeCosta, and I am eight years old. I love the youth center because they take care of us...about us, and my favorite thing is field trips and they serve dinner and snacks. Thank you for supporting the youth center.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Our favorite thing is field trips, too. And Justine will be followed by Kuu Toledo.

MR. AGCAOILI: Hi.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Eh, no scared, just...

MR. AGCAOILI: Hi. My name is Justine Agcaoili, and I am nine. I love the youth center and the staff help out. . . .(short pause) . . . Mahalo.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Justine. And Kuu will be followed by Ilya Ogden.

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MS. TOLEDO: Hi. My name is Kuu Toledo. I am ten years old. I like the youth center because we have lots of fun. I've been there for three years. We are lucky to have the youth center because we can do our homework here and do sports. My favorite sport is Frisbee. We also have clubs at the youth center. The clubs that I'm in is . . . *(inaudible)*. . . The staff takes really good care of us; we really love them. I really support the youth center. Mahalo.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Kuu. Ilya will be followed by Ku`ulei DeCosta-Parks.

MR. OGDEN: Aloha. I am Ilya Ogden. My age is eight. The youth center does a lot of fun activities. My favorite activities are arts and crafts and playing soccer for sports. The staff is awesome and makes me feel excited. Thank you for helping MYC.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Ilya. And Ku`ulei will be followed by Ka`ala DeCosta.

MS. DECOSTA-PARKS: Hi. My name Ku`ulei DeCosta-Parks. I am twelve years old. I have been coming to the youth center for five years. I love the youth center because they help me with my homework. We have groups at the youth center, and I am a part of two of those groups. These groups teach me about the Hawaiian and also different cultures. I love the youth center because I can make new friends. If it wasn't for the youth center, I would not have some of the friends that I have now.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Ku`ulei.

MR. DECOSTA: Hi. My name is Ka`ala DeCosta. I am eight years old. I love the youth center and the staff. My favorite activities are Saturday field trips, outdoor sports like dodgeball, soccer, football, and pool tournament. Thank you and mahalo, Maui County.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Ka`ala. Next is Kaleiokalani DeCosta.

MS. DECOSTA: Hi. My name is Kalei. I have been at the youth center for seven years. I am eleven years old. What I love about the youth center is I make new friends, we do gardening, culture activities, outdoor sports, Mohala Na Pua during the summer and Saturday field trips. Sports is my favorite activity. We play Frisbee, football, soccer, and dodgeball. I feel very safe with the staff that work here. I love the Molokai Youth Center and the staff. Thank you for your attention and support.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Kalei. And next is Marjorie Agcaoili.

MS. AGCAOILI: Hi. My name is Marjorie Agcaoili. I go to the youth center every day and after school. I do my homework and the staff help me. They play lots of things like sports and pool table tournaments, ping pong; and my favorite is Frisbee. Thank you for supporting the youth center.

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VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Marjorie. And next is Ali`i Kaholokula.

MS. KAHOLOKULA: Aloha, Budget Committee. My name is Ali`i Kaholokula. I have been working as a youth specialist at our Molokai Youth Center for the past five years. I just want to thank you for your continuous support with giving back to our children of our island and mahalo.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Ali`i. And our next testifier is John Wordin, followed by Codi Kamakana.

MR. WORDIN: Aloha.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Aloha.

MR. WORDIN: My name is John Wordin, and I'm here to represent the Kuha`o Business Center. I'm asking your continuous support for the business center because it's a true community resource, not only myself as a volunteer, but many, many others including our director. And so if we could continue to do that, we're helping people get into business. Business plans, marketing plans, and my specialty is intellectual properties and time management. And so we're giving presentations on those subjects. So we, again, ask for your continuous support for the center. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, John. And Codi will be followed by Eugene Santiago.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Oh wow.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Wow.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Excellent, thank you, guys.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Oh wow, thank you. We're so...

MR. KAMAKANA: Aloha. My name is Codi Kamakana, and I am the president of the Molokai 4-H Livestock Club. Aloha, Maui County Council and Finance Committee, especially County Councilwoman, Auntie Stacy Crivello. On behalf of the Molokai 4-H Livestock Club, we'd like to thank you, the Council and the Office of Economic Development for funding our livestock expo for the last four years. This year, our club consists of 31 members from the ages five through nineteen. We'll have thirteen steers and eight market swine for our Molokai expo. And for our state competition, we'll be having five

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market steers and eight swine. We appreciate all the things you do for our club and our island. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Codi. And Eugene will be followed by Ben Aquino.

MR. SANTIAGO: Aloha, Council. And thank you, thank you very much for all that you guys do for Molokai. I know we have a lot of services, lot of needs; and I know it's not easy job trying to address and provide for 'em all, but thank you, really, for all that you guys do. I'm testifying on behalf of MEO's programs. One, the Core Four Business Planning workshop, and I ask that you guys continue to support that. I have a little quote that I want to read regarding that. So Ku`ulei has done...I just want to mention that she's done a wonderful job in teaching that class. And it goes like this, it says, a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop, but the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. And I know Ku`ulei has done many of these workshops, and I foresee a lot of young business entrepreneurs on Molokai and hopefully can help stimulate our economy in that particular way. So thank you for that particular service. The other one is the MEO bus. My mother in law, she's 78 years old, she's kind of immobile, she's on a wheelchair; but nevertheless, at 78 years old, she has the opportunity and privilege to get on a bus with her senior-citizen friends and spend every Tuesday and Thursday...and it helps to have a meaningful life at 78 versus having to stay home all day. So I thank you guys again for all that you guys do and continue to ask for your support. Mahalo.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Eugene. And Ben will be followed by Wanette Lee.

MR. AQUINO: Hello.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Aloha.

MR. AQUINO: My name is Ben Aquino. I'm here to testify for MEO. That's for helping me for my rent deposit and pay four months, and for some other helps. And also like...and if wasn't for them, I'd still be moving around somewhere or probably getting in trouble or probably get locked up. So, by now, we've been at our house for one year and four months, and now we are totally secured. So I just want to thank you to MEO for...I mean for the great help. Also, I'd like to support all the other members who need help, if you could support them, with the other groups. You'd be helping a lot of people from doing crazy things, and that would bring them back to life again, give them chance to live. So thank you very much.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Ben. And Wanette will be followed by Shari Lynn.

MS. LEE: Aloha. My name is Wanette Lee. I welcome you folks to Molokai. Mahalo, Stacy Crivello, our Councilwoman. I'm here for several reasons, but the first is

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Ka Hale Pomaika`i. Thank you for funding them in the past. And now that I just started employment there. And there's a gap in services like 80 percent or more of our clientele has dual diagnosis problems and we ask for your support in that area. The second of all, I have Hale Ho`omalua Women's Shelter. And a lot of our clientele cross services; because where you find domestic violence, a lot of times, you going find substance abuse, also, and vice versa. That is a very important services we have. I also like to support MEO bus service, 'cause I work way out Mana`e, I ride the bus; and it helps me and I get family that ride 'em. I actually look around this room, and all the services that's here to thank you or ask for your support is important for us on Molokai. And we need them in the community. So thank you folks for supporting them, and we ask for continued support. Mahalo.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Wanette. And Shari will be followed by Tami Yamashita.

MS. LYNN: Can I give you papers?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: You can give it to Rayna. Thank you.

MS. LYNN: Aloha and welcome back to Molokai, County Council. Always good to see you folks here. And my name is Shari Lyn, I'm the director for Ka Hale Pomaika`i. substance-abuse treatment and recovery-support services out on the east end. We're located on a Hawaiian Home homestead. I'm grateful and happy to report that we had a—and thanks to the County—very successful women's addiction treatment program this year. Our current treatment group for pregnant and parenting women with minor children has nine mothers and their non-school-age children every week. That's a huge...a lot of women all in one room with their kids. But so we're fortunate to be able to provide transportation and childcare, which addressed two big gap groups. And just so you folks know, the MEO bus stop is at our front yard. They worked it out with us and they stop at our yard, so that's a good thing. However, in doing so, we noticed another gap area and that is servicing our community members who have dual diagnosis. Over 85 percent of our clients have a co-occurring mental health issue, which requires extensive case management and treatment hours, especially in expediting residential treatment off island and in follow-along care when they come home. This applies to both men and women. It takes much longer to finally move our clients who may just be wanting to address their DUI or DHS or CWS or adult client service compliance issue to actually engage in treatment. And these are folks that we call in the pre-contemplation stage of change. In other words, they not thinking about getting sober or they're not thinking about mental health services or medication compliance, they're just trying to survive. People with mental health issues often self-medicate as a means of coping with their situations. We've noticed here on Molokai that the common drugs used for this type of self-medication are the opiate pills, the methamphetamine, alcohol, and marijuana, kind of in that order. Under the effects of these substances, it's often very difficult to keep scheduled appointments with our very limited, very busy mental health providers. They're often without case management services; and sadly they find themselves, as you've heard before, acting

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out criminally or in ways that are harmful to themselves and others. Unfortunately, the State of Hawaii, whom we really appreciate the help from, forgot to include Molokai and Lanai in their last RFP, so they worded it so that they would provide funds for dual diagnosis for island of Maui only. It was an oversight, but it resulted in no funds for Molokai or Lanai. So we're hoping to begin to address this serious situation with seed money from the County, which will be leveraged to secure State funding in the 2016 RFI, RFP process. We were successful in doing this with our County funding for our women's treatment program, which now has the full backing of the State. We're requesting the funds to facilitate treatment options to address those underserved clients that have mental health and substance abuse problems. And we truly thank the County of Maui for its generous support for all these programs, especially ours on Molokai.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Hold on for a second. Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you. And thank you for testifying. Thank you, everybody for testifying.

MS. LYNN: Sure, I get nervous every time, and I don't know why, it's just you guys, but...

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: So you were saying that for the dual diagnostics, diagnosis...diagnosis, thank you, that you had some State funding and now that...you used to have, yeah?

MS. LYNN: Maui has; but, unfortunately, Lanai and Molokai were left out of that process.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: But you had it before? You never had it before?

MS. LYNN: Nobody's ever had it, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay. How much are you looking for?

MS. LYNN: Forty-eight five.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Forty-eight thousand five hundred? Okay, thank you.

MS. LYNN: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Wait, Shari, hold on.

MS. LYNN: Oh, sorry.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Was that left out of the 2015 Budget or was it left out of the...

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MS. LYNN: No, no, was nothing the County did. The County's our hero. It was the State, yeah.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: No, no. No, I realize that.

MS. LYNN: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Was it left out of this fiscal year's budget at the State level or next year's budget?

MS. LYNN: No, this time. And so we're hoping...

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, so it's this fiscal year that you're...

MS. LYNN: Yeah. Oh it's been the last two fiscal years, yeah. And so we're hoping that we can do the same thing we did with our women's program and entice the State to rewrite their thing so that it will include funds, you know.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: And who did the State funds go to on Maui for treatment?

MS. LYNN: Mental health? They went to Ohana Makamae and Aloha House.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Just those two? Okay. And do you know how much that was?

MS. LYNN: Hundreds of thousands, maybe a hundred each, I don't know.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: And they no share?

MS. LYNN: And they're not supposed to, that's for them, well, you know. So I mean, yeah, no, it was a big chunk, yeah. They announced in the grant process, they had—in my understanding—they had Kauai, Maui, Oahu, and the Big Island. And Big Island was divided into two, of course, you know, the west and east side.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, okay, thank you.

MS. LYNN: Okay. One more?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Follow up, thanks. You get to be the one who gets all the questions.

MS. LYNN: I know.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: So this mental health treatment that you're talking about, is that part of your Ka Hale Pomaika'i or is that a separate funding?

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MS. LYNN: No, we would like it to be part of our agency. That's what I'm...that we're...we don't have it now, but we're hoping...

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: So you...the forty-eight five, you're asking to go to Ka Hale Pomaika'i?

MS. LYNN: Yes, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Above whatever you get now?

MS. LYNN: But we're not asking to refund our women's treatment program because we have...now have the support of the State for that. So while we used to get your money for that, the County money for that, we're asking if could reshuffle into a more needed gap area. Because we still are doing our women's program, but we don't need to ask the County for funds for that now, we can...you know, some people keep asking for the same money over and over and over –

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Right.

MS. LYNN: --but we try and maximize the use of our funds. And that's part of our recovery process is to not become really self-supporting but to work towards that goal.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay, thank you.

MS. LYNN: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much. Do you know what you received in the Mayor's Proposed Budget?

MS. LYNN: Do I know when I will receive...

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: No, do you know how much is in the current budget for your...

MS. LYNN: You know, I just called Nanilei today and I was looking and looking and we were trying to find it, but...

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Well, sometimes it's under another heading because there's certain funds that are line itemed where you will see your organization and then there are a number of other buckets –

MS. LYNN: Right.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: --within the Department of Housing and Human Concerns.

MS. LYNN: This particular request is for a line item.

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COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Is it Housing and Human Concerns?

MS. LYNN: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: I think it's 60 to 65 thousand, yeah.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay.

MS. LYNN: But we'll take...put it this way, we'll take more.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Take whatever you can get, right?

MS. LYNN: Yeah, we would take more, too, yeah.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Well, you don't have to worry, Auntie Stacy always takes very good care of you all.

MS. LYNN: She sure does, she always has.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Shari. And Tami will be followed by Yolanda Reyes.

MS. YAMASHITA: Aloha. My name is Tami Yamashita. I'm an employee and practicum intern at Ka Hale Pomaika'i aspiring to obtain my substance abuse counselor certification. Eight years ago I was diagnosed with a mental health disorder, specifically, an eating disorder. For over six years after my diagnosis, I remained resistant to recovery. One particular behavior which contributed to my resistance was my use and abuse of marijuana. It wasn't until I made the decision a year ago to move to Molokai and work at Ka Hale Pomaika'i that I truly embraced recovery. Through Ka Hale Pomaika'i, I learned that it is not uncommon for those who struggle with mental health disorders to develop substance abuse disorder. Psychologically, this is known as co-occurring disorder. And although I was never diagnosed with substance abuse disorder, my use of marijuana in my past has proven to be a very real addiction. I am extremely grateful to Ka Hale Pomaika'i for accepting me as an addict and teaching me what it truly means to be an addict. Whether it's an addiction to food, exercise, drugs, alcohol, social media, TV, sex, an addict is an addict no matter what mask they wear. The opportunity to be of service as an intern at Ka Hale Pomaika'i has inspired me to go back to school for my masters in social work this August, so I may be able to help those who struggle with similar afflictions I've dealt with and to carry the messages that I've acquired through Ka Hale Pomaika'i to other addicts. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, very good. Yolanda will be followed by Gwendolyn Perreira.

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MS. REYES: Good evening. My name is Yolanda Reyes. I'm the Branch Director for MEO. And I simply wanted to come up and say, thank you for being here and thank you for your support for all our services and programs. Any questions?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: That's it? That's all you have to say? Any questions, Members?

MS. REYES: Well, I also ask for your continued support.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Well, you, you know, we've...we all believe in MEO's programs. Gwendolyn will be followed by Hoala Davis.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello.

MS. PERREIRA: Well, this here is a recipient of MEO preschool. And there's four more after her. So we're here to ask that you continue to support MEO. And 'cause it's a vital for their learning and upbringing. And in the meantime, most of our transportation from the east side--it's nineteen miles--is the bus. And it's my husband and I that brings her to school, and we're happy that we don't have to run our car because the gas is \$5.32, if you haven't noticed, on this island. And we're higher than you, so think about us when you grumble at the pump. And, also, I'm not sure, I'm gonna ask you a question: do you support the Maui Food Bank? Ooh, I see heads.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, we...I think it's around \$300,000.

MS. PERREIRA: Okay. I just want to say, thank you. On our island—I guess you know about our island—we do really need that to continue. And our Police Department and our firemen, I just want to say, thank you, even though I'm late for the new fire station that's up and running. Why I say that? Because...and also for the Pukoo one, because recently we had an accident at our home, and the first response was the Mana'e Fire Department. They came. And I want to ask you to continue to keep that open, because if it wasn't for the first response, because of our dilemma, I don't know what we'll do to wait for the police or the ambulance. But my request here today is, can we please have an ambulance to service up there? Because if they were there a little bit earlier, maybe a lot more lives would be saved or a lot of...I don't know, I'm not a doctor. But I just want to say that I wanna say, thank you for keeping that place open. Just seeing them coming up the road and their smiles and they're helping us, it just helped our dilemma to subside a little bit. And also for Police Department and the ambulance. I don't know if you affiliated with the helicopters, but I just thankful that my little great—this is a great grandbaby, this not a grandbaby, this is a great grandbaby—he was one of the recipients that had a lot of help. I want to just say, thank you, to continue to help us on Molokai. And help the seniors in whatever possible...their meals, whatever help you can continue to help our island. I just want to say, thank you, because now I see your faces. I don't know if you've been voted in or selected or just put in there, but I know we vote for Stacy, so I wanna say, thank you. And I know Stacy is trying her best to persuade all of you to help us more, so

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thank you again and I got 19 miles to go home. I don't have the bus tonight. I'm going to go with our truck and go home, but I wanna say, thank you for listening and also for the turnout that we had tonight. God bless you, and may you have a safe journey home, too. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Gwen. And Hoala will be followed by Mathew Goodrich.

MS. DAVIS: Good evening. I actually submitted written testimony, so I'm going to try to adlib and keep this really quick. It seems like everybody's keeping their testimonies pretty short. My name is Hoala Davis, and I'm the Executive Director of the Molokai Humane Society. On behalf of our organization, I would like to thank you for your continued support of our organization and the animals of Molokai. Molokai Humane Society has been in existence since 1981 created from the compassion of a small group of individuals advocating for the needs of the animals in our community. Since then, we have transitioned from a completely voluntary group to a fully staffed spay and neuter clinic. We also offer low-cost animal care to Molokai's residents, and this would not be a possibility without the generous funding that is provided by Maui County. This funding allows us to keep our costs at a minimum to the community, ensuring that financial barriers are removed for owners desiring proper animal care. We believe that the sterilization of animals is the most effective way to control overpopulation and, the services, a necessity to the island as a whole. In Fiscal Year 2014, we performed 512 discounted spay and neuter surgeries, we also provided 5,033 preventatives, and administered 1,051 vaccinations. We anticipate increasing our overall numbers at the close of Fiscal Year 2015 and moving forward into Fiscal Year 2016. Currently, we are umbrella'd under the Maui Humane Society, and their budget directly impacts that of the Molokai Humane Society. We're a single source of veterinary care on Molokai and the demands of our organization have steadily increased. We're grateful for the funding provided by Maui County and look forward to doing much more in years to come. We hope that the good work we have provided will be taken into consideration when your budget is under review. Our overall goal is to be impactful and we hope to do so with your support. And I'll probably get in trouble if I don't say, you know, we actually partner with a lot of organizations and there are a lot on island that provide resources for others to utilize. What we provide in our clinic, the MEO bus is one, the Molokai Business Center is another one, the animal control officer that's provided under the Maui Police Department is a huge resource for us. And the Maui...or I'm sorry, the Molokai Fire Department is a huge one as well. They've got a big crew back there. But they all provide necessary resources on island, so just keep continuing to support Molokai. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Hoala. Mr. Couch has a question for you.

MS. DAVIS: Yeah.

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COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you. You mentioned...you said that if the Maui Humane Society...your budget is dependent upon theirs.

MS. DAVIS: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: I thought we proviso'd a certain dollar amount –

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: No.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: --that you should get...

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, it's proviso'd, but it's...the money goes through the Humane Society.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Right, but they still got their...they should get the amount.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: But it is proviso'd for them.

MS. DAVIS: Yeah. So we're asking to continue to have that provision in place, yes.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay. Thank you.

MS. DAVIS: Thank you very much.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Hoala. And our next testifier is Mathew Goodrich followed by Clare Mawae.

MR. GOODRICH: Aloha. I'm from the Humane Society as well. I'm the Vice Chair, and I just wanted to ask...

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Could you come a little closer to the microphone?

MR. GOODRICH: Yeah, you bet.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you.

MR. GOODRICH: I'm the Vice Chair for the Molokai Humane Society, Mathew Goodrich, and I just want to ask for continued support. And thank you for the funds that we have received in the past. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mathew. And Clare will be followed by Sharon Samonte.

MS. MAWAE: Aloha, Councilmembers.

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VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Aloha.

MS. SEEGER MAWAE: My name is Clare Seeger Mawae. I'm a business owner, a mother of three children, born and raised here, and an active member of our community. There's a lot of things that you folks have done that have really benefitted the community, so thank you for all your past support. I'm here to talk about a few things. First of all, I'm a member with the Visitor's Association, Destination Molokai Visitors Bureau. I would like to support the budget of the Molokai and the Maui Visitors Bureau. This past year's proved to be quite successful for us here. We've had a really great increase of very good visitors that really appreciate Molokai for being Molokai. So we've had awesome visitors. And the marketing efforts of the Visitors Bureau's been really good and they're on an upward climb; and I ask that you continue to support that so that we can keep our increase of the right kind of visitors with the education that Julie, our director, has been giving to the travel writers. I also support the MEO bus service; that's been probably one of the most valuable transportation services on this island not just for the locals, but for the visitors, too. These past few months we've been out of cars and a lot of visitors, especially those that are traveling on a budget, they can use the bus, those that couldn't get a car could use the bus. The kids that go to the afterschool programs have the bus service. The people that don't have cars, so the MEO is a very critical part of our transportation on Molokai. Kuha`o Business Center, again, another great resource. They recently brought in the TWIC program so that a lot of people didn't have to go off island like two times to get your TWIC card to go down to Young Brothers. You have to go off twice in order to get your cards; so they brought that program here, which was great, helped a lot of people so thank you for that. Youth center, all my kids have gone to the youth center. They do an amazing job, so please keep your support for the youth center because the kids are our future. Finally, in closing, the Molokai ferry, they are running into problems. I think the ferry for the high school teams, the football team, and all the swim teams, the athletic department, I mean even all the kids that go off and do educational events on the other island; I don't know how we're gonna solve and help with that, but they are a critical lifeline to this island, especially for the kids. And I think especially now that we have a high school football team, lot of equipment. My daughter was on the swim team, they all traveled by ferry. So, somehow, I hope a solution can be found in order to support that. I don't know what the answer is, but, you know, it's something to think about. But thank you for everything, thank you for all your support, you guys have been amazing, and we have so many wonderful programs on this island. Mahalo.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Clare. And Sharon will be followed by Carmen Ortiz.

MS. SAMONTE: Aloha, and –

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Aloha.

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MS. SAMONTE: --thank you for coming, County Councilmembers and Chair Mike White. I am here on behalf of Molokai...MCSC, Molokai Community...I had to do that, I'm sorry. MCSC, specifically the Hale Hoomalu domestic violence program, which runs the shelter that shelters battered families, and it started in 1991. And with the help of the continued funding from the County, we have been able to continue to provide the services. Of course, it's very vital to Molokai. I had worked at the shelter since 1991, and I'm also a survivor of domestic violence. Had I had all these services...well, I'm alive, you know, and I am here today to give back to the community to offer the many services that the County's funding pays for. Number one, to provide safety to the families; number two, to empower the women to live violent free and through the groups, the many groups, and the encouragement that the staff provides. And I would like to just read a short letter. The recipients of the program it is often hard for them to come forward and tell their stories, so I had offered to read. And I'll just read a part of it. She wrote her name down, and I asked her if it was okay to mention her name. She said, okay, so I'm gonna read that part. "I _____ and the many women and children of Molokai want to say, mahalo to Hale Hoomalu. Through the County funding, who's been a great help in keeping the shelter going, and the staff that make it possible for us to know that there is a place to come when we need to be safe and also to help in times of need whether it be shelter, healing, and the love that's provided up there. And through the years, whether you realized it or not, you have...the funding has provided many a women from being further abused or to stay safe, to be empowered in their lives to continue to live violent free, so I thank you. No one program here is the least, and I support all the programs here and I humbly request continued funding and support from the County...from the Members of the County. I know it's a hard job, I've been working on quarterly and I thought, oh me oh my, I can't even imagine what you have to do when you have to, you know, figure out your budget. So thank you once again for allowing us, the Molokai community, the opportunity to always come before you to advocate on behalf of the organizations here on our island. Mahalo.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Sharon. And you must be Carmen.

MS. ORTIZ: And I'm Carmen. My name is Carmen Ortiz, and I'm the mother of nine. I recently relocated from Arizona to Molokai. And I wanted to tell Auntie Sharon, thank you for her support and her services. And also the MEO for helping give my family hope and helping us believe that there are good people out there that will help you if you're willing to help yourselves. So thank you, and I just wanted to ask for continued support for other families that may be in need. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Carmen. Our next testifier is Henry Lindo, and he'll be followed by Zhantell Dudoit.

MR. LINDO: Good evening, everybody.

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ALL: Good evening.

MR. LINDO: Alright, I guess I going be the one for stand in the front of these guys and talk; but, you know what, my name is Henry Lindo. I'm a captain here at the Kaunakakai Fire Station. And, first of all, I just like thank you guys. I mean truly thank you guys for all your support of our organization, of our fire chiefs, you know, in your service terms as well as those before. Yeah, because of that, in my twenty-plus years we are at the point where we are today: excellent in every way, shape, and form. I mean the level of excellence and professionalism, we probably rated in the nation, maybe even worldwide, yeah, in the top. And it's because of what you guys do, yeah, first of all. So I just ask you for your continued support. I know each and every year we ask and the times that we in is hard, yeah, the finances is not as good as it used to be, so you guys get heavy burdens on your shoulder. But I just ask you to continue to support. For this island, we asking for the Pukoo Fire Station for the fire truck and also a crew cab for our Engine Four. The truck out at Pukoo is like 15 years old, yeah, that buggah is old, yeah. And the decision that you making, I understand we all fighting...we not fighting, we all trying for go for the same amount of monies, yeah, to benefit not only us as an organization, but this community, yeah. So I just ask you, look into those kind things, because, you know, every decision that you guys make get consequences just like every decision that I make get consequences. And hopefully we never on the short end of the stick where somebody when pay the price because our truck never start, because our truck went...it didn't perform the way it supposed to be because it's old. And I not here for point fingers and say that it's gonna happen, but the possibility's is always there. But, you know, with God on our side, you know, he makes things all possible, yeah. So that's first of all my testimony on behalf of the Fire Department. The next thing I like do is testify on behalf of the community and everybody. I've been blessed for be one fire fighter. I've been blessed by God with everything that I have. We as a department have been blessed, yeah. He placed me as one servant in this world as a steward with all my giftings, talents, and abilities to do the best that I can for this community just like he placed you guys in your positions, yeah. God was the one, he the source. He when give you guys this place for times such as this, because the decisions that guys gotta make is just unreal, yeah. So what I like do, you know, I heard the other night from one of our ministers said, you cannot give what you don't have. Well I've been blessed. I get love. So what I like do is speak love and life into you guys knowing what you guys get beforehand, what you guys get. So I like speak that God going come upon you guys and give you guys the knowledge and the wisdom and the understanding to do the best that you can. He gifted you with all the talents and abilities. So I pray, Lord, bless each and every Councilmember, bless their family, Lord God. Give them, Lord God, exactly what they need to make the decisions that they have to undertake, Lord God, knowing, Lord God, that the benefit, Lord God, is to the community and to the people we serve, Lord God, to the people of God. Not only of Molokai or Lanai, but of this County, yeah. So thank you, Lord God, for what you do in their lives and for bringing them as instruments, Lord Go, used by you, Lord God, to hold the County accountable, Lord God, to be fiscally responsible, Lord God, to do every good and perfect work that you

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provide. So that's what I like speak into you guys. And I thank you, I truly thank you. It's with heartfelt gratitude that I speak to you guys. And I sincerely thank you guys all for the support, yeah. God bless you guys.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Henry. And Zhantell will be followed by Jennifer Hawkins.

MS. DUDOIT: Hi, everybody, and thank you. First of all, I just want to thank all of you guys. Each of you individually just possess awesome qualities that make your group up and make it so that all of us in the community can benefit from your expertise and your love. I just want to stand in support of a few of the programs that have been mentioned. Ka Hale Pomaikai, of course, we all know that the drug problem is profound all over the place. In a small community, it's probably more profound because so much, you know, so little bit people and the population is so small. So I wanna just support them and let you know how important their program is. Of course, Maui Economic Opportunity, MEO, the public transportation, we don't even have to get into that, that's just awesome. They help us with all kinds of stuff from rental-assistance program to the preschool, to business and entrepreneurship programs. I do, though, as the head of the emergency incident command and the communications specialist want to say that in addition to the things the community sees, what you don't see that MEO does with their transportation is they are the only available vehicles on the island that we can draw from if we need to move mass amount of people during an evacuation. They are also the only vehicle transportation and experienced personnel that can help the Fire Department and the Police Department and our group to transport bedridden and wheelchair-bound individuals. So what the community sees is great, what they don't see is like even more special. So we urge you to please continue your support with them. Again, I would like to just say that tourism is an important part of our economic sustainability and support the Maui Visitors Bureau and the Molokai Visitors Association in their efforts. Hale Hoomalu, of course, domestic violence is a prevalent problem and we want to support that as well. The Kuha`o Business Center, Jennifer is just awesome and she provides so much opportunity for us and the TWIC program more especially. But all the workshops that she established and training that we can go to for free as businesses and nonprofits on the island is just priceless. And then, of course, the Fire Department. There's a whole...when you look through the Mayor's Proposed Budget, there's a whole bunch of monies that go to operations and capital improvements and all kinds of stuff and, you know, it goes without saying how important the Fire and Police Department are to our community. Again, though, what you don't see is that in an event of a natural disaster the Fire Department is the most critical part of our emergency disaster relief and response. Without them, without the support of the Chief, without the support of their resources, we would be left without anything. And so we just are so fortunate to have them and we ask you to continue to support them. And then last but not least, I just want to thank Auntie Stacy for the resolution of the ferry. I know that there's been some disagreement about how that goes about and what that entails, but I just need to say that, for me, somebody doing something is more of a benefit to our community than somebody doing nothing. And so starting this resolution is

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something; otherwise, we just all talking about it. And so I just want to say to Auntie Stacy, thank you for having the courage and loving us enough to realize that the ferry's an important part. And the resolution may not be foolproof, but at least it got the attention of everybody. And, now, what we need to do is not kill it, but bring it to the community and experience people to talk about it 'cause it's a necessary part of our everyday quality of life on Molokai. So again thank you all. We love you all, and thank you so much for all you do. Aloha.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Zhantell?

MS. DUDOIT: . . .*(Inaudible)*. . .

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: You said a whole lot in a very short amount of time, thank you.

MS. DUDOIT: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: But just to point out for all of you. The person who really deserves thanks, first of all, it's Stacy; secondly, Dave Jung who runs the ferry has been doing it flawlessly for about 30 years. And back when I was in the House, I was representing Molokai back then in the mid-90s. And Dave came to us requesting assistance because he was in the same kind of position back then. And so we were able to work out a subsidy through the Department of Business Economic Development and Tourism. And for him to find himself in that same situation now simply means that we all have to pull together and make something happen, because we all realize it's a lifeline. Whether we can get the State to help a little bit like they have in the past, or not, you can count on this body, and especially Stacy, to pull something together. But it will recall...I mean not recall, it will require that you all put in calls to the Administration, because they need to be the one that ho`o this process for now. Because we can't move unless they send us something with which to do, you know, to do a budget amendment. And so I think everybody here understands the...everybody here and here understands the importance of the ferry and...but it is really critical that you communicate your concerns and your wishes. So thank you for bringing that up and I appreciate everyone else that's testified and I felt I just had to say something to add to it. So mahalo.

MS. DUDOIT: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Jennifer will be followed by Julie Bicoy.

MS. HAWKINS: I want to thank you all for coming to Molokai, it's good to see you all as usual. I'm Jennifer Hawkins with the Kuha`o Business Center, I'll wear that hat for now. I just want to say, thank you for all that you do. I also want to recognize MEO as one of our partners. We view them, as well as MEDB, very valuable in our business community. MEO offers the Core Four Business class that is essential for our young business owners or our novice business owners just coming into the business to get

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the education that they need to succeed. We also have recently been working with MEDB to expand their opportunities here on Molokai through offering video conferencing and webinars. Thank you to your Molokai Economic Development funds. We've had a number of successful community-grant programs through OED. But, also, we've been able to increase the capabilities through the Kuha`o Business Center for video conferencing. And so, now, whether we...we were just being able to reach the business center on Maui, we're being able to reach all over the world. So I just want to tell you, thank you. This allows our business owners to attend our workshops and any other workshops throughout the County while they're sitting in their business. I also want to say thank you for the monies that you provided for the TWIC program. You afforded 140 Molokai business owners and employees to be able to get their TWIC cards here on Molokai. That saved those businesses over \$75,000 just in hotel, travel, and rental car expenses, not including the amount of hours that it would've taken for all those staff members to go off island for two different days to get their card. So I just want to say thank you. As well as...go ahead.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: No.

MS. HAWKINS: Okay. As well as the ferry, the resolution on the ferry is such a necessity. Take off my business hat now and put on my mama hat. For those kids, whether they're in a youth group, whether it's a school group, whether it's the swim team, or any of the athletic groups, it is essential for us. My entire family, including those that travel here for the swim meets from the mainland, we all take the ferry and it's essential. But every time I'm on that ferry, I visit with our residents who are traveling back and forth to work every single day because they can't find a job on Molokai, so it's very essential for us. And then those essential services such as Fire and Rescue. I just want to say, thank you so much. Please continue to support them. My husband has a very rare illness and they carry a medication specifically for him, out and about, and so it's essential for my family. So I just want to say, thank you for all that you do. And I also have letters of support for the different grants, community grants, such as Pailolo Challenge, Makahiki, and others that are going on here in our community. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. And what is a quick card or TWIC card?

MS. HAWKINS: That is the Transportation Workers Identification Credentials card. And it allows us to pick up our freight from Young Brothers. And without it, we can't pick up freight. And so we were to the point, our cards had expired, they had given us a leeway time to get those cards. People weren't able to go off island because of the expense of it, and it was almost to the point where we weren't gonna be able to pick up freight. And as you know, that's our only way to get most of our freight here on the island, so it was very essential. It also helped 30 of our emergency squad, including our Fire Rescue and Police to get their card as well, so thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Thank you very much. Julie will be followed by Judy Caparida.

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MS. BICOY: Aloha and good evening --

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Aloha.

MS. BICOY: --Councilmembers. My name is Julie Bicoy. I'm the Director of the Destination Molokai Visitors Bureau. I want to thank you for supporting the visitor industry, Maui, Molokai, and Lanai. The many years that you have supported this industry. Molokai has gone through many ups and downs and, you know, through these times, we still strive to make ends meet here on Molokai. You know, we've always had great opportunities to follow others. And one of the things that...the points of interest that we do on our island is showing our visitors from a day tour starting with the sunrise to the sunset and doing a three-day tour with the four points of the islands: from the east to the west to the north and south. And, with this, they'll find the treasures when they come and visit us; and that's really our point on getting them here to be educated of what Molokai has to offer. Molokai, ten years ago, we had 70,000 visitors coming to our island. Currently, 2073 [sic], we have 55,000 visitors; 2004, we are now up to 59,000 visitors, so we are really increasing. And with the funds that you have provided us, you know, I do programs with Travel Trade, the media, and advertising; and those are the three key components that I work with. I have had the opportunity to have Tracy...Stacy, excuse me, travel with me to see Holo Holo Maui, which is a Travel Trade program. And basically we go to the mainland and we introduce our islands: Maui, Molokai, and Lanai; and we're able to give them PowerPoints and great information of our destination. Don Couch was another one that traveled with me with the media, so we do cover our islands in great depth and individually each...individualizing each island. So with the advertising--you know, the online media is something that is very trending and upcoming--so we do a lot of advertising in online websites. Social media is also another fast track for us. We still continue to do print ads. But these are the things that the visitors industry does with their money that is allocated for us. And, you know, as part of Maui Visitors Bureau, I want to thank you for your continued support and invite all of you to come to one of our events whether it's on island...we do a island specialist called Maui Nui. We visit Maui, Molokai, and Lanai. So if you can't make it to one of our mainland trips and see what we do, please come and visit us on our island tours. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: And I will commit as Chair that if you can get any one of these Members to go with you, I will pay for it out of central funds which is very important to them. So, as you probably know, I've traveled many times with MVB. And I think, you know, we talk about the visitor industry from time to time, and one thing that I found out after I got into the County Council was the level of funding that Maui County enjoys from the visitor industry compared to the other Counties. And we have about 21,000 units Countywide, Kauai has about 9,000, Big Island 11-, and Oahu 35,000. Maui generates, this year...actually I can't remember whether it's this...this fiscal year is \$100 million a year from the visitor industry. That's just in property tax so we got an additional 23 million in TAT back. Oahu doesn't generate as much as

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Maui does with its 35,000 units. Kauai generates 15 million compared to our 100. The Big Island generates 12½ million compared to our 100-. So when you look around Maui County and see the visitors, one of the reasons that we're very comfortable supporting all the nonprofits and the Fire Department, the Police Department, and so on is because we know all of you are part of the team that's really looking out for our visitors and our residents. All the services that we're able to provide because we have a significantly bigger bucket all help not only make this a much better place for all the residents, but also makes it a much more welcoming place for our visitors, so I really appreciate the part that you've played in it, Julie. And I will stand by my promise to fund the travel for any of these guys you can talk into going with you. 'Cause it's really important to go out and see how challenging it is to get people to come specifically to Hawaii. And I send my employees along with MVB, I send my grounds people, my housekeepers, people in the accounting department; because they come back, every single one of them, saying, I never knew how many places our visitors have a chance of going to. There's, as you know, there's tens of thousands of different destinations. And, you know, hundreds of thousands of different hotels. So if they...what my employees have told me when they come back is, I now know that if somebody chooses to come to Hawaii and then they choose to come to Maui County and then they choose to come to our hotel, I have a really big responsibility to take care, so mahalo for...and I'm probably getting a note from Auntie Stacy, you talking too much.

MS. BICOY: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Thank you. Auntie Judy will be followed by Kaipo Poepoe.

MS. CAPARIDA: Thank you, Jesus. Praise the Lord. I want to really greet you folks in the Lord. He's the boss. We believe it, God says, it's already being done. I really thankful to be here. I'm getting better, boy. I'm in action again. I really love Molokai because God has blessed us. We're so blessed on Molokai. No matter where you go because God knows our people, and we all belong to him. I thank the Lord for bringing you folks over here to really get involved with us because we really do need help. Now we know that Molokai cannot do without you guys because you guys the head over there, but he's the boss. So I come to say, thank you for all that...I watch Akaku because I can't go to the meetings, this is my first meeting I can. And I thank the Lord because I can walk better now. I thank the Lord because all of you, I see you guys on Akaku taking interest in all what's going on. And, you know what, we voted for you guys to get in there, and your guys' job is to do what He has the plans for you to do for his people, and that's our people. Maui, we're the County of Maui. So we expect that, you know what, Lord, bless them as well as you bless us. I thank the Lord for our firemens. I know in Mana'e we needed a little bit more help out there, because when there's a problem, they get only two guys, you know. So whatever the need is, I say, Lord, you go ahead and provide that need. But I just come to say that I support all our needs on Molokai, because if it's not so I wouldn't be here. Our youth center, for all those children, I support them because they're our community, they're our future.

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I support our firemens, our policemen. You look at them, they taking gas today, you know. They are so important because we cannot even move, there's so much kupunas on this island, and they can hardly move, but they are the ones that gives us the service today. So I come to say that every needs that's on Molokai, please just check it out and find out where you can help. Our ferry, let me tell you, the ferry is needed. We had the SeaFlite, it ended. But now we got the ferry, and the ferry is because our children have to use that to go to the outside islands to participate in sports, studies, whatever. That's what the needs are for. So anyway I just came to let you folks know I love guys and the Lord love you guys. Especially Him, He love you guys, and He love all of us people on Molokai, the whole world he loves them. And I come to say that I'm thankful, I can be here and I can speak up, and I can say I love you guys. I love you guys, Molokai.

AUDIENCE: Love you, too, Auntie.

MS. CAPARIDA: You know why we so blessed? Praise the Lord for all the blessings. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Auntie Judy. And Kaipō will be followed by Joseph Howe.

MR. POEPOE: Aloha.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Aloha.

MR. POEPOE: My name is Kaipō Poepoe...

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: You can pull it up a little bit, the mic.

MR. POEPOE: Sorry.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: There you go.

MR. POEPOE: My name is Kaipō Poepoe. I've been in the Fire Department for about 16 years. I've been a driver at Pukoo for the last six. So tonight I'm representing Pukoo Fire Station, and we would just like to thank you guys for everything you do for us. All the support that you guys give us. And just ask you guys that you can keep in mind the need that we do have for a new fire truck out there just to enhance our services and make sure that we can provide the people of Mana'e with the services that they deserve. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Thank you very much. And Joseph will be followed by Charlotte Seales.

MR. HOWE: Hi, my name is Joe. Thank you for allowing me to speak. So I'm up here to ask for your continued support for the MEO Core Four program. This is the first program

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that I've gotten to take advantage of. Little story: my wife and I were going to start our own business. And we had what we thought was a great idea, and we had a little bit of...I got some money, I got some cash, and I have some credit. And I said, okay, we're gonna devote some time and energy towards this. Well, we saw the class being offered, so we said, eh, maybe we better take this class first and find out what business entrepreneurship is all about. Well, thank God for that class, because I would be a statistic right now. Thank God for Ku`ulei, she's the teacher of that class. You know, the idea we had had a lot of gusto and fire to it and it was a great idea for Molokai, but it wasn't a great idea for us and it wasn't a great idea...we didn't do our homework. And this class not only helps support businesses that are growing, but also give you an idea that if your business is not going to happen, you know, you need to change direction, you need to change what you're doing, change the, you know, some of the aspects of your business. So I just want to thank you guys and vote for continued support of the MEO Core Four program. Also, one last thing, too. My church, we use the ferry all the time for church functions. We take our kids off island all the time. And I don't know how we're gonna take a group of 15, 20, 30 kids on a function off island without the ferry. And we're not the only entity that uses it in large quantity like that. When we're on those boats, we see sports teams, we see all kinds of church groups, we see tour groups going together, so that ferry is very, very important to us. Plus on Christmas time, we go shopping on the ferry; we can bring back a lot of gifts. So I just want to thank you for your time. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Joe. And following Charlotte, we'll have Lyn Bonk.

MS. SEALES: Aloha. Aloha, Chairman White and Stacy, thank you for being here, and all of you. Like it's been mentioned--oh, my name is Charlotte Seales--as it been mentioned, you folks are viewed on Akaku, and so do I. And it's just great to have you guys in person and we can share our mana`o. As you can see...well tonight I'm here because of Molokai Occupational Center. But I do, myself, I too do support every one that has come up here. And like you said, Chairman Mike White, that when your employees go holoholo, or to see other things or they get that opportunity, it's just like us here on Molokai, sometimes we sit in this audience and we don't realize that some of the programs that exist on the island even though we small place, but I never saw...I never heard that wahine that works for...Hawkins, I never saw her before. I live on the island, but I've never gone in there before. So I think it's really, really typical for a lot of us. But what I want to do now, I'm gonna leave some of the...the Executive Director wasn't able to be here tonight, Tania Joao, so I'm going to read her mana`o and leave some copies with you, okay. And then...but like again, while you're sitting back there we can all get our cardio. Because--right everybody?--you guys can...your heart is beating, you know, while you're waiting for your name to get called. But the thing is so I did my Zumba, but was cardio, but, you know, it was all good. And but I don't come out all the time and I have to say, I live in Mana`e, too. I'm just below, a mile short of Auntie Gwen that came up earlier; and we do need Pukoo, we do. Tonight, I'll tell you, if I had a cardiac arrest out here, I'm so...I've got all the firemen in here, I would've been fine. I mean I feel so good, because when they're

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around you feel safe, you know. So the thing is we need that service out there because it takes a good half an hour to get out there, and time is the essence. Okay, I'm going to read that. Now I'm going to put on my maka aniani, my glasses. Okay. Aloha, Members of the Council. It is with regret that I submit my testimony in this manner as I am medically unable to participate this evening. My name is Tania Joao, Executive Director of Molokai Occupational Center. As you are aware, MOC has a long standing relationship with the County and desires to continue this relationship. The grant funding provided through County has allowed MOC to continue to provide services to the economically disadvantaged and disabled community. The funding allows the organization to enhance the vocational skills necessary for competitive employment. The income earned has practical and financial implications. The individuals are paying taxes. They are working in an integrated environment with exposure to the general population and provides a direct service to the community for the island residencies and visitors to safely enjoy the parks of Halawa Valley; Kilohana; Kakahia, also known as Rice Patch; One Alii one and two; and Maunaloa. In addition, the staff provides janitorial services at the recreational centers at Kilohana and Maunaloa and the bathroom facilities at One Alii and Halawa. Lastly, the funding also allows for a psychosocial wellness. The staff takes pride in the work they perform, and I see that. And most importantly, they set the example of an untouched and underutilized population of workers that are employable in competitive employment. This year, MOC has a success story to share. A team member, whom have been with the agency for a number of years, have finally felt he was ready for the competitive employment environment and resigned to take a full-time position with an approximate 40 percent increase in his hourly wages. This type of stories demonstrate the success of this type of funding and positively adds to the economic impact not only to MOC but for the island's beneficiaries. MOC understands the implication of government proceedings and while some of the individuals qualifies for their special minimum wage exemption, MOC exercised due diligence in compensating accordingly to meet the wage requirements. This year with the increase of the minimum wages, MOC has felt the impact of that requirement and request that the Councilmembers to consider the cost impact to this organization. On the side note, as a member of the community—this is Tania speaking—I ask the Council to reconsider the CDBG grant --

MR. JENSEN: Four minutes.

MS. SEALES: --okay—funding submitted that would allow the Pukoo fire station to get their pumper truck as with the other programs incorporated into this grant. Thank you very much for...she's thanking you for this opportunity for her testimony to be read. Mahalo to all of you and safe journey, and thank you for being here. Any questions?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Charlotte.

MS. SEALES: Thank you.

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VICE-CHAIR WHITE: And just to point out, there is no...there's no proposal on the table to limit the services at Pukoo.

MS. SEALES: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: It's just the question of the pumper, so...

MS. SEALES: Okay. Thank you...

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Alright. Next testifier...Members, we have about eight to go. Can we...I know my okole's sore, but we'll just keep going? Yeah. Okay. Our next testifier is Lyn Bonk. I believe she has a group testifying together.

MS. BONK: Hi, good evening.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Good evening.

MS. BONK: Thank you for coming. Thank you for a very long day. I know you have diligently listened to Molokai. And I'm before you representing so much. I thank you for serving and funding our community, our human services, the needs, the support. And thank you for funding MEO, because the transportation is essential to services for our youth. I am the afterschool coordinator for Molokai Middle School, and I am the project director of our new 21st Century grant that encompasses the high as well as the middle school. And what I'm here to urge you to do is, when we listen to all the needs and we listen to all the services that are needed for humans to have a quality life or to have healthy communities, we're lucky if we hear the need for prevention because that means we're doing pretty good. But, you know, let's be truthful, we are human; so there is prevention, there's intervention, and there's treatment. And what I'm gonna say to you is that, you know, with youth services, especially through the County and the Parks and Rec, they are perhaps the most affordable services we could invest in. Because when you have a community like Molokai that is underresourced, then and you think of our youth and what can we offer them that's healthy, that keeps them occupied, keeps them focused, has family involvement--because education, we're losing our family involvement and you know this very well--there aren't many services that truly bring the families together with their youth. But one thing about recreation, ah, those athletics, they bring that family out, right. The extended family comes out. So what I would like to ask on behalf of all healthy communities, and especially Molokai is please extend and expand our youth services, especially in Parks and Recreation, because that money goes a long way. And, you know what, there is no good time and there is no bad time, there really isn't. Because all it's about is do we have the resources to serve. And there is something called the right time, and I would like you to factor in in a right time and look at our gym, our only gym on the island and realize that there needs to be some planning around it because it's gonna have to be replaced, you know. Maybe it can go on the historic registrar, you know, if you've ever been in. It is a wonderful exemplary of the past, but it does not serve any longer.

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And, you know, when our youth go out there, they're wonderful, they have pride. And I think they also deserve a gym more befitting of the type of competition and skills they bring to the forefront. So factor that in before we have a need, yeah. And I thank you for all of your services for your funding of MEO, and I thank you for being here with us tonight. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Lyn. Our next testifier is Kawika Crivello followed by Lori-Lei Rawlins-Crivello.

MR. CRIVELLO: Aloha. My name is Kawika Crivello. I'm here speaking on behalf of the Molokai Middle School. I'm a outreach counselor there and Uplink curriculum instructor in the afterschool program. I'm just here to mahalo you folks first for all your hard work, which I know firsthand. You know, I see it within the confines of our home. And want to speak on behalf of the MEO and the support of our keiki and the transportation that you give them. And we know for a fact that a lot of these children wouldn't be participating, especially in our afterschool program, if there wasn't any transportation. And if you know the percentage of a lot of things over here on Molokai, stagnant children at home without any guidance, it's a dangerous place to be. So to have them with us in the afterschool program, I think is maika`i, it's, you know, also good for them growing and building their relationships with good people that are out there to reach out and help. Secondly, I want to talk about the Maui Princess. We take a lot of students—you guys heard athletics—I was part of taking a STEM team to Maui last year. I'm organizing right now as we speak, 18 middle school students to go to Lanai. We tried getting on Ohana Air. For the time, we looked at the budget and everything, we couldn't afford it. And so we're going via Maui Princess, I think it's Expedition Lanai; so we're doing it that route. So we ask for your folks' support. And want to say again, mahalo, mahalo nui.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Kawika. And Lori-Lei will be followed by Mahealani Rawlins.

MS. RAWLINS-CRIVELLO: Aloha -

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Aloha.

MS. RAWLINS-CRIVELLO: --Councilmembers. Thank you for being here tonight. I guess I stand before you wearing many hats. 'Cause you know in a small community you're involved with so many different aspects of your community. So I stand before you as a community member, as a committee member, as a business person, and first and foremost to thank you folks for your support for the many programs that you have supported that have benefitted our community. First of all, mahalo for supporting the County Office of Economic Development funding, which has directly benefitted Ka Molokai Makahiki and the Molokai Canoe Festivals' Kulaia event. First of all, Ka Molokai Makahiki has been standing for over 30 years. And it has been getting bigger and drawing in more people from the state to recognize the cultural aspect of

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competition and fellowship and education. So mahalo for your continued support for that program or event. Secondly, for the Molokai Canoe Festivals' Kulaia event, we had our inaugural event, our first annual, this past year. And there's a lot of history with that, but it was a great success where we shut down Kaunakakai town. And this is during the weekends of the men's canoe race and the women's canoe races. And as you know there's been a lot of struggles with the, I guess, escort boats, the fishing concerns. And so part of our approach is to bridge the gap between them and our community as well as welcoming all the visitors that comes from the neighbor islands, from the states, and from the different countries. So we believe that we were very successful in that approach and having a better, I guess, way to educate people about our island, about our culture, about our resources, and in a much more, I guess, inviting environment. So mahalo for your support and we continue to ask for your continued support for those two events. Also, we'd like to ask your support of Councilmember Stacy Crivello's, I guess, resolution for the Molokai ferry. And you've heard all the testimonies prior, how important it is for our island. I've heard a lot of testimony to support the athletics of the high school, but there's so many different programs that access the Molokai ferry, you know. Like Kawika mentioned, the STEM, the robotics, during the canoe races. And I'm not sure if you realize how many races comes through Molokai, water sport: at least nine; and, for each of those, people access the ferry. Already, it's hard to get to Molokai by plane, so I've heard of people flying to Maui from Oahu to catch the ferry to come to Molokai. During Makahiki events, I've heard people who call us and tell us that they've gone down there and saw signs that it was sold out, you know. So please continue to, you know, look at solutions and hopefully the resolution begins that process.

MR. JENSEN: Four minutes.

MS. RAWLINS-CRIVELLO: Thank you. And, also, thank you for supporting the TWIC program. As a businessperson, it's a necessity, definitely a necessity for Molokai; so mahalo for that. And, of course, for MEO services, their many services. So mahalo nui for all that you continue to do, and have a safe trip home.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much. And the reso did pass out today, so the job or the responsibility now is in the Mayor's hands. Mahealani? Mahealani will be followed by Lily Jenkins.

MS. RAWLINS: Aloha. I'm Mahealani Rawlins. I am here in full support of the resolution put forth by Councilmember Stacy Crivello pertaining to the Molokai ferry operations. I am the Molokai High School girls volleyball coach, and I am concerned for our athletic programs which will be drastically affected should the Molokai ferry no longer continue their operations between Maui and Molokai. Currently, majority of our athletes travel by ferry, which allows us to travel as a team and the ability to provide the space for all our travel equipment, luggage, coolers, sleeping gear, et cetera, at no extra cost. Mokulele Airlines would not be able to provide our needs of having our team travel together or transport our check-in items. Although Ohana by Hawaiian

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would be able to accommodate our team to travel together and have the capacity to take our luggage, the fares fluctuate ranging between \$70 and \$140 one way and added cost for each bag checked in would wipe out our budget before midseason. Some of our athletic programs would be jeopardized in being cut due to financial strain of operating due to travel for competition. Currently, we have a total of three of our own school buses on Maui for athletic travel which is housed at Lahainaluna High School which saves us on transportation cost. The convenience of housing it there allows us easy access from the ferry and frees us up from parking fees. Mahalo.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mahealani. Next testifier is Lily...you can only testify once.

MS. RAWLINS-CRIVELLO: No, I just wanted to add to that. The Kulaia event, because it's an OED grant, we just wanted to share that with that 20,000 funding, the return was 75,000 with a 20 percent increase in our business economy here, so mahalo.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, great, thank you. Lily Jenkins? Gone home. Debbie Naeole? And Debbie will be followed by Sierra Pico.

MS. NAEOLE: Aloha.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Aloha.

MS. NAEOLE: Welcome to Molokai. Hi Don.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Hi.

MS. NAEOLE: Stacy, howzit. I...my name is Debbie Naeole and I represent our halau Hula O Molokai who, in conjunction with Halau Hula O Kukunaokala, organizes the Molokai Ka Hula Piko. And we want to thank you for our grant that we got awarded last year, and we truly, truly appreciate it. And I want to thank Jennifer and Stacy for their help on that for us. We also want to thank you for all the other funds that you have funded for the other organizations because it helps the local businesses grow and encourages new businesses, and the growth and business also presents job opportunities for the local residents and is good for the island economy. For the past 20 years, Hula Halau O Molokai and, of course, Hula Halau O Kukunaokala has hosted the Molokai Ka Hula Piko Festival; and the festival was founded by our beloved kumu hula the late John Kaimikaua. And his vision for Molokai was to strengthen the community and families culturally, spiritually, and economically through the hula and chant traditions of Molokai. This festival is a three-day event free to all visitors, residents, and participants. And we believe in truly keeping this event free and open to all so that we can continue the traditions of our kupuna and the vision of Kumu John. It begins with onsite visits and cultural and historic significance, lectures on the annual theme, local entertainment, Molokai craft and food vendors, and concluding with a traditional hoolaulea. So we ask again for your support so that we can continue this event to continue the traditions of Molokai. Thank you.

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VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Debbie. And Sierra will be followed by Tanner...looks like Mosher. Go ahead.

MS. PICO: Aloha. My name is Kamalani Pico. This is Hunter Manaba, Tanner Mosher, and Paula Friel. We are all senior student athletes of Molokai High School, and we would like to ask you to support government intervention of our athletic program funding with assisting with travel for our athletic program because that is how we get to participate in our sports. And sports help encourage us to work hard, keep our grades up, excel in school, and persevere in all things. I've been wrestling about eight years now and have caught the ferry many, many times to compete. Without the ferry, I wouldn't have been able to compete in wrestling which has gotten me three offers for a full-ride scholarships to colleges in the mainland. So I can now pursue my career. Even with the ferry's existence, many of our student athletes have qualified for states and our school budget struggles to send all qualifiers to compete. Mahalo.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Sierra. And Sierra's followed by –

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Congratulations.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: --and, yes, congratulations as Mr. Couch said—Tanner Mosher.

MR. MOSHER: Aloha. I'm Tanner Mosher, and I would just like to say, thank you for MEO, and help to continue funding because without them I would not be able to come home after all my sports and activities 'cause they're held at the high school and I catch them downtown and then, from there, home. Mahalo.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Tanner. The next is Wilma Noelani Joy.

MS. FRIEL: I'm sorry, I'm jumping in out of line with my students. My name is Paula Friel, and these are my students. We actually came as an economics class. I offered extra credit, 'cause I wanted them to have experience to hear what a Budget meeting sounds like, to get the exposure, and to gain knowledge. And they actually benefitted a lot by learning about the programs, so thank you for making this an opportunity where anybody can attend to hear. And I wanted to talk to you as a teacher, on behalf of 21st Century, I highly benefit from the program because all my students can go for afterschool help. And thanks to the MEO bus, they don't have the excuse of not having a ride home. So when they are in need of extra help or need any technology assistance that is always something they can depend on to be there for them. Also, as a former assistant athletic director—I was the assistant athletic director at the high school for at least three to four years—so I personally know our budget. With the subsidies, with our budget, with the ferry, we always ended up in the red, we were always insufficient. So and I know you are aware of that problem, but anything you could do to continue support our athletic program, it is something that is truly

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positive for our kids and has never failed them or the school and allows many of our kids the opportunity to continue with higher education, so thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Paula, thank you for what you do. Next will be Wilma Noelani Joy. And she'll be followed by Andrea Trenner.

MS. JOY: Aloha.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Aloha.

MS. JOY: Nice to see you here, really appreciate your attention. I'm Wilma Noelani Joy, Hoolehua, Molokai resident, here all my life. Okay. As a citizen of Molokai, I support the continuation of County services by various departments, especially Parks and Recreation, because I use the Parks facilities with tutu and me; Fire Department for safety reasons; Police Department also for safety reasons. When necessary, they're there, I do want them to continue. Okay. One of my big issues. Mayor Arakawa stated, the simple truth is we can't afford not to invest in our infrastructure for the infrastructure for the future—I'm sorry—for the future. Infrastructure...and managed for public use must meet communities' current and future needs, such as your water infrastructure. There has been no development of water on Molokai for over ten years and our population has grown. Your current system is currently all users of the Kualapu`u system are all overpumping their allocation, and they're beginning to see negative effects: increase in salinity. Therefore, if the Maui County water supply is looking at the current site, the answer is no. They can't afford another well at the current site. But exploration of new well sites is necessary elsewhere for you must develop new water for the future, 'cause we already tapped it out, what you got. Remember this, Kualapu`u aquifer services from Kaluakoi, Maunaloa, all the way through Kaunakakai passed beyond to before Kawela; that is a huge area, the majority of the population of this island, and Maui County has a big chunk of it. So I am asking you to develop exploratory wells, the first stage towards completing a new well site. I'm not saying you going get a million-gallon well, it's not going to happen. You lucky you get half million of quality, drinking water. But it has to be done now, it takes five years. I've not seen a well go in in less than five years from exploration to completion, actually getting the water out. It has to start now, 'cause in five years there will be more overdraw and who knows what the quality will be. So I'm asking, because you have \$50 million set aside for development of sources, Molokai deserves part of it, we've not had anything from the County, now is the time. And I ask your support to get that development of new water sources in the Kualapu`u aquifer soon. And, lastly, as a land taxpayer of Molokai, I strongly support no increase in the minimum land-tax requirement. You went from \$30 to \$60 to \$90 to \$120 to \$250 per piece.

MR. JENSEN: Four minutes.

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MS. JOY: And then, it says, no more, enough already. Two fifty...30 to 250, I'm seeing this myself, I paid it myself. Enough. Work with what you got, it's enough. And I thank you very much for your attention.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Ms. Joy. And the last testifier to sign up is Andrea Trenner. And if there's anyone else who would like to provide testimony, please sign up in the back of the room. I don't...oh, there's Ella. No, you don't have to go back there unless you see somebody at the desk, Ella. Ms. Trenner, please proceed.

MS. TRENNER: Hi, I'm Andrea Trenner, and I'm the CFO at Molokai Community Health Center. And really, I'm just here to thank all of you, especially Stacy and Mike for your grant last year that went in to helping us renovate our facility to ensure we had the proper, required electrical. We're putting in some sidewalks to expand services. Molokai Community Health Center sees on average about 13,000 visits a year of 3,000 patients. We do primary medical, dental, behavioral health, and WIC, and early intervention. So again just thank you so much for your support and we look forward to seeing you on the island again.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much, Andrea. Is there anyone else wishing to testify this evening? Seeing no one rushing forward...

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS.

ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.

. . .END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: I want to thank all of you for sticking it out with us all evening, and we really appreciate hearing your perspectives. And you know that you've got a great representative in Auntie Stacy. And all the rest of us represent you as much as we represent anyone on Maui. So thank you again for sharing your mana`o with us this evening and please drive safely on your way home. Aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Meeting is adjourned?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Meeting is adjourned. . . .(gavel). . .

ADJOURN: 8:20 p.m.

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