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Council Chamber, 8th Floor

CONVENE: 1:37 p.m.

PRESENT: VOTING MEMBERS:
Councilmember Stacy Crivello, Chair
Councilmember Gladys C. Baisa, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Robert Carroll
Councilmember Don Couch
Councilmember Don S. Guzman

NON-VOTING MEMBERS:
Councilmember Elle Cochran

EXCUSED: VOTING MEMBERS:
Councilmember Riki Hokama
Councilmember Michael P. Victorino

STAFF: Michele Yoshimura, Legislative Analyst
Tammy M. Frias, Committee Secretary
Ella Alcon, Council Aide, Molokai Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)
Denise Fernandez, Council Aide, Lanai Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)
Dawn Lono, Council Aide, Hana Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)

ADMIN.: Jo-Ann T. Ridao, Director, Department of Housing and Human Concerns
Jeffrey T. Ueoka, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel

Seated in the gallery

Janice Y. Shishido, Deputy Director, Department of Housing and Human Concerns
Clyde A. "Buddy" Almeida, Assistant Housing Administrator, Housing Division, Department of Housing and Human Concerns

OTHERS: Mercer "Chubby" Vicens
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CHAIR CRIVELLO: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Good afternoon. The meeting of the Housing, Human Services, and Transportation Committee will now come to order. It is 1:37 p.m. on Thursday, June 18, 2015. I am Stacy Crivello, Chair of the Housing, Human Services, and Transportation Committee. Today, the meeting of the Housing and Human Services is on our agenda. Before we begin, may I please request that we all turn off or silence our cell phones or other noise-making devices. At this time, I'd like to introduce our Committee voting Members. Committee Vice-Chair Gladys Baisa.

VICE-CHAIR BAISA: Good afternoon, Chair.

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Good afternoon. Member Bob Carroll.

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: Good afternoon, Chair.

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Aloha. Member Don Couch.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Good afternoon, Chair.

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Member Don Guzman.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Good afternoon, Chair.

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Member Riki Hokama is excused and Member Mike Victorino will be joining us later. I'd also like to introduce and thank her for coming, Councilmember Elle Cochran.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you. Aloha, Chair.

CHAIR CRIVELLO: At this time, I'd like to introduce the Administration representatives, Jo-Ann Ridao, Director of Housing and Human Concerns.

MS. RIDAO: Good afternoon.

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Jeffrey Ueoka, Deputy Corporation Counsel, and our Committee Staff, Tammy Frias, Committee Secretary, and Michele Yoshimura, Legislative Analyst. Members, with your permission before we begin today, the Chair would like to take a moment to recognize our Director. This will be her final Committee meeting. She will be retiring from the County on June 30th. Okay. So, Jo-Ann, on behalf of the Housing and Human Concerns Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to say mahalo and a hui hou to Maui County's homegrown treasure, Housing and Human Concerns Director, Ms. Jo-Ann Ridao. It is her intent to retire from this phase of her career effective June 30, 2015. As Director, she is responsible for managing and overseeing the operations and budgets, imagine, of seven Divisions: Housing, Office on Aging, Kaunoa Senior Center, Grants Management, the Volunteer Center, Early Childhood Center, and Immigration Services. Her earned accolades leave her footprints for many to follow, but many a place where not enough of us have walked. Her leadership skills will be missed as she has the know-how to address issues relating to affordable

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housing, homelessness, our kupuna, and immigrants. Jo-Ann facilitates the mission of Housing and Human Concerns very naturally. Our mission is to support and enhance the social wellbeing of the citizens of Maui County. Our late Queen Liliuokalani once said aloha, to learn what is not said, to see what cannot be seen, and to know the unknowable. In my few years that I have had the privilege of working with Ms. Ridao, I am gratified to have had the experience to work with a Director, a public servant, that is ever so mindful of the virtues of: akahi, kindness, to express with tenderness; lokahi, unity, to be expressed with harmony; oluolu, agreeable, to be expressed with pleasantness; haahaa, humility, to be expressed with modesty; ahonui, patience, to be expressed with perseverance. Aloha is the essence of relationships in which each person is important to every person for collective existence. On behalf of Maui County, our Committee, for a little while, we say a hui hou and we say mahalo, mahalo nui and may the presence of his light, always lead your path, as you enjoy your ohana during your chapter of retirement. God bless you, Jo-Ann.

MS. RIDAO: Thank you so much, Chair, for those kind words.

CHAIR CRIVELLO: You're so welcome. Okay, now to get our emotions all together. Members, we have one item on the agenda today, HHT-6, amending Chapter 2.96, Maui County Code, relating to Residential Workforce Housing Policy. Let's start with public testimony. Assisting us this afternoon from the Hana District Office is Dawn Lono.

MS. LONO: Good afternoon Chair, this is Dawn Lono at the Hana Office.

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Aloha, Dawn. From the Lanai District Office, is Denise Fernandez.

MS. FERNANDEZ: Good afternoon Chair, this is Denise Fernandez on Lanai.

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Thank you, Denise. And from the Molokai District Office, is Ella Alcon.

MS. ALCON: Good afternoon Chair. This is Ella Alcon on Molokai.

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Thank you. And in relation to public testimony, for individuals who will be testifying in the Chamber, please sign up at the desk, located in the 8th floor lobby, just outside the Chamber door. If you will be testifying from the remote testimony location specified on the meeting agenda, please sign up with the Council Staff at that location. Testimony will be limited to the items listed on the agenda today, and pursuant to the Rules of the Council, each testifier will be allowed to testify for up to three minutes per item, with one minute to conclude if requested. When testifying, please state your name and the name of any organization you are representing. Do we have any testifiers?

MS. FRIAS: No, Madam Chair.

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CHAIR CRIVELLO: At this time, we have no testifiers in the Chamber. I will check with our District Office. Ms. Lono, is there anyone wishing to provide testimony from the Hana District Office?

MS. LONO: There is no one at the Hana Office waiting to testify.

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Ms. Fernandez, anyone from the Lanai Office?

MS. FERNANDEZ: There is no one waiting to testify on Lanai.

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Thank you. Molokai Office, are there any testifiers?

MS. ALCON: There is no one here on Molokai waiting to testify.

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Thank you. Members, as there are no further individuals in the Council Chamber or District Offices wishing to testify, without objection, I will now close public testimony.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

ITEM HHT-6: AMENDING CHAPTER 2.96, RESIDENTIAL WORKFORCE HOUSING POLICY (CC 15-93)

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Our agenda item, Amending Chapter 2.96, Residential Workforce Housing Policy. We also have in our Chambers, personnel from Housing is Buddy Almeida, Assistant Housing Administrator, and Deputy Director Jan Shishido. Thank you for being here. The Committee is in receipt of County Communication 15-93, from the Director of Housing and Human Concerns, transmitting a proposed bill entitled A Bill for an Ordinance Amending Chapter 2.96, Maui County Code, Relating to the Residential Workforce Housing Policy Credits and Foreclosures. The purpose of the proposed bill is to provide clarification specific to Sections 2.96.050 and 2.96.060, Maui County Code, relating to credits and foreclosures; correspondence dated June 2nd, 2015 from the Director of Housing and Human Concerns, transmitting a proposed bill entitled A Bill for an Ordinance Amending Chapter 2.96, Maui County Code, Relating to the Residential Workforce Housing Policy and Chapter 201H, Hawaii Revised Statutes Projects. The purpose of the proposed bill is to provide clarification specific to Section 2.96.030, Maui County Code, to state that in the event that the terms in Chapter 201H, Hawaii Revised Statutes and Chapter 2.96, Maui County Code are in conflict, the terms contained in Chapter 201H, HRS shall control. At this time, I would like to ask the Department to provide us some background on the matter and any comments.

MS. RIDAO: Yes, thank you, Chair. This is pretty much a housecleaning issue. Regarding the credits we ran into different interpretations and of course, and not to anyone's fault but, you know, developers are going to look for their best interests, and so in the issues of the credits, there was an interpretation that we did not necessarily agree

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with, so we wanted to clear that up. And then I think maybe we should take it one at a time, so I will let Jeff explain how and what some of the challenges he ran into with the credits when this issue came up on our working on the workforce housing agreements.

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Thank you. Mr. Ueoka.

MR. UEOKA: Thank you, Chair. When reading 2.96.050(A), it was brought to our attention that it talks about in excess of residential workforce housing units required by Section 2.96.040; 040 only applies to those market units. So in a 100 percent affordable project, since the units required, affordable units required, residential workforce housing units required are zero, the interpretation there was that someone would be eligible for 100 percent credits. Our understanding from discussions with Council was Council preferred to only give 75 percent credits of the total number of units even if they were doing 100 percent affordable, so we just put this language in so it's clear. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Thank you. Members, any comments, discussion? Mr. Guzman?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Thank you, Chair. I cannot recall what was the rationale behind the 75 percent, can you clarify or update?

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Mr. Ueoka?

COUNCIL MEMBER GUZMAN: I mean why not 85 or 80? I mean why did we go with 75 percent? I can't recall.

MR. UEOKA: Thank you, Chair. Councilmember Guzman, we, our understanding was that every project is required to do 25 percent of market, so the intent was, you should only be eligible for credits for, you know, 75 percent of your project. That was our understanding, but again, it's the Council's policy here, so if you guys want to choose some other number or even say 100 percent affordable housing projects are eligible for 100 percent credits, just let us know and we'll adjust the language accordingly. But our understanding was the Council was kind of set on getting at 25 percent baseline and giving credits in excess of that 25 percent. Only 100 percent affordable or not. Thank you.

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Thank you, Mr. Ueoka. You may continue, Department or Mr. Ueoka. Oh, you have any...okay, I'm sorry. Ms. Baisa and Mr. Carroll.

VICE-CHAIR BAISA: Chair...yeah. Chair, no questions, but I do understand what this is trying to do, and I understand it's basically housekeeping, so I'm okay. Thank you.

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Thank you. Mr. Carroll?

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: Thank you, Chair. This is something that we have been aware of for a long time, and it has been under discussion for a long time. And

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especially in my Committee is where this happens all the time. And I support this, I think it's definitely a move in the right direction. And I would like to thank Jo-Ann Ridao, if she would just stick around another year, I'll thank her some more. Thank you.

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Thank you, Mr. Carroll. Any more comments or discussion or questions? If not, thank you, we'll move on.

MS. RIDAO: Okay. The next item is in that same communication and it has to do with foreclosures. And when it comes to foreclosures, it can get really complicating so I want Jeff to explain that also.

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Mr. Ueoka?

MR. UEOKA: Thank you, Chair. It was complicated and Mr. Almeida has a background in this area so he was extremely helpful and he put us in touch with great contacts. Essentially, what our understanding is from a lot of the mortgage lenders, 'cause even after these units are built, the owners will most likely need financing for them. Therefore, we need to make our restrictions so that they work well with the mortgage lending bodies. And we were essentially told that if the units do go into foreclose, they need all of our, you know, our rights, the County's affordable housing rights to essentially go aside. So if the unit, if the people stay in there, they'll be subject to all the deed restrictions; however, if they go into foreclosure, the banks don't like to have that on, and typically our understanding is they probably will not lend if we have a lot of these restrictions on. Therefore, our proposal is that these stay on the deed; however, in the cases of foreclosure, our deed restrictions would not be applicable. It's mostly to make it easier for lenders to lend on the projects. Thank you.

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Thank you. Members, any questions, discussions, comments? Thank you. If not, we'll move on.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Chair?

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Oh, I'm sorry, Mr. Guzman. . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: No, I apologize. On the language that's being deleted in 1(C), is and shall not apply to sales by reason of foreclosure, so what you're indicating is that if it is in foreclosure, we're not going to have that I guess impediment or that deed restriction on there? Can you rephrase?

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Mr. Ueoka?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Because it sounded like it was contrary to the deletion.

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Mr. Ueoka, yes.

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MR. UEOKA: Thank you, Chair. Yes, Councilmember Guzman, it was my oversight when we first drafted this and brought it to you guys, we only had the and shall not apply to reasons by sale of foreclosure under Item 2(C), but instead, we actually wanted it to apply to pretty much all of 2. So, in our proposal, we took the language out of 2(C) and in 2(G), we made it applicable to items A through F.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: I see, down here. Okay. Very good. Thank you.

MR. UEOKA: Thank you.

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Thank you. Any more questions or comments? There being none, thank you. We'll move on to the next proposal.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: I'm sorry. Chair? Chair?

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Yes, Ms. Cochran.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you, and thank you for allowing me to be here. And so in this...and I understand the reason for the additional language here in regards to foreclosures, but then, this takes it out of sort of the workforce housing kind of pool then. Because now it's open to whoever comes for, at the auction of this foreclosure, to purchase, and now it can be market valued, or, you know is that --

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Mr. Ueoka?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: --kind of on the flipside of this language too?

MR. UEOKA: Thank you, Chair. Yes, it's a bad side of it, but I believe our understanding of it was also that if none of the affordable buyers are able to get financing, then the seller will be able to just go through the motions of give me some ease on this one but I think it's like 30 days at one level and then you have to go 30 days at the next level, and then 30 days at the next level, and then it goes market. So if financing isn't easy to get for the affordable buyers upfront, we could potentially lose the residential workforce housing unit from the get go. At least this way, hopefully with this language, they can get financing, get in the home and never deal with the foreclosure is our hope. However, if, you know, things happen and foreclosure does happen, then yes, the unit could be lost to the affordable, or the residential workforce housing pool. Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay. Alright, well thank you. I mean it's reality in part of this but I understand, you know, it's a need here. So thank you, Chair, for the opportunity.

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Thank you. Thank you, Ms. Cochran. Any more questions or comments? Okay, Department, we'll move on to the next.

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MS. RIDAO: Okay, so the next item is in your communication of June 2nd, and this has to do with the issue of when we're dealing with 201H projects, we just wanted to clarify when there's the conflict, that the 201, the State law will supersede 2.96, and Jeff can give further clarification on that.

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Thank you, Mr. Ueoka.

MR. UEOKA: Thank you, Chair. After 2.96 passed, we were discussing it further in regards to 201H projects and one of the things the Council typically requires is for the 201H, is that they enter into a workforce housing agreement with the County for the 2 point...or the 201H project, and typically, for consistency, the Department and myself, we try to follow, we try to have the same agreements, you know, the same form for everyone, just for consistency, so we know, or we think we know what we're doing at the time. And what we noticed was the 201H projects, under Chapter 201H have certain requirements; I believe it's a 15-year owner occupancy, whereas now in 2.96, it's I think 10, 8, and 5 and there's some other things regarding resales and stuff that we still have to follow for 201H. And we still want the developers to do 2.96 as much as possible but we understand that they need to follow 201H because they are doing a 201H project. So, I hope that was clear enough, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Thank you. Any questions or comments? Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: I'm still a little...can you give an example of what provisions in here that 201H, that could be done under 201H and vice versa, which provisions in here that 201H would override?

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Mr. Ueoka?

MR. UEOKA: Thank you, Chair. The primary one is the affordability period. 2.96 now requires, I think it's, I believe I said ten, eight, and five years, depending on which income group it is. 201H just says that they're 15 years I believe. It has to remain affordable for 15 years. So that's the primary one, and there are some other small ones but that's the big one, in my opinion. Thank you.

MS. RIDAO: If I may, Chair?

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Yes.

MS. RIDAO: The other one also is that our maximum affordability is 140 percent, and the 201H is 120 percent. So it's a little bit more restrictive in 201H.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: So in this, in both of those examples, it's 201H would override ours. What kind of things in ours would, that, what kind of things would they be restricted to in our, 2.96, that they might have been easier to get away with in 201H?

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Mr. Ueoka?

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MR. UEOKA: Thank you, Chair. Yes, there's some fees that we're allowed to waive under 2.96 and those are kind of based on affordability. But primarily, it's the structure that 2.96 provides, where it says you should have this many in this bracket, this many in this bracket, this many in this bracket, there's, you know, there's already some resale provisions in 201H but 2.96 has some also that they're similar so we can compare. Essentially, we just want the structure of 2.96 where it can be there so when we're doing our agreement we have something solid to base it off of. And where 201H is in conflict with 2.96, we'll follow 201H for those 201H projects. It's simply for the structure provided to us from 2.96.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: So, in that case...thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: So in that case, when you go through, when somebody comes to the Department for 201H, you will point them to 2.96 and say you gotta kind of fit in here where you can, because, you know, if I'm somebody that wants to come in and do a 201H, I'm not going to know this unless I happen to know 2.96. So you guys are gonna point them to that and then you'll remind us too? You know, whoever's here in these seats say hey, they're required to go to 2.96. Because some of these things we put on as modifications in Mr. Carroll's Committee. They request exemption from fees or whatever and we have them here, but we also put some of the things that are in here that we like as a modification sometimes. But now you're just saying we won't have to do that now. Some of the stuff that we kind of always do as a modification because of 2.96, it's automatic now.

MR. UEOKA: If I may, Chair?

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Yes, please.

MR. UEOKA: Thank you, Chair. Yes, again, with that structure, it would be those types of things would become I guess, 201Hs are always...or nothing's ordinary about them ever, but yeah, we're hoping that it would become a bit more routine and we'd be a little better off with our modification exemption list. This will lead us in the right direction. Because prior to this passing, 201H, or I shouldn't say this passing, but the modifications done by Chair Crivello, 201H projects were actually exempt from 2.96, but now we included them, made them subject to 2.96, just for again, the structure. So this is just to clean it up to make sure that in areas of conflict. Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you.

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Thank you. Any more questions, comments, or further discussion? Department? Mr. Ueoka, any further comments?

MS. RIDAO: No further comments, Chair. Thank you.

MR. UEOKA: No further comments. Thank you, Chair.

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CHAIR CRIVELLO: Thank you. Members...thank you, Department and Corporation Counsel, for providing us all of the information we need. At this time, Members, I'd like to entertain a motion to recommend passage of the proposed bills entitled A Bill for an Ordinance Amending Chapter 2.96, Maui County Code, Relating to the Residential Workforce Housing Policy Credits and Foreclosures, and A Bill for an Ordinance Amending Chapter 2.96, Maui County Code, Relating to the Residential Workforce Housing Policy and Chapter 201H, Hawaii Revised Statutes Projects on first reading, and filing of County Communication 15-93 in addition to allowing Staff to make technical and nonsubstantive revisions.

VICE-CHAIR BAISA: So moved, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: Second.

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Thank you. There is, moved by Councilmember Baisa, seconded by Councilmember Carroll. So at this time, I would like to entertain if there are any discussion before we take the vote? Further discussion on the matter? If not, all those in favor, say "aye"?

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Any opposition? I have five ayes, two excused, Councilmember Victorino and Councilmember Hokama.

VOTE:	AYES:	Chair Crivello, Vice-Chair Baisa, and Councilmembers Carroll, Couch, and Guzman.
	NOES:	None.
	EXC.:	Councilmembers Hokama and Victorino.
	ABSENT:	None.
	ABSTAIN:	None.

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION: FIRST READING of bills and FILING of communication.

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Thank you, Members. Members, very short, we have completed today's agenda. However, before I adjourn, I would like to afford the opportunity for any comments from our Members who have worked many years with Ms. Rida. At this time, Ms. Baisa.

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VICE-CHAIR BAISA: Thank you very much, Chair. And I've had the opportunity to work with Ms. Ridao longer than she and I probably want to acknowledge. We go back to our early days of the founding of Lokahi Pacific and that was in like 1970 was it, Jo-Ann?

MS. RIDAO: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR BAISA: 1970. So we've been through, I've known her for a very long time and I've watched her career and Jo-Ann is very dedicated to her work and really cares a lot. And I think that, you know, we're losing a very dedicated and knowledgeable employee but it's time and there does come a time where we retire, and if Jo-Ann is like me, I know she's not going to be very retired, she'll be dragged into, you know, still contributing to our community. Jo-Ann, I wish you good health, I wish you all the best, and thank you, thank you for all you've given our community, and best of health.

MS. RIDAO: Thank you.

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Mr. Carroll,

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: Thank you, Chair. I too, have worked with her before she was in her present position even, and it's really, really been inspiring because she's always gone the extra mile, working to her housing, working to make sure that we can get people in housing, affordable housing, working directly with people to get them qualified. She's a living example of what we should be and I am humbled by looking how much she does and how sometimes I feel how little I do compared to her. And it was really good, the only thing is it's very disappointing that she's abandoning us but other than that, it was really an honor. I hope she has a really, really good retirement, and if she will come back to my office and visit us sometime, I still have chocolate. Thank you.

MS. RIDAO: Thank you.

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Ms. Cochran.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you, Chair. And thanks for this opportunity. And I guess I'm kind of opposite, it was prior to me getting on the Council, I had my first interaction with Ms. Ridao and that was via FACE Maui and the affordable housing that's still yet to be built, but by Pomaikai School at the end of Kamehameha Avenue. But I recall our beach balls and it was signed and we gave you one and we gave Mr. Pontanilla one and that was my first sort of introduction to yourself and kind of the whole process here. But as I'm, now I'm sitting here and been working with you and also having this Committee too, appreciate your hard work and due diligence in, you know, your job and your historical background that you always brought to the table when we worked through things. So again, it's well deserved retirement, I know, but again, we all I'm sure can find you hopefully, for any, as a resource person, to help us if there ever comes times we are stumped with certain things. And but I know you'll enjoy yourself and you're over the guilt trip that Mr. Carroll tried to put on you a

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minute ago already. But with that, Ms. Ridao, thank you and all the best to you in the future, and yeah, don't forget us, keep an eye on us too.

MS. RIDAO: I will now. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Mr. Couch.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Thank you, Ms. Cochran.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Madam Chair. And I want to echo my colleague's sentiments. I've been working with you for five years and it's been a really good run. You've done a great job with the Department. I know, having been in the Administration, how tough it is to run that Department so good job. You've left a lot of, some pretty big shoes to fill, so hopefully you can train somebody, hopefully you're training somebody now, to fill your shoes. I wish you well in your retirement. I know you, you know, you're going to take your frequent trips, and remember anytime you go to Italy, bring back the chocolate for Bob and me. So good luck and have some good times.

MS. RIDAO: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Mr. Guzman?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Thank you, Chair. I too would like to thank Ms. Ridao for utmost professionalism and just being a straight shooter with the utmost integrity. It's always been an easy task to be a member of this Committee because of the leadership that has bestowed, that you have in the Department. So you will truly be missed and we thank your family for all the hours that you weren't with them, but at least during the time that I was on the Committee you were very much appreciated and you will be missed. And so God bless you and happy trips and hope to see you around.

MS. RIDAO: Thank you very much.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Thank you.

MS. RIDAO: If I may, Chair?

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Yes please.

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MS. RIDAO: I just want to say that, you know, like Gladys said, it's time. It's time for me to go. I'm very, very fortunate that I was able to work for a nonprofit and, you know, get my training there and be able to come here and work with the County. Let me tell you, if we don't work together, if we're not a collaborative community, we don't get things done and that is kind of my way of doing things, is trying to work with everybody and try to collaborate and come up with resolutions. So yes, I will be around and I'm sure you'll probably be seeing me sometime or the other working on something. But that will kind of be my way of doing things as I move forward into the future. You know I've been working for over 40 years now and when my granddaughter turned 17 I realized that you know what, I worked through my whole, my kid's lives and then now she's 17 and I'm thinking "God, where did the time go?" So, that was one of the things that made me think about it and make the decision because her plans are to go to school on the mainland and it hit me like "wow, what if she stays there?" you know, and I'm not going to be seeing her every day. So, I want to see her every day, I want to spend a lot more time with her and my other two grandchildren. I have two children of my own and I want to spend time with them. So that's where my focus will be but I know I will be spending time with the community and I look forward to seeing you guys sometime soon. Thank you.

CHAIR CRIVELLO: Mr. Ueoka, you want to say anything?

MR. UEOKA: I'm good. Thank you.

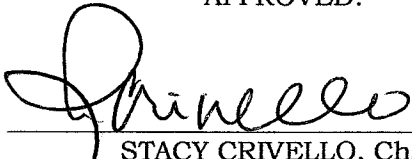
CHAIR CRIVELLO: You're good? Again, I'd like to say thank you and thank you for...I'd like to thank Mr. Ueoka and you for today's meeting but most of all, for all of your contributions. I would like to thank our Staff for their support. And, Committee, thank you. So at this time, I would like to adjourn, if there are no objections?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR CRIVELLO: . . .*(gavel)*. . .

ADJOURN: 2:11 p.m.

APPROVED:



STACY CRIVELLO, Chair
Housing, Human Services, and
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CERTIFICATE

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

DATED the 1st day of July, 2015, in Kahului, Hawaii

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kisha Tam", is written over a horizontal line.

Kisha Tam