

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Council of the County of Maui

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April 8, 2016

Lanai Senior Center

CONVENE: 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Riki Hokama, Chair
Councilmember Mike White, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Robert Carroll, Member
Councilmember Elle Cochran, Member
Councilmember Don Couch, Member
Councilmember Michael P. Victorino, Member

EXCUSED: Councilmember Gladys C. Baisa, Member
Councilmember Stacy Crivello, Member
Councilmember Don S. Guzman, Member

STAFF: Greg Garneau, Legislative Attorney
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Denise Fernandez, Council Aide, Lanai Council Office

ADMIN.: Carol Reimann, Director, Department of Housing and Human Concerns

OTHERS: Scott Stein, Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.
Robin Kaye, President, Lanai Changes
Regina Agliam, Administrative Assistant/Program Coordinator, Lanai Youth Center
Vanessa Kahananui-Peralta, Lanai Youth Center
Alanna Manuel, Lanai Youth Center
Skyler Segismundo, Lanai Youth Center
Ry-Ann Autele, Lanai Youth Center
Nanea Palumbo, Lanai Youth Center
Kimora Agliam, Lanai Youth Center
Nancy Rajaei, Interim Executive Director, Lanai Youth Center
Alberta de Jetley, Board Member, Tri-Isle Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc. and Maui Economic Development Board
David Embrey
Bradley Bunn, Chair, Lanai Chamber of Commerce
Butch Gima
Gail Shin, Program Administrator, E Malama I Na Keiki O Lanai Preschool
Kris Kahihikolo, Program Assistant, Lanai Senior Center
Lynn McCrory, Senior Vice-President of Government Affairs, Pulama Lanai
Aiza Alcantara, E Malama I Na Keiki O Lanai Preschool
Joelle Aoki, Executive Director, Kumpang Lanai, Coalition for Drug Free Lanai

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Winifred Basques
Geraldine Carroll
Others (25)

ITEM 1: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2017 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI

CHAIR HOKAMA: . . .*(gavel)*. . . It is 6:00 p.m. Therefore, this meeting shall come to order. This is the Maui County Council's Committee on Budget and Finance. This evening we are here to take comments from the Lanai community regarding the Mayor's Proposed Fiscal Year 2017 Budget. And we are here to take your comments and your thoughts regarding the Mayor's Proposal, and even if it's not in the proposal, if you have an interest, please share it with the Members on what you think is important for Lanai and for our community. So let me introduce the Members that have made the effort to join you this evening. On the far left is Mr. Robert Carroll from Hana.

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: Aloha.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Next we have Ms. Elle Cochran from Lahaina, West Maui.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Aloha.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And we have Mr. Mike Victorino from Wailuku.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Aloha, everyone.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And Mike is the father of Shane. Shane is not the son of Mike. Mike is the father of Shane. . . .*(laughter)*. . . Then we have from South Maui, Mr. Don Couch.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Aloha, everybody.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And then our Chairman of the Council from Paia-Haiku is Mr. Mike White.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Aloha.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. This evening so that everyone has the same opportunity as everybody else, we shall give you three minutes to share your thoughts with us. We also take written testimony so if you get stuck and you have a hard time finishing, we are happy to take what you have written as your testimony. Even after this meeting is done, if you have testimony or comments you would like to share with this Committee, please submit it. We take testimony every day during the Budget Committee's meetings so we are open to continue receiving comments as we work on the Mayor's Budget. So as our practice we usually give our youth an opportunity to speak first or our seniors and on this island pretty much we're all seniors if we're not youth. We'll ask Mr. Scott Stein to come forward and share his thoughts with us please.

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. . .BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

MR. STEIN: Councilmembers, thank you so much for making the trip to Lanai. I'd like to thank you for your continued support of our MEO program. I'm the President of MEO Senior Club on Lanai and the coordination of services for...on Maui for the benefit of our seniors and the disabled. On Lanai, MEO provides transportation to doctor's appointments, the grocery store, post office, and meetings on our island. MEO also provides transportation to the ferry and airport when our kupuna have medical and other needs on our sister islands. I am sure I'm not the first to tell you that we are blessed to live on Lanai. With that said, MEO provides coordinated trips to Maui three times a month for more moderately priced groceries, health and personal care items at pharmacies, stop to the mall, and to Walmart and Target. The coordination between MEO Lanai under the leadership of Doreen Pascua, who also advises our MEO Senior Club and the MEO leadership on Lanai continue to help...on Maui continue to help our seniors significantly and has given us the opportunity through the day trips to Maui to attend cultural and festival events. We thank you for what you have provided for us and we hope we can count on you for continued support. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you for being here this evening. Next we'll have Robin Kaye, and following Mr. Kaye will be Regina Agliam.

MR. KAYE: One of the second advantages of being a senior, the other being the ferry's discount. . . .(laughter). . . Aloha and welcome back to Lanai. My name is Robin Kaye and I'm currently serving as the Board President for Lanai Changes. On behalf of the board, I would like to thank the Councilmembers, and particularly our Councilmember Riki, for your continued support for the work of Lanai Changes. Lanai Changes is the island's Community Development Corporation, CDC, and our primary mission is to diversify the economy of this island to create and support economic drivers in addition to the visitor industry on this island. For the past three years, we have focused on our economic development services in the field of kupuna care. Like for example, supporting ten women receiving their Certified Nursing Assistant degrees last year. This year we're working on creating an adult daycare facility here on Lanai. One that would provide services for kupuna in addition to the wonderful services that happen in the Senior Center. Another interesting example of our work on economic development are the two workshops we hosted this year looking to set up foster care homes on Lanai, which we have none. Currently, we're exploring the development of a certified commercial kitchen on this island, again where we have none. We believe that our efforts towards economic development support the County's desires for diversifying and expanding the economy of Lanai and so we will be coming to the County for a 2016-2017 grant seeking to further develop our shared incubator space, continue our efforts to establish both the commercial kitchen, and the adult daycare facility. We see all three of those efforts as bringing non-visitor industry based employment opportunities to Lanai. Again, thank you very much for coming. We look forward to your support again.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you.

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Chair, could we get that in writing? Could he give us a copy and we can make copies?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. We'll take it. Thank you, Robin.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Next we'll have Regina Agliam and the youth center gang. Thank you for being here. . . .*(children holding a sign)*. . . . Alright, nice sign.

MS. R. AGLIAM: Good afternoon, County Council Members. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for your time to be on Lanai and for your continued support at the Lanai Youth Center and our community. I'm very proud to be an employee at the Lanai Youth Center for now eight years especially with this gang. The Lanai Youth Center has a significant impact on our youth in this generation. As compared to when I was participating at the Youth Center in 1989, 1988ish, I've experienced the amazing transition to what it has become today. We assist by providing enhanced programs to help build positive attitudes and a healthy lifestyle. The youth are certainly developing in their character. Our children are becoming responsible young adults in our community. We value our youth and want to provide the best that we can for them. In restore, they will be the providers for our future. It is because of your continuous support to our organization that we have this opportunity. And with them participating today it demonstrates their education and it empowers them and they're very glad to be here and take part of this today. It also shows them how we operate and how important our community is together...as we work together. I thank you and your commitment, your excellent work, time, and dedication to our community.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Okay, who's next? Regina, can help her with the microphone, please? Thank you. Yeah, just push it down for her. Yeah, thank you.

MS. KAHANANUI-PERALTA: Dear Maui County Council, my name is Vanessa Kahananui-Peralta. I'm ten years old and I have been going to the Lanai Youth Center for two years. Thank you for providing a safe place to gather. I enjoy the educational games, nutrition, arts and crafts. There are also other activities and different programs where we do fun things and learn things like prevention. Thank you for continuing your support.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you.

MS. MANUEL: Dear Maui County Council, my name is Alanna Manuel, and I am nine years old. I've been coming to Lanai Youth Center for two years. What I love about the youth center is that we get to play on the iPad. What I like to do is go outside with the youth center members and staff and play Shark in the Middle because we have fun. But what I really love about that game is that we work as a team. Thank you for continuous support.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you.

MR. SEGISMUNDO: Dear Maui County Council, my name is Skyler and I'm 11 years old and I have been coming to the youth center for one year. I would like to thank you for supporting the youth center because I like to play, fitness, iPads, computer, and the different activities we do every day. Thank you for supporting us.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: What was your name? I didn't get your name.

CHAIR HOKAMA: His last name is Segismundo.

MR. SEGISMUNDO: Skyler Segismundo.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Skyler?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Oh, thank you, Skyler. I'm sorry.

MS. AUTELE: Dear Maui County Council, my name is Ry-Ann and I'm 11 years old. I've been coming to Lanai Youth Center for three years. What I love about the youth center is playing games and going on the iPad. What I like to do is doing baking activities because it is fun and we can eat it after. Thank you and please continue to support Lanai Youth Center in 2017.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you.

MS. AUTELE: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you. Good job.

MS. PALUMBO: Dear Maui Council, my name is Nanea Palumbo and I am ten years old. I've been going...I've been in the youth center for three years. What I love about the youth center is making crafts. What I like to do is play dodge ball because I have fun with my friends. Thank you for your continuous support.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you.

MS. R. AGLIAM: And I have an addition. I'm sorry.

CHAIR HOKAMA: No, that's okay.

MS. R. AGLIAM: It is my youngest daughter.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: That's fine.

MS. K. AGLIAM: Dear County Council, my name is Kimora. Thank you for supporting the youth center. I am seven years old. One day I would like to go there. Thank you.

MS. RAJAEI: Aloha.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Hi.

MS. RAJAEI: Hi, my name is Nancy Rajaei. I'm the Interim Executive Director of the youth center...the Lanai Youth Center. And first and foremost, thank you for supporting the Lanai Youth Center. With your continued support every fiscal year the Lanai Youth Center continues to be a pillar in the community and the only afterschool organization that offers a fun, safe place for youth to gather with a variety of supervised, organized, and structured activities where membership is free and open five days a week. This next fiscal year please approve our proposed budget so that we may continue our vital work: to increase the reach of our programs that develop the capacities for youth to be active agents of their own learning, and that help youth acquire the necessary skills and attitudes that better prepares them to navigate the world they will inherit. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you for being here this evening. Mr. White. Hold on.

MS. RAJAEI: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: I just have one question. I know how to play dodge ball, but I have no idea what Shark in the Middle is.

MS. RAJAEI: Shark in the Middle.

MS. R. AGLIAM: It's a little more confusing than dodge ball. There's a lot of balls coming at you.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: So you gotta move quick in other words. We wouldn't qualify, Mike. You're not going to qualify. . . .(laughter). . .

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you for being here this evening.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Good night, everybody.

CHAIR HOKAMA: It's Friday night so I know you folks want to do other things so thank you for being here. Yeah, excuse the Committee, we've been learning new terms. Parks just told us of a new program that is called pickleball and it has nothing to do with a pickle. It's a new event that they're trying to work out in communities called pickleball. And I will continue with our testimony so I'll ask Albert de Jetley if she would come forward and share her thoughts with us, please.

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MS. ALBERTA DE JETLEY: I'm gonna stay within my three minutes, but I'm gonna be reading two letters. The first is, good evening, my name is Alberta de Jetley. Thank you for coming to Lanai and giving Lanai residents an opportunity to testify in person. I am testifying before you as a member of the Board of Directors of Tri-Isle RC&D. May I have your support for the line item of \$8,000 so that Tri-Isle Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc. can purchase an AmpliFund Grant Management Software or AGMS. I understand that the County of Maui recently purchased an AGMS package for its own grantsmanship purpose and this, at least for Tri-Isle, validates its capacity and usefulness. Tri-Isle in Fiscal Year '15 and Fiscal Year '16 bought in and managed \$4,056,652 in public and private sector grants for over 20 [sic] different programs in Maui County. We administer, expend, and audit these grant funds on a Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget of \$372,000 of which \$161,568 are non-payroll costs. Tri-Isle sees AGMS as a cutting edge grants management software that will allow us to become more cost-effective, efficient, and audit-ready. Tri-Isle, as a Federal 501(c)(3) designated grant management and grant-making organization, is committed to becoming more supportive and capable of fostering the non-profit sector as a dynamic and vital economic engine for Maui County. We want to continue our partnership with the County of Maui in the provision of government services our communities throughout Maui, Molokai, and Lanai expect. Thank you.

The second letter is, my name is Alberta de Jetley, and I am speaking to you as a private citizen. Please consider funding for the Maui Economic Development Board in the County's upcoming Budget. MEDB facilitated focus group sessions for Lanai and Molokai to allow residents to provide their input on economic development strategies that reflect the natures of our communities and economics. This is the fourth cycle spanning a period of 20 years that MEDB has led this "ground-up" --

MR. GARNEAU: Two minutes, forty-five seconds.

MS. ALBERTA DE JETLEY: --initiative for the County, State, and Economic Development Administration, an agency of the U.S. Government. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Ms. de Jetley. Next we'll ask Mr. David Embrey if he would come forward and share his testimony with us, please. And following Mr. Embrey will be Brad Bunn.

MR. EMBREY: Aloha, Councilmembers. I am a commercial farmer over here and what Robin mentioned about a commercial kitchen is very much needed over here. We're finding out even though I can grow product, we cannot produce. You know, we're stuck in one situation. We cannot, you know, look ahead to produce different types of products like say jams or jellies or any of that. Even though I can grow it all, we can't do nothing with it 'cause we're stuck in one thing over here. In the future I feel for the people here that will produce a lot of jobs, you know, to have products, you know, for the hotels and everything for this island, and be well known for Lanai to have a factor in a product to have, you know, Lanai's name and everything for the people of Lanai. So my concern is

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about a certified kitchen, you know, a fully certified commercial kitchen. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And of course, for our understanding, you are looking at value-added products.

MR. EMBREY: Oh, yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Right?

MR. EMBREY: Yes, yes. You can grow and sell in the stores and everything, but you know, you only selling the raw product. We cannot do any type of, you know, salad preps or any type of preparation of anything we have we grow. And I'm not the only farmer now. We have a lot more commercial farmers coming ahead at us in the future and a lot of people come to me and says, David, I like do this, I like do this, but I say, no, we can't do it because we don't have a commercial kitchen for you to make your jam or whatever product we produce for Lanai.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you --

MR. EMBREY: Okay. Thank you. Mahalo.

CHAIR HOKAMA: --very much, Mr. Embrey. Brad, if you'll come forward, Mr. Bunn, and following Mr. Bunn will be Mr. Butch Gima.

MR. BUNN: Committee Chair, Mr. Hokama, Members of the Committee, thank you for making the trek over to Lanai and listening. My name is Bradley Bunn. I'm the volunteer Chair for the Lanai Chamber of Commerce. I would like to thank the Council for approving funding that has come through the Office of Economic Development line item grants for the Lanai Chamber of Commerce, specifically for the funding of the Fifth Friday Lanai events and also separate funding the OED has had available to fund late ferries for the Fifth Friday events and Pineapple Festival. That funding has had a tremendous and positive economic impact on Lanai and the local businesses. And it's demonstrated that, yes, you can fill a ferry of people that are visiting Maui and they will come over and spend their dollars. Very important, they will spend their dollars here. So positive impact and it multiplies through the local businesses. Visits to businesses by the visitors are tracked by a little stamp card mechanism that we have and each Fifth Friday there are over 5,000 unique or extra visits to the participating businesses around the square and the vendors who set up the tables. So thank you again. We look forward to the ability to access that funding through grants in the future fiscal years.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Mr. Bunn.

MR. BUNN: And on a personal note, need for a commercial kitchen or facilities for us to hui up there and start to create a market here and ability to bring product together from

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raw form and add value and then market it on-island and off-island. It is a key component and the County once again can play a critical part in that part. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Mr. White, why don't you. . .

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: I was going to ask Mr. Embrey this but I didn't. Is there a proposed location or a location that you all are thinking of or do you need a structure and the equipment in it?

MR. BUNN: Other's here could probably answer that question better than myself. There's not a location that has been identified. There is an interesting RFP that has gone out from Pulama Lanai seeking a nonprofit involvement in ag. It has some potential. There is a location that they have identified that they would make available for a nonprofit to use. A lot of details to be worked out there to see if that will...that that dog will hunt or not, but there's not been a...other than that, no, there's not a site that has been identified.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: And then the second question is, have you spoken to any of the folks that operate commercial kitchens, you know, basically cooperative commercial kitchens elsewhere to see what the best model is? I imagine when there's a commercial kitchen, there's all kinds of challenges with scheduling, and you know, sharing --

MR. BUNN: Right.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: --but have you had a chance to take a look at those models?

MR. BUNN: Many have. We've done...individual research. I've looked at it specifically from the cooperative model. I'm glad you used that phrase. I think the cooperative model is a model that would work here and it is a model that is necessary given that there's micro-supply, micro-demand, and you need to aggregate that and bring it together where it's economic. That takes a cooperative effort and I think a cooperative structure ultimately would be the best structure to work here and it brings the community together potentially with Pulama Lanai in a way where everybody can work together and build a real economy here.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. I think it probably goes without saying that it's hard for us to fund something that's not a cooperative. So thank you very much.

MR. BUNN: You're welcome.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Mr. Bunn. Mr. Gima. Following Mr. Gima will be Gail Shin.

MR. GIMA: Maybe before I testify maybe you can call up Robin Kaye. He can answer your first question, Mike, about the certified kitchen.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: I'll talk to him afterwards. We're not supposed to allow people to come and testify a second time but that's up to the Chair --

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MR. GIMA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: --if he wants to call him back up.

CHAIR HOKAMA: We'll continue the testimony 'cause I would rather you folks have a good conversation but not disturb the rest. This is a Friday night. There's people who got things to do, believe it or not, on Lanai. Mr. Gima.

MR. GIMA: Okay. Good evening. My name is Butch Gima. I'm gonna testify on four items. The first one is about the affordable housing project. Thank you for the support. I would have hoped that we would have had bids. I would have asked you for current fiscal year and next fiscal year and long-term funding, but I guess we'll have to wait until we get some bidders. Second, like for the Council to specifically fund the Planning Department's position for the implementation person who will oversee the implementation of the community plans. Third, I would like the Council support on the Administration or the Office of Aging's request for increased funding to increase the Lanai position from a half-time to a full-time position. The reason being is as a half-time position, the person spends most of their time doing assessments and has very little time to do outreach and to develop the elder care infrastructure system that they are mandated to do. Lanai Changes was moving forward on developing the elder care infrastructure system, but was pretty much told that's Office of Aging's kuleana and pretty much they cannot do that with a half-time position. So we're in support of the Administration's request to make it a full-time position. Lastly, to piggyback off what Robin said, we appreciate the multi-year support of Lanai Changes and want to focus a lot on the importance of economic development on Lanai and economic diversification. The Administration had made a commitment to do more in working with both Pulama Lanai and the community on diversifying the economy. As you well know over your storied careers in politics that there's a huge power imbalance on our island. We have one major landowner, one major employer. They control an inordinate amount of housing here and makes it difficult for people to start new businesses. They control all the commercial properties. Many of the endeavors that Lanai Changes had tried kind of fell by the wayside because Pulama didn't have either the property or willing to let go of some of the property. And so it's important that Lanai Changes not only demonstrate that they can produce some type of product, but we feel it's important that as part of our mission that we keep on your radar screens as far...in addition to the Legislature about the power imbalance and the fact that if you don't work for Pulama or --

MR. GARNEAU: Two minutes, forty-five seconds.

MR. GIMA: --Four Seasons that's tough. And it's important that we're the only entity that has this discussion and we would like the Administration and the legislative body of the County of Maui to take a more active role --

MR. GARNEAU: Three minutes.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Keep talking, Butch. You can finish your thoughts.

MR. GIMA: --to take a more active role in it because without legislative bodies and governmental agencies doing that it's left to an all-volunteer group of board members from Lanai Changes to keep it on people's radar screen. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Any questions for Mr. Gima? If not, thank you. Ms. Shin, if you will come next, please, and following Ms. Shin will be Kris Kahihikolo.

MS. SHIN: Thank you, Councilmembers, for being here this evening. I am the Program Administrator at E Malama I Na Keiki O Lanai Preschool and I would like to sincerely --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Your name?

MS. SHIN: --oh, I'm sorry, Gail Shin. I would like to sincerely thank you for your past and present support of our program and MEO Head Start. We have a partnership with MEO Head Start and the five students that are enrolled in our program with County funds are able to attend school for an additional four and a half hours Monday through Friday making them full-time students. So thank you very much for your support. Sorry, got the wheezes. Maui County Early Childhood Resource Center has assessed families financial aid applications for childcare subsidy for current fiscal year and the assessment results are 80 percent had zero in their budget for childcare and 20 percent had an average of \$270 in budget. One hundred percent of these families are currently receiving childcare subsidy from County grant funds awarded to our preschool. Three families are also receiving assistance from Childcare Connection. And as a participating program in the child and adult food care programs, 61 percent of our students qualify for free or reduced meal benefits and 22 percent of families receive SNAP or TANF benefits. The closure of the hotels in 2015 on Lanai greatly challenged our families, including enrolling children in our Early Childhood Learning Program. Hotel closures also affected other businesses on Lanai. Families look forward to the opening of Four Seasons Resort for Lanai in February, but families are adjusting to changes such as seniority status, differences in wages if they are in a different department, and also the high cost of living on Lanai. This year we strongly encourage families, as we do each year, to apply with Preschool Open Doors for 2016 to 2017 as everyone will not be able to attend the Lanai High and Elementary School DOE Pre-K classroom as it has a maximum of 20 students and is income-based. We were also awarded a Weinberg Foundation grant for the remainder of this year and for the following school year for low income tuition assistance to families. Our young keiki, two years, eight months, to just under six years old, deserve to have meaningful and purposeful learning experiences as they become ready to become successful as future students and also for life.

MR. GARNEAU: Two minutes, forty-five seconds.

MS. SHIN: To develop as whole beings who are individuals as well as group members of a community. So we respectfully ask for your continued support and request \$88,200 for Fiscal Year 2017, an investment in Lanai children and our futures. And mahalo

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very...mahalo nui loa for this opportunity to share our passion and commitment to Lanai. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Kris Kahihikolo, and following Kris will be Lynn McCrory.

MS. KAHIIHIKOLO: Good evening, Maui County Councilmembers. Thank you for taking the time to come to the island of Lanai to listen to the needs of our small community. My name is Kris Kahihikolo and I'm the Program Assistant for Kaunoa Senior Services at the Lanai Senior Center. Some of you may be familiar with me from years past when I was the Program Administrator for Keiki O Lanai Preschool. I'm here today for the main purpose of asking for your continued support for the Lanai Senior Center. Currently, we have close to 25 seniors who come on a daily basis, Monday to Friday, to participate in daily activities and receive a nutritious meal. We are also currently delivering 30 meals a day to our homebound seniors and caregivers who are unable to attend due to health-related issues. Lanai is an extremely unique place in so many ways. As on all the islands our kupuna are respected, loved, and cherished. I feel that it is important to remind ourselves that due to our geographical remoteness and the unavailability of services, we often have a disadvantage compared to the other islands. With that being said, please imagine what it would be like if you were a senior over the age of 60 who moved to Lanai living alone or with family. What would you do? Where would you go? Where would you go to get information about resources and support if you needed it? The Lanai Senior Center provides a place for a variety of activities and events for senior participants to inspire them and to learn new ideas, master new skills, and live healthy, active, productive lives. I thank you for your current, past, and present support of the Lanai Senior Center to make these retirement years the best years of their lives. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Kris.

MS. KAHIIHIKOLO: My pleasure.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Lynn McCrory, please, and following Ms. McCrory will be Aiza Alcantara.

MS. MCCRORY: Good evening, County Councilmembers and Chair. Thank you for coming to Lanai. You are regular visitors and we appreciate that. I just wanted to testify on two things. Number one is support of any affordable housing. Money that you can set aside somewhere for the project here on Lanai. We heard tonight that they did not get any bids for the RFP that was put out so that's disappointing, but that also gives us time to put some additional funding together. We'll be slowing down some of the construction work so there will be houses that will start opening up to people, but they're not going to be affordable level houses and they will be rent. I also want to testify in support of an issue that came up when we were at County Council for a proposed ordinance that was labeled BF-70 and this was in regards to ag. Councilmember Couch brought up that they're possibly putting together a division of ag and the Mayor's Office might provide additional support for this. It appeared as though there were quite dissenting positions and my support is of that division, a Department of Ag in the Mayor's Office

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that could possibly be that intermediary where they could put together how does this work for everyone. Because the ag needs to be successful, the open spaces need to be successful, but you also must have a fair real property tax basis for that. So I just suggest Councilmember Couch was a good idea. Here is one more entity that possibly can bring everyone together and help on that. So thank you again for coming and greatly appreciate your support for everything on Lanai. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you for your comments. Aiza Alcantara, and following Ms. Alcantara will be Joelle Aoki.

MS. ALCANTARA: Hi. Good evening. My name is Aiza Alcantara and I'm here as a parent of the keiki here at E Malama Na Keiki O Lanai and who are receiving funds and would like to say thank you and to show you how we appreciate your support and funding. And ask for your continued continuous support and funding for the future. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Joelle, please come forward, and following Ms. Aoki will be Winnie Basques.

MS. AOKI: Good evening, Councilmembers. Thank you for coming to Lanai and thank you for coming to hear our community. And most of all, thank you for allowing, I don't know if this is new with the seniors...all the seniors signing up being able to come earlier because it's an additional benefit to the red card, which some of us can look forward to. But my name is Joelle Aoki and I'm the Executive Director for the Coalition for a Drug Free Lanai, which is our only prevention-based...specifically prevention-based agency and education on Lanai. And I want to thank you folks for your support this past year and the funding provided of \$42,012. It was very, very helpful to our agency to continue the programs. We were a little challenged this year because of Federal law that prohibits the 11th year funding for administration, but we pulled through and we recently received through your partnership of local government support, we received another grant with Federal partnership for \$150,000 providing underage drinking prevention strategies in our community and the County funding has helped us to secure that with your partnership and we're very, very grateful. Again, you know, this would not be possible without the support of the County of Maui and it has helped us to gain funding through the Office of the President's Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration, State of Hawaii Drug and Alcohol Abuse Division, and other private partners as well. Your commitment to our efforts continues to make a tremendous difference in the community such as the annual student, drug, and alcohol youth survey which we do annually. We believe we're the only community in the State of Hawaii that has that year-to-year comparison now for ten years and I have a flash drive that I will be getting to your office shortly with this current year coming up. We should be receiving that report shortly with the year-to-year comparison. Please take the time to look at it. It's very, very interesting. We've been able to train teachers at the school this year through the Botvin Lifeskills Prevention Evidence-Based curriculum and they will be executing that in our health curriculum in the school. We've also been able to execute that in the youth center, in addition to providing Health Fairs in our community with the Four Seasons Resorts prior to our renovation. And being able to gather training opportunities for our partners, strategic planning, and doing environmental study...studies in order

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to gather reports that provides hard data for our organizations here in Lanai that are trying to acquire funding for their own organization which was not available back in the 90's.

MR. GARNEAU: Two minutes, forty-five seconds.

MS. AOKI: And so moving forward, the CDFL has been encouraged by our Federal partners as a veteran coalition to assist our neighbor communities on Molokai and Maui in mobilizing and starting a movement in developing coalitions in communities within our County. This will assist with collaboration, partnership of prevention efforts amongst the tri isles and will also allow the Lanai community to look at a new strategy for another ten-year prevention grant by working with others in the prevention field and expanding our reach through the County of Maui. As well as continued emphasis on environmental strategies relating to tobacco, drug use, underage drinking, and alcohol abuse at our only public beach park. As well as public facilities within our community and continued support of compliance --

MR. GARNEAU: Three minutes.

MS. AOKI: --checks at all licensed alcohol sale points and our partnership with the Maui Liquor Commission and our undercover decoy buys that occurs here in Lanai which identifies illegal alcohol sales to minors. And this is a very important thing for our agency so we can come back and educate our community when these licensed alcohol sale points come back to apply for additional licensing when they've had recent violations of sales to minors. And so in closing, we ask for your continued support of our partners, the youth center, Keiki O Lanai Preschool, MEO, Kaunoa Senior Center, Women Helping Women, and Lanai Changes. And we humbly request for a slight increase in our funding to \$50,000 in the 2017-2018 year which we thank you for the bi-annual application which was helpful and this will also help us meet our Federal requirements with the grants we have coming to our agency moving forward. And again, thank you very much for your time and we appreciate your coming to Lanai.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Winnie, come, come say your manao.

MS. BASQUES: Hello, it's me again, Winnie Basques. Two items. First of all, thank you very much for the MEO bus from Lahaina going to Kahului. I make use of that bus and it's very, very good. It's cheap but I don't have to pay rental car to go over there and make sure I get it back before I reach Lahaina to catch the boat to come back. It's very useful. And someone asked me one night when he had a meeting here he say, where do you catch the bus? Well, you gotta go catch the shuttle from here, you call Neal Rabaca and he'll pick you up, you tell 'em where you going, what time you leave, and what time you coming back. Either you going on the boat or to the airplane. He said, oh, okay. My second comment is I used to volunteer for the Council of Aging from 2002 to 2005 under the direction of John Tomoso. I guess you know John Tomoso, right? In the meantime, while I was initiated to go work for the Council of Aging, it's all manuahi now, all you gotta do is just pay my plane fare and I'm on the plane going to Maui from...Lanai to

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Maui and back from Maui to Lanai the same day, every other month for the past five years. While I was doing that, Jackie Woolsey, the Public Health nurse, asked me if I wanted to be a caregiver. Now, I had to take care of five patients after I get through from working at the hospital. I worked seven to three, three to eleven, eleven to seven. I used to get out work seven o'clock in the morning, take care five patients, before I reach home. Okay. That was then, Nursing Without Walls, and the other one, Action Medical. I worked for them. In the meantime, I was working for Island Air as a security person and I used to work with Riki. Riki used to be there. That was long time ago. Then other than that I used to work for Lanai LCS Service Station, picking up the tourist, taking them all around, all that kind stuff. And another one was I was volunteered to do a quadriplegic, how to move him from the bed to the chair. You had to learn how to do your position, make sure you don't break your back, make sure you know what it's all about.

MR. GARNEAU: Two minutes, forty-five seconds.

MS. BASQUES: And the last one is that I used to work on the highway with my husband. Like I was saying 29 years. So coming back, you know, it's a lot of and this was in year '89 and I retired from Lanai Community Hospital 22 years service as a paramedic for 22 years. I didn't know it was going to last that long. I figure I going last maybe two or three years max, right? Hell, no. Was 22 years, you know what I mean. I think it was security because I ask my husband, can I go work outside the field? He said forget it, no, it's too hard job. I say, okay, fine, just like the hospital is easy job when I gotta go pick up people, the live one as well as the dead one. You try taking 'em. But as all I can say, but the thing is that thank you very much again for coming. We need you folks to come back all the time. No stay over there, you know, and no stay the other side. Come here. Over here is your land. Mahalo.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Winnie. Ms. Basques was the last person to sign up. Is there anyone who'd like to give testimony this evening? We are happy to give you your opportunity to share your thoughts with the Members. If not, we are going to adjourn and we can continue to have discussions with Members and people of our community.

. . .END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

CHAIR HOKAMA: So thank you for being here. Again, we shall continue to take your testimony throughout the process, but for this evening Lanai, thank you for showing up. This meeting is adjourned. . . *(gavel)* . . .

ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.

ADJOURN: 6:47 p.m.

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