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Council of the County of Maui

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Council Chamber, 8th Floor

CONVENE: 9:07 a.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Chair
Councilmember Stacy Crivello, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Alika Atay
Councilmember Elle Cochran
Councilmember Don S. Guzman (in 9:31 a.m.; out 9:59 a.m.; in 10:42 a.m.)
Councilmember Riki Hokama
Councilmember Kelly T. King (out 11:21 a.m.)

EXCUSED: Councilmember Robert Carroll
Councilmember Mike White

STAFF: Shelly Espeleta, Legislative Analyst
Clarita Balala, 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.: Edward S. Kushi, Jr., First Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel
Jerrie L. Sheppard, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel
Jeffrey T. Ueoka, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel
Michael Molina, Executive Assistant, Office of the Mayor
Karen Arakawa, Small Business Advocate, Office of Economic Development
Victor Ramos, Assistant Police Chief, Department of Police
Reid Pursley, Police Lieutenant, Department of Police
Valeriano "Val" Martin, Assistant Fire Chief, Department of Fire and Public Safety
Cary Kayama, Ocean Safety Operations Manager, Department of Fire and Public Safety

OTHERS: Tiffany Iida, Chair, Maui County Sister Cities Foundation
Christine Sabado

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: ...*(gavel)*... Good morning. Welcome to the Policy, Economic Development, and Agriculture Committee. Today is October 1st and it is 9:07 a.m. I wanted to ask Members to please silence your cell phones or noise-making devices. At this time I'd like to take roll call. My Vice-Chair is Stacy Crivello from Molokai.

VICE-CHAIR CRIVELLO: Aloha, good morning, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Aloha. Alike Atay.

COUNCILMEMBER ATAY: Good morning.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Good morning. Riki Hokama from Lanai.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chairman.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Good morning. And Kelly King.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Good morning.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Good morning. Thank you for being here. Elle Cochran is on her way. Mike White is, will be a little late. But coming, Don Guzman will be coming. Robert Carroll is excused today. So, right now we're operating with bare quorum but we will soon in probably about 45 minutes be, people will be here. Today on the agenda we have a pretty full agenda, and we have from Administration regarding the sister cities, we have Karen Arakawa who's back there. Thank you, Karen. And Karen is with the...is it County Small Business Office but also you work with the Sister City Foundation, so she will be representing the Administration. For Boards *[sic]* and *[sic]* Variances and Appeals, we have Mike Molina who will be talking to us regarding that nominee. PEA-81 which is from the Police Department, Lieutenant Reid Pursley which is about the Naloxone nasal spray. PEA-82 is a donation of two Hummers to the Police Department. Assistant Chief Victor Ramos will be here. PEA-83 which is the sunglasses for the Ocean Safety Division. Assistant Chief Val Martin from the Fire and Public Safety will be here. Cary Kayama also from that same, well Ocean Safety Operations Manager. And David, the new Chief David Thyne may also attend. For PEA-85 which is sister cities we have Tiffany Iida. I think she's also going to be testifying. Corporation Counsel Jerrie Sheppard has three items on the agenda. Ed

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Kushi who is my Deputy, he's a Deputy Corp. Counsel, he's also for this Committee is here for two items for the commissions. And then Jeff Ueoka will take up the sunglass donations. My Staff, I want to thank them. Legislative Analyst Shelly Espeleta, Committee Secretary is Clarita Balala, Hana District Office is Dawn Lono, Lanai District Office is Denise Fernandez, Molokai District Office is Ella Alcon. Members, we have a full agenda today, and we are taking up sister city relationship first on the agenda which is with San Juan, Metro Manila, Republic of Philippines. PEA-2(47) is nominations to boards and commissions for the Boards [sic] and [sic] Variances and Appeals which is Sandy Duvauchelle. PEA-2(48), nominations for boards and commissions for Cost of Government for Molokai which Stacy Crivello has arranged and will speak to us about. PEA-81, Donation of 2-Count Naloxone Nasal Spray Units and Training and Travel Expenses to the Department of Police. PEA-82, Department of...the donation of two Hummers H2s to also Department of Police. PEA-83, Donation of 61 Pairs of Kaenon Sunglasses to the Ocean Safety Program of the Department of Fire and Public Safety. Members, everyone, thank you very much for being here. Elle Cochran, thank you. Nice to see you.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Aloha. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. We have...we are now going to take public testimony. So, at this time I'm going to call the testifiers up, and if you could please state your name, what item you're testifying on, and you will have three minutes to testify. Thank you. The first testifier is Tiffany Iida, regarding PEA-85, and she is Maui County Sister Cities Foundation. Are you the president?

MS. IIDA: Yes, I am.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you for being here.

. . .BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

MS. IIDA: Good morning, Chair and Councilmembers.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Good morning.

MS. IIDA: Thank you so much for having us here today. I'm Tiffany Iida, I'm the Chair of the Maui County Sister Cities Foundation, and I'm here regarding PEA-85, and I wanted to let everyone know that our organization does support the sister-city relationship with San Juan, Metro Manila. They have been actually quite active in visiting us here. Back in 2013 and others will probably speak about this, there was a delegation that went there for a visit, and at that time they created a friendship between Maui County and San Juan, Metro Manila. Shortly after that, they actually, San Juan, Metro Manila actually passed Maui County to be a sister city. So their, for them we are a sister city, it's our side that they're waiting for in hope, they're hoping that we would become a sister city. Mayor Guia Gomez did visit Maui County soon after that, as well as Councilor Pacheco, Vincent Pacheco and he was here two years ago and

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speaking...he spoke with the Mayor and was encouraging the Mayor to create the sister-city relationship. And he continues to be in contact and wishes for that. And that's about it. If anyone has questions for me.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Anyone have questions for...you know I have a question.

MS. IIDA: Yes.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, right now we're a friendship city --

MS. IIDA: Correct.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: --and I wonder if you could tell us 'cause it's in the reso that what is a friendship city versus the...what is the difference in the relationship?

MS. IIDA: Okay. Friendship cities is just an agreement between the mayors of each county or, you know, city. So, there was this friendship signing back in 2013 when they went to visit, when Mayor Arakawa went to visit San Juan, Metro Manila. So, in...for Maui County we are a friendship city with San Juan, Metro Manila, but they signed, San Juan, Metro Manila signed there for us to be a sister city. So, if you look on their website they list Maui County as a sister city.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Ms. King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you. Thank you for being here.

MS. IIDA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Is there...so there's an official sister-city document that we will be signing?

MS. IIDA: Here --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MS. IIDA: --it would be...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Or...

MS. IIDA: Sorry. Oh...yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Besides this resolution do we have another document?

MS. IIDA: There is just --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: It's for the Mayor.

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MS. IIDA: --a signing of a friendship. So, in San Juan, Metro Manila...so for us to become a sister city the Mayor has to request it with the resolution and Council has to pass it --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MS. IIDA: --for us to be...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: But there is another document that we then sign or is it just this one?

MS. IIDA: Yes, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: There is another document?

MS. IIDA: So, it would be...yes. So, it would be a Council approving the resolution for us to become sister cities.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: No, no, I know that.

MS. IIDA: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: But once we approve it, is there another document that...

MS. IIDA: Oh yes. So, then what will probably happen is our mayors will come together once again and sign a sister-city, like a memorandum of understanding.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, okay. And is there like a financial obligation or does...

MS. IIDA: There could be.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MS. IIDA: There's no...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: There's nothing written?

MS. IIDA: There's nothing written --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MS. IIDA: --that says we have to, you know, give certain amounts. Each sister city is a little different, some are more active than others so we may spend a little more. It varies from just giving little gifts to official gifts, and sometimes we as Sister Cities Foundation we help sponsor dinners or lunches. So, organizations will request funding from our organization to help support our sister cities.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Thank you.

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MS. IIDA: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay, thank you.

MS. IIDA: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Next testifier is Christine Sabado also testifying on PEA-85, sister-city relationships. Good morning, Christine.

MS. SABADO: Hello. Good morning and thank you so much for allowing me to take this time with you. My name is Christine Sabado, I am the wife of Philip Sabado who is Maui's artist. And I believe it was in 2016, we had the opportunity to go to the Philippines, and we were asked at that time if we would take an extra trip and go to San Juan and go to the mayor's office and meet the mayor. We were proud to bring a piece of art with us, one of my husband's painting, A Huli Makou, and we framed it in koa. And just wanted to share with you that the moment we walked in, we saw this beautiful lobby that had so many murals. So, the moment I saw that, I knew we would connect, that there would be this thread that we could build upon in an art community. And so we presented the painting, she was so pleased and very happy, we had a conversation. My husband's people come from the north in the Ilocos area and so as a Filipino he was very proud to be there as well. And later we spoke of murals and I said that we'd been to Philadelphia and saw the murals in Philadelphia and how positive this is for our community, and I followed up by sending her a book on the murals of Philadelphia. She was very, very excited about that. So, we began a relationship where we could build upon that. And I consider Maui an art community, because, you know, look at what happens at Art Maui, you know, thousands bring their art forward. And so this is always a good place to begin. And so from the sister-cities perspective we could only gain from this. This is a very healthy relationship that we can build upon. I have prepared a packet for you. Where is the picture? Kit, did I leave it on my seat, the picture? No? Oh, well here it is. Yes, here's a picture of us. You will receive a packet with this picture and the picture of the murals as well from their lobby and a picture of us with her. So, that will be given to you presently. And I appreciate your time. Any questions for me?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Anyone have questions for the testifier? Seeing none, thank you very much.

MS. SABADO: You're so welcome.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We appreciate all that you and Phil, what you do throughout the world maybe, yeah.

MS. SABADO: Thank you so much. Mahalo.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Next testifier is Kit Zulueta. Oh, nice to see you again, Kit. Also testifying on PEA-85.

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MS. ZULUETA: Good morning, Policy Chair Sugimura and Members of the Committee. There is no better time to express my support to establish a sister-city relationship with San Juan, Metro Manila other than the first day of Filipino-American History Month. My name is Kit Zulueta, Marketing Director of UH Maui College, and last June led a small delegation of students with Professor Lorelle Peros to the Philippines for a study abroad program called I.M. Ready, or International Mobility Ready. A group of Filipino leaders fundraised to make this program a reality. We made it happen and it was a tremendous success. Why San Juan? When a Maui County delegation in 2013 visited San Juan we became friendship cities. Since then our relationship grew. They visited us twice and they were immediately sold and approved the resolution establishing a sister city with us. It was them saying we're ready to take this friendship to the next level. I told Councilor Vincent Pacheco of San Juan, who leads their committee, if we do come before the Maui County Council, we need to have measurable, realistic and solid proof that this relationship would work, because I do know that we don't want to just be another number in the list of sister cities. Frankly, our exchanges with San Juan since we met them is by far the most active that I know of with any other Philippine sister city. Fiscally, I cannot tell you enough how much from our budget we saved because of San Juan's generosity. They flew a representative to pen an MOU between UHMC and their university. They took care of our students so well that sometimes I worry how we're ever going to repay them when they send their students here. But that's the beauty of an exchange, especially when it's more than just surface. I understand the work of Sister Cities Foundation in efforts to represent our County before the international delegations. Welcome committee, transportation, lei, gifts, omiyage, interpreters. These are insignificant byproducts compared to the friends made and exchange of stories our students went through last June and more students should experience that. I have been privileged to help organize several international programs for the County, and when I see how the study abroad program changed the lives of our students, it was that moment I knew we were ready for a sister-city resolution. I hope you can help us bring much anticipated good news with our friends in San Juan and support this resolution. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Anyone have questions for Ms. Zulueta? I would like to just say before we take Elle Cochran is when the students were leaving...I think Kelly King was there too, we saw them...we saw you at the airport and took a picture at Honolulu International. And so many students were so excited. And I look forward to hearing the results. I think we'll hear some of it today. I appreciate your enthusiasm. Ten o'clock is the flag raising, yeah right, outside of the County Building. Anyone have questions? Elle Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Yeah, thank you, Chair. And thank you, Ms. Zulueta, for your efforts at UHMC, and I was very honored to be at the gathering and I see familiar faces here that will be testifying too. And happy to hear that the trip was successful and all that. So, do you owe...I mean you're saying how this particular sister-city, soon to be hopefully, relationship is one of the more active ones. What do you owe

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that to? Towards the interaction with the colleges in particular or what are the main reasons for that?

MS. ZULUETA: I think it's because the officials from San Juan are I wouldn't say friendlier but we're more in touch on Facebook, you know. We became really good friends. And it's not the same kind of friends I made when we went to let's say other sister cities in the past. We became friends and then after a short while we lost touch, but this one it started in 2013 and it kept growing and growing and growing. And then finally we had this program. Our students made friends and they're messaging good morning every day on Facebook. So, I think that's primarily why this one works better. It's really the relationship. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Very good. Okay. No, very good. Thank you for that insight. Thank you so much.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Nice seeing you, Kit. Next testifier is Gladys Baisa also on sister, the sister-city relationship.

MS. BAISA: Good morning, Chair and Members. And thank you for the opportunity to testify today on a sister-city relationship with the city of San Juan in Metro Manila. I was fortunate enough to be on the Council when that trip was made to the Philippines and had the opportunity to go to San Juan and to be there and to see the aloha. You know it was very interesting, Kit was asked earlier about what was different and I can tell you, I had been to another similar event and yes, there was a great deal of aloha and hospitality, but in San Juan it was very interesting, the mayor, Mayor Guia Gomez, I call her my Filipino sister, she happens to have this love of bright pink like I do. And so we were instantly, you know, we had this rapport and she really took care of us. The whole group, they just...they were so good to us, they fed us well, they...we felt like we were in Hawaii. You know but actually even a little bit more. The wanting to take care of us, make sure we saw everything. We had the opportunity to meet with their councilors in their council chamber to be introduced and part of a meeting. And they just couldn't do enough for us whether we were doing it officially or like we do here on Maui when we have visitors and how we try to take care of them. There was this instant bond. And their city is famous for these beautiful dolls and you may see some of them throughout...I know Mayor has one upstairs and I have one in my office and it's a very beautiful Filipino doll dressed in pink, very lovely. And the cultural exchange I think is very, very relevant. You know we have a very strong Filipino culture here. As we know we're going to be celebrating the whole Filipino-American Month starting today with the flag raising shortly. And I think this bond is very important. It's good to know that anytime you're in a foreign country, that you have a group of people that you can count on that would be there for you for whatever. And I'm not surprised to hear Kit's story about how they treated the students. I know that they treated them like their own children. I think we can only be enriched by having these kinds of sister-city relationships. And so I'm in strong support of this resolution and I hope that you will pass it. I can hardly wait to think how exciting it will be to have them here to sign the paperwork and what a great celebration that'll be. So, thank you for the opportunity to be here today.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Anyone have questions for Ms. Baisa? Seeing none, thank you very much.

MS. BAISA: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Nice seeing you here. Next testifier is Alickzander Pasalo also testifying on PEA-85, followed by Stephanie Ohigashi.

MR. PASALO: Okay. Good morning, Chair, and good morning, Councilmembers.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Good morning.

MR. PASALO: My name is Alickzander Pasalo and I am a recent graduate of UH Maui College with a bachelor's in Sustainable Science Management and currently working at the college library. So, this past summer I was one of four delegates that were part of the first cohort of the I.M. Ready program through UH Maui College that traveled to the Philippines. From the moment we landed until the moment we left the Philippines, we had many experiences through our two weeks with San Juan City starting off with being greeted by Councilor Pacheco and Sir Jaime Gutierrez at the airport, and we were set up with police escorts to help us guide through the city through our...to the hotel. It would have took what they said was couple hours but took us 45 minutes to get to our hotel. Our second instance was having the honor of being their special guest during the Wattah Wattah Festival that they were having that weekend and riding through the streets of San Juan on top of one of the many fire trucks throughout the water procession of the several neighborhoods, and that was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for us. And also being a guest to their festival and dance competitions. And also being invited to Mayor Guia's residence for lunch. Also, on another instance we made, when we made an official visit to San Juan City Hall, we were invited to the San Juan National High School where we were greeted by school officials and treated to a performance by the students, and it felt like a homecoming for me since I haven't been to the Philippines for 24 years at that point. And we also were given an opportunity to make our way to Salapan Elementary School where we helped pass out school supplies and backpacks to the students on behalf of Mayor Guia. And again we were surprised by the children who sang to us and it got kind of emotional for us also. And we had multiple opportunities to eat lunch and dinner with the Mayor and several of her officials so that was a great time to get to know each other and make friends. So, when one of our visits to one of the colleges also nearby was rescheduled, Sir Jaime Gutierrez of Polytechnic University of the Philippines - San Juan campus stepped in and gave us a tour of the main campus and introduced us to the vice-president at the campus along with several other professors and staff. He provided a quick solution and put together an improvised tour that we spent the whole afternoon exploring the whole PUP campus, and it was something that I will never forget, especially being toured around the library which was a treat for me. So, there are too many things that I have experienced with all the great individuals in San Juan City to fit in three minutes. But I would like to say that creating a sister-cities relationship between Maui County and San Juan City will provide an avenue for

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educational opportunities and an opportunity for cultural exchange between the students of my County and San Juan City. And I thank you for all of your time and hope you consider this relationship.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Before I ask the Members, I wanted to ask you, that ceremony we went to, was it you who said that you just love school? Oh, was it you? Every one of the, one of the students were talking about how they just love UH Maui College and...

MR. PASALO: I think it was Sam, right?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, it was you, okay. That's...he's going to be after Stephanie. But thank you for being here and I appreciate your recap of your experience.

MR. PASALO: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Anyone have any questions? Seeing none, thank you.

MR. PASALO: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Stephanie Ohigashi, followed by Sam Peralta.

MS. OHIGASHI: Aloha. Good morning, Chair Sugimura and honorable Members of the Maui County Council. Stephanie Ohigashi here. I am the study abroad recruiter and instructor at UH Maui College, and I'm so proud of the students who went to the Philippines this summer. Their lives changed, but what changed also was that the city of San Juan loved our program so much that they cloned it, and they're making the I.M. Ready Hawaii and they will be coming next year. You see we've already started to change the world one person at a time. And you're looking at tomorrow's leaders. They're so young and dining with mayors and councilmembers, talking about world problems like energy and homelessness and disaster management. This is what our study abroad program emphasizes, and we have many relationships with all these universities and we are going to recreate the I.M. Ready program starting next year with Okinawa at the University of the Ryukyus. So, I hope this sister-city relationship will get off the ground, make them official, acknowledge their, you know, relationship with us so we can do so much more for Maui County. Thank you so much.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Anyone have any questions for Stephanie Ohigashi?

MS. OHIGASHI: I just wanted to tell you that we have 24 students from around the world including Turkey, Rapa Nui, Chile, Papua New Guinea, China, Vietnam, and we'll be celebrating International Week which all will be invited to. Mahalo.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Thank you. Next testifier and the last testifier in the Chambers is Samuel Peralta also on sister-city relationship.

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MR. PERALTA: Okay. Aloha, everybody. Thank you for having me here, it's an honor. And I'm here to testify in support of San Juan City being in a relationship with Maui. And I was one of the students that was able to participate with this program, and growing up on this island, I've never been to the Philippines before and I can just say it was a life-changing experience. Some of the things that changed my life in San Juan City is just seeing the collaboration and the unity of their city and it was expressed the first day we got there. Alickz talked about the Wattah Wattah Fest, this is two districts made of 20 barangays, and each performance out of these, of these 20, they were so elaborate, they're colorful, and they're really well planned. And to me that just testifies to the leadership of San Juan City to get a group of young people coordinated and performing to their best was, really spoke to me. And as a leader here on Maui campus, I've been a part of student government, the council, organized projects here on Maui. But the thing for me, what really inspired me is to not forget the Philippines where part of my culture and heritage comes from. And I can just see a domino effect, if we have San Juan as a sister city, for Filipinos here on this island, it will spark a domino effect. I think it'll be a great way to tell people don't forget about the homeland, Filipinos and Filipino lovers. But as well as San Juan City, just I went to actually Polytechnic University in San Juan, and to hear just the...just to be there inspired many students to think and dream bigger. You know I see they're so passionate and hardworking. Some students take seven hours on the bus just to get to school. It's the sacrifices the families made just showed of the passion and the discipline that they have, and I think it's something we can learn as Maui students as well. So, seeing some of the students come over, hearing stories from our international organization and club, to hear from these students is just amazing. It will definitely boost our leadership here on this island to dream bigger and think bigger especially for my generation who's looking for opportunities to expand their skills, to expand their talents. Also I just really feel here on Maui we really have such amazing things to offer, and if we can get international students here on this island and this exchange with San Juan City, I know that they're going to take what they have learned here back to where they are. So, for me I'm just a changed person after this summer. I definitely keep in contact with my professors, with the students on campus, and actually been planning, Alickz is planning a trip to go back, I'm planning to go back, and it was just really life changing. As far as San Juan governance there, I loved it. Actually when I went back home, I was showing pictures to my parents, and that was a very...the very government building we were in is where my parents got married so it went full circle for me. Never been there before, never knew anything about my parent's marriage story, but then bam, that's where they got married and I was just so excited. So, thank you guys for having me and...yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Anyone have questions, does anyone have questions for him? He's so enthusiastic.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Chair? Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, yes?

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, I just love your enthusiasm. I just wanted to ask you if you personally were planning on staying involved beyond your graduation? Because we need people to...

MR. PERALTA: I love Maui and Maui no ka oi. I traveled the world for five years of my life and moved places. I just see Maui has everything the world is trying to lead up to.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Well, that's nice to hear. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Thank you very much for being here. Thank you. Mr. Guzman is here. Welcome.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Thank you. Good morning, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We also...is there any testifiers in...Dawn Lono in Hana?

MS. LONO: Good morning, Chair. This is Dawn Lono at the Hana Office and there is no one waiting to testify.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Denise Fernandez on Lanai?

MS. FERNANDEZ: Good morning, Chair. This is Denise Fernandez on Lanai and there is no one waiting to testify.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you, Denise. Ella Alcon from Molokai, any testifiers?

MS. ALCON: Good morning, Chair. This is Ella Alcon on Molokai and there is no one here waiting to testify.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you, Members. I also wanted to mention that we have two letters of support for also the San Juan sister-city relationship. I think these were the students that went over with you for the exchange, from Princess--I can't say her last name--Cainguitan and also from Mikee Valite. Thank you. Anyway, we wanted to accept those into the testimony of support. And at this time I'd like to close public testimony.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

. . .END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

PEA-85

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, Members, I'm gonna continue on with our busy agenda and as I said the first item is PEA-85, Establishing a Sister-City Relationship with the City of San Juan, Metro Manila, in the Republic of Philippines. And the purpose of the proposed resolution is to formalize a sister-city relationship between the County of Maui and the City of San Juan, Metro Manila, Republic of the Philippines for the purpose of strengthening the bonds initiated through cultural, business, education, and economic exchanges; furthering the ties of friendship; and promoting enduring goodwill between the people of Maui County and the people of the City of San Juan. So, we're going to take up this first item.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: You need a motion?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: And, Karen Arakawa, do you want to come up here and be available for questions? And also Jerrie Sheppard. I just saw Jerrie.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: She was here.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, we have Junior in case we have questions. We also have Tiffany Iida. Tiffany, you want to come up here? I want to ask if Tiffany who's the president of the Sister Cities Foundation could also be available for questions as a resource. So, if you have no objections to that, Members.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. So, Karen, would you like to...Arakawa, would you like to open and say a few words about sister city and this relationship? Your mic.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Turn it on.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, the mic. Thank you.

MS. ARAKAWA: Good morning, Chair and Councilmembers. I hope you're having a great Monday morning. And thank you so much for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Office of Economic Development and the Administration in regards to our pending and hopefully our successful sister-cities relationship with San Juan. And so as mentioned by the testifiers, since 2013 San Juan has been coming to Maui and the Maui delegation has been visiting San Juan, and there has been so much...such an enthusiastic want to have this relationship with Maui County. So, I urge all of you to approve this sister-cities relationship. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Any questions for Ms. Arakawa? Seeing...oh --

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: I have a...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: --Mr. Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Good morning.

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MS. ARAKAWA: Good morning.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: For those that are representing this proposal, historically, you know, Maui County has looked at sister cities because a lot of it has to do with historical whether it be the group like sakadas, their contributions to labor, to education, to government, the role that they've played regarding our history. Tell us about the history of San Juan and this County so we can appreciate it. When did it start?

MS. ARAKAWA: Unfortunately, I don't have that information with me at this point but perhaps Tiffany does?

MS. IIDA: I don't know how far it goes back before 2013. And in honesty, Kit might actually be able to provide a little bit more history on this because she was part of the organizing of this group going. So, back in 2013 when they took this trip there, they...our Mayor and Mayor...so Mayor Arakawa and Mayor Gomez got together and they really formed a strong bond. And I believe from the stories I heard of that time because I was not present for that trip, it was just this amazing trip of just establishing a true friendship. And, you know, in speaking also with Ms. Baisa, she spoke about how she became friends with Mayor Guia Gomez including Mayor Gomez sending a message to Ms. Baisa in one of her parties that she had in the past. I mean it's just a continued relationship. When they spoke...

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Well...yeah.

MS. IIDA: Oh, I'm sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: What we want to know --

MS. IIDA: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --is...and that's great, I think personal relationships is wonderful, yeah. But are you telling us our relationship as a County, as a people only started in 2013?

MS. IIDA: Well...

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Well, that's why I'm --

MS. IIDA: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --asking, you know. 'Cause we understand the roles that others have played, yeah. They've paid the price, they've sacrificed, they've been here generations, and we've made formal relationships to recognize that bonds for the residents, for the County, not for personal relationships, yeah. So, we're asking you today --

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MS. IIDA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --tell us about the County's relationship with San Juan since you're asking us for a relationship of people, not of personal relationships.

MS. IIDA: So, I don't know how many actual...I don't know if this is somewhat answering the question, but I don't know how many actual residents there are here from there, but we do have a...some people from that area that have moved here into Maui. And I believe including the president of one of the Filipino organizations, I don't think he's from there but his wife is from San Juan, Metro Manila. So, we have that connection having some people moving from that area to Maui and creating a core here. I'm not sure if that's...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: May I ask Kit Zulueta who's in the audience?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Sure.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Maybe she has an answer --

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I hope she can share --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: --for us.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --information. We...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I'm not sure.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah, if she can help bring some --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: This is okay, Members, I'm going...

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --clarity, that would be great.

MS. ZULUETA: Thank you, Chair. Tiffany did provide some information. The 2013 trip to the Philippines. I had just started working here for Maui County Council. I did not come with the delegation during that trip. I did help arrange it though. It started with the Filipino Chamber, Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce. Our past presidents for the Filipino Chamber of Commerce Sharon Zalsos, also Jorge Tirona, who's serving now, when the Philippine trip in 2013 was being put together the group was looking for a small municipality in the Philippines where they can visit and learn about, you know, tour their county chamber and learn about their programs. The former president Sharon Zalsos had a contact with San Juan. It was her cousin I believe, I'm not sure about the name. And so we tried to arrange that meeting and it happened and that's how it flourished. After that meeting, we learned that there were more than just Sharon's cousin. We learned that Jorge Tirona who's the current president of the Chamber, his wife is from San Juan and had, you know, history with San Juan. I

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personally was born and raised in the Philippines. I passed by San Juan every day there, not knowing that that San Juan, it's right smack in the middle of Metro Manila. It's more popularly known for Filipinos here on Maui as Green Hills. It's where we go shopping when we go Philippines, buy omeyagi to bring back here. But it's...now that, you know, I've been exposed to just San Juan, it's more than just Green Hills, it's, you know, we've met the community and the people. So, that's a little bit background on how this all came about. In Metro Manila, the county has Quezon City also which is a sister city for 40 years. Other than Quezon City that's the only one in the national capital of the Philippines that we have a relationship with formally.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I'm so glad you know about this area that we're talking about. You know I have to rely on others, people like you. So, you know, normally we look for attributes yeah, that we have similarity in...similarities in areas as part of the relationship. But you're talking about a very urbanized part of a metropolis which is Manila City, yeah. There's no beaches, there's no sugarcane, there's no pineapple, there's no what I would say what we have here is not in that city. Our strengths are not in that city which is the open space, agriculture. Is that some of the attributes of San Juan also or is it just really part of a metropolis?

MS. IIDA: I agree with you, San Juan is urbanized. It has buildings, you know, it has traffic that we don't have in Maui County. They don't offer agricultural best practices there; however, what they do lack in that region, they have strengths in other things. Education is one, governance is one. They have a great senior program in San Juan. Part of the reason why a delegation came here to Maui County was to attend a County academy that the Administration put together. They learned from us. They learned from our best practices that they brought back there. I'm sure after the sister city, when we...when another delegation perhaps visits San Juan, they would be happy to show us what programs we can benefit from and bring back here. It may not be agriculture, it may not be specialized products in those sense, not, you know, perhaps not about beaches, not about those things. But from what we saw when we went there, they have very good people management, just organizing their events and organizing their barangays. We saw them in action. We saw how they organized their fire trucks for this big festival. And they always look forward to coming here for the Maui County Fair. They're, actually they're anticipating hoping they can come to the Maui County Fair this year. So, in those aspects we can learn from, from each other. It's not going to be about sugarcane. And that's part of the thrust that we have in the college, that we can be...we can dream further like what Sam said. We don't forget our roots, we always would come from that position, but we can dream other things. Part of the reason why this program was special for me, for our students is because I don't want Filipinos to just stereotype themselves to just be nurses and just be in housekeeping which are very noble positions of course, but they can also be presidents and scientists and engineers. And going to the Philippines, going to San Juan, they saw people with the same color of skin as they do and prove to them that it can be done. And I don't have to settle, you know, I can do...be so much more. In those things I feel this relationship would really work.

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COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: No, and that's very commendable and I don't think the Members of this Committee has any concerns with those type of goals and measurements. For people like me, we have nothing before us to even understand what is San Juan or that I have. And I think it's important for us, especially we want to use the term sister city, right, that's a sibling, that means you're part of a family. We should be having some information for us to understand who wants to be part of our family. Okay. What is the size of their community, what is, you know, their key strengths, business development and education, great stuff. Okay. I got no issues with that. But would be great for us to know this type of things in this community that we're being asked to embrace. Okay. I have no problems with the opportunities whether it be for our youth in education, whether it be those that want to consider even repatriating back home that have been here for generations or 50 years of working in our islands. That's great. But I still think we should have a little knowledge of who we're bringing into the family, Chair. Yeah. Pictures, some sense of who they are. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Mr. Guzman?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Thank you, Kit, for being here. I was part of that delegation in 2013 that went over, and Mr. Hokama is correct, it is a part of the metropolitan area. However, Green Hills historically was the first major commercial area of Manila and then came Makati. And so if we're looking at commercial activity on the high end, San Juan was the starter-up of the high-end-type of commercial-type industry. Plus historically it has always been controlled by the Estrada family which then became the President Estrada. So, that family regime is from San Juan. Quezon City is nearby, I was born in Quezon City. I had an opportunity to meet with my counterpart there. I was still Chair of Energy. Their number one resource that I found was interesting was their waste-to-energy conversion generations that they have. They're one of the first and leaders of the metropolitan area and really have put forth most of their resource into their waste-energy conversion. So, I didn't have an opportunity to go and visit their plants, but it's extensive and they are one...the number one...well, back in 2013 they were leading in waste-to-energy. So, that's what I found impressive and that was the connection that I could find between us and them. Other than that, you know, Puerto Princesa in Palawan has more...we're a sister city to them, and they were number one island in the world and is always competing with us. And they're more in line with us in agriculture and tourism. But this is a unique situation because if we're going to do...be sister city with any metropolitan area within Manila, I would believe San Juan would be best because Manila itself, City of Manila is a little bit sketchy and a little bit more corrupt. So, not to say...I retract that but I'm just saying that it's colorful, more colorful than San Juan. And in terms of alternative energy, I would say that would be a good fit for us because that's where we want to go. And their technology that they're getting from Singapore as well as from Taiwan on the energy portion we could probably tap into some of that. But I'm not sure, depending on if we can have some type of energy exchange program. Thank you.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Very good input. Thank you for that, Mr. Guzman. I guess for Mr. Hokama's question, does anybody know like the population or what is the...San Juan made up, with either Ms. Arakawa or Tiffany Iida?

MS. IIDA: Well, I actually looked that up. I just was myself trying to quickly last night trying to get some information, and their population is actually I believe quite close to ours if I remember correctly. It was, I think it was 160,000 people in that community. I could be wrong but that's what I found on there. So, close to, I think we have a little more than that, but.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Ms. King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you. Yeah, I think...I see Kit over there nodding her head so that must be pretty accurate. So, I just wanted to find out, is there a limit on how many sister cities we can have within a country?

MS. IIDA: There's no limit.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. So, I don't really see a downside to this. I did want to mention that not...that pursuant to Mr. Guzman's comment, the last time I went to the Philippines, I met with the Director of Environment and Natural Resources and we had bodyguards so that was in Manila. So, I don't know if that has something to do with your earlier comment. But yeah, and the next time I'll try to go to San Juan and see that city. But I think the more friends the better. The more, you know, like Mr. Hokama says we do need to know if we're going to be family who we're letting in. But I can see no downside to this. So, thank you for your involvement. And one of the things I wanted to ask you about was did you...have you ever had a, any kind of a sister-city fair that had displays from all of our sister cities?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

MS. IIDA: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes?

MS. IIDA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Is it an annual thing?

MS. IIDA: I would...I can't recall the year and I believe it was in 2010 and Stephanie might know this more than...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Two thousand five.

MS. IIDA: Two thousand and five. Oh, it was even longer than that. So, at that time Lynn Araki-Regan was in the Office of Economic Development, and she helped chair this like sister-cities fair that occurred here in Maui County at the Maui Arts and Cultural

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Center. And she invited all our sister cities that came in. And I played a small role in that. I wasn't part of the big core group there. But we did have groups that came in from...I remember from Japan, from China or Taiwan. And they performed, we had displays up, we had some cultural food booths as well as...and some of the sister cities that came in brought in products that they either sold or gave away at that function.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Thank you. I look forward to the next one.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Mr. Guzman?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: If you can excuse me, we're raising the Philippine flag this morning --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: --at 10:00 because it's --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: --October --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Please go.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: --Philippine recognition month.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes, please go.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Real quick.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Yeah, real quickly. I'm not sure if...so I did do a trip also to the Philippines and Kit, Ms. Zulueta was there and Ms. Zalsos and Mr. Regan. So, it was...and San Juan was part of Quezon too. So, and I think our thought and discussion was about what type of, yes, cultural exchanges, yes, friendship exchanges but especially any economic exchanges, right, the educational pieces, business pieces, tourism pieces. So, I see in the second to last whereas, it does mention these types of things such as exchanges of information, ideas, skills to promote business opportunities in hospitality, tourism, social justice, business, information technology, and workforce development. So, those I think...I'm not sure if Mr. Hokama was alluding to those types of ideas in our exchanges via all our sister cities, and that's kind of my thought is that we need some kind of reciprocal, you know, of sharing of sorts to raise up both of our, you know, respective town, cities, countries, whatever the exchanges are. So, I see that that's a potential here and definitely in support of the more friends the better as Ms. King mentioned. So, would like to see this move

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forward. But I especially love the, our younger generation, you know, being in contact with one another, because they are our future, they are our future leaders, and let's grow that bond and let's grow those relationships too. So, I appreciate this opportunity and salamat po.

COUNCILMEMBER ATAY: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Mr. Atay?

COUNCILMEMBER ATAY: Thank you, Chair. You know first off I want to say mahalo to you, Ms. Zulueta. I can see the passion that you have in supporting and pushing this forward. Also thank you for the students that came who experienced this opportunity. And what you guys shared earlier exemplifies the creation and the connection of sister cities. It's cultural exchange. For the people and the young people that live here, have that opportunity to go to a foreign land, to experience firsthand and have that experience of cultural exchange. However, we sit here in the Chambers we gotta make decisions of whether to accept this relationship and so we have to look at it from a different eye. What is, what's the exchange of relationship? And as stated in that whereas paragraph, I can see the benefits. I can see the benefits of cultural exchange via education and the universities having their exchanges. I can see the culinary students of the Philippines having culinary exchanges with our students. The economic development opportunities from a municipal metropolitan operations and for us here on Maui County to see what we can gain and what we can exchange. So, with that in full support, Chair. I stand in full support in moving this resolution to assist our sister-sister relationship with San Juan from the Philippines. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you, Mr. Atay. Anybody else have questions for Kit? 'Cause if not, I'll...I'm sure you want to go downstairs for that flag raising ceremony. But thank you.

MS. ZULUETA: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you very much.

MS. ZULUETA: If I can mention one more thing if you don't mind? This study abroad program from the college I just wanted to mention this was a dream of many, many years ago by Filipino leaders in our community. I just wanted to mention their names. It's Erlinda and Grelyn Rosario, it's Vince Bagoyo, it's Alan Manibog, Debbie Nakama. These leaders they wanted to make this a reality and San Juan was a big factor in making this a reality and we're really grateful for them. So, thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Thank you. Ms. Crivello, you have...

VICE-CHAIR CRIVELLO: Oh. Thank you, Kit. I just wanted to just add that, you know, when we talk about family, we talk about extensions of sister cities, in my mind, and I fully support moving this forward, is we extend our aloha as well as receiving our sister cities' gift of aloha in their, through their culture. But what that does to me, it

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encompasses what we're all trying to bring forth is world peace and that's I think one of the main mission of our sister-cities relationship. So, I support this. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Members, so I just want to again, Phil Sabado who has been, he's one of our treasures on the island. Christine, thank you very much for providing this, and I know that they definitely do exactly that in terms of through art providing world peace and they establish this relationship with San Juan. So, thank you very much for doing that. And outside in the lobby which was put together by our County Clerk Danny Mateo and others that helped and participated, there's a very good display on all the sister-city relationships. So, if we do pass this, please do add on San Juan also in the display. But you can look at that and see all the different sister-city relationships that we do have, Members. So, at this time if there's no other discussion...oh, Mr. Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chair, no, I know where you want to go because as you said you've made us an aggressive agenda today so thank you for the challenge. I'm happy, I was happy to hear the comments to the questions that we posed. And again, some people take a second to fall in love and some guys take decades to fall in love so time is, you know, relative, yeah, of how long a relationship should be before we make decisions. But I hear the Members and I would be in agreement and this is also a great opportunity, yeah, for us to extend who we are as a people as well. So, there's definitely benefits for our County. The only thing that I'm going to say, this is the type of reso that I don't have a problem supporting, Chair, but the point is there is only one city in this State and it's the City and County of Honolulu. The rest of us are counties. We should be approving sister-county agreements. We're not a city, Maui is not a city. Maui is a County. We're a sitting County body. We should be adopting a sister-county resolution. And that's something we can work on.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: But I just think that we should support the governance structure that we represent and that is the County. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. I wanted to know if Mr. Kushi might have a comment on that. Sister-county relationship versus sister city and if that makes a impact on establishing this relationship from a legal perspective.

MR. KUSHI: Sorry, Madam Chair, I wasn't following the question.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh.

MR. KUSHI: What's the question?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Since we're a County and not a city and this is called, our resolution says establishing a sister-city relationship with the City of San Juan. Does that city versus county impact this?

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MR. KUSHI: City versus county?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. 'Cause we're a County, we're not a city technically.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chair, why don't you allow him time to think about his response?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Because I'm happy to get this to Council.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Okay, good.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: I'm reading the be it resolved item number one and it is stating we formalize the sister-city relationship between the County and City of San Juan, Metro Manila, Republic of the Philippines. So, it looks like we are signing into a County-sister-type of an agreement here. It also in number two states, Tiffany Iida president, Maui County Sister Cities Foundation. So, I don't know, I mean I think our words County and cities are written out in various ways here within the be it resolveds and things. So, I'm not sure if that's enough to, you know, notate the differences or similarities somehow. I don't know. Anyway, that's for --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Mr. Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: --I guess Corporation Counsel --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: --can --

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chair, again yeah --

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: --mull that over.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --I apologize for being kind of maybe anal about this. It is something that I've learned being part of the national program, that there's a lot of confusion of governance and part of it because people assume certain things. And in many of our sister states, the counties don't do what the cities do, they do different things and they're both different entities and it's not interchangeable. In Hawaii, city or the county, I mean guess people look at us as one and the same. But every place else, if you have the city as your name or you have the county, they understand it and they understand the difference in what you do and what you represent. And I just think we should be --

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Consistent.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --consistent whenever we can. And again it's not to be an issue for this, I'm just saying that we should recognize that our governance is as a County entity, not a city entity. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. So, Shelly, maybe we can look at this before this comes up for first reading in Council if it passes, just this issue. And here if Mr. Kushi has a comment regarding that. Okay, Mr. Kushi?

MR. KUSHI: Okay, Madam Chair, now I kind of understand your question. And from the national perspective like in the mainland, there's county of whatever it is and they're made up of various, maybe three or four big cities. Right. In Hawaii there's four counties and for whatever reason City and County of Honolulu is the whole island but they call it a city and county. Everybody else is a County of Hawaii, County of Kauai, County of Big Island and Hawaii. I guess we could call ourselves City of Wailuku because this is where the government is. But we're made up of one County, there's no city and county of Maui. But versus the agreement is the City of San Juan. Now, is there a county of San Juan? I don't know. Is there multiple cities within the county of San Juan? I don't know. But I think the resolution is clear we're dealing with the City of San Juan. It identifies the Mayor of San Juan. You know it identifies the Mayor of Maui County. So, I don't see a problem.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: We're fine? Thank you. Members, at this time...thank you very much. No other questions? I would like to recommend adoption of the proposed resolution entitled Establishing a Sister-City Relationship with the City of San Juan, Metro Manila, Republic of the Philippines.

VICE-CHAIR CRIVELLO: So move.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: So move.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Motion by Member Crivello, second by Member King. And I would like to...any discussions, Members? Thank you. So, also I'm also going to be proposing besides the adoption of the resolution, filing of the County communications. All in favor say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Opposed? None. Excused is Mr. Carroll, Mr. Guzman, so that's six, oh, Mr. White. Six of us and three excused so the motion carries.

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VOTE: AYES: Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Crivello, and Councilmembers Atay, Cochran, Hokama, and King.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmembers Carroll, Guzman, and White.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Recommending ADOPTION of resolution and FILING of communication.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you very much for being here. Thank you very much, all the testifiers, and you can go downstairs and celebrate in front of the County Building for raising of the flag.

**PEA-2(47) NOMINATIONS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS
(BOARD OF VARIANCES AND APPEALS) (CC 17-7)**

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I'm gonna be taking up the next item at this time. Mr. Molina will be here and Mr. Kushi for this item. So, we're taking up PEA-2(47), nomination of boards, committees, and commissions for the Board of Variances and Appeals. And this is...along with completed application form of the nominee. The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve or disapprove the nomination of Sandra Duvauchelle to the Board of Variances and Appeals, for a term expiring on March 31, 2023, to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Evelyn Kissen. Members...Mr. Molina, would you like to provide us opening comments?

MR. MOLINA: Yes, Madam Chair. Good morning, Committee Members. The Administration would like your support of Ms. Sandra Duvauchelle to serve on the Board of Variances and Appeals. Ms. Duvauchelle most recently served on the Maui Planning Commission. She is the owner of Lehua Builder and Contracting Services. And as far as her availability to attend meetings, it will not be a problem since she's the owner of the, or part owner of the business. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Anyone have questions for Mr. Molina? Seeing none...

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: One question.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, yes, Mr. Hokama?

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COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Please. In her previous service did she have a full term, Mr. Molina, on this board?

MR. MOLINA: I believe she did, Councilmember, but I can go verify that. I think I might have the...

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I know that that's one of the reasons, you know, I mean she has experience, she understands the responsibility of a --

MR. MOLINA: Yes. And...

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --board member of this, so.

MR. MOLINA: And from what I've been told her attendance was excellent on the Maui Planning Commission as well. And with her knowledge about building issues certainly will be an asset on the Board of Variances and Appeals.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah, it helps to have an understanding of construction too so I appreciate her willingness to serve. Thank you. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Ms. King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Thank you. Thanks for being here, Mike. So, you know, I've known people on this board and I know it's important to have people in construction. Is there ever an instance where they might have a conflict of interest?

MR. MOLINA: Madam Chair? Councilmember, very good question. We certainly check with people who own businesses if they want to apply for a certain board where there's a potential they will have a client. Ms. Duvauchelle has told us before, when she served on the Maui Planning Commission, she would certainly recuse herself or at least disclose that the, for instance the applicant on a BVA, if they had a business connection or they were a client, she would certainly --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MR. MOLINA: --disclose that and abstain from voting if that was the will of the body.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Do they ever have that issue with approving a variance for like a competitor, a competing business?

MR. MOLINA: Honestly, I'm not aware --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

MR. MOLINA: --at this point but I can do some research.

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COUNCILMEMBER KING: No, I just wondered if you...if anything stood out, because I didn't know if that was, you know, with the recusal being a national issue nowadays. So, but we...you didn't have other applicants?

MR. MOLINA: There were I believe two or three others, but the Administration felt that Ms. Duvauchelle was best qualified because of her experience and her knowledge of building matters that would certainly be helpful in serving on this particular board.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Anyone else have any more questions regarding this or for Mr. Molina? If there's no further discussion, Members, I will entertain a motion to recommend adoption of the proposed resolution entitled Relating to the Appointment of Sandra Duvauchelle to the Board of Variances and Appeals.

VICE-CHAIR CRIVELLO: So move.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Motion by Member Crivello, second by Member Hokama to recommend adoption of the proposed resolution. Any discussion, Members?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, I don't have any objections but I just was wondering, I meant to ask Mr. Molina, these, we got these, you know, the document that shows all the current members and it says proprietary. Is there some reason why this is not a public document?

MR. MOLINA: I...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: No, this is our document.

MR. MOLINA: I guess I'd like to yield that to Corporation Counsel. I can only imagine because of the confidentiality. But however there...on the County...

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I mean all it has a name and...

MR. MOLINA: Yeah. We do have it on the County website, the listing of all the members and I believe it should show their terms.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. But there, so there's no information on here that looks like it should be confidential so I just wondered...

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, excuse me, I'll answer that question. So, it is an internal document that my Committee created for our...so it's easier for us to look at. So, it's not something that the Administration put together, but I..but Shelly has been maintaining this as part of the Committee just so that we can see what the ordinance is and who the members are and their term. I mean she just --

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. But...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: --summarized it for us.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, no, my question was just about why it says proprietary. Is it something that can't be shown to the public? Because I think it's all public information.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: It's public information.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah. But I just didn't want to give you sheet after sheet.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay, no, I appreciate the document, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: I just want to make sure that it's not something that we're, you know.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: It's not secret.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Yeah, okay.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: That's not a secret. Mr. Hokama, you have a question? No? Okay.

MR. MOLINA: Madam Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes?

MR. MOLINA: Just as a side note and it is posted on the website of all the names of the members and their term expiration dates as well.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: It is. The information is public. So, at this time then I would like to take a vote. All in favor say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Opposed? None. So, we have six "ayes," three excused, which is Mr. Carroll, Mr. White, Mr. Guzman, and motion carries.

VOTE: AYES: Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Crivello, and Councilmembers Atay, Cochran, Hokama, and King.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmembers Carroll, Guzman, and White.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Recommending ADOPTION of resolution approving the nomination of Sandra Duvauchelle to the Board of Variances and Appeals for a term expiring March 21, 2023.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you very much, Mister...

PEA-2(48) NOMINATIONS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS (COST OF GOVERNMENT COMMISSION)
(CC 17-7)

CHAIR SUGIMURA: The next item is a item that is...actually a Council nominee for the Cost of Government from Molokai. So, the item is correspondence from September 21, 2018, from Councilmember Stacy Crivello, transmitting a proposed resolution entitled Relating to the Appointment of Ronald Kimball to the Cost of Government Commission. And the purpose of the resolution is to approve or disapprove the Council's nomination of Ronald Kimball to the Cost of Government Commission, for a term expiring on March 31, 2023, to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Gayla Ann Haliniak-Lloyd. We are looking at the correspondence also dated September 25th, also from Councilmember Stacy Crivello, which is the application by Miss...by the nominee. So, at this time, Ms. Crivello, would you like to say --

VICE-CHAIR CRIVELLO: Yeah.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: --opening comments?

VICE-CHAIR CRIVELLO: Thank you, Chair. So, I think the fact that the Mayor did not submit the name of a nominee to fill this vacancy allowed me an opportunity to knock on Ron's door. And, you know, he's in full retirement but he brings a wealth of skills,

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especially when it comes to the numbers and the dollars. And he's always been a person of interest in our government process. He served on the Planning Commission in the past. He served on the Community Plan Advisory Committee. So, serving has always been part of his mantra for, at least from my island. And then even as the Kamehameha School's island coordinator, I mean he extended himself throughout the State with his knowledge and what he carries in him. So, I'm quite pleased and that he accepted to submit his application. I believe he brings with him professionalism and understanding of County government and what is needed for us to be able to work together. So, akamai man, very committed to our island where I come from. He's keiki o ka aina o Molokai. And he's also, you know, he also helped find the Molokai High School and Intermediate friends...foundation. And what that does is help us with scholarships and it just inoculating our youth. He and he his wife Camie are...who is retired from the Department of Education as a athletic director. So, their fingerprints are all over, their footprints are all over. So, I know that he will serve with diligence. So, I ask my Members to support this nomination. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Any questions? Mr. Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I don't have any questions, Chair. I know this gentleman from many, many years. He actually knows my sister better than I do, but I can tell you that I just was thrilled that our colleague was able to get this guy out of retirement. And again, you know, for people like Ron, retirement is not a word that you...which means you just sit down and do nothing, you know. This man still has his fingers into the various activities of his island, his community. And one thing I would tell you that Ron is consistent is exactly how he wrote his political affiliation. That is the description of the man, he votes for who he like and he's independent; however, I would say that Mr. Kimball is a man that is very centered. He is steadfast, even when the wind blows, he doesn't sway too much, he doesn't bend over and snap. He's very centered, he understands those that profess one point of view and those that may profess the, another side of that same question. So, I think he has, if anything, good discernment, the ability to discern. And I think Mr. Kimball brings that as his experience. He understands his island. He understands his culture. And I think he will understand his role as how Molokai fits into the County's governance and how it fits into the costs, 'cause I believe he understands that again nothing is free. So, I look forward to his participation and the advantages he brings with his wealth of knowledge and experience, and as well his steadfastness to represent Molokai. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you, Mr. Hokama. Anyone else have any more comments? Yeah, I think I also agree that with his experience and especially for Cost of Government I think it'll be an important addition to assess how we can become more efficient with County governance. So, I also support this. No further discussions, Members? I'm going to ask for, entertain a motion to recommend adoption of the proposed resolution entitled Relating to the Adoption [sic] of Ronald Kimball to the Cost of Government Commission.

VICE-CHAIR CRIVELLO: So move, Chair.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Motion by Member Crivello, second by Member Hokama to recommend adoption of proposed resolution. Any more discussion? Seeing none, all in favor say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Opposed? None. Six "ayes," three excused, and that motion carries. So, it's Mr. Carroll, Mr. White, and Mr. Guzman excused.

VOTE: AYES: Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Crivello, and Councilmembers Atay, Cochran, Hokama, and King.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmembers Carroll, Guzman, and White.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Recommending ADOPTION of resolution approving the nomination of Ronald Kimball to the Cost of Government Commission for a term expiring March 21, 2023.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Moving on with our agenda. Anybody need a break? You do? Let's take a five-minutes break. So, be back here at 10:30. . . .(gavel). . .

RECESS: 10:23 a.m.

RECONVENE: 10:42 a.m.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .(gavel). . . Welcome back, Members. Thank you. I'm gonna reconvene my meeting. We have two more...three more items to take up.

PEA-81 DONATION OF (200) 2-COUNT NALOXONE NASAL SPRAY UNITS AND TRAINING AND TRAVEL EXPENSES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE (CC 18-228)

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, the next item is PEA-81, Donation of (200) 2-Count Naloxone Nasal Spray Units and Training and Travel Expenses to the Department of Police, here with us. And the purpose of this resolution is authorizing acceptance of the donation of this to the Department of Police, pursuant to Chapter 3.56, Maui County Code. And the Committee will consider whether to recommend adoption of the revised proposed resolution with or without revisions. And the Committee may also consider the filing of County Communication 18-228 and other related actions. At this time right now we have with us Assistance Chief Victor Ramos and Lieutenant Reid Pursley. From Corp. Counsel we have Jerrie Sheppard. Department, would you like to open up with some comments about why we need this or educate us on this donation.

MR. PURSLEY: Thank you, Chair. I'm Lieutenant Reid Pursley. I'll be speaking about accepting of the Naloxone which is also called NARCAN nasal sprays. And what those do is those counteract the effects of opioid overdose so heroin, morphine, hydrocodone, fentanyl, that type of stuff.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: So, could you...Mister...or do you want to say a few words too?

MR. RAMOS: After.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, I was just curious, so this is to be used by Police for a, during an arrest to prevent overdose or what is the purpose of the donation?

MR. PURSLEY: They're actually reactive so it wouldn't...once somebody overdoses, it can be given to them to counteract those effects of the drug. So, it'll basically bring somebody back that's going to be experiencing a medical emergency because of overdose from one of those opioids.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. So, one more question and I'll turn it over...open it up to the Members. But so that's why there's education as also this donation so that the police officers would know who to...how to use it?

MR. PURSLEY: Yes, absolutely.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Members, anybody have any questions regarding this? Mr. Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Just for general information, Chair. Chief, 200, what is your anticipated use within 12 months? You're going to more than likely burn out this 200 doses or units?

MR. RAMOS: We're hoping not to use any of this. I mean primarily we...we took this inventory to use in case the officer gets involved primarily. With fentanyl being an issue in the mainland, we're expecting some of that here and because it's absorbed in the skin, officers will have priority; however, if we do run across somebody that requires this medication, we'll give it to them. But it's going to be held in patrol until we need to use it. So, hopefully we'll hold on to it for a while.

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COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Didn't we earlier already fund the Department the ability to have some type of units available for this type of purpose?

MR. RAMOS: I don't know the answer to that. I'm not aware.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I thought we funded through Budget the departmental request to provide some support in this area. So, this would be in addition to or in add...yeah, in addition to. The second is, is there an--what's the word--effective period whereby, you know, after 12 months you need to destroy it 'cause it's...

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, shelf life.

MR. PURSLEY: They're good for two years, the shelf life is two years. And the reason for the 200 is that we have 50 authorized beats so that would be four units per beat and that goes for every district. So, that's outside districts. Everybody, all the patrol officers have it. And just so...we can't wait for somebody to bring it to you so the officers have to have it on board. I mean the effective time is short, the window is short.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Is this something that's re-doable if, you know, 'cause...do we provide these people some data or information in return for this --

MR. PURSLEY: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --acceptance?

MR. PURSLEY: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: What are we providing them with, frequency of the use of the unit?

MR. PURSLEY: I believe they're asking how much, how many times we've used and in what --

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Situations.

MR. PURSLEY: --situations, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. No, I appreciate that, and, you know, if you can continue to get this type of exchanges. But that information you're providing our donor, that's not proprietary right? That is, that's our information, so for me, Chair, that is something, yeah, like I said down the road I intend to use our data as a source of revenue. And these are the kind of things we need to ensure that we retain and keep the data appropriately for our beneficial use. So, I just want to make sure that that's part of the agreement that it is not a proprietary results to the donor from the use of this acceptance.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. So, Staff, you got that? Okay. Do you also...shall we also check if we have a budget item that we funded similarly or are you okay with this?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: No, I'll follow up on my own, Chair. Thank you for that courtesy but I recall us supporting the Department because we are aware of these challenges that men and women of the Department face on the frontline. So, I believe we had provided them some additional support earlier. I'll go check on my own. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay, thank you. Anyone else have any questions regarding this? Oh, Mr. Atay?

COUNCILMEMBER ATAY: Chair, I don't really have any question but I would support what Member Hokama has shared, 'cause I'm aware that on the national level, the National Association of Counties wants to address this national epidemic and opioid crisis. But what Chair Hokama was sharing is that we need to accumulate data and with the data of our community we then can seek Federal sources of funding that would be available. So, I think what he shared about is if the Department can probably visit the NACo site to see what kinds of data that they're trying to collect so that we're all in line when we do go forward in requesting for national funding support.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. We can have Staff check into that then, to see what NACo has available since they are with this 3,000 or so counties throughout the whole nation that they're a wealth of information for us. Any other questions, Members? Mr. Guzman?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Yeah, we had this subject matter in my Committee as well 'cause the, there's a multi-district litigation case that's out there. And it was my understanding that we had...this was anticipated to be received, the nasal spray units. So, what I heard in my Committee was something that it would be used for the community, and now I'm hearing from the Department that the priority is the officers. So, if we're talking about data that needs to be collected, wouldn't that necessarily be data for the users in our community, for the, you know, the constituents not necessarily for our officers? And does these nasal spray units have expirations on it? 'Cause all drugs have expiration.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Expiration. So, Department, the expiration and...

MR. PURSLEY: Two years is the shelf life per unit.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Okay. I'm just relaying what was told in my, discussed in my Committee. So, thank you.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Any other Members? Seeing none, okay, at this time, no further discussion. I'll entertain a motion to recommend adoption of the revised proposed resolution entitled Authorizing the [sic] Acceptance of the Donation of (200) 2-County [sic] Naloxone Nasal Spray Units, for [sic] Training/Travel Expenses to the Department of Police, Pursuant to Chapter 3.56, Maui County Code; including any nonsubstantive revisions; and the filing of County Communications 18-228.

VICE-CHAIR CRIVELLO: So move.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Second.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Member Crivello made the motion, second by Mr. Hokama. Any other discussions? Mr. Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chair, we're assuming that that includes the revisions as we've discussed?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes, thank you. Adoption of proposed resolution and filing of County communication. All in favor say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Opposed? None. So we have seven "ayes" and two excused, which is Mr. Carroll and Mr. White. The motion carries.

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VOTE: AYES: Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Crivello, and Councilmembers Atay, Cochran, Guzman, Hokama, and King.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmembers Carroll and White.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Recommending ADOPTION of revised resolution and FILING of communication.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you very much for that. We'll go into the next item.

PEA-82 DONATION OF TWO HUMMER H2'S TO THE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE (CC 18-229)

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Now, this is very interesting. PEA-82, Donation of Two Hummer H2's to the Department of Police. We had photos of that for the Members. Can you pass it out? Thank you. So, this is the photo of the two Hummers that are being donated to the Department. And County Communication 18-229, from the Chief of Police, transmitting a proposed resolution entitled Authorizing Acceptance of the Donation of Two Hummers [sic] to the Department of Police, Pursuant to Chapter 3.56, Maui County Code. And the purpose of the proposed resolution is to authorize acceptance of the donation of the two Hummer H2 vehicles to the Department of Police, valued at approximately \$30,000 each, from the State of Hawaii Surplus Property Office, Department of Accounting and General Services. Correspondence dated September 10, 2018, from the Department of Corporation Counsel, transmitting a revised proposed resolution correcting the donor's name to read State of Hawaii Surplus Property Office, Department of Accounting and General Services, and other nonsubstantive revisions. So, we're looking at September 10, 2018 is the document. Department, do you have any opening comments?

MR. RAMOS: We were fortunate enough...thank you, Chair. Good morning, everyone. We were fortunate enough to be offered two Hummers from the Homeland Security. They contacted the Chief, the Chief spoke to his executive staff and had asked if we could use these vehicles and so I spoke up, well we could use one of them for our Criminal Investigation Division for our drone team. Oftentimes, most recently too, we've been asked to gather evidence at some of the remote sites and even prior to the hurricanes, and we could...we see a lot of use for this, the possibilities for those very purposes.

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The other Humvee will be used in community relationships. I believe the plan is to make it into a D.A.R.E. vehicle for public relations. And that's basically it right there.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Anyone else have any comments? Ms. Sheppard, do you have any comments regarding this?

MS. SHEPPARD: No.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: None? Okay. Members...Mr. Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Is there a period of restrictions that we should be aware of, Chief?

MR. RAMOS: None, not that I'm aware of.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. Any restrictions on uses or who can be in or...in the vehicle or not? We have none of those type of restrictions?

MR. RAMOS: No restrictions.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Are these former DOD used vehicles?

MR. RAMOS: We're getting it straight from Homeland Security so perhaps at one time but we're getting it directly from HSI.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay, okay. So, would this be also backup for special response unit requirements?

MR. RAMOS: Not that I'm aware of, no.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: No, I commend you. I think this is good stuff. The Federal government does this a lot so I hope our other departments are looking at other Federal equipment that we can get within a few years that this type of...well, you're going to get a maintenance cost I'm sure but \$60,000 of value is...we appreciate the Department's efforts. Thank you.

MR. RAMOS: Thank you. The only thing we have to I guess put in the kitty is the payment for shipment and a new battery, and it's really the only thing we have to invest on our side before acquiring it.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: The Chair calls it shelf life but you expect to get what, five-ten years out of these vehicles, Chief?

MR. RAMOS: Hopefully, even longer if possible if we take good care of it.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah, yeah. Again, thank you for good work.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. So, I have a question. How do we get to, the position to receive a donation like this? Is the relationship that the Chief has with someone in Homeland Security or how do we acquire this and learn how to do more like this? More donations like this.

MR. RAMOS: Yeah, I mean it was very straightforward. The Chief does have a very good working relationship with all our Federal agencies, and HSI has a person on Oahu who's a good friend of all of ours, Frank Cabaddu, and he did offer it to all the local jurisdictions first. It looks like we're the only takers on this. But it does help to have a relationship with the Federal agencies.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Anyone else have questions? Ms. King?

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Chair...so thank you again for bringing this donation in. So, this is coming from Oahu?

MR. RAMOS: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. And what is the shipping charge?

MR. RAMOS: I'm told approximately \$500 per vehicle.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Okay. That's pretty good for...but yeah, I think...and you guys are, like have a list, a constant list of things that are coming up and available? You know as far as equipment that they're done with or they don't need any more or is it this is just kind of an anomaly?

MR. RAMOS: Yeah, it's...we don't have a list. Typically how we get wind of equipment is they would reach out to us.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, okay.

MR. RAMOS: And then we'd look into it. If it...if we could pull it off, then we'll be right here, if not, we'll just pass it off.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: Oh, okay. All right. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes, Mr. Guzman?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Yeah, can you clarify because on the certification and agreement for the acceptance of this, of the two Hummers, you mentioned that one of the Hummers you were going to use for investigation and for your drone unit and the other one would be for educational purposes. But in A of the donee certifies, it says

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that you guys are going to be using it for residents of a given political area or public purposes, and then the other one would be for educational public health purposes. And then you also agree that in B, these units would be in the proper use and when they are acquired within one year will be used for such purposes. Going to the second page, if you don't do it, the donee also agrees that the terms and reservations and restrictions, you do have to submit a report to this agency verifying that they're still in use. So, are you retracting what you said earlier that you're not going to use one of the Hummers for investigation? Because it seems to me that they're both going to be used for some type of political or educational purposes and you do have to comply with this, these restrictions.

MR. RAMOS: I can tell you that we're using it for law enforcement purposes, not political purposes.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Yeah. So, you may need Ms. Sheppard maybe could verify whether in fact you can expand the scope of your purpose on the vehicles.

MS. SHEPPARD: It's for a political area, given for the use in a political area for one or more public purposes, and the public purposes would be law enforcement and specifically crime investigation, whatever kind of response they may need. And also the public outreach, that is a public purpose of the law enforcement agency.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Okay, very good. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, good question. Thank you. Anyone else? Okay. So, at this time then...

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Oh wait. Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes, Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Chair, sorry. What are the years on these, the age? Is it 1997s? I'm trying to look at the receipt here, does it give ages on these at all? But sorry, you guesstimated another five years use out of these vehicles, is that what you stated?

MR. RAMOS: Five, ten, maybe longer. You know the...it's coming to us in fairly good condition, brand new one of these Humvees cost \$120,000. But we'll, we're going to use them as long as we can. Yeah, we'll get the most out of it.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: And follow-up, Chair?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: And we have mechanics within our departments to work on such vehicles?

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MR. RAMOS: As far as our PD we do not have any mechanics. We're going to have to look for that for servicing, and that's going to be one of the things that's going to allow us to extend its life.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Right.

MR. RAMOS: But we'll look into that as soon as we acquire, if we're fortunate enough to get these Humvees.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, thanks.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay. Any other questions, Members? If not, then there's no further discussion, I will entertain a motion to recommend adoption of the revised proposed resolution entitled Authorizing Acceptance of the Donation of Two Hummer H2's to the Department of Police, Pursuant to Chapter 3.56, Maui County Code; including nonsubstantive revisions; and the filing of County Communication 18-229.

VICE-CHAIR CRIVELLO: So move, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Second.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Motion by Member Crivello, second by Member Guzman to recommend adoption of the revised proposed resolution; and filing of the County communication. Any discussion, Members? Seeing none, all in favor say "aye."

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: All opposed? None. So, that's seven "ayes," two excused, which is Mr. White and Mr. Carroll. The motion carries.

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VOTE: AYES: Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Crivello, and Councilmembers Atay, Cochran, Guzman, Hokama, and King.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmembers Carroll and White.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Recommending ADOPTION of resolution and FILING of communication.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Next item...I guess we're waiting for Fire. So, thank you very much. Nice seeing both of you or all of you. Thanks for working on this. I look forward to seeing the Hummers out in the community. I'm gonna take a short recess. Fire is on their way. I think we're doing this a lot faster than we had anticipated. . . .(gavel). . .

RECESS: 11:01 a.m.

RECONVENE: 11:11 a.m.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: . . .(gavel). . . Members, I'm gonna start this meeting and when Fire gets here, which should be shortly, then we can bring them into the discussion. We estimated that we would take this up at 11:30 so we're actually early.

PEA-83 DONATION OF 61 PAIRS OF KAENON SUNGLASSES TO THE OCEAN SAFETY PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY (CC 18-230)

CHAIR SUGIMURA: This is for donation of 61 pairs of Kaenon Sunglasses to the Ocean Safety Program of the Department of Fire and Public Safety, PEA-83. The County Communication 18-230, from the Fire Chief, transmitting a proposed resolution to authorize acceptance of the donation of the 61 pairs of sunglasses to the Ocean Safety Program of the Department of Fire and Public Safety, pursuant to Chapter 3.56, Maui County Code. The revised proposed resolution incorporates a nonsubstantive revision to the name of the receiving program and other nonsubstantive revisions. I'm just...I'd like to see this and I wonder if donations are also given to Police. But anyway, Mister...do you want to say anything, Mr. Ueoka, since we're still waiting for Department regarding this?

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MR. UEOKA: Thank you, Chair. I'm not sure if other departments get similar offers. The Hawaii Lifeguard Association is --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, here they are.

MR. UEOKA: --very well respected and they're...help out the Ocean Safety Officers often with these types of various equipment to supplement the standard stuff the County issues to the lifeguards. And I'll stop now because I see Chief Martin and Mr. Kayama. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Perfect timing. So, thank you very much. So, at this time, Department, do you want to say a few words? Welcome. Assistant Chief Val Martin?

MR. MARTIN: Good morning, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Good morning.

MR. MARTIN: Sorry.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh no, we're early so thank you.

MR. MARTIN: Yeah, we just...we walked in. And good morning, Members. Today, I brought Operations Manager Cary Kayama to assist us and he'll have an opening statement.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, thank you. Mr. Kayama?

MR. KAYAMA: Good morning, Chair and --

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Good morning.

MR. KAYAMA: --and Committee Members. Thanks for meeting with us on this issue. So, the Kaenon eyewear was donated to the Hawaiian Lifeguard Association. The Hawaiian Lifeguard Association has been a nonprofit for the Hawaiian lifeguard for many years, and they've been always supportive of the lifeguards and trying to provide us with some product and this year we got some glasses from Kaenon. And the glasses are high-quality glasses that we could use on the beaches to cut back on sun glare, as part of our PPE, personal protective equipment, blood-borne pathogens. It'll cut back on eye damage from pterygium and other things like that. So, you know, eyewear is very important for our guys and we're very happy to have this opportunity to receive these glasses if the Committee approves that. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay, thank you. Chief, you want to say a few words also?

MR. MARTIN: Chair, unless there's anything specific I have no other comments.

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CHAIR SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. Thank you. So, I have a question for you then. How will the 61 pairs of sunglasses be distributed and how many Ocean Safety Officers do you have?

MR. KAYAMA: So, right now the process is the Ocean Safety Officers would go online to a specific website and they'll select a pair of glasses. So, there's six styles they can choose from. They'll go online, they'll select their pair, and once all the 61 Ocean Safety Officers select their style of glasses they would want to receive then they would ship everything to us to our office. But that's pending the approval right now.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: I see. Thank you. Members, any other questions?

VICE-CHAIR CRIVELLO: I have.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Ms. Crivello?

VICE-CHAIR CRIVELLO: So, how many lifeguards, safety officers do we have?

MR. KAYAMA: We have 61 including me.

VICE-CHAIR CRIVELLO: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Mr. Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So, this is viewed as just a personal property then, Mr. Ueoka? Is this considered part of the uniform?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Mr. Ueoka?

MR. UEOKA: Thank you, Chair. This has always been a strange thing for us when the lifeguards do receive something. It's not necessarily part of the uniform; however...and it is given directly to the individual Ocean Safety Officer. However, just in an abundance of caution, the Fire Department always wanted to bring these types of donations to the Council so the Council would be aware of the other items of as Mr. Kayama mentioned, PPE that the Ocean Safety Officers receive. So, during budgeting and stuff, the Council is fully aware of the other items that the Department has received; however, these are issued directly much like those, I believe was the footwear issued directly to the individuals. While the County is receiving it, it is issued directly to the individuals.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Right, right.

MR. UEOKA: I don't believe they're like County sealed and tagged and everything of course.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: No, no, no, no. My concern more is as long as all the parties including the employee understand if we approve this what it means. So, if for them it means I'm accepting something of at least \$200 of value, is this reportable? Do I

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report this as part of my in-kind compensation? Is that a...is this a reportable thing or does the Department take care of all those things, because it's coming through the County? I just want to make sure we all understand if we say yes, what this means for everybody, including the Ocean Safety personnel.

MR. UEOKA: I...we can follow up with Finance but it is our understanding or is my understanding right now that these are not considered income or anything like that sort for Federal income tax purposes. I don't believe this would be a violation of the code of ethics as it's not a gift intended to thank or reward lifeguards or to try to induce certain behavior in the performance of their official duties. This is simply a donation from an association, the Hawaii Lifeguard Association for the Ocean Safety Officers. But we can definitely try and follow up with Finance to see if this needs to be included in some way, shape, or form. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. And again, Chair, the key is everybody understands if there is something they need to be aware of that we make it known upfront. 'Cause we walk all the terminals, okay, we see all those big 10x20 visual aids, yeah, to support a product or whatnot, and we see Hawaii Lifeguard Association although we know the face, that's our firefighter or Ocean Safety person. You know that's fine, I don't have an issue. But to me they're just smart people in marketing, they know what sells and of course what sells is people who use the product, right? So, I just wanted to be upfront that, you know, in a sense we're supporting entities that make good products. Okay. But this is not something we're required to replace if stolen or broken right, Mr. Ueoka?

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Mr. Ueoka?

MR. UEOKA: Thank you, Chair. Yes, that is correct. This is given to the individual, it's their responsibility to take care of it. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Okay. No, good job, Department, for the...you can get this type of support for the, our personnel. This is good stuff. 'Cause it's quality equipment, Chair, okay, it's quality equipment. Whether it was the footwear or now with these glasses, our people are getting quality equipment. Thank you.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Department, Chief, you want to say a few words?

MR. MARTIN: Yes, Chair. Thank you. And it is our understanding that these donations are one time. If it does occur again next year, it would be another request and there's no expectation that they would be donated again. So, we look at it as annually and we do not have any intention to replace any lost or damaged if it were approved. And it's equipment that they can wear when they're out there. The sun is, it is damaging on everything from the facilities to our personnel. It's, it takes a lot to be out there, so I appreciate the members wearing eye protection. And we also do provide other types of PPE of course so that they get training with when we do encounter any type of a

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medical emergency or procedure. So, this is not the primary equipment that we provide our Ocean Safety Officers when they're performing their duties. But I think throughout the day with the sun it would really help them.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. So, before I turn this over to Ms. Cochran, I know that in the past when we've had donations to the same Department, there was a question about endorsement from that company to...by the County. So, is there any...just it sounds like not but just could you specifically state and clarify that this is not like an endorsement or a sponsorship of any kind and this is just an individual donation? I don't know if it's Mr. Ueoka or the Department want to take this. Mr. Ueoka?

MR. UEOKA: Thank you, Chair. This is not a sponsorship of anything on behalf of...it's not an endorsement, it's not saying the County supports this certain company, it's simply a donation that we are receiving. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR SUGIMURA: Okay, thank you. Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you, Chair. And yeah, and these donations are very helpful to everyone. But I'm wondering how you mention, Mr. Kayama, these being PPEs for the respective job duties of lifeguards. So, I mean I'm kind of equating that also to a welder or someone else who has to wear protective eye-gear as part of their job. 'Cause this isn't I think in a budgetary item via your Department but it's, I'm thinking could it be or should it be? And donations are great but I think it sounds like it's part of your, you know, respective duties. And I've had a four-hour pterygium eye operation just 'cause from surfing and being in the sun and so I know how damaging the sun is. And without those eyeglasses it can be worse and thereby our lifeguards can have more, you know, reactions as these on their eyes. So, I think it's key to health and safety too of our workers. So, is there a difference?

MR. MARTIN: Yeah, we can...it could be a CBA topic that can be discussed. I think a lot of the lifeguards they have their preference on the type of eye-wear. I think lifeguards are always, for many of them or most of them, their whole life down at the beach and they're aware of it and they wear their eye protection. And so this is just another option. Whether we provide it or not, I know that they would provide it themselves, you know, for personal preference people like different ones and the way that...styles. But yeah, it's not something...we can take a look at it.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay. No, I mean I think it's a worthy discussion just 'cause I think it's the nature of your work, lifeguards' work, to have this type of exposure and that protective measure is a must for the workers. So, that's just my thoughts. Thank you. But appreciative for this and support it.

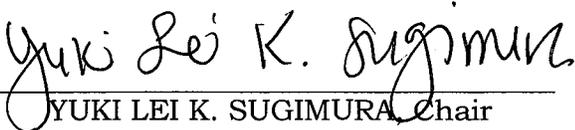
CHAIR SUGIMURA: Thank you. Thank you. Thank you very much. Any other discussion? Okay, seeing none, so I'm going to ask for a motion to recommend adoption of the revised proposed resolution entitled Authorizing the [sic] Acceptance of the Donation of 61 Pairs of Kaenon Eyeglasses [sic] to the Ocean Safety Program of the Department of

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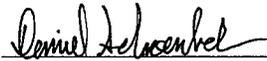
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CERTIFICATE

I, Daniel Schoenbeck, 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 16th day of October, 2018, in Kula, Hawaii



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