

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET COMMITTEE**  
Council of the County of Maui

**MINUTES**

**April 5, 2019**

**Hana Community Center, Main Hall**

**CONVENE:** 6:08 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Chair  
Councilmember Kelly T. King, Vice-Chair  
Councilmember Tasha Kama, Member  
Councilmember Alice L. Lee, Member  
Councilmember Michael J. Molina, Member  
Councilmember Tamara Paltin, Member  
Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci, Member  
Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Member

**EXCUSED:** Councilmember Riki Hokama, Member

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Kasie Apo Takayama, Legislative Analyst  
David Raatz, Supervising Legislative Attorney  
Stacey Vinoray, Committee Secretary  
Nicole Siegel, Committee Secretary

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Dawn Lono, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci  
Gina Flammer, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci  
Jennifer Karaca, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Keani N. W. Rawlins-Fernandez

**OTHERS:** Christel Blumer-Buell  
John Blumer-Buell  
Ward Mardfin  
Rick Rutiz, Executive Director, Ma Ka Hana Ka Ike  
Sheila Roback, Senior Center Director, Hale Hulu Mamo  
Timmy Satot, Information and Assistance Program Coordinator, Hale Hulu Mamo  
Eileen Comeaux  
Imi Nelson, Field Crew Leader, Maui Invasive Species Committee  
Mona Oliveira, Case Manager, Ohana Makamae  
Jonathan Starr, Board Member, Kaupo Community Association  
Helen Nielsen  
Rose Soon  
Jonnie Oliveira, Hana Branch Manager, Maui Economic Opportunity

Mikala Minn, Mahele Farm  
Skip Young  
Lipoa Kahaleuahi  
Irish O'Hara, Ke Ao Hali'i  
Mike Opgenarth  
Heidi Lea  
Allen Greenfield  
Phyllis Castro  
Chad Meyer, Ke Ao Hali'i  
Robin Rayner, Ke Ao Hali'i  
Claire Kamalu Carroll, President, Hana Community Association  
Kauwila Hanchett, Kaupo Community Association  
Linda Clark, President, Kaupo Community Association  
Scott Crawford, Chair, Ke Ao Hali'i  
Chris Gaarder  
Tom Bacon  
Fawn Helekahi-Burns, University of Hawaii Maui College  
Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros  
Earle Medeiros  
Becky Lind, Executive Director/Treasurer, Hana Arts  
Aimoku Chee  
Adam Radford, Program Manager, Maui Invasive Species Committee  
Faith Ewbank Chase  
Mary Kahana, Ke Ao Hali'i  
Sam Akoi IV  
  
Others ()

**PRESS:**

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**ITEM 1: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI (CC 19-61)**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Will the Economic Development and Budget Committee, please come to order? It is April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:08 p.m. Mahalo everyone for coming to our Hana Budget District meeting tonight. We have with us our Office of Council Service staff, Leslee Matthews.

MS. MATTHEWS: Aloha, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Kasie Takayama [sic].

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Aloha, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: David Raatz, Stacey Vinoray. Up front you probably signed up with Nicole Siegel and my staff, Jen Karaca. I am the Economic Development and Budget Chair. I'm Keani Rawlins-Fernandez and I will now hand the mic over to your District Councilmember. Shane Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you. Thank you, Chair. . . . *(Audience applause)*. . . Mahalo, thank you, everybody for coming tonight. It's such a good turnout. Welcome to our Hana budget meeting and this is the third this week. We started out in Lanai, last night we were out in Pukalani, and tonight in Hana. Next week we'll be visiting North Shore, South Maui and West Maui. So, mahalo for...and everywhere we went there was a strong sense of community and just by the looks of tonight our community has shown up. So, mahalo for coming...just e pule ma`anei keia po that we Malama i kekahi i kekahi and aloha kekahi i kekahi tonight, `ae? And, so, I'd like to do some introductions. From West Maui we have Member Tamara Paltin. . . . *(applause)*. . . From Haiku Moku we have Member Michael Molina. . . . *(applause)*. . . From South Maui and Council Chair, Ms. Kelly King. . . . *(applause)*. . . Our Vice-Council Chair and Member from Molokai, Member Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. . . . *(applause)*. . . From Kula Mauka we have Yuki Lei Sugimura. . . . *(applause)*. . . Wailuku Moku we have Alice Lee. . . . *(applause)*. . . And Kahului we have Tasha Kama. . . . *(applause)*. . . And missing we have Lanai Moku, Riki Hokama, he's excused tonight. For my Staff in the office we have Gina Flammer, Dawn Lono, and Don Atay. . . . *(applause)*. . .

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: And in our Hana office, Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros. . . . *(cheer and applause)*. . . We also wanted to thank Mice with the Parks [*sic*] and Tuks for helping out with parking. Sam-Boy, Earle, and Kau'i with the food they prepared for the Council tonight. So, Mahalo nui loa. And without further ado, yes? Okay, I'm also reminded that we have the HUD surveys at the door and we wanted to distribute that to the families. The surveys will help us with any housing or infrastructure funding in the future so if everybody can take one for you or if you have other members of the family that is not here, please take a couple with you and share that. I believe our due date is April 15<sup>th</sup> so we wanna get those out and mailed before then. Thank you, Leslee.

**. . . BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. We'll begin with public testimony. Please make sure that you're testimony is related to the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget, and, when you come to the microphone, I know this is a small venue and everyone can hear each other, but if you can please speak into the mic for the record. And, just a quick reminder to please silence cell phones and any noisemaking devices. Okay? So, to testify, please sign up with staff near the door. Testimony is limited to three minutes and upon request, up to one minute to conclude. If you are still testifying beyond that time I will kindly ask you to complete your testimony. When testifying please state your name and who you are representing and please also indicate if you are a paid lobbyist. Okay, Ms. Matthews, will you please call our first testifier.

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, Madam Chair, our first testifier is Christel Blumer-Buell, testifying on EDB-1.

MS. BLUMER-BUELL: Okay, so I'm Christel Blumer-Buell. I'm a teacher at the school, been here a long time in Hana, 43, 44 years now, I think. Can you hear me? Okay. Anyway, yeah, so I've been here a really long time and the road from Hana to Kipahulu seems like it's been like 20 years since it's been paved and it's full of potholes, and especially around Kauiki...Puiki. And somebody today I was talking to and they're saying four times a year they have to get new shocks and I mean it's a pain. When it rains, one day

I counted just to Puiki from Hana Ranch which is only like a mile or two, 43 pretty, good-sized potholes. So, and then, they do get filled but the next rain it's washed out cause they can't afford the expensive stuff to fill it with anymore. So, you know, and then we see the other getting paved and we're going we have so many people going on that road every single day, why don't we ever get paved, you know, it doesn't make sense. So, that's what I'm personally asking for and for all of Hana, too. And I'd also like to put a plug in. I've been a board member on lots of different organizations like the Hana Canoe Club, and Hana Arts, Hana Day Care when we had that and anyway, I would like to put a plug in for the Hana Youth Center, for all these organizations. I mean, I'm at school at and I hear the kids talking about these places and they're so important to them, so I really hope you continue supporting them. I know you've had in the past and I thank you for that and I thank you for being out here. And I guess that's all I'll say for tonight. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Blumer-Buell. Members, any questions for our testifier? Seeing none, thank you so much for your testimony tonight. Ms. Matthews.

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, Madame Chair, our next testifier is John Blumer-Buell, testifying on EDB-1.

MS. VINORAY: . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

MR. BLUMER-BUELL: That's fine, thank you.

MS. VINORAY: You're welcome.

MR. BLUMER-BUELL: Aloha, everyone. Thanks for coming out and Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, aloha. I'd like to say aloha to your staff, too, and particularly, I haven't seen David for years. But I saw David Raatz and, David, over years and years and years, if I needed a question answered I can call him and he gets it answered with no attitude, no perspective, just the facts. And that is so helpful when you have good employees like that. We're talking about property taxes. There was a gentleman I met more than 40 years ago at the tax office named Ishikawa, I think his name is David Ishikawa, and he's the first person I met on Maui. I meant, my God, aloha, he knew what community service was and he helped me so much. Now, I'll testify. I've submitted 12 pages of testimony and I really beg you to read them. I think it's all important. It's a lot of history. It's things I've worked on for more than 30 years. And the first one on page one, the number one budget consideration has to do with the Ka Pueo Kahi which is Hana Bay. And there's this unmet mandate from 1994 about prepare a domestic water master plan and wastewater system and it's never been done. And I give the history, it's very urgent. So, look, I'm asking you as a Committee to please refer it to Shane's Committee, Environment and Culture *[sic]*. Now, I would suggest \$100,000 as a six-year capital improvement. It could be a lot less but it won't cost much and it would be a good chance to solve the problems. It's all laid out in here. I think we need- if we involve the Gates Foundation, a number of - Robin Knox, water expert, has looked at this before, Maui Tomorrow has, there's lot of people willing to help. I work with Dr. Harrison from U.H., in 1988 we tried to solve it. The history, Chair, I'll try to be quick. Okay, the number two I have for you is Mike Victorino very wisely put two and quarter million dollars in there for our community open space and I've been involved with land acquisitions for more than 40 years out here. They have, they've grown, they work for

the community. They're important culturally. It's reconnecting the lineal descendants with their land and it's working, you know –

MS. MATTHEWS: Three minutes.

MR. BLUMER-BUELL: -okay, it'll try to be quick. The next one is for the Hana Planning Commission. And there's an article about the planning commission. There's a picture of me, but, it goes back to when Velma Santos who was a friend of mine. She was so disturbed by just the, by the fact that the Planning Department misrepresented the whole thing to her. She said we need a Hana Advisory Committee. There's history in here. We need a Planning Commission and our money it's gonna save the County money to have that. And I'll be quick, Chair, I'm just going to mention one more thing. I just really ask for all of you to really go through this, it's history, it's important.

MS. MATTHEWS: Four minutes.

MR. BLUMER-BUELL: The community's been involved. And last thing, I put in here a big article with a picture from 1991 with Councilmember Lee. And she was part of the tax reform that Bill Tavares and Comet [sic] worked so hard for. And I've been a friend of Bill's for decades. I'm still co-chair of Comet [sic].

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Blumer-Buell, will you please conclude your testimony?

MR. BLUMER-BUELL: Okay. I talked to Bill yesterday. He's 97 years old, we're good friends. He's as fired up as ever. So, read his letter that is attached to this. Last thing, I'm simply asking for this to be referred to Tasha Kama's Affordable Housing Committee. This is an affordable housing issue in Hana. It's an affordable –

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Blumer-Buell, can you please conclude.

MR. BLUMER-BUELL: -okay, and...we're not trying to reform the tax system, we're trying to make –

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, I'm sorry, you're out of time.

MR. BLUMER-BUELL: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. And we have your written testimony. Members, any questions for Mr. Blumer-Buell? Seeing none, thank you so much for your written testimony, too.

MR. BLUMER-BUELL: You're welcome.

MS. MATTHEWS: Madam Chair, our next testifier is Ward Mardfin, testifying on EDB-1.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . . *(inaudible)*. . .

MR. MARDFIN: Aloha, thank you all for coming out. I'm glad you all made it. I'm just - John mentioned the Makaalae lands, the purchase. I really, all the more money you can put us in, the more land we can acquire, the better this town will be in the long run future. Another item I wanted to mention is the MEO van going back and forth to Kahului. That

is extremely valuable to seniors here and it helps people get to medical appointments and to do necessary groceries. Another important item here is MISC, and I know they have some funding but they don't have enough funding. They do what they can but little fire ants and rat lung worm disease really affects this community and they need to get enough funding to be able to do those items. All the nonprofits are really great for the Hana Cultural Center to Hale Hulu Mamo, to Hana Youth Center, Mahele Farm, and all the support you can give the nonprofits is really appreciated. Thank you very much for your kokua.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for your testimony Mr. Mardfin. Members, any questions for our testifier? Seeing none, thank you so much for your testimony. Miss Matthews.

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, Madam Chair, our next testifier is Rick Rutiz, testifying on EDB-1.

MR. RUTIZ: Aloha and thank you very much for coming out here. I guess I've been seeing a lot of you for many years and the new people we welcome you. Thank you very much. So, like 20 years ago I had a really nuts idea. After watching a bunch of 16, 17, 18 year-olds build houses with me and then at the same time seeing these same kids at school, just lights out we don't wanna be there, why the blank are we here? And we started Ma Ka Hana Ka Ike and gave these kids a chance to succeed, to believe in themselves, to take tape measures, chop saws, nail guns and build for their own community. In the last 20 years we've, I think, built 18 classrooms at school, more than 60 structures in the community all gifts for our kupuna. And these kids who, if you believe what schools what school tells them that they're useless, they're no good, they've got no futures and all of a sudden they start believing themselves and they do beautiful, incredible, long-lasting work. And their kupuna come to the blessings and they point and they. . . you did that? Yeah, I did that. So, we've been so blessed to work with this community and now we have an organic community farm. We have a Ku'i Program and we have one great partner whose been with us for 19 years now, that's you guys. So, we don't do it without you and we're very thankful for you being by our side as partners for all these years. And then let's not forget every other non-profit in Hana. We all work together like this, you know, we share, we work off each other so I would mention them but I'm gonna forget someone so I won't try that but we support 'em all. Thank you very much. Aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Rutiz. Members any questions for our testifier? Seeing none, before I call up the next testifier we do have about seven seats up in front. I see overflow. Please, hele mai. You can, there's open seats here, and there's also some open seats on the side here if . . . come inside, hele mai, hele mai. And then, Ms. Matthews, will you call the two testifiers at a time?

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, Madame Chair. Next testifier is Sheila Roback, testifying on behalf of Hale Hulu Mamo, to be followed by Timmy Satot.

MS. ROBACK: Hui, aloha.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aloha.

MS. ROBACK: Welcome to Hana. Aloha kuupalala. My name is Sheila Roback. I'm the Senior Center Director of Hale Hulu Mamo. We're part of Maui Adult Day Care Center. And I'm here to Mahalo all of you for continuing to support us. That's my kuleana is the kupuna of Hana. So, also, we have Maui County Office on Aging that Timmy is coming up next, he's a colleague of mines, he works with us. So they're important for our kupuna. We have our MEO that provides transportation for our kupuna. Also, for myself who don't drive. Also, we have Kaunoa, they have their congregate meals here. Let me just make sure I don't forget someone. Our Hana Youth Center, we work closely with them, we're right next door to each other and we provide Movie in the Park once a month for our community of Hana and it's a family event, date night. Also, Ohana Makamae, they're a family resource center in Hana. Seventeen years ago I got clean through Ohana Makamae so I have, I'm approaching 18 years of being clean, sober and serene and I couldn't have done it without Ohana Makamae. Mahalo, Hana. What else? Ma Ka Hana Ka Ike, the Ku`i Program is so awesome, you know. My granddaughter goes and Ku`i poi once they try get her in once a month. She's with Kula Kaiapuni but we don't get eat her poi because she eats it before she gets home. . . . *(audience laughs)*. . . . And she doesn't pound enough. But, we're blessed because they also provide to the kupuna who don't have children in the school so that they also get to have poi. So we're really grateful for that and also for Mahele because they share their vegetables and fruits with our kupuna. We wanna Mahalo Parks and Rec who we work closely with, Mice. All the non-profits like Rick said, we couldn't do it without each other. If one goes down we all go down cause we all work together, yeah, that's how you gotta work in Hana...outside of the box. If you wanna know more about Hale Hulu Mamo just call me up 248-8833. We do a lot of wonderful things in Hana for our kupuna and our main thing is to keep them here in Hana, keep them healthy, malama them, and that goes for all our keiki in Hana, our aina, you know. We want us to stay Hana to protect our place, keep it beautiful for the next generation. So we wanna thank you for helping us do that. Just ask for your continued support for all those you hear tonight come forward and speak. Yeah? So, mahalo. And where is Shane's cushion? Everybody else got a cushion? . . . *(audience laughs)* . . . Oh, stay on the floor? Okay. Thank you, Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Roback. Members, any questions for our testifier? Okay, seeing none. Miss Matthews.

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, Madam Chair, next testifier is Timmy Satot, testifying on behalf of Hale Hulu Mamo, Maui Adult Day Care, Maui County Office on Aging.

MR. SATOT: Good evening, Councilmembers. Yes we appreciate the, or I appreciate the continuing funding for Hale Hulu Mamo Maui Adult Day Care Center, as well as, Maui County Office on Aging and basically, all the organizations and services that benefit the seniors. Not only in Hana but throughout the County, as well as, their caregivers. So, this is...so supporting the continuing funding for those things. I know unfortunately in Hana, as far as the Kupuna Care program, the services that we have on an ongoing basis consistently is the Meals on Wheels program as well as the congregate meals that we have with Kaunoa Senior Services. Although the ideal would be to be five meals a week, with the congregate they meet at most three times a week so there's three meals that are provided for them during the week. And then with the Meals on Wheels, they do have two hot meals and then the other three are frozen so at least they get the five meals during the week, but the goal is to have five hot meals. I think the issue is mostly

personnel, you know, they just have Kaunoha has just a part-time worker in Hana and they're also relying on volunteers. Okay, what else? And so, continuing funding also for the caregivers. We have the monthly caregiver support group meetings held at Hale Hulu Mamo, as well as, quarterly caregiver workshops and that's funded by through the Maui County Office on Aging and collaborating with Maui Adult Day Care Centers. Let's see, also, MEO is a benefit, as well, to the seniors. Whether it's shuttling within Hana or travelling out to Kahului and that's how Sheila said and others have said there are many other nonprofit organizations within the Hana community that if we didn't work in the synergistic relationship then it wouldn't work as well as it's doing right now. Okay? Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Satot, for your testimony. Members, any questions for our testifier? Seeing none, thank you so much for your testimony. Miss Matthews.

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, Madam Chair, our next testifier is Eileen Comeaux, followed by Imi Nelson.

MS. COMEAUX: Aloha, I'm Eileen Comeaux and thank you for coming out and I, too, use the Senior Center and my husband uses it, and the exercise and everything it does for us is great. Hana Arts, my grandchildren go there. We use all of the youth centers. We use all of these things so thank you very much for funding all of that and please continue. This is on the infant stage of the concept of a bike path in Hana. You'll see before you we have map that shows the Hana Highway and with that it's not really penciled in exactly where it's going to go but you will see that there is the road there next to that, anything that is Hana Ranch Biologic is what they are donating the land for us. Are we short?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . . *(inaudible)*. . . .

MS. COMEAUX: Oh, okay, I have more, I have more. I was just counting these guys. But, so, Hana Biologic is donating land for this bike path. They're idea is that they would just push their fence line back 20 feet to make a two-lane bike path for Hana. I know also that we do have a bike path that went from Koki across all the way to the crossroad and down. That's another possibility that we could go with that one that could be redone. There's cattle through there and if you ride a bike through cattle, they like to chase bikes. I mean it's really not fun to ride a bike with cattle. So, it's you either put a fence on either side or, and it's a great pathway, too. That's a great pathway. Mind the street bike I like to be on the street, I like to be on something smooth. But, you know, I'll make do. So there's a couple of things we can do there. We can go with the Hana Ranch Biologic, but they're moving their fence line back and we would have to kind of crisscross because it doesn't exactly go. You'll see there's a lot of private properties in between there that we can either a) as them if they want to join in or, whatever, we're pretty much at the infant stage. Anyway, that's Page One. Page Two is a copy of the – it's actually a really bad copy of the Paia bike path, and what I'm talking about is exactly what Paia has and like I'm saying in 2012 I went to see the Mayor and he said that Hana would get theirs. Oh, you don't have it? Oh – okay, I have that too. I have more copies. And then in the back you'll also I have the cost estimate from Tom's Backhoe that we went through the whole thing with him and he gave us a cost estimate, you know, what it would cost to actually do that going with the, you know, ranch putting their fence line back, making the bike path, and going from the skate park . . . and then there's a few

questionable marks all the way to Makaalae which should be great. It'd be a great ride for – and safety. . . I had coming in today, I mean, there was a woman that was walking and there was two cars and she had to you know, go up to the side and believe me I've been in many, many close calls riding my bike here. I ride on Mondays, I ride from Makaalae into the pool with the senior center program at the swimming pool at the hotel which is great. Thank you very much. So, it's dangerous. The road is dangerous, but, I'm taking my life in my own hands and if that's what happens, that's what happens. But, anyway that's . . . Can we get this concept from the beginning to 20 years from now I'll be really happy and . . . But let's try and get it going because the hotel is – I mean not the hotel but the ranch is offering it now and we know how that turns over, so, I think we want to take advantage of it now. So, we agree we all want to be safe and want our people to be safe and lots of people walk so it's a walking pathway too. So we can walk and ride and get healthy and, right? Okay. Thank you very much. Any questions?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I do.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Comeaux. We have a question from our Multimodal Committee Chair, Yuki Lei Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you for being here. So I just want to understand that this is your entire proposal but you just have it broken down into sections or are you talking about, is that correct?

MS. COMEAUX: That's the entire thing.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So all together is that two –

MS. COMEAUX: That's everything that's on Biologics land. So we didn't touch anything that's private land. We haven't even, you know, dealt with that. This isn't on.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No, no, it is.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: It is on.

MS. COMEAUX: It is? Oh, okay. Alright.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So this includes the Hana Ranch land?

MS. COMEAUX: Yes. Yes, that's everything that is Hana Ranch land only.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Only.

MS. COMEAUX: Only. Yeah, because I mean you're going to go through town and town we're not going to touch anything in town. We leave town as it is, I mean, from the you know laundromat, you know all the way to Hasegawa's. We don't touch that. And that's --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The whole time . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

MS. COMEAUX: -you know that's pretty safe anyway. You can kinda be on the side there and make it through.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. So, I'll talk to your Hana representative –

MS. COMEAUX: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: -to get more information. Thank you.

MS. COMEAUX: And Shane, you support this, right? . . . *(audience laughs)* . . . Okay, and you and you, and you and you, and you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ask her a quick question and then stop.

MS. COMEAUX: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I just wanted clarification. So, throughout the testimony you were saying that it's on Biologic land?

MS. COMEAUX: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: But here you say Hana Ranch. Is there a different –

MS. COMEAUX: Well, I should have said Hana Ranch Biologic, is that correct?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

MS. COMEAUX: Yeah, I should have, you're right. You got me.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh okay.

MS. COMEAUX: Yeah, you got me, I should have said that, yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh okay. Mahalo for the clarification.

MS. COMEAUX: I'll check that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sinenci.

MS. COMEAUX: Okay, we're all on board.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah, thank you, Eileen. And just to make a comment. I think Eileen had scheduled a meeting with the Mayor.

MS. COMEAUX: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: So they're in their conversations right now.

MS. COMEAUX: Yes, we are in conversation with the Mayor and now it's May 5<sup>th</sup>, if anyone wanna come up there at two o'clock, it's cool. Alright.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, any other questions. Mahalo, Ms. Comeaux for your testimony tonight.

MS. COMEAUX: Alright.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Matthews.

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, Madam Chair, our next testifier is Imi Nelson, to be followed by Mona Oliveira.

MR. NELSON: Aloha, Councilmembers. My name is Imi Nelson. Born and raised over here in Hana town. I'm representing Maui Invasive Species Committee and I'd like to acknowledge my coordinator, MISC Coordinator, head of our company in the back there, Adam Radford. So I speaking for our company, MISC, tonight. Thank you guys for your guys continuous support over all these years. I've been with MISC for 16 years now but 20 years in the conservation. But in this last few, five years, we going need your guys support a lot more probably more than ever because LFA and coqui frogs and miconia just taking over. But, I'd like to thank you guys for your guys continuous support and that's all I get to say. And, thank all everybody for your guys programs and our awesome community. Mahalo!

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Nelson. We have one question for you. Chair King.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you. I was going to ask you a question but if Adam's gonna – Adam are you gonna testify too or no? You are. Okay, I'll wait and ask Adam, okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King. Ms. Matthews.

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, Madam Chair, next testifier is Mona Oliveira to be followed by Jonathan Starr. And if you're testifying next, Madam Chair, may I ask that they stand and be ready.

MS. OLIVEIRA: Aloha, County Councilmembers. Braddah Shane. I'm Mona Oliveira. I'm here this evening representing `Ohana Makamae. And I brought my supporters. . . all over here. And . . . *(audience cheers)*. . .Okay. We are a nonprofit organization that provides social and behavioral health services. Our services include substance abuse treatment programs for adults and adolescents which included drug and alcohol and evaluations, group and individual counseling, and drug testing. We also have a sober-living home for men transitioning in recovery from substance abuse and alcoholism. We have mental health programs which include individual and family counseling, crisis intervention, case management, and information and referrals. We do community and family programs. We also serve as a support and resource center with community food bank, use of printer for copying and faxing, and we do yard work. Without the continued support from the County over the past years we would not be able to continue these programs, so mahalo to each and every one of you. And to the new people, I just wanted to brief you guys on what we do. So, I would also like to support the other nonprofits in our community which my family and I have utilized over the past years. They are MEO which services my Mom to go to and from her residence so that she can come into Hana for the programs and to go to Kahului. Hale Hulu Mamo and Kaunoa Services who have provided my Mom with a safe, nurturing and fun environment. Ma Ka Hana Ka Ike for assisting our family with building and repairs to our home when my Mom came out of the hospital. The Maui Invasive Species Committee, very important because

I believe in protecting our native forests. Most importantly, funding for their miconia program which is destroying the East Maui watershed. And the Hana Youth Center where my children have gone to participate in a safe and healthy environment. And I'd like to mention Mahele Farm, Kahanu Gardens, you know, they -- All the nonprofits, they serve a purpose for us in Hana and so, please continue to fund them. Yeah and especially fund us, Ohana Makamae, okay because without our services, everybody would have to go to town to do it, you know, it's -- we have people with DUI. We have mandated clients with the court system and without us, they would have to do their program outside. So, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Oliveira. Seeing no questions, Miss Matthews.

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, Madam Chair. Our next testifier is Jonathan Starr to be followed by Helen Nielsen.

MR. STARR: Aloha Councilmembers and mahalo for coming Hana District. I'm Jonathan Starr. I'm here as a board member of the Kaupo Community Association. Also, our President Linda Clark and Auntie Rose Soon, and some of our other board members are here. For about the last six, seven years, we been working on a project in Kaupo just to fix up the old Kaupo School. The buildings are falling down, they're too dangerous to use. They haven't been used since the '60s. The community overwhelmingly wants to fix them up and use it for a resource center. Also, as part of a project those families who have kuleana land in Kaupo be able to have what it takes to come back and live in Kaupo. And, you know, as such I think that it's a project that has a lot of social benefits and also when the rivers run and Kaupo get cut off it'll enable us to help shelter and serve people. We've received \$975,000 from the State of Hawaii as a grant and aid; \$70,000 from Historic Hawaii Foundation; and, you know, a number of other help from private organizations and we're funded to fix up the buildings, and we're just past a milestone this week. We got our last sign-off from a County department so our permits are forthcoming. You know, we have great professionals like Jim . . . (*inaudible*). . . and Munekiyo who are helping us with that. And we're about to start the carpentry, the carpentry work restoring the buildings so they will look just like they did in 1923 will be done in the upcoming fiscal year. What we have not been able to fund so far is the infrastructure to make it work. There's a cesspool, two cesspools, that were built in the 1930s. They are illegal and cannot be used. We've designed and permitted a septic system that is conforming. We're ready to bid it but we need help to do that. We also need to put a water system in there is no drinking water in Kaupo. There is, you know, there are people with water meters but they cannot use it for drinking or for domestic purposes. We want to be able to have safe water for people on the side or to take a little bit home with them. We also want to have 30,000 gallons of water both for fire flow for the buildings cause we need to fire protect them to the County standard. Plus, we'll have water that's available when the brush fires come which they do every year and the fire department can fill up their tankers in Kaupo instead of filling them up in Kula which is what they do now. Also, a PV power system using the energy of the sun to store energy that we can use for the center. So, we have a program. The total for all that infrastructure is \$475,000. It's been through a lot of scrutiny. It's been approved by CDBG twice, and I don't know if any of you have ever done that but it takes a lot of work to do it. Two years audited financials and all your numbers and all the Federal demographics, you know, Kaupo is one of the areas of the Maui County that really needs some help to get on its feet. So, we really ask you to please help us move forward with the infrastructure side of it so we'll be able to use these beautiful, historic building when

they're fixed up and we can really be a good model of a community that's been working to provide for its future, it's kupuna and children and the families who have left but want to come back. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Starr, we have a question for you. I'm sorry. Chair King.

MR. STARR: Yes, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. Thank you for your testimony. I had a couple of questions. Is Munekiyo doing pro bono work for you?

MR. STARR: They did pro bono for about three years and we got a little bit of funding, maybe a tenth of what they've done. But, mostly it's been pro bono.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So what you're asking from the County is not going to pay their consulting fees, okay?

MR. STARR: No, and all the design and all the –

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MR. STARR: -you know, we have no overhead, we have no salaries. We're just looking for –

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MR. STARR: -- -nuts and bolts and concrete ad

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. And did you do a capital campaign yourselves? Did you guys raise some of that?

MR. STARR: We've raised over a million, over a million one.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MR. STARR: You know, including a bunch from all our members of our community and our board and friends. But, we've raised – all our grant writing we do ourselves, everything we do ourselves.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Awesome. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King. One more question. Did you receive the funding, sufficient funding, last year?

MR. STARR: It was in the Mayor's Budget last year. I understand that it's still in the 2019 budget as EDB-175. The Budget Committee did not take it up either at budget time last or as it when it was sent down a second time as a budget amendment and, you know, we understand there are other priorities. But, I understand it's still there.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, so it's as a budget amendment item because it wasn't included in the Council's adopted budget, but the funding would be used from carryover savings. Is that correct?

MR. STARR: I would love it if that's how it could be done. I beg ignorance of the way the process works and I really look to you and staff who have the wisdom and knowledge of how to help us accomplish.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo, Mr. Starr. We have one more question for you. Member Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. So, Mr. Starr, my understanding is that anytime the County or the government gives out funding it usually triggers an EA or EIS. Have you folks done one yet?

MR. STARR: No, because we've been – had an exemption issued by the County and with the State also went along with it because we're not building new stuff, we're restoring the buildings from 1923 –

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Old stuff.

MR. STARR: -to be exactly the same. So we –

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So renovation?

MR. STARR: -we have that in hand and also, you know, the zoning interpretation that's consistent. We've been through years and years of all of that.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Kama. Members, any other questions? Okay, seeing none. Now you can leave. Mahalo, Mr. Starr. Miss Matthews.

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, Madam Chair, our next testifier is Helen Nielsen to be followed by Rose Soon.

MS. NIELSEN: Aloha, Councilmembers, thank you so much for coming to Hana. My name is Helen Nielsen and I'm joined here at the podium by Rose Soon. And we're here in support of the Kaupo School funding. It's really been a long journey and we're really proud of how much we've done so far with fundraising and we've been leveraging all of that with countless hours of volunteers from the community and from board members and from professionals on the outside who just saw this as a really good project. And Jonathan didn't mention, you know, with the power system we're many, many miles from any power lines so, it's not something like it's a demonstration project or anything, it's really a necessity. And just to mention this is on historic register. I really think we're really going to make a name for ourselves just because it's such an important project. So many of our historic buildings have been knocked down especially schools from this era and this is really a great way to bring the community together. People are coming back that really find a way to get involved with the community. And just briefly, I'm working the Hawaii Community Foundation to begin a designated fund or an

endowment so that I hope to be getting to raise much money so we can work off of that to help support the school for the future. And if I may pass the mic over to Rose?

MS. SOON: Well, Kaupo, I wonder whether or not you knew that Kaupo was cut off from the world and the road opened in 1937. So we were in Kaupo all those years. And as I think back, we didn't have a Ballard's Mortuary. So Kaupo is a sacred place it's full of graves. And we lived a wonderful life. One nice thing was at Christmas, New Years, people would go around from house to house and play music, Hawaiian of course. And we also went up to the mountains to hunt. We went to the shores to fish. We went to pick opihi and it was just self –

MS. NIELSEN: . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

MS. SOON: -Yeah. It was . . . and so, in 1937, the road opened from Mokulau to Kipahulu, and that was – and the school was there with one teacher and six grades. And, I don't like to say this, but, the teacher was required to have only one year of university education to teach us. Yeah, so, well . . . it was a wonderful life and I wish more people could have gone through it. I have more to say, but, thank you. Thank you for everything.

MS. NIELSEN: Wait, wait, and if I could just add Rose is on the board of the Kaupo Community Association and she's our official historian.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, we have one question. Member Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair. Hi Rose. Is your sister Evelyn Moniz?

MS. SOON: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you.

MS. NIELSEN: And she comes to the Kaupo Community meetings, too. Okay, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Lee. Mahalo, Miss Soon and Miss Nielsen. No other testimony. Okay. Thank you so much for your testimonies tonight. Ms. Matthews – oh, and one more thing. When you hear the alarm sound that'll be the three-minute mark. Miss Matthews, will you please call our next testifier.

MS. MATTHEWS: Thank you, Madam Chair, our next testifier is Jonnie Oliveira testifying on behalf of MEO, to be followed by Mikala Minn.

MS. OLIVEIRA: Aloha, welcome to Hana. My name is Jonnie Oliveira and I am the Hana Branch Manager for Maui Economic Opportunity (MEO). MEO is the community action agency chartered on March 22, 1965, under provisions of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964. In the last fiscal year MEO served nearly 18,000 individuals and families, touching 54,000 lives. MEO administers more than 40 programs under five departments. Here in Hana we fall mainly under our transportation department. But, we have also assisted other departments by referring clients by referring clients or providing actual services. For example, we assist Community Service Department with their LIHEAP Program every month of June. The LIHEAP Program is the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program where we help qualified applicants to receive credit

with their energy bill. As for transportation, we provide shuttle service to and from Central Maui four days a week and here in Hana for a few hours a day, five days a week. We also provide transportation services for our Hale Hulu Mamo Senior Center five days a week, plus couple excursions annually. We also provide transportation for our Hana Youth Center on school days from the school to their center. Our Hanalani Senior Club to their once-a-month meetings, their annual fundraiser to the MEO Senior Club Festival, and their excursion request annually. We also provide for the Hana Canoe Club during the regatta season and the Hana Kaunoa Nutrition Seniors to their weekly luncheons, their group gatherings to other group sites, excursions annually, trips to Mahele Farm and their food bank pick up at Ohana Makamae. We are receiving our new bus very shortly and plan to receive a second bus at the end of this year thanks to our County Council so thank you. We mahalo your support and ask you to continue to support MEO and all of our Hana nonprofit agencies in our effort to serve our community. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Oliveira. Any questions? Seeing none, thank you so much for much for your testimony tonight. Miss Matthews.

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, Madam Chair, our next testifier is Mikala Minn, testifying on behalf of Mahele Farms and all other nonprofits, also to be followed by Skip Young.

MR. MINN: Hi everybody, Councilmembers, Uncle Shane. I want to thank you guys for being here tonight and it's apt that I'm behind Aunty Jonnie because, you know, hundreds of people come to Mahele Farm every year to utilize our 10-acre community farm and get their fresh fruits and vegetables. But, only MEO doesn't get stuck in the mud down at Ulaino. . . . *(audience laughs)*. . . cause they're the best drivers around. Okay, 14-passenger van, all the kupuna in there yeah, our treasured kupuna, and, you know, we got – I mean even I get stuck in the mud down there. Everybody with their lifted Toyotas with no 4-wheel drive is peeling out in our yard and Jonnie and Toons and Aunty Karen, they just breeze right out. Yeah, so, yeah we are indebted to them, MEO, to bring our kupuna down to Mahele Farm otherwise they wouldn't be able to get down there. And so yeah, I'm here on behalf of Mahele . . . and part of Ma Ka Hana Ka Ike which also has the Malama Haloa Kui Club. And so, with our nonprofits how it works is that we all lean on each other just like everybody said. And you know, on a given Tuesday Kaunoa Senior Center contracts MEO to bring the kupuna down, they harvest vegetables themselves from our community farm, wash 'em themselves and take 'em home for their ohana that might feed five, ten people. And then Wednesday comes around and it's open to the community, Ohana Makamae comes down and utilizes our program and brings their sober living guys down to work in the land, yeah, and kind of reconnect with who they are and who they want to continue to be. And we're partnering with the Hana Youth Center who does field trips down at the farm. Anytime we have surplus produce we go to Hale Hulu Mamo and Aunty Sheila and it's just the way we are, we're you know the nonprofits in Hana acts as an extension of government agencies that, you know, steps A, B, C, D, and then we come in E, F, G and make sure that we capitalize on all of our precious resources as far as people and of course the land. And so, thank you for your continued support of Mahele Farm and Ma Ka Hana Ka Ike and I hope you guys know that it's not going to waste. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Minn, for your testimony and I think that MEO doesn't get stuck in the mud cause all that mana on that bus, huh?

MR. MINN: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Miss Matthews, will you please call our next testifier.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Yes, Chair. The next testifier is Skip Young to be followed by Lipoa Kahaleuahi.

MR. YOUNG: Hello, my name is Skip Young and I gonna give out this . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

**Note: *Mr. Young walks away from microphone to hand out informational cards to the Members.***

MR. YOUNG: You got one? Anybody over never get one? Okay, you guys can just come find me over there, okay. My name is Skip Young. And, these cards right here are good luck cards, yeah, cause I'm Chinese, Hawaiian, Portuguese, English. Okay, so I got every blood inside of me so I cannot hate anybody or anything like that, yeah. But, this is a picture of Kauiki Hill over here at Hana Bay. And I had these things printed in Chinese and I got them printed in Japanese already. So, I'm looking for a distributor to distribute them in Japan and distribute them in China. And the money that I get from these cards, I wanna buy Hana Ranch and Molokai Ranch and I'm gonna give it to the Hawaiian people in Hana and give it to the Hawaiian people on Molokai . . .you know. And, I know you guys have some money, but, you know, I don't want because I'm trying to get the money from these cards right here, yeah. I have 'em printed in Japanese and I have 'em printed in Chinese, too already. So, I'm looking for a distributor in China and I'm looking for a distributor in Japan so I can sell these cards over there. And I know there's like a billion people in China already, yeah, and I know there's a couple million in Japan, too. So, anyway . . .yeah, I'm tied up with words. I not really good at words and stuff like that yeah, but, anybody that didn't have a card you can come find me I'm sitting right over there in my card. And then, thank you very much for all your time and your patience and everything like that. Okay, thank you very much. Any questions?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Seeing no questions, mahalo for your testimony, Mr. Young.

MR. YOUNG: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Miss Matthews, will you please call our next testifier?

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Yes, Chair, the next testifier is Lipoa Kahaleuahi.

MS. KAHALEUAHI: All right. Aloha kakou, my name is Lipoa Kahaleuahi. Mahalo for that beautiful pronunciation. Aloha, Uncle Shane. I hope you guys enjoyed the pa`i`ai poi, that was directly from our haumana and they made sure to put some extra mana in there for you folks so, mahalo. I have a couple things that I'd like to share but first is mahalo on behalf of Ma Ka Hana Ka Ike. As a native Hawaiian, Hana native professional, I think it's important to note that by supporting our local nonprofits such as Ma Ka Hana Ka Ike you are directly affecting Hana's economic development and providing meaningful, impactful professions for young people to return to but also people in the community to remain here and support their families. So, mahalo. Ma Ka Hana Ka Ike after 19 years is experiencing its first succession. As you know, succession is important, change of administration is important and when we look around we are seeing – we all grew up together from diapers on, a lot of us and now we have the opportunity to

continue Rick Rutiz's legacy, hopefully for the next 20 years. So, we thank you so much for your support and hope for its continuation. The other thing that I'd like to support this evening is Mayor Victorino's proposal to the line item that shares about funding conservation efforts for Hana's coastal lands. We've created a nonprofit within a year that has sent in proposals, applications for funding more than – I mean hundreds of acres of our Hana coastline that if you were to walk on those lands, and we invite you to come back and to walk these lands 'cause they really, truly speak for themselves. They are the home of many of our iwi, our ancestor's bones, our fish, our limu, our salts, our cultural practices and by conserving these lands for in perpetuity for our, the next generation we are really being able to continue providing all of those things for our whole island community. So, we really ask for your support in those line items.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

MS. KAHALEUAHI: . . . *(laughs)* . . . That's alright. I think I am pretty much, for the most part. And I did just want to point out I did see this clip in the Maui News of the signage and right on. I think we're on the right page that on one hand this is a start, signage of Ahupua`a names, but I think that, you know, preserving these ahupua`a we meet in the middle to continue that these names . . . *(timer alarms)* . . . retain their importance. Okay, I'm pau.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We have one question, Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So thank you for being the legacy here, continuing on the legacy of Mr. Rutiz. I wanted to ask you then about this your second item that you spoke about. So there's, you're saying there's something in the budget right now for that?

MS. KAHALEUAHI: There is a few line items. I didn't take a look at what those numbers are.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: But it's called Hana Coastal?

MS. KAHALEUAHI: Two point two five.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Hana Coastal Lands. Oh, that's with all of your things.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, okay, thank you.

MS. KAHALEUAHI: You're welcome.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Council Chair King.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. Thanks for being here. Thanks for being the succession to that great program.

MS. KAHALEUAHI: Me and others.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, and you took over while Rick could still walk and play and enjoy his retirement. So, but I just wanted to comment on the paper that you have there because that project is in my district and was funded through our district cultural development funds and I wanted to let you know that the Aha Moku on Maui is trying to do that project in every district. So, if you want to connect with them let me know and I can put you in touch with the folks in South Maui District that did those signs.

MS. KAHALEUAHI: Great, mahalo.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just was wondering the name of the lands?

MS. KAHALEUAHI: These are lands that were owned by Hana Ranch Partners for many generations and the lands, they've kind of pieced them out and they include Makaalae, Mokae, and then there are others, Hana Ranch, Sea Ranch Vistas or . . . and then Hamoa Bluffs. They've put their own names, I mean using place names that exist but then have put their own marketing twist to them. But, those are some of them.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Got it, thanks.

MS. KAHALEUAHI: Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Members, any other questions. Okay. Mahalo nui for your testimony, Ms. Kahaleuahi. . . . *(applause)*. . . . Miss Matthews will you please call the next testifier.

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, Madam Chair, our next testifier is Irish O'Hara, to be followed by Mike

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MR. OPGENARTH: Opgenarth.

MS. MATTHEWS: What is it? Can you tell me?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . . *(inaudible)*. . .

MS. MATTHEWS: Perfect, thank you.

MR. OPGENARTH: Aloha, Council Chair and Councilmembers. Mahalo for coming to Hana. My name is John Irish O'Hara and yes, I am Hawaiian. I represent Ke Ao Hali'I, Save the Hana Coast, nonprofit organization. And more importantly, I represent the native Hawaiians of Makaalae and Hana. Ke Ao Hali'I has been in existence for about a year and as Lipoa mentioned the . . . we went to the State and they promised us some money. We went to the Mayor Victorino and he endorses our project. But for one year now we have not received any money. It is time that Ke Ao Hali'I starts walking the talk, yeah? People of Hana is watching what are we doing and we have been reluctant to talk to them because we have not accomplished anything yet. But this year may be a very fruitful year for Hana. We are starting with Makaalae, Waioka Pond area and then Mokae, another significant area, both ends of that side of the island. I no need talk

about the land, I only need mention little bit because for the Councilmembers that did the site visit today, the land will speak for itself. We no have to talk about the land. You've seen it, you know what we up for. For those that never come, the land is very precious to the Hawaiians. You ask what is the name of the lands? And I try to tell the people that was with us, it's everything makai of the highway from Hana Town right out here all the way to Waihonu River, Waioka Stream. All of that is for sale. And we need to be aggressive because Hana Ranch is not going – Hana Ranch Partners are not gonna wait too long because as we trying to solicit money from different entities they are still selling the properties. And, you know, we have to be patient. We understand the government system but the, we need your help in trying to get these monies and any more that you guys can give. I would like to be here one year from now and mahalo all you guys for us having these properties. The land is not only for food and recreation for Hana but Hana people need to connect with nature and that is what we will lose if we lose the land. The children, the kupunas, they have to go down to the land and feel the mana of our kupunas and teach that mana to our future generations. It'd be shame to me and all the people of my age in Hana if someday the Hana Hawaiian only learns only how to be Hawaiian by books and school. You cannot learn Hawaiian that way, you gotta connect with the aina. The aina will make you one Hawaiian person and that's why we need to do what we can to save our Hana Coast. We really appreciate mahalo and tell the Mayor we mahalo him too for putting it on the bill. Thank you very much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. O'Hara, we have a question. Member Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. So, I'm trying to think in my head that best case scenario that you end up getting this land. Are you able to steward that land in the way your ancestors stewarded that land when they were there.

MR. O'HARA: That's a good question, you know. That is a good question. Maybe the best way for me to answer that is, I know I can and our Ke Ao Hali'I organization can. But Hana, can we take care this land if we get 'em?

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: `Ae! . . . *(applause)* . . .

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you very much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Kama. Mr. O'Hara, I have a question. So, I was one of the Councilmembers that went with you on the site visit and there were a couple other areas particularly one pu`u that would be included possibly in the negotiation. What was the name of the pu`u?

MR. O'HARA: I don't know if you talking the pu`u by Mokae, the Puele or Pu`u one nao as my family know. Oh I don't know, I mentioned Kauiki to you guys. The way Oprah was. And the other pu`u was Kauiki, yeah, ova hea. That . . . Hana Ranch Partners were interested in turning that over to the County. Is that the one you talking about?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

MR. O'HARA: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: What was the inoa?

MR. O'HARA: Kauiki, right behind.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, it wasn't part of Makaalae and Mokaе.

MR. O'HARA: Only the one-

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Kauiki.

MR. O'HARA: -Kauiki and then the other one is Ka Iwi O Pele but that's Oprah's place.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, mahalo.

MR. O'HARA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, any other questions? Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: The . . . Kauiki one was separate then, Makaalae and Mokaе, yeah, yeah . . .

MR. O'HARA: But that was just mentioned because that is all part of the Hana Ranch Partners are trying to sell, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: What is the pu`u on the other side of Mokaе.

MR. O'HARA: Of Mokaе the other side?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Makaalae side.

MR. O'HARA: The pu`u, the one I mentioned about the heiau over there? The one, that open space land. That was Hale Ulono, the heiau and there's another heiau right now next to 'em . . . Kaluanui, I think the name.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, any other questions? Seeing none, mahalo for your testimony, Mr. O'Hara.

MR. O'HARA: Mahalo to you guys.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Miss Matthews.

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, Madam Chair, our next testifier is Mike Opgenarth.

MR. OPGENARTH: Opgenarth.

MS. MATTHEWS: Opgenarth.

MR. OPGENARTH: Pretty close.

MS. MATTHEWS: To be followed by Heidi Lea.

MR. OPGENARTH: Aloha, Councilmembers.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aloha.

MR. OPGENARTH: Aloha, Uncle Shane. Thank you guys for taking the time today and just wanna thank everyone else, too, for sharing such amazing mana`o and stories. Again, my name is Mike Opgenarth. I have been really blessed to be a part of the team at Kahanu Garden for a little bit over four years now and for those of you who haven't been there, I hope you all have, but, we're home to a lot of amazing things. The largest breadfruit collection in the world, some of the other most profound collections of other indigenous crops like sugar cane, taro, but most significant is Hale O Piilani Heiau and we've been fortunate to have the support of Maui County on different grant projects through OED in previous years and we're hoping that those kinds of things continue. These are projects that help us to continue to kind of grow capacity to take care of that place and honor it in a way that it was intended by, you know, the community and the family that deeded it to our nonprofit in 1974. So we've been trying to take care of it since then and it's a big task. We have a small crew that works very hard, but, it's one of the most amazing places you'll every go and connect with. We welcome groups from keiki to kupuna there, all over, all throughout the year. We do single-day visits to multi-day educational learning experiences that focus not only on plants but also on culture and, you know, how plants connect with our culture. So, just want to thank you guys for your support there. But, we can't do what we do without our other nonprofits here in Hana. Right next door is Mahele Farm, part of Ma Ka Hana Ka Ike, as you guys heard, and so many other nonprofits that in this community. We just thank you for the continued support of those because it helps all of us at the same time. One other thing I would to ask for your support in is to continue supporting the Maui Invasive Species Council and all the other initiatives that help protect our native forest and also areas where people live. You know, things like little fire ant will change the way that we live our lives, you know, just to going outside and doing yard work will never be the same. Coqui frog kinda same thing but a different type of pest and the list keeps growing. New pests comes into Hawaii every single year and it's not getting easier to take care of all of these issues. It's ballooning to be a larger thing so if we want to take care of things like good ole fire ant and coqui frog and miconia, it's important that we really throw the resources at it to take care of it if we want to really make a dent. So, that's it. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Opgenarth, for your testimony. Seeing no questions, Miss Matthews, will you please call our next testifier.

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, Madam Chair, our next testifier is Heidi Lea to be followed by Allen Greenfield.

MS. LEA: Aloha, Council, thank you so much for making it out here to Hana today. I'm relatively new returnee to Hana but have enjoyed this area as a playground for decades and am so grateful to be able to come and support the people here that have put a lot of work in through Ke Ao Hali`I this year. I've just, it just seems like things are accelerating at a pace right now that there's opportunity but there's also difficulty and if we can make things right that's what we have to do here. So, I know Mayor Victorino has put two line items on the Budget for the Mokae and the Makaalae lands and I really support that. I also want to put a shout out to a couple of other things that I know are on the budget. One is the funding for the Hana Farmer's union or the Hawaii Farmers Union United funds that are really important for all the different initiatives that our local

farmers are doing. As part of that too, Mahele Farm has made my life really yummy this last year and I just – I can't express enough gratitude for being able to break away from my life and go someplace where people actually know how to garden well and be able to participate in that. So, you know, I just want to thank again the people here who have put that together and put the hard work into all these nonprofits in our town that make it so great. I did copy something to talk about tonight because it was beyond my brain at this hour and that is a new initiative, another new thing that I feel deserves our support in the budget. That's the Maui ESG Initiative Conference that's under Planning right now. ESG stands for the Environmental care, social responsibility and good governance. This is a project that's looking at helping funds that do come available for investing in Maui, in our lands, to make sure that they have a system of care and consideration underpinning them so that resources are going in the right direction. So, I just thank you again for your time and making it out here and knowing the importance of how this integrates in our town here, so, mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Lea for your testimony. Oh, okay, we have one question. Council Chair King.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Committee Chair. When you mentioned HFUU –

MS. LEA: Yeah?

VICE-CHAIR KING: -it's in the budget as like a line item. So, out of the amount that's in the budget is there anything for Hana in there?

MS. LEA: Well, in Hana –

VICE-CHAIR KING: I think 'cause you have a Chapter out here don't you?

MS. LEA: Yeah, we do, Hana Community –

VICE-CHAIR KING: Right.

MS. LEA: -Hana Farmers Union. Ate that food this week, too. You know, I think for the different – Hana Farmers Union, just getting the funds we've had, extra money come in for memberships recently. The Farmers Union has done a lot for education going around and educating farmers, like with the Rat Lung Worm initiative, different invasive species again. But, mostly, I think the Farmers Union has really found here, just having the membership, being able to help people to understand the importance of that and letting it give the greater knowledge and education for new farmers to come. I mean all of these things are about generational support.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, so you didn't have like a specific project or. . . (*inaudible*). . .

MS. LEA: No, not. But, I know that they are specifically asking for funds that are going towards like apprenticeship programs for farmers and I think that's really important –

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MS. LEA: -that we have that building going on here –

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, thank you.

MS. LEA: -for local, yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, thank you, I appreciate that, that's a great program.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King. We're gonna call one more testifier up and then we're gonna take a quick 10-minute break. Miss Matthews, will you please call our next testifier?

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, Madam Chair, our next testifier is Allen Greenfield.

MR. GREENFIELD: Good evening, Councilmembers. Thank you for hearing from our community this evening. I'm Allen Greenfield, on behalf of myself and my wife, Vivian Feintech, we would like to address the preservation of our Hana coastline. As we are honored stewards of the land at 6711 Hana Highway. I know that this might seem repetitious but maybe it'll help you keep it in your conscience as an awareness. There's not a day that goes by where local residents are not enjoying walking, camping, fishing and surfing along the coastline in front of our property. Open space is a precious and rare commodity which must be preserved. We've lived here for four years and just after the transfer of stewardship from the Dreisbach Family when they placed 4.6 acres of land into the makai side of the conservation easement into the Hawaii Land Trust in 2014. To continue a legacy of open land to our community we'd like to ask your full support this fiscal year for funding, acquisition, and preservation of the Hana coastline for now and future generations. I, we, would also like to thank the volunteer board of Ke Ao Hali'I for their hard work and support in this effort and we'd like to thank you in your efforts in cooperation and cooperation, support in this to preserve our lands. Mahalo.

AUDIENCE: . . . *(applause)* . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Greenfield, sorry, we have one question for you. Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh thank you, Mr. Greenfield. That was –

MR. GREENFIELD: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: -so that was your house in front.

MR. GREENFIELD: Did I wave to you when you came by in the car this afternoon? Was that you or not?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I think so, yeah.

MR. GREENFIELD: No, were you with Robin in the car, yeah?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, no, I wasn't.

MR. GREENFIELD: Oh, okay, it was the other Councilmembers, okay, yes?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

MR. GREENFIELD: So, we have the property that's out in the Makaalae area near the point and in front of our house it's all dedicated by Hana Ranch to easement to Hawaii Land Trust. And the previous dedicated the land behind our property to Hawaii Land Trust as well.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So just a little bit to the other side of Waioka, that, is that yours?

MR. GREENFIELD: Yes, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, okay. Thanks.

MR. GREENFIELD: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Members, any other questions? Thank you, Mr. Greenfield, for your testimony. Before we take our – before I recess our meeting for ten minutes, Ms. Matthews, will you please let the next testifier know who he or she is so that he or she is prepared when we return.

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, Madam Chair. Our next two testifiers are Phyllis Castro and Chad Meyer.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay, Members, if there are no objections we will take a –

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: How many more?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, I'm sorry. Ms. Matthews, will you please give us the count of testifiers?

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, Madam Chair, we're on testifier number 18 out of 33.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay, it is . . . 7:30 on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Our EDB Committee meeting is now in recess. Please be back by 7:41. Mahalo. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

**RECESS: 7:30 p.m.**

**RECONVENE: 7:47 p.m.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Will the Economic Development and Budget Committee please return to order? It is 7:47 on April 5<sup>th</sup>, and we have all of our Members back with us. And before I call up our first testifier I wanted to remind everyone that basically for the month of April you have an opportunity to testify at the Hana District Office with Ms. Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros. At any time there's an agenda with EDB-1 on it you can testify on anything on the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget. So, Miss. Matthews will you please call our first testifier?

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, thank you Madam Chair. Our next testifier is Phyllis Castro, testifying on behalf of Hana Arts.

MS. CASTRO: Aloha, Councilmembers. My name is Phyllis Castro but the children call me Miss Pickles. I'm the Theater Teacher for Hana Arts. I've been the Theater Teacher for about seven years now. I've lived in Hana 18 years, but I just wanted to give you a few things that I've noticed that might help make any decisions. There's a lot of breaks in the school year, a lot of holidays acknowledged, and while families all over the world can take their children on vacations during this time a lot of families in Hana can't. But they can because our children get to go to Sue's Camp, and they get to go to Super Hero Camp, and they get to go to Puppet Camp and Fables Camp and Mythology Camp. And, theater is one part of the arts that you can't force somebody to participate in. These students want to be at these camps and I'm thinking to myself, why, why is it so successful? It's because these are the students, these are the children that are going to be the storytellers. These are the future generations that will tell the stories of Hana and they need this opportunity to express themselves. Not only to make the kupuna proud, also to share the stories with the world. And, we just gave a Sue's Camp that was absolutely amazing and they did a live performance, and they only had only one week to practice. And they sewed their own costumes and they made all their sets and their pride and their faces, and it was beautiful. And Hana Arts is a great organization, but we only get elementary students, some middle students, but when my elementary students go into middle school there's so much pressure. You're going to go through puberty. You're gonna have different teachers now. There's so much pressure for these students and the magic simply goes away. And I would love the opportunity to continue teaching them theater and the way of . . . I hate saying Hawaiian words 'cause I don't wanna get scolded for saying 'em wrong but, hila hila aole [sic], no shame. And the world is changing around these children and they just need the opportunity to be able to speak proudly and wisely to people all over the world. And, thank you so much for supporting Hana Arts and I love these children and I really wanna continue working with them so that they can really speak the stories from their heart. They have it in their bones. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Castro. Seeing no questions, mahalo for your testimony Ms. Castro. Miss Matthews, will you please call on our next testifier?

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, Madam Chair, our next testifier is Chad Meyer testifying on behalf of Ke Ao Hali'i.

MR. MEYER: Aloha Council and Staff, thank you for coming to visit our community and hearing our testimonies. I'm here on behalf of Ke Ao Hali'i, I am a board member. Mokae to Makaalae is the crown jewel of all the open spaces in the State of Hawaii. I'm glad some of you had an opportunity to see it tonight. Our community prizes that open space. It's the spirit of Hana in many, many ways. In some ways it's dispossessed land and we'd like to reclaim it for this community and for the culture. It was open space before the first Polynesians arrived. It was open space during the thousand years the Hawaiians cultivated the agriculture and the aquaculture in a sustainable fashion. It was open space in the time of legends, the Hawaiian Legends. Ka Iwi O Pele is the place where Pele left her bones when she went to the Big Island. It's there, you passed by it today. It's the open space where fishpond aquaculture was introduced. Ku`ula lived right there by the space you passed by today. The legend says the first fishponds for Hawaii was started there. Ku`ula taught the Hawaiians the art of fishponds. His son

ʻAiʻai taught us the art of fishing. These legends, these lands are more, it's the culture is rich more so that any other open space lands in the State. It was open space in the time of sugar, the sugar cultivation after The Great Mahele. It was open space in the time of cattle up to the present time. Now it's and endangered open space. In our time, on our watch, it's a time of land sales and development. It's also the spirit of Hana. So we have a unique opportunity and responsibility to preserve this open space currently and for future generations. As public servants, as residents, it's our kuleana working together to malama the aina, protect it from real estate developments, preserve and restore magnificent coastal lands, lands of rich history and legend, keeping it Hana. I think tonight you've heard from many people in our community who are involved in activities that support our community and the question is how will you manage it? I think this community will manage it the way we manage other programs, by working together. There's great resource in this community. So I ask you to support us with financing and let people know that we're here. So, se puede (we can do it).

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I have a question for you. Member Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. So, what is the total amount of the ask in the Budget?

MR. MEYER: There is, . . . first of all, the legacy funds is putting forth an amount of money –

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

MR. MEYER: Robin? Robin, Robin's gonna give you the details on this so that, that's better than me stumbling through it. But, there's funding for Mokae and there's also funding for Makaalae. Okay, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Seeing no further questions, mahalo for your testimony, Mr. Meyer.

MR. MEYER: Thank you, Council.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha. Miss Matthews.

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, Madam Chair, our next testifier is Robin Reynar, testifying on behalf of Ke Ao Hali'i. To be followed by Claire Carroll.

MS. REYNAR: Aloha, everybody, and thank you so much for making the trip out here. And for those of you that came with us on a tour of the lands we really appreciate giving you the opportunity to let the lands speak to you because they really are amazing lands. My name is Robin Rayner and I'm here on behalf of Ke Ao Hali'i. I am a board member of that organization and I've given you a packet which is the blue, dark blue, which I think most of you should have. Inside there is a map and you've had a lot of questions about, you know, what's what and what pays for what, and how much is this and that, so that sort of helps you a little bit. So, if you just go to a map that looks a bit like this one, okay. Everybody find that? Yeah. So, on this map you'll see a number of colors. The top red color is what we call the Mokae lands. There it is, the Mokae lands. And we originally went to the State Legacy Land Program and, to ask for a grant to purchase

that property. We got that, well we got initial part of that grant in December of this year, that is \$2.25 million and we're in the process of completing the due diligence on that right now. We're hoping to probably have it completed by, you know, with a bit of luck, by September or so of this year, maybe October. With Legacy Land [sic] they require matching grants. In this case it was 750,000 that we needed to meet with our appraised value and so we have come to the Mayor and asked him for \$750,000 as matching grants. That's, and that property is 27 acres and it's a spectacular land. It's right next to Hamoa Beach and abutting Haneoo Road that goes to Hamoa Beach. Just above that red parcel you'll see a little blue parcel, it's TMK 001. That would be donated by the Sellers along with this arrangement if we can complete everything. Okay, so moving down a little bit there were a number of parcels that are sort of light yellowish-green. Actually, I'm gonna skip those for a second, I'm gonna go right to the bottom of the same map. On the very bottom is some of Mokae land, Makaalae lands and that's the land that is most cherished by our community. It is adjacent to Waioka Pond, Venus Pool, and that is the one that was almost purchased about a year ago and it was the inspiration for the development of Ke Ao Hali`I and the community's efforts to try to save this land. We had that, somebody had that in a purchase and sale agreement and they would have been building a house looking over Waioka Pond, Venus Pool. So, they managed to step away after a great deal of community pressure was put upon them and as a result we are now trying to purchase that land directly from Hana Ranch Partners. If we – oops, okay. . . . *(timer sounds)* . . . I'll keep going if that's all right. Adjacent to that is the green area just above it, that is all currently Makaalae lands in conservation and our sellers have agreed tentatively to donate all that land to us if we can come up with the sale agreement for the Mokae land, Makaalae lands the one at the very bottom. So that's 53 acres that all of that conservation land and that is in the – that is being held by . . . oh shucks, let me think for a second. That's being held by Hawaii Island Land Trust, at the moment. All of our lands would go into conservation and they would all be held, we believe, at least the Hawaii Island Land Trust has expressed interest and willingness to partner with us on that. So, those are the conservation lands that would be gifted to Ke Ao Hali`I on behalf of the community. The lighter yellow ones in the middle, those are possible Makaalae lands. We are in the process of writing another grant for LLC, the Legacy Land Group, who by the way has invited us strongly to come and submit again. So, that would – so those lands could be part of a matching grant for a larger grant from the Legacy Land so that's why we put those on this map. I don't think we'd be able to get all of them but we would possible be able to get some of them. If we could complete this whole project, we were talking about something around 117 acres of land and the cost to the County would be 2.25 million in total for that. So that's sort of little nutsy-boltsy [sic] but hopefully, maybe helps explain things to you. And I don't know if my time is up.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MS. REYNAR: Is it?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MS. REYNAR: Yeah, okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Miss –

MS. REYNAR: Sorry about that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Reynar for your testimony. Members, any questions? Okay, I think your written testimony is very helpful. . . . (*inaudible*) . . .

MS. REYNAR: Okay, great, thank you very much. Aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for your testimony. Miss Matthews, will you please call our next testifier?

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Yes, Chair, the next testifier is Claire Kamalu Carroll, testifying on behalf of Hana Community Association, to be followed by Kauwila Hanchett.

MS. CARROLL: Aloha kakou everyone and welcome to Hana. This evening before we start I just wanted to – I’m going to represent Hana Community Association but I will also want to say a few representing myself as a resident of Hana. So, aloha, my name is Claire Kamalu Carroll, President of Hana Community Association. Today I am testifying for the following. My testimony will also be passed out to Councilmembers today so I just got to the point. My request for 2019-2020 Budget is as follows. Hana Youth Center, primary program for our children so they have a safe and positive place and that is a safe and positive place including they do community service. Supporting Hana Arts, positive impacts on children and offering many programs to our youth which is currently participating and engaging our children to get involved in more positive activities. Kaunoa Senior Program, they offer our kupunas social activities and have the social skills that every senior should have at retirement. Kipahulu Ohana, they assist with cultural programs and knowledge to our community. MEO, they have been serving our community to our seniors and our children and I would request that this continues. They shuttle our children to the youth center after school. Ohana Makamae, they have continued offer services to help our people to live a sober and drug-free life and helps build families back together in a positive way. Mahele Farms, they continue to have our community participate and offer an awesome program that provides food into the community. This is sustainability to our community. Hana Cultural Center, they offer many things that help understand our history and community. Kahanu Gardens, area where the largest heiau is located and many native plants. They have a small crew but yet find the opportunity to still have a community programs and work efforts in order to maintain the gardens. We are requesting two more miles of road paving in the Makaalae-Puuiki area which someone had mentioned earlier, going towards Kaupo. Continued renovations to Helene Hall at Hana Bay. Miconia, our community is at the heart and the most invasive plant in Hawaii. Breakdown of monies came from per Adam Radford for \$706,000. We ask that it be on it’s own line item and we need to protect our watersheds.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You have one minute to close.

MS. CARROLL: Last but not least, \$475,000 for Kaupo Community Center to purchase a commercial septic tank that would need to be restoring the Kaupo School and for community use. I’m aware of the past committee meeting where the opportunity was lost but we are here today for this funding. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

MS. CARROLL: And as a resident of Hana. I've been really involved with a lot of children programs. My children are older but I have a lot of grandchildren and the County, our Parks and Recreation Department sometime struggles because we're under the East Maui which is coming out of Upcountry. What they offer for our children right now we have soccer going on, we just had baseball. We have an enrichment program. Mavis has put up her area where she lives. For our children to go out and learn how to respect the aina, learn about fishing, what would be the proper way, and live yourself in a very positive way. I'm very pleased that all the children who has attended these programs, you know, they walk away being a better person and knowing that they can do good for others. It's not about the criticism, it's what you can implement into each other to make this a better place. And, that's all. Oh, and support housing. Infrastructure, water down the road. Okay, mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for your testimony Ms. Carroll. You have any, Members, any questions for our testifier? Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Good evening, Claire, not good morning. You know, nice to see your Mom here. So last time we were here there was a group advocating for affordable housing and I know that the Council through the current budget did something to make that happen. So what is the status of that project? Is it happening?

MS. CARROLL: That is a good question I can tell you some of the project of what's going on. A certain amount of lots were allocated towards Habitat for Humanity. They are currently working Lahaina. So a lot of people think that it's slow, what's going on? What I did is I am now sending people I know of the younger generation, I am very blessed to have my own home with American Savings own at the present time. But money management, financial classes, saving, applying for the grants. One of 'em actually purchased a parcel not through that one but it's about the guidance, what you can apply for, what will help, what are the decisions? Because I tell everyone in our community, I said, you're not going to wake up one morning and there's going to be a house next to you. It takes careful planning so right now, we're looking at about being two years away but the area needs infrastructure on the water, water meters. There's gonna have to have septic tanks put in. The lots are big enough to actually put an ohana on it. Our last affordable housing was on the upper road in what, the late 70's or something. Where you live. But, that's how long ago, oh, no, I take that back, we had a self-help housing by Kuaipapa [sic]. It was very much needed, it's still needed. We are multigenerational families living here in one home because it is still getting back to our culture to always take care of our ohana. It's not about you go figure it out, go live someplace else. So there is overcrowding. We have children who want to build their families here in Hana and I really, truly believe that we deserve that opportunity for the next generation. So everything I ask for you today is not for myself, it's for my community.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Hi, thank you for coming. I just was wondering that affordable housing that you were talking about. The land, you guys got the land already?

MS. CARROLL: Yes, I don't know Tom's last name but we call him Tom Backhoe. Do you know his last name? Do you know his last name?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Backhoe.

MS. CARROLL: Backhoe. So anyways, this affordable housing, just to let you know, is where I live. We did have a discouraging moment in last term, but, see, this area is where our families all grew up. We knew exactly what was in our backyard but it's right across from the dialysis center, going behind by the larger bridge. And, I think they're starting at 135 for 10,000 square feet and on top of that with, you know, the Habitat for Humanity, he's practically giving this land away. It's not really but think about it, you cannot find land at that price and it's all steered towards our community.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, he sold it already or he selling?

MS. CARROLL: No. He – I think he's wait – it would be better if he was actually present. But, it passed so we're actually waiting. Oh Kelly would know, she was on last Council.

VICE-CHAIR KING: . . . (*inaudible*). . .

MS. CARROLL: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, I'll ask him later, thank you.

MS. CARROLL: Is he behind me?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I never met him. I . . .

MS. CARROLL: Oh, okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Members, any other questions? Okay, seeing none. Mahalo, Ms. Kamalu, Claire, Carroll. Miss Matthews will you please call our next testifier?

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Yes, Chair, the next testifier is Kauwila Hanchett testifying on behalf of Kaupo Community Association to be followed by Linda Clark.

MS. HANCHETT: Welina me ke aloha, Councilmembers and community. As I sit here tonight I am so honored to be a part of this Hana community. This community raised me as well as Molokai and we're all here for one purpose. All of us here, we're here because our deep love and our commitment to our community, to our aina. And tonight I just want to speak for the voices that cannot be here standing before you. I speak for our kupuna who have passed, who started 20 years ago with the vision that our community would have a place. When I was a baby in Kaupo, when I was a kid, we had the school. It was still functioning. We had parties there, we had gatherings. They started the association 20 years ago with that vision to rebuild that place for our community. We need that space for safety, we need that space for community. And I also wanna speak for the voices of those who are not yet born, who will inherit the future that we are striving for. When you look at our world today I get scared, I have a daughter, 10 years old. What kind of future will she inherit? What future will my grandchildren and my great-grandchildren inherit? And we know that if we continue to stay pa`a with the legacy of our kupuna which is aloha, aloha aina, aloha kekahi i kehahi, Aloha ke akua that that future will okay, it will be bright, it will pa`a. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Hanchett. Seeing no questions, mahalo for your testimony. Miss Matthews, will you please call our next two testifiers.

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, Madam Chair, next testifier is Linda Clark, testifying on behalf of Kaupo Community Association, to be followed by Scott Crawford.

MS. CLARK: Aloha, good evening, welcome everyone to Hana. And my name is Linda Clark and I'm here testifying on behalf of Kaupo Community Association. That particular property is where my dad went to school. Aunty Rose remembers fond memories, and, so it's been five years now that this board has been committed to seeing this restoration project completed. We ask for your support for \$475,000 is what we need. It's a third of the whole budget for the restoration project. So, mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We have a question for you Ms. Clark. Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Hi Linda.

MS. CLARK: Hi.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you for being here. So have you received your GIA funding? That was last year I think you received GIA.

MS. CLARK: Yes, we started drawing on those funds.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So that's the 975,000.

MS. CLARK: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

MS. CLARK: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Mahalo for your testimony Ms. Clark. Miss Matthews, will you please call our next two testifiers.

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, Madam Chair, our next two testifiers is . . . the first testifier is Scott Crawford, testifying on behalf of Ke Ao Hali'I, to be followed by Chris Gaarder.

MR. CRAWFORD: Aloha, good evening, Madam Chair and Members of the Committee. Thanks again for coming out to Hana and making the trip all the way out here and listening to our community members and particularly for those of you who made the site visit this afternoon out to Makaalae, I really appreciate you taking the extra time to come see the land for yourself and see what it is that we're working to protect. I mainly want to talk about the open space funds but, before I get into that and put that hat on I just wanted to mention a couple other things. You know, support all the different nonprofits in Hana but, particularly want to mention the East Maui Culture and Economic Development Fund through OED that is kind of a pool of money that is available for different nonprofits to go for that aren't covered in the line item but they can get support for things that are needs that come up and I've worked with various different nonprofits that utilize those funds and really makes a difference and appreciate you continuing or even increasing those funds. I wanted to support MISC and especially the work for

miconia and the LFA. Might even be good to have a dedicated fund for miconia so it doesn't get taken off into other things because it's getting worse and not better and we need to be really aggressive. Support the Hawaii Farmers Union United and we have a small but active chapter out here in Hana and part of the things we'd like to do with the support in our own chapters is more workshops for different kind of regenerative farming, as well as, we're looking to start a farmer's market here in Hana. And then I also wanted to just mention support for the Maui ESG Initiative Conference [sic] that Heidi mentioned and that this is a new idea but it's something that could potentially bring a lot of support for good community-driven projects into our Maui as a whole. So, having said all that, I wanted to put on my hat as Chair of Ke Ao Hali'i that I wanted to serve in that position and help to support bringing these precious lands into protection and conservation. And I wanted to, you know, a lot of our other supporters have shared different things but I wanted to . . . I'll send you electronic copies of these. I don't want tons of paper so you'll get electronic copies but, we have about 35 letters here that were written by students from Hana School all talking about how important this land is to them. I really encourage you to take a little time to read some of these letters because they're very powerful of just the students talking about the fishing and gathering that they do there with their families. The recreation, the spiritual values of the place and, you know, they can convey it better than I can how important these lands are and how much they're used by the families of Hana. We also have about over 500 signatures on a petition, hand signatures, and we have over 1300 names on an online petition from Change.org. So I'll give one copy . . . give you one copy of that and then we'll send them in electronically for you to have as part of the record. And so, we just really appreciate your support for this line item. As Robin said we've gotten some funding from the State Legacy Land Conservation Program so the first line item \$750,000 toward Mokae will serve as matching funds for us to be able to complete that transaction, and then the Mayor has also requested 1.5 million for the Makaalae lands which we will also go back to the Legacy Lands Fund [sic] with another request to be able to leverage that into even more and hopefully be able to protect, you know, the whole area from Mokae and Makaalae. And, there are other lands on the market as well but, those are our priority that we're really trying to work on right now so really appreciate your support.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Crawford. Members, any other – any questions? Oh wait, sorry, Chair King.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. Thanks for being here. First I want to ask you how you ended up at the end of the evening when you were here when we got here before the doors even opened?

MR. CRAWFORD: I had to go get a bite to eat and come back so I ended up being a little bit late.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Look I thought you'd be the very first one. No, but I just wanted to ask you about the funding, the 2.2 million. So, you're still – if something happens and you don't get the 750 from Legacy or is that a done deal?

MR. CRAWFORD: It has to go through a couple more steps basically, I think on April 26<sup>th</sup> it's going before the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Basically, the Legacy Land Commission has recommended that 2.25 million and change . . . and then it's already been approved by the Speaker of House and the Senate President, and then it goes to

the Board of Land and Natural Resources on April 26, then it goes to the Governor. We don't have any reason to anticipate that they won't approve that but, --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MR. CRAWFORD: -it still has to go through those couple steps.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So the County 2.25 is matching this.

MR. CRAWFORD: So the 750 line item 9 in the open space fund budget is the matching funds for that which is appraised value plus transaction fees for total of about 3 million.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, okay. So your request from the County is just 750,000?

MR. CRAWFORD: Is yeah, it was just 25 percent of the whole deal for that basically.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh okay, I think that we were all --

MR. CRAWFORD: Legacy Lands --

VICE-CHAIR KING: -I think we're all under the impression that that was a 2.2 million from the County.

MR. CRAWFORD: We're asking for two different line items.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, okay.

MR. CRAWFORD: So one is 750,000, the other is 1.5 million. So the 750,000 is matching funds for one parcel that we already have the funding for. The 1.5 million is for additional parcels that are in the same area that we want to use . . . to go get more funds from the Legacy Land and use those as matching funds to leverage additional and the Legacy Land basically told us come back and ask for more next year. They really want to support us but we need the matching funds from other sources. They require at least 25 percent matching funds.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MR. CRAWFORD: So if we can show that the County is supporting we can go back to them and we can get additional funds as well.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, we got it. Thank you. Thanks, Scott.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King. Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Scott, in the budget there was a, the Mayor's budget, he listed some TMKs. Is that the correct TMKs?

MR. CRAWFORD: There was actually couple minor errors in the TMKs. So, yeah, one of them it's said 101 --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: One of 'em was . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

MR. CRAWFORD: -Oh-oh-four, it should have been 010-004 [sic]. So that's the Moka'e parcel which is right above Hamoa Beach about 26 acres, so . . . somewhere there was a typo got into the process.

MS. MATTHEWS: Chair?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Rectifying that.

MR. CRAWFORD: Yeah, we wanna make sure that that gets corrected.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Matthews?

MS. MATTHEWS: Chair, can the testifier repeat the correct TMK for the record?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Crawford.

MR. CRAWFORD: It's, yeah, it's in the package that Robin provided you. That's the correct information.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, yeah, so we have the – Ms. Rayner's written testimony in the blue folder that we'll submit into record with the correct TMKs for all the parcels.

MS. MATTHEWS: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Miss Matthews.

MR. CRAWFORD: Yeah, if you want me to read it into the record I can.

MS. MATTHEWS: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes, Ms. Matthews?

MR. CRAWFORD: So the – we also provided this to Dawn Lono in Shane's office as well, but, so it is (2) 1-4-010-004. And then there was another small error in one of them that was missing the four in there, the plat number or whatever they call that, so.

MS. MATTHEWS: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Crawford. Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Member Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. So, knowing that you will always be able to go back for more funding you'll probably always continue to have or look for other matching sources beyond who you've already asked before. Have you every considered the Office of Hawaiian Affairs?

MR. CRAWFORD: Yes, we have and, you know, they don't have specifically a program for purchasing lands but they did help with the purchase of Moolea in 2004 and we would like to ask for their support. We haven't approached them yet but now that we kind of

have the initial funding from the Open Space Funds, we'd like to go them and ask them to contribute as well.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Very good, thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Kama. Members, any other questions? Seeing none, mahalo, Mr. Crawford for your testimony.

MR. CRAWFORD: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Miss Matthews, will you please call the next two testifiers.

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, Chair. Our next testifier is Chris Gaarder to be followed by Tom Bacon.

MR. GAARDER: Aloha, Councilmembers and mahalo for making the sometimes adventurous trip out here to Hana. So many people have spoken about the importance of the nonprofits here in the Hana area and I just want to reiterate everything that they have said. You know, we don't have movie theaters. We don't have access to counseling services like they do over on the other side. We don't have entertainment. We don't have a lot of the things that people on the other side take for granted and these nonprofits really help fill that gap and they're super important, and, you know . . . a few that I've had some involvement in are Hana Arts and Kahanu Gardens and Mahele Farm. I'm not quite old enough for Hale Hulu Mamo but I'm really looking forward to their services as well. So please continue you're support for these programs they're super important. And another one we're really amazed is Ma Ka Hana Ka Ike because they go from Keiki to Kupuna, they've helped so many people with Kupuna housing, with Mahele Farms, teaching kids to farm. Yeah, so many things and, what else was I gonna testify on? Oh, Maui Invasive Species Committee really needs funding. They started out fighting miconia and now they've been shifted to little fire ants and coqui frogs and which are super important as well. We have a big infestation of little fire ants here in Nahiku where I live. But as Claire Carroll said, miconia is threatening our watersheds and you can look down into the Makapipi Gorge and see how many of them are down there to give you a good idea of what they can do. They're visible from Nahiku Road very clearly. They're blooming now and I understand that once they bloom and go to seed then we get set back 30 years. Their seeds are viable that long. Speaking of Nahiku Road, it's a mess. It, we really need some help getting Nahiku Road repaired. Every time it rains the water just floods down it like a river. All the patches, all get torn up with repeated rainfalls. Our own waterline to our house has been exposed three times in the last year from the flooding. A lot of the culverts need to be repaired. We have one that drains the stream off of our property that clearly was there at some point but now barely any water gets through and it just floods over the road and what doesn't go on the other side goes down the road causing ever more problems down there. All right thank you very much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, any need for clarification? Seeing none. Mahalo for your testimony, Mr. Gaarder. Ms. Matthews will you please call our next two testifiers.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Yes, Madam Chair, the next testifier is Tom Bacon to be followed by Fawn Helekahi Burns.

MR. BACON: Hi, my name is Tom Bacon. I'm from Nahiku, also, and I usually get up here and talk a lot about Ma Ka Hana Ka Ike. I mean Rick said it. He really nailed it. If you've ever seen these kids when they finally figure something out and then they realize that oops they're using math, right, you know. And then their Kupuna come with them and they see what they've done and if you've seen some of the work they've done. I'm the construction guy, I came from years of construction. It's pretty awesome. You know, it's like they do the construction and then they make it arty. I mean they really do a nice job. So them and all the other nonprofits that are so well integrated here. But they're a couple things that aren't integrated. One's the Save the Hana Coast thing, it's a new thing. I think that's, you know that's, it's now or never and I really urge you to support that. The bike path idea that now the ranch is offering up the property for most of this and if you've seen the bike path that goes towards the school like up towards the dialysis center it's a little curb about this high and about this wide and, you know, I would want my kids walking down that road. I mean, a bike path would be awesome and they're giving the land, all we have to do is build the path. MISC, you know, if - miconia I heard they're no longer fighting miconia. Why are we putting money into things and then getting overwhelmed by them and just walking away. I mean, don't, either get with it and do it or don't do it, you know, why waste the money. We're putting in, I mean I hate to say this, I mean and I'm pretty sure you all figure out I don't suggest we don't support this. I mean we should support this wholeheartedly. Little fire ants, a big problem. The coqui frog, it sounds like they're getting a better handle on it, they're getting a handle and using the citizens to help, you know, the residents, which is good. And I think that's really important. That's it, I guess. Thanks. Oh, Nahiku Road. Oh yeah, come down there after a good storm there's about four inches of asphalt missing on huge parts.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Seeing no questions, mahalo for your testimony, Mr. Bacon. Miss Matthews, will you please call our next testifier.

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Yes, Chair, the next testifier is Fawn Helekahi Burns testifying on behalf of U. H. Maui College, to be followed by Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros.

MS. BURNS: Aloha mai, Councilmembers, and welcome to Hana. Mahalo for coming all the way out here. I really appreciate it. Congratulate all of you for being able to have another term in your seat and not only that but being able to be a civil servant for the community and the County of Maui. So, first of all, thank you very much. Second of all, my name is Fawn Helekahi Burns and I was born and raised here in Hana. I stepped out of Hana for a little while in my while just to go to college and return back home as a mom of six kids. Both my husband and I are in the education field. I'm the coordinator for the Hana Ed. Center which is the distance learning center underneath of U.H. Maui College. So tonight I have a couple hats that I will be wearing. So first of all individual, me, Fawn, the Tita of Hana. The Tita part. So at first, you know, I do have six kids, two of which is adults and I have four more kids that's still moving up in the Hana School system. I believe that education can be received in whatever or where ever you are being with our modern technology. So I do support my kids with staying within our community and having the community interaction instead of being able to allow somebody else to raise them by putting in boarding schools. So I, I support a lot of things that builds foundations for our keikis, that's the first thing. We do have very few opportunities from our keikis so I have a child from eight years old up to sophomore right now, a couple adults. So I personally see the downfall of technology upon our local kids, upon our country kids cause country kids were the ones that was always outside,

you know. The advantage that we had that we was raw. That was the advantage of our Hana kids is we were raw straight from the land we play hard, we love hard. And these things, our technology are taking that lifestyle away. So what do we do? We gotta give them choices. We have to give them opportunity. So first of all, Hana Youth Center. It's . . . they try to service a certain age which is nine and, nine to teenage years but they do not turn away eight-year olds and seven-year olds as long as they're there with their older siblings. So I support our Hana Youth Center which gives a lot of opportunities not only having safe and positive place for our kids after school but they do have opportunities during breaks where they take the kids on field trips. Had the opportunity to take them out of the youth center go in the park and we going run around. So I truly, truly believe our youth center is there to be able to provide these kind of services for our keikis along with MEO who transports them to all of these different activities especially after school. As we all know our transportation and our DOE system is now paid for. You have to pay for your trip. Many of our families here don't have that opportunity so MEO really, really fills that void. Another one that I really support right now is Ma Ka Hana Ka Ike and it umbrellas several organizations or several different activities under it which is Mahele Farms giving them the opportunity of having the choice of building to farming to cultural practice of ku'i. So we have choices that this one nonprofit gives to our keikis and not only keikis but also revitalizing things in our community, you know, farming. You think all the country people farm? No, we don't all farm. We don't all have the time, the energy, and the knowledge. Mahele provides that for us. Another one that we would –

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Burns, will you please complete your testimony.

MS. BURNS: Oh, sure.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

MS. BURNS: Oh, really, I got to sign up again for another three minutes? Just to sum it all up as the head of, the site coordinator for the Hana Ed. Center I ask you to support the facilities of our Hana Community. So our facilities is here, this is the old cafeteria. We have the Hana Community Center which is considered the old Hana School where five to six nonprofits house themselves in there. Really fast, girl. Five or six nonprofits, our pavilion no more roof, our Helene Hall broke down, I mean they're renovating.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Burns.

MS. BURNS: I mean they're renovating.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry Ms. Burns.

MS. BURNS: So, what's happening right now is County facilities is not being used and it has to be maintained so we can be able to use these facilities. So, that's the, the last thing I would like to say. Please help us get our pavilion fixed because we had plenty constructors in Hana –

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Burns –

MS. BURNS: -and they said they going come in as Menehunes and they can do 'em overnight. So it shouldn't take that long to put one roof on the facility.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mary. . .

MS. BURNS: Mahalo! Yay! I going sign up again girl, I coming back. Mahalo, have a good evening.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for your testimony Ms. Burns. Members, any questions? No questions. You did a very good job. You were very clear, lot of details. Ms. –

MS. MATTHEWS: Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros, live and in the flesh, to be followed by Earle Medeiros.

MS. OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS: Aloha, Councilmembers. I see you guys every day. This is me. My name is Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros from the Hana Office. And we had many testifiers today.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You sound so cheerful. You so cheerful tonight.

MS. OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS: I know we had testifiers, nah. Yeah, no . . . so, I'm here to talk about all the stuff that I support which most, a lot of people talked about it already. But, there's some stories they never tell yet. But, I support all the Hana nonprofits. I have a weakness for Ohana Makamae cause there's a serious drug problem in Hana. And, all the kupuna and keiki programs which is everything else and the MEO bus service. Hana Arts, one of the stories about Hana Arts, they had a play maybe a year ago, *Kaahumanu* . . .Shane was the king. And, . . .(applause) . . .Fawn was the queen, the one that just testified. And, my job was to get all the kids involved because at that time I was working at the school so I could drive them to Hana Bay to practice. That's where she was born, on this hill right here, Kauiki Hill. And so, it was something to watch the kids go from, no, Aunty, no way, you know, and then all of a sudden they're out there acting and they're like standing up straighter and they're you know, just something else to watch that happen. The kids really . . . the local Hawaiian kids was really into it and I think it helped their you know, their whole positive thing more positive and everything. But, okay so that was one. The other one I think I worry about is MISC because they, we have a fire ant problem in Hana and we have the miconia problem and we all know without our forests what going happen to our water. That's what worries me a lot is what is going to happen to our water if that miconia take over all the forests like if you haven't looked it up yet, Tahiti is getting taken over. Yeah, so that was important to maybe put more funding into it, I don't know if you guys can look under the mattress or something if there's funding somewhere. So, other than that, Parks and Recs [sic] programs, Parks and Recs projects, those are the items that take care the whole community and this is Hana Community. Like everybody else the pavilion, the Helene Hall, cause we, right now we host a lot of stuff down at our property in Hamoa. And so, gotta fix that so they go back down there.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You have one minute to conclude.

MS. OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS: Okay. So Parks and Recs . . . the Helene Hall they resurfacing over here. But the other one I wanted to say is this, the Hana Community Center, I think there was funding in there for that too. Because there's termite droppings all the time and the paint is all peeling and cracking and falling off. One fan literally fell off in

the office next door and . . . what did I want to say? The . . . places that this place housed I never hear anybody talk about that. So the Hana Community Center has the Hui No Ke Ola Pono, QLCC, Summer Pals, the MEO, Parks and Rec Office, University of Hawaii Hana Campus, Hana Youth Center, Na Hulu Mamo, and the Department of Health Public Health Nursing, Alu Like and Kainoa Citizens, too. Hana's one of only two certified kitchens is right here. So, I appreciate you guys. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Seeing no questions. Mahalo, Mavis. Ms. Matthews. Oh, you have a question?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Members, as you can see I have my top five from tonight already listed. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Shane, maybe you can get the Ma Ka Hana Ka Ike program to fix up the pavilions in this building.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: There we go.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: . . . *(inaudible)*. . .

VICE-CHAIR KING: We could take those off your top two.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: There you go, two birds.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: That's why you're the Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. Matthews will you please call our next two testifiers.

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, Madam Chair, our next two testifiers. The first one is Earle Medeiros to be followed by Becky Lind.

MR. MEDEIROS: Aloha, Council. I wasn't told till right now I going speak. . . . *(laughter in background)*. . . So I'm gonna wing it, anyway, the best I can. Well, I'd like to, you know, all these programs, Ma Ka Hana Ka Ike, Malama Haloa, Mahele Farms. Well, you know, they help me a lot with our programs that we get. We no more money from the County. We no more money from the State but we do what we do because that's what we did. My parents did that and we do that now. So, you know, and all like a lot of the people say I just going recap. A lot of the nonprofits they all help out each other, yeah. Like my son, he drive MEO. I get one son drive MEO and, you know, so MEO tied in with us. Now I getting the age where for the first time this year I went on a MEO, three times I rode the bus. So, I feeling a little older here. But, you know, also, Ke Ao Halii . . . if you guys can support them because Mavis on the board. You know, give them support. But she never tell me for say that but I just when put that in. But we involved with many things from the community from way back. We always fighters, yeah? And previous Council and other organizations when we walk in they go, oh no, they turn the other way because we fight for what's good. We not fighting for what's, you know, what's wrong. We trying to make right. We own land we want to keep our land. That's what you know, I know you guys gotta work on land issues but, taxes is one of the things we worried about and I hope this Council will find something, you know, make it easier on us locals because we the one suffering. We get this millionaires coming in that get endless money and they building, they just wrecking the land. I mean, you know, in

Kipahulu you guys just had one stop-work over there. I mean, you know, all kinds of things, they get money they think they can buy their way through here, yeah, so it's gonna be you guys are the line of defense. So we counting on you guys and hopefully you guys make the right decision for all of us. Thank you `and aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Seeing no questions, mahalo, Mr. Medeiros. Miss Matthews, will you please call our next two testifiers.

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, Madam Chair, our next testifier is Becky Lind, testifying on behalf of Hana Arts and Hana Community Association, to be followed by Aimoku Chee.

MS. LIND: See, hello? Okay. Hi, so, yes, I'm Becky Lind. Thank you so much for coming to Hana. I'm director of Hana Arts. I'm Treasurer for Hana Community Association, and yeah. Hana Arts receives funds from Office of Economic Development. We've been able to leverage those funds to offer up to 16 classes a day to youth, families, kupuna, it's wonderful what we can do with those funds. They're very crucial in what we're able to provide for the community. Our mission is to provide arts and cultural education and both life-enhancing and income-generating opportunities for all East Maui. So keiki to kupuna, it's youth, individual, family programs, classroom teaching, workshops, events, they stimulate, they broaden our community's potential. We partner with all sorts of other agencies here in Hana and I think it's important to say that it really takes a village. We can't do anything by ourselves, we are always working together so I really wanna advocate for all the other nonprofits, the Hana Youth Center, the Senior Center, Kipahulu Ohana, MEO, Ohana Makamae, Mahele Farm, Hana Cultural Center, Kahanu Garden, Helene Hall. Oh, that's not a program but you know what I mean. Please, get Helene Hall. Our kids, they work so hard for these performances and then they get up and they're performing in the gym and it the sound is weird and the lights are funky and, you know, give us our facility. Let our kids shine. It's so good to see them. They walk so tall and so strong in their skin when they nail this, you know, and it'd be really great if we can offer a good facility for them. I also wanna advocate for Kaupo they really deserve a piece of it. Let's see, miconia, too, MISC, man I'm also down Nahiku and it's nuts what's going on down there it's totally taking over and if we don't get any support over there it's just, it's gonna be all that's there. And yeah, that road, yeah that road, too. Let's see . . . oh, yeah, my last little bit is about the road, okay, yeah. And then I was living in Kipahulu for a while too and that road too, potholes, potholes, I mean, my poor truck has no struts left. I don't know, anyways, thank you so much for all of your support. Please remember Hana when you guys are finalizing the budget. There's a lot of really wonderful programs and well really need your support. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Seeing no questions, mahalo for your testimony Ms. Lind. Ms Matthews.

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, Madam Chair. Out next testifier is Aimoku Chee to be followed by Adam Radford.

MR. CHEE: Aloha e na Councilmembers. I just basically want to get up and testify for Ohana Makamae. Me and my son, we run a barbecue stand up on the highway and we hire different people coming in from Ohana Makamae when they're needed work or they got court orders that's saying for probation and different things. And I've really gotten to see the inner workings of that organization and how much work they actually do and help Hana because of the drug problem here. And I'd just like to say to keep funding

them because it's really helping. Especially the Kanaka families that here. I've noticed that Cynthia Santiago, she's really helped them a lot and hopefully this will have an effect for future generations because if they don't get a control of these with the drug problem they're gonna be losing future generations definitely. And I see what a great work they've done to help many of the men and women here get off the drugs, stay off the drugs, pick them self up. So, just a word out for them. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for your testimony. Seeing no questions, mahalo again. Ms. Matthews.

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, Madam Chair, our next testifier is Adam Radford testifying on behalf of Maui Invasive Species Committee, to be followed by Faith Ewbank Chase.

MR. RADFORD: Good evening, Council and community members. What an amazing stories, like, this is just incredible, and I apologize to Chair King. I said I would wait until next week to speak but I just couldn't help but take the opportunity to thank you all for your support over the years and going forward. But also to thank the community. I mean you're our greatest allies. So, I'm the manager of the Maui Invasive Species Committee as was mentioned and I just want to thank you. You are how we know what's going on, on our island, so that we can try to address those problems. And also to thank those in the audience that have been out actually pulling miconia and catching coqui frogs. There's quite a few people that I've seen tonight that have not only worked for MISC but volunteered their time. So just thank you all for that. And I just wanted to make the point that with – I'm gonna speak to coqui frogs next week in Haiku cause that's kinda the right district and it's my district where I live. But, I want to talk about miconia and little fire ant briefly. And with miconia I just want to the point that we are not giving up, we are not giving up. We have not given up. It is how not only the Maui Invasive Species Committee started but the invasive species committees throughout the State. So it remains one of our top priorities. But it is true, some of the testimony you've heard in terms of things getting lost in the shuffle like you have a very hard job. I understand that and fully appreciate it in terms of not just budget deliberations but all of you decision-making. You have a lot of traces and so do we, and so sometimes those traces are driven by funding, sometimes they're driven be biology and miconia as you've heard tonight is an incredibly complex plant to deal with. I mean it has a seed longevity as you heard earlier of 30 years, really nobody actually even knows how long it is cause that research takes a long time to do. In, so, if we were able to put more of a focus on miconia that would move the project forward we would be able to deal with places like Nahiku. Unfortunately, right now, given our current resources we are not able to deal with some of these places. I just wanted to point out that in last year's budget cycle there was a proviso that was, the intent of that proviso was to focus on miconia. That, as I understand it, is not in the current iteration of the budget so that might be something to consider as putting specific funding as Ms. Carroll mentioned in for miconia. And that would allow us to hire more staff, get more boots on the ground, do more work have a greater impact. Little fire ant, I just briefly want to point out that we're actually, we have not been able to control the entire little fire ant infestation in Nahiku and we are about ready to do that. We have some new technology online and we should be starting within the next month or so. So we're really excited to get that going in a comprehensive fashion. I did just want to point out one last thing, these are my notes, is that one of the things we really pride ourselves on is being able to provide jobs in rural communities and we're really proud to have our baseyard here in Hana and incredible staff like Imi Nelson, you heard from earlier tonight. Joe Brower, Ellroy

Crouse, and we want to bring on more great people from this community, as well as, just a reminder that we have our program on Molokai that hires five people there. Your funding helps supports that program so thank you very much for your time and attention and all that you do and drive home safely.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We have a question for you. Chair King.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay, I'm going to defer my question but I'm going to ask it out loud so you can be prepared next time because we talked about this so, when you come in Haiku if you could share with the Council Committee your plans for eradication and also, what the level funding we're giving you, what that would will allow you to do? If we gave you a higher level of funding, what you might be able to accomplish in this year? And then, we can go from there and look at, like, you know, the five-year plan or something. So, I'm not going to hold you to that right now, but, thank you for coming up and just sharing a little bit about the fire ants and the miconia cause I, you know, there was some earlier concern and then we'll see you in Haiku. Thanks, Adam.

MR. RADFORD: I'll see you on Thursday. Yeah, thank you very much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King. Member Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ Oh, okay, okay. Any additional questions, Members? Seeing none. Mahalo for your testimony.

MR. RADFORM: Mahalo, have a good night.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Miss Matthews?

MS. MATTHEWS: Yes, Madam Chair. The next of our last three testifiers is Faith Ewbank Chase to be followed by Mary Kahana.

MS. CHASE: Aloha, Council. In Hana people call me Faith Yanagi. . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

**Note: Testifier walks away from microphone and approaches Members' table.**

MS. CHASE: Okay, mahalo for making it to Hana. This is my childhood cafeteria, I'm cracking up. It seemed so big when I was little. Okay, so . . . this is not in your budget. I don't think it's in. It's not in your budget but it's really important. Mike Miyamoto knows that this important to me, so does Shane. Anybody was in that thread of the resource recovery, but, Hana needs a green waste permit. Right now we're trucking in the cover for the dump and we're taking out the green waste. And the answer that I got when I was doing my research in preparation for the resource recovery which I think almost all of you, except for maybe Alice Lee and Mike, are on that thread was that oh, we make mulch, we make compost whatever, who's going to use it? And I was like, wait a minute, like it should be the other way around, like build it and they will come because if you have nice, you know, green waste mulch dirt then you're going to inspire people to do backyard gardens, you know, maybe Hana Ranch would get on board. Anyways, so, we really need that and I recently returned to my home and applied for a job at Hana School. I don't know if that's going to work out, doesn't matter because I really want to make

sure I stay in the thread of the conversation of zero waste. I'd like to see Hana School be the first zero waste school at least on Maui. I think we can do it because Waikoloa, I don't know if you didn't get to tour the dump today but we have the most beautiful dump in the whole world. And so, anyway, so all my people that know what I'm talking, talk – you know, small population of people who like to talk about trash and sewage, yeah. But anyway, so, all my people that know I'm passionate about that know that I'm not going to let them forget that. It seems like the last three, four years, four, five years, I've had to go help the agricultural sector and it seems like such a long way around the block just to get to the organic compost but really that's like, that's what I'm really passionate about is the recycling the trash, the compost because I feel like that's meeting the farmers in the middle, inspiring the farmers. The miconia is gnarly. I just heard about this at their Hana chapter yesterday. I didn't know they were absent and working on other issues. So, just to give you an idea, as soon as it gets to 11 feet-- who's the bruddah who was just here? It gets to 11 feet right then you can't – it's past that point of eradicating, it's too ho`opa`a inside the ground and then they gotta use poison. So, it's like, we need to really get ahead of that because that's tragic and the little fire ant, I did hear, I learned yesterday, it wasn't – not confirmation but that the little fire ant emergency declaration was made through the Department of Ag so maybe, hopefully that means that things will get, you know, expedited. I'm following that issue but that's, that's equally as important. So, anything, any kind of funding towards that, please. I don't know about how to – I just need to mention this because you know, I got your attention and I am not going go town anymore. So, the community reach – it seems really dismal to none sometimes out here. Okay, so they did the cultural impact study for the East Maui water case, right and they came out and, you know, Mavis did her best to invite people or whatever and, like, nobody came. And then now we have a whole stack of the census here for the bus, you know, cause the 2017 residents weren't – that reach wasn't made so they gotta hurry up and fill out that census so they make sure they make sure they get the proper transportation. So, I don't know how to do it better or what? But, I don't have an opinion on that cause – but the community reach has always been a struggle especially in the rural areas and so anyway, something needs to be improved on that because time and time again we're not getting the right data fast enough. The MEO busses, I'm not sure if this is accurate but this is what I heard. They getting the mediocre buses the that are used in in town and that's super tragic. Of course the Ma Ka Hana Ka Ike, everybody said really good things. I just need to tell you that we are waiting for 45-days notice – Imperium was given 45-days notice right, that's like in four or five days, but, we cannot go over there and maha oe legally or whatever but they put stones in the river bed, they made their own bridge. And that's, that's, so that's, Alice Lee I'm gonna be coming to talk to you in the Water Department cause that's crazy! So we gotta wait, like, legally four or five more days so that the whatever that serving 45-day notice to go over there and go check, check again. But that scared me cause that's not right and anyway . . . the last thing I wanna say is I support Common Ground Collective. I really like that project. I like everybody who's on it. I been watching them grow. The ESG, that's amazing! What a far out environmental, social governance funding, that's really cool. So anything you can do to support that. The HFUU line item, I just want to say this. I really don't wanna see this Council get stuck in the situation which wasn't really alarmed at the Maui, you know, the Wailuku Main Street Association. But the slate of Councilmembers that were monitoring that money, they didn't do a really fiscal maka`ala, You know like, really look, look. And those Councilmembers that were on that – during that tenure they really actually are financially responsible for that \$450,000 they just kept giving his organization. They didn't do their fiscal – be careful with not just, in, not just – make sure you ask those

hard questions in those fiscal – you want that accountability that transparency and HFUU included and I know that organization very, very, very, very, very, very well. And so please, do that because I support them but I want to make sure –

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Will you conclude, please?

MS. CHASE: Pardon me? Wrap it up?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Will you conclude, please?

MS. CHASE: I support them but I want to make sure that them and other people you really look at that, you know, you ask those hard questions. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, do you have questions for the testifier? Mahalo nui for your testimony and mahalo for the lei. Miss Matthews, our two last testifiers?

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: So, our next testifier is Mary Kahana testifying on behalf of Ke Ao Halii, to be followed by Sam Akoi IV.

MS. KAHANA: Good evening, Councilmember [sic], thank you for coming to Hana. My name is Mary Kahana. I live a Moka'e. I'm one of the lineal descendants. My ohana has been living there for generations. I come from the Piilani Ohana. I am here to request to your continued support for open land space funding. Auntie Tasha, I know you had asked earlier about new stewardship of the aina. I truly believe that once we get the land locked, conserved, and preserved, that it will come. I have lived on Germany. Their hills are alive with the sound of music, you know, and it's been preserved. So, I hope here in Hana we can mirror that type of legacy. I also lived in Waikiki and the development had ruined us. We moved, we living in a house but because of all the high-rises we left. I also lived in North Shore and with the condominiums being bought up it totally destroyed the community. I truly believe if we had the . . . (*inaudible*) . . . we would have the aina in the wrong hands it would totally destroy the community. I can already see it from where I live. You know, it's pristine land, land not to be touched. But, you know, people have another mindset. Whether if it's developers, people like their million-dollar views and that's what they look at. And I don't want to see that right in the front of us. It should remain untouched and I hope that you all can continue to support Hana and we are looking at other means to look for funding whether if it's rich people such as Oprah who has vested her – you know she has aina here so do know that we're trying out best to look for other means for funding. I'd like to thank those who are her like, Uncle Irish, Scott Crawford, Robin Raynor for their strong work because they're pretty much donating all their time and there's a lot to even request for funding, you know, to make sure your ducks is in a line when comes to all the documentation of what's required to request for funding. But, I just wanna share with you all to try and think of Hana out here. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Seeing no questions, mahalo, Ms. Kahana for your testimony. Miss Matthews or Miss Takayama?

MS. APO TAKAYAMA: Our last testifier is Sam Akoi IV.

MR. AKOI: Aloha kakou, Councilmembers.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aloha.

MR. AKOI: Welcome to Hana, Maui. My name is Samuel Akoi IV, six generations from Hana. I'm involved, I wear a lot of hats, too. So I'm involved with Ke Ao Halii, I'm on the board. I want you guys to know that, you know, the reason why I got on the board is because of Hana, what is Hana made about. We are, I'm a practitioner and I'm not a speaker, you know, I'm here speaking today because I feel people in the house or people like you, you know, you guys no live the way I grew up. I grew up sustainable. I grew up, you know, gathering. I grew up caring for the aina. I grew up caring for the water, the air, you know, everything that we eat is all gathered. It's not bought, you know. I get into this Ke Ao Halii because of corporations. Hana is a sustainable place and it's a place where we live and a lot of time corporations come here and they make us feel like we are the foreigners in our own land and, you know, going take me as a practitioner to come and speak to you folks to make Ke Ao Halii in purchasing these lands. And Auntie Kama, I was gonna stand up and come speak when you was asking Uncle Irish about caring for the land. We have been caring for the land as practitioners for the hundreds of years from the mountain to the ocean and we will continue that. That's why when Uncle when turn around and he said what, people of Hana, can we take care of this? And everybody said, aye. So you know, we have plans but right now the plans is to get the funds to purchase this aina an get 'em back in the Hawaiian hands. And then the people is using 'em as we speak today. You know, they go down camping, they bring families from all over the islands, they come here. But anyway, I'm on the board with Kipahulu Association. I'm the representative of Hana Ahu Moku and one other thing, too, had the bill they was trying to pass, 1329 [sic] up in Oahu. Well, I went up there, flew up myself, and testified. You know, I wrote one online one, testified and everything. So, you know, I care and the people here, we care about our aina. I support, you know, I mean I know you guys support too, the non-profits here in Hana. We all work together hand-in-hand. And this miconia thing, you know, me and my dad is like history in the miconia from Day 1 with Bob Hobde. They started them all out. I retired there, my father retired there, you know, the money was for miconia here, specifically in Hana and was created by Bob Carroll, you know, so I advise you guys if MISC cannot figure a way then we the people of Hana will figure one way, you know, give us the money and we'll figure a way how to manage our own aina because it's been desecrated as we speak right now. So, maybe I talking little too much, but . . . but anyway I back up all the nonprofits here and I'm – Hana is sustainable and we are for real. We have the really – the most for real people that you can meet and thank you so much for coming. Enjoy your guys self here, drive home safely, aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha. . . . *(audience applause)* . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, seeing no questions, mahalo, Mr. Akoi for your testimony tonight. Miss Matthews, do we have any last testifiers?

MS. MATTHEWS: Madam Chair, there no one else signed up here to testify. Thank you, Hana.

**. . . END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY . . .**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Say any last words?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you so much for coming out to testify. I'm gonna let your Councilmember share some closing remarks.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Mahalo, everybody for coming tonight. Sharing our community's concerns and priorities and we will be going back to the Council because, you know, when we visit Molokai and Lanai we get to stay over. So I think Hana should also be one of those places so they no gotta drive back. . . . *(audience applause)*. . . Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'm staying over tonight. No more planes that go to Molokai. So, again, thank you everyone for the spending the night with us and sharing all of your important mana`o. And again, for the month of April if you have more mana`o to share or if you know of anyone else in the community that would like to testify, please go visit Auntie Mavis at the Hana District Office whenever we have a EDB-1 on the agenda at the, for the Economic Development and Budget Committee. Okay and if there are no objections I will now adjourn our meeting.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS. (Excused: RH)

**ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. It's 9:09 on April 5<sup>th</sup> and our meeting is adjourned.

ADJOURN: 9:09 p.m.

APPROVED:



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