

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET COMMITTEE
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Council Chamber

CONVENE: 9:03 a.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Chair
Councilmember Kelly T. King, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Riki Hokama, Member
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 (in 9:08 a.m.)

STAFF: Julie Reed, Legislative Analyst
Yvette Bouthillier, Committee Secretary

Zhantell Lindo, Council Aide, Molokai Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)
Denise Fernandez, Council Aide, Lanai Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)
Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros, Council Aide, Hana Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)

ADMIN.: Derrick Lopez, Captain, Department of Police (EDB-42)
Sterling Kiyota, Assistant Chief, Department of Police (EDB-42)
Sananda K. Baz, Managing Director, Department of Management (EDB-42, EDB-76)
David Galazin, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel

OTHERS: Mahina Poepoe (EDB-42) (via telephone conference bridge from Molokai Council Office)
Joseph Blackburn (EDB-76)
Richard Dan (EDB-76)
Frank DeRego, Jr. (EDB-76)
Carol Ball (EDB-76)
Alexa Betts Basinger (EDB-76)
Kristin Holmes (EDB-76)

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Clifford Libed, Member, Wailuku Redevelopment (EDB-76)
Colleen Rohozinski (EDB-76)
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Alena Ornellas (EDB-76)
Carolyn Wright, Chief Operating Officer, Maui Academy of
Performing Arts – MAPA (EDB-76)
Dylan Bode, Director of Marketing, Maui Academy of Performing
Arts – MAPA (EDB-76)
Terri Erwin, Owner, Perfection Bra Fitting Salon (EDB-76)
Nick Drance, The Maui Miracle Organization (EDB-76)
Jennifer Karaca (EDB-76)
Wendell DeVera (EDB-76)
Ivan Lay (EDB-76)
George Kaninola (EDB-76)
Others (10)

PRESS: Akaku: *Maui Community Television, Inc.*
Susan Halas, *Maui Now*

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .(*gavel*). . . Aloha kakahiaka kakou. Aloha. Ekolu minuke i ka hala o ka hola `eiwa ma iwakālua-kūmā-lua o Aukake i ka makahiki `elua kaukani umikamaeiwa. E `olu`olu mai, e ho`omalua ke Komike Ho`omohala Waiwai me Mo`ohelu Kala. `O wai ka Iku Ha`i o keia komike, Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. It is 9:03 on August 22, 2019. Will the Economic Development and Budget Committee please come to order? I'm your Chair Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. I keia la, me ko kakou eia, Committee Vice-Chair and Council Chair Kelly King.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair. Good to see you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka. Member Shane Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha kakahiaka, ia oe.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka. Member Mike Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Aloha, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha. Member Alice Lee, what language you got for us today?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, Turkey, yeah, making you hungry? Anyway, gunaydin, gunaydin, Madam Chair.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Gunaydin?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, gunaydin.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Gunaydin.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You've impressed Member Hokama. Aloha, Member Riki Hokama. Member Tamara Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha. Member Yuki Lei Sugimura will be joining us shortly, and Pro Temp Tasha Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka. And mai ka Administration we have, we'll be, okay, we have the Department of Police Assistant Chief Kiyota, and Captain Lopez. And joining us soon will be Managing Director Sandy Baz, and Finance Director Scott Teruya. From Corporation Counsel we have Deputy Corporation Counsel, David Galazin.

MR. GALAZIN: Good morning.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka. Our Committee Staff, we have Julie Reed, our Legislative Analyst, and Yvette Bouthillier, our Committee Secretary.

MS. BOUTHILLIER: Good morning.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning. And at our District Offices we have Ms. Mavis Oliveira-Medeiros from, at the Hana Office, Denise Fernandez at the Lanai Office, and Zhantell Lindo at the Molokai Office. Okay. Members, we have two items on today's agenda, EDB-42, Relocating the Molokai Police Station. The Committee will receive a presentation from the Department of Police followed by discussion. And the second item is EDB-76, the Wailuku Civic Complex. The Committee will receive a presentation from the Administration relating to the financial status of the Wailuku Civic Complex project and may also consider whether to recommend passage of the posted revised proposed bill on first reading with or without further revisions. And for everyone's clarification, there are three phases to this project, phase IA, the infrastructure improvements, phase IB construction of the parking structure, and phase II the civic center. And this item is not about phase I infrastructure

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or phase II civic center. This is only about phase IB, the parking structure. Okay. And so, we'll begin with public testimony on our two items. Testimony will be limited to the two items on the agenda. To testify, please sign up with Staff. Testimony will be limited to three minutes, and upon request a minute to conclude. If you're testifying beyond that time, I'll kindly ask you to complete your testimony. When testifying, please state your name, who you're representing, and please let the Councilmembers know if you're a paid lobbyist. So, we'll start with our District Offices. Ms. Oliveira-Medeiros at the Hana Office, will you please call your first testifier?

. . .BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

MS. OLIVEIRA-MEDEIROS: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair. This is Mavis from the Hana Office and there is nobody here waiting to testify.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka, mahalo. And good morning --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Good morning.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --Member Yuki Lei Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Good morning, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And Ms. Fernandez at the Lanai Office, will you please call your first testifier?

MS. FERNANDEZ: Good morning, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning.

MS. FERNANDEZ: This is Denise Fernandez at the Lanai Office and there are no testifiers.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. And Ms. Lindo at the Molokai Office, will you please call your first testifier?

MS. LINDO: Aloha, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha.

MS. LINDO: This is Zhan at the Molokai District Office and we have one testifier, Mahina Poepoe.

MS. POEPOE: Good morning, Council. This is Mahina Poepoe.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning.

MS. POEPOE: I'm testifying on both items; I think pretty briefly. In regards to the Molokai Police Station, I just wanted to make a couple statements not in support or, I don't support or not support it yet because I don't have enough information. But I do think that this needs to be brought back to the Molokai community maybe after what you hear today and have an open community meeting on Molokai which is something that hasn't happened yet. A concern that I have is I know the police station wants to move and they need to move. But one thing that was brought up was that because the property they're looking at is so big, that multiple organizations may eventually be able to utilize the property and move their operations uphill as well to that same property. And if that is going to kind of be the anchor of the new development for a new town, then I think that's a bigger conversation that needs to be had and it's not just about a police station anymore. So, that's what I have to say about that. And for the Wailuku Parking Structure Civic Center, like I testified maybe twice already about it. I just think that like a lot of people have already said building a \$30 million house for cars is to me not acceptable. But I don't want to speak for what the Maui community might want or doesn't want. But I do think something of such a large cost should be put on the ballot and people should be polled more widely. It also is interesting because it shows like how different Molokai and Maui is. We were, the Council tried to give us, or the Mayor tried to give us \$700,000 to pave a parking lot this past budget and we were like no, we don't want a parking lot. We're fine with parking on the dirt. So, it just kind of shows to me like, you know, that we are so different, and that Molokai maybe does need to become its own county. I'm not okay with paying for a \$30 million parking structure. I'm not okay with paying for a \$700,000 parking lot. So, that's just my comments for today. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Poepoe. Members, any questions for our testifier? Okay. Seeing none, mahalo for your testimony this morning. Okay. Ms. Lindo, any other testifiers?

MS. LINDO: No, there are no further testifiers.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Okay. Before we start testimony in the Chambers, I'll remind everyone to please silence their noisemaking devices. Okay. So, our first testifier is Joseph Blackburn.

MR. BLACKBURN: Good morning, Councilmembers --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning.

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MR. BLACKBURN: --and our Economic Development Committee. I'm Joseph Blackburn, testifying on EDB-76. The future has become very cloudy for my business in Wailuku. I was looking forward to the revitalization of our small town. But that dream is now in jeopardy. It makes we wonder why I should stay in business without a bright future. My company employs four people. We pay taxes, and service over 1,000 local families in the Waikapu-Wailuku area. This is the time to revitalize Wailuku while our economy is good. More business, more taxes, and government will have more options. Bond money is specific and it's misleading to tell your constituents you can use it somewhere else. More troubling, it will take three or four years to get that bond money where it can be approved and spent. I worked in the County; I did CIP projects. What happens when the next Council in office at that time decides after testimony when the not in my backyard people say no to your pet projects? The Council has started a very dangerous precedent of defunding approved projects. We have spent at my guess over \$10 million, planned for over 10 years, and had over 10 hearings and presentations. What happens when the tables are reversed, and this Council is no longer in office? Will the next Council defund your projects no matter what the cost and ramifications? I am also concerned about transparency. Did we not testify on this issue a very short time ago? How was this hearing made public? Yesterday's *Maui News* only talked about the project moving forward, not being defunded. Most of us here only found out on Tuesday when there was a presentation at the Iao Theater about this project being defunded. Are we hiding this agenda item from businesspeople in the general public? Yet, I found defunding of this Civic Center on social media. How did it get there? Who's sending it out? So, are some of our Councilmembers pushing their agenda on social media? So, do we now have government by testimony? What's happening today is not transparent. And if you're going to say transparency, it should be to all. For over 40 years I have worked and coached in Wailuku. I give back to my community providing employment, paying taxes, and helping coach our young men and women. The greatest threat facing our local working class is cost of living, including affordable housing, and for our businesses, taxes and government. Many of my friends have left Maui. History shows we will have a recession, and the next one will be bad. We have only one economic leg. It's time to support small business, not put us out of business. To defund a project after spending over \$10 million, over 10 years of planning, over 10 hearings just doesn't make sense. Don't waste our taxpayer's money. I worked hard to send those taxes in. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Blackburn, for your testimony. Members, any questions for our testifier? Okay. Seeing none --

MR. BLACKBURN: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --thank you.

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MR. BLACKBURN: Oh, by the way, shout out to Ikaika. He's back in Wailuku driving for Engine 1 back from Molokai. So, I'm a happy dad. My family's back.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right on.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I do have a question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Lee has a question for you.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Mr. Blackburn, I know where your office is, right on the corner of Market and Vineyard yeah? So, you're kind of in the heart of town. Do you believe that you speak for many of the businesses in Wailuku?

MR. BLACKBURN: You know, there's people who come in our community and say they speak for the businesses. I can tell you one person is here today and where is he, oh, Mr. handsome in the back, Wendell DeVera, who has a business in Wailuku Town and he's here because I talked to him. There's other people I'm sure support it. I don't like saying that I know for other people what they want. I do know I love seeing the kids from the housing walk by my office every day, I love walking outside and, you know, it's a weird situation 'cause the town is not really vibrant, but we know each other, and we support each other.

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Lee. Okay. I have a question. Well, first to address your concern, I'm sorry you weren't made aware of the meeting earlier. It was posted the way it's normally posted. And after attending Monday night's meeting and seeing a really small turnout I was kind of concerned. And so, I got the word out on social media about this, and I also let people know at the meeting on Monday night so that people, you know, could come. So, right now, for today's meeting we're addressing the parking structure --

MR. BLACKBURN: Correct.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --alone. Councilmembers support the infrastructure improvements, I definitely support it, it's been long overdue. But for the parking structure, do you believe that alone will revitalize Wailuku Town?

MR. BLACKBURN: I believe it's the step. I mean, I was hoping we'd do the whole project, and I'm not sure why because every time we cut a project in half it costs us another \$5 million. I believe parking will help alleviate some of the concerns. I have board meetings, my people come in for board meetings, they can't find parking. It'll help make it easier to come to Wailuku Town. And then the rates for the parking, I was looking at, I was going wow, that was pretty

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reasonable, and it's 2.6 million a year. It's a lot of money, but at the end of the day, within nine or ten years it becomes self-sufficient and helps our community. It helps me as a businessperson. So, I do support parking. We are a mobile society, and people do drive cars almost everywhere they go.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, you believe that without the Civic Center portion of this project, the parking structure itself would be self-sustaining?

MR. BLACKBURN: I don't have the answer to that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Okay. Members...thank you so much for your testimony, Mr. Blackburn.

MR. BLACKBURN: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And I'm happy you have your son back.

MR. BLACKBURN: Yeah, and how's this shirt?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I mean, too bad for Molokai, but I'm happy you get to have your son back.

MR. BLACKBURN: Yeah, he's happy to be home and we were excited. He called us last night.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Congratulations.

MR. BLACKBURN: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Our next testifier is Richard Don, and you can correct me if...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Dan.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Dan. Okay. Richard Dan, and followed by Frank DeRego, Jr.

MR. DAN: Aloha. Thank you all for come, being here and working so hard for us. I've been a retailer, property owner, and resident of North Market Street between Vineyard and Main for over four decades. Parking has been the biggest challenge to every retailer on Market Street, period. It's driven people out of business. Saedene Ota was here the last time you had a hearing to get rid of this. And she told you how many, the list of, the litany of companies that went out of business directly because of parking. She left because of parking problems. Parking problems are a significant problem to Wailuku. It's causing

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the blight in Wailuku. If we increase parking, there'll be more people to come to Wailuku, there'll be more activity on the street, and there'll be less need for Wailuku to have its own private police force, for all intents and purposes we have a group called I believe safe and clean that is privately contracted by the County just to monitor Wailuku. And the reason these vagrants and panhandlers come to Wailuku is because there's no activity on the street. And the reason there's no activity on the street is because there's very little parking, and parking's a big struggle. I can't tell you how many times people call my business up and say, hey Rich, I've traveled around the block three times, I can't find a parking spot, the lot's full, I'm going somewhere else and they never come back. Parking is a real problem. We have had this project going on now for I don't know how many decades. It's time. The last County Council decided to do it. I thought it was all done with. I've made plans based on it being approved. And I've made business plans and financial investments. I have 22 employees that work here in Wailuku. I don't know what's going to happen with all of this. I'm very concerned. I believe that if the additional parking IB in itself without anything else, will help Wailuku. I also believe that if we have an anchor location like the Civic Center, that will tremendously revitalize Wailuku. We've had anchors like Kress Store, Ooka's, Valley Isle Motors, leave. A new anchor for Wailuku will drive bodies in. If you have people coming in, you're going to have less bad things going on, I believe. You know, that's it. Thank you very much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Dan. I'm sorry, I couldn't read the organization, Valley Isle...

MR. DAN: Valley Isle Loan.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Loan. Okay.

MR. DAN: And myself, I'm here on behalf of myself and Valley Isle Loan.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MR. DAN: My family owns, it's all of us.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Members, questions? Member Sinenci, and then Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mr. Dan, for being here. So, with this parking structure project, you think it'll generate more building within the Wailuku area?

MR. DAN: That's a...

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: We heard that there might be some hotels and stuff in the planning. Would that support small Wailuku Town?

MR. DAN: It's a two-part question, answer. Part number one, both answers are yes, part number one is yes, it will support, it'll support any growth. Part number two, as part of this project there's certain incentives being given to landowners, property owners, which I am, I own the Ooka Building at the corner of Market and Vineyard. Okay. And these incentives will, that are going to be, that are offered to all of us, and Aluli Trust, Nane Aluli was here testifying at the last hearing, and he owns the big portion, that trust owns a big portion of the block between Vineyard and Main on Market and they're also in favor. And everybody I believe is going to take out, advantage if they can, of the opportunity, these tax abatements that are being offered along with this project to go ahead and better their properties, make things nicer. We don't want Wailuku looking like a slum anymore. Wailuku is the County seat. It should be the jewel of the Pacific. And what we have now isn't that. It's not the old town charm we have now. Now, we have blight and slum and what we need is a beautiful town. And we're going to have one, this project is designed for it. They're giving incentives to all the landowners to go ahead and fix their places up. This is going to be great. Yes, and yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Thank you. Follow-up, Chair? It just seems that, you know, if we're going to develop Wailuku, 'cause I drive to work every day too, and so, some of the highways and thoroughfares into Wailuku can sometimes, because it's such a smaller roadway sizes, would those roads also have to be updated for additional traffic you think?

MR. DAN: I believe Plan I, now I'm not a, I'm not the, I'm not an engineer or any of that stuff, obviously. But I believe Plan IA is resolving a lot of the infrastructure problems. When I spoke with Erin Wade, she had told me that the, that the corner above Maui Medical Group on Vineyard is a very busy corner because a lot of the, at the end of that roadway, and a lot of traffic comes down. And that's where they're going to concentrate a lot of money on to fix that up. I think they have it figured out, and that's IA, and that's being in the process right now --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay.

MR. DAN: --but we heard her talk about IB I think.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you.

MR. DAN: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Good morning, Mr. Dan. Thank you for your years of dedication to your business, first of all, as well as all the community things that you've participated with along with your family. So, I appreciate that. I wanted just to be clear, so, you are against what is being proposed today for the Wailuku Civic Complex, which is to defund the bond that has already been approved?

MR. DAN: One hundred percent.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

MR. DAN: I'm against the defunding. I'm 100 percent in favor of Plans IA, IB, and II.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. And do you have any input from other merchants?

MR. DAN: Sure. I've talked to a lot of merchants on Market Street. There aren't that many left. And the ones that are there, I've only heard I think one negative, and their concern was what's going to happen during the construction? But we all agree, I can't say, I hate to speak for everybody, I can speak for myself and the few I've talked to, which is the majority. The majority of the merchants I can say are in favor of more parking to Wailuku. Mr. Aluli, the owner of the, his trust owns a large portion of that, came and testified at the last hearing saying that that trust who has a lot of the property on Market Street is 100 percent in favor of increasing the parking. I believe Mr. Starr, who's also an owner of property on Market Street, he's 100 percent in favor of increasing the property, the parking. That covers most of Market Street between myself, Mr. Starr, and Mr. Aluli.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Vice-Chair, Committee Vice-Chair King, and then Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you. Thanks for being here, Mr. Dan. So, I just was curious about something that you said a little bit earlier about that they're giving us money to fix up our places. Are you referring to the money that they're talking about as far as alleviating the hardship of building the parking?

MR. DAN: No, I was told there was a, that the, that...

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: MRA.

VICE-CHAIR KING: MRA.

MR. DAN: No, no, no, the County agency that Susie Thieman's the head of. What's that called again?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, Lokahi.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Lokahi Pacific?

MR. DAN: Lokahi is going to be giving special grants, and I believe there's some tax incentives to go ahead and renovate our properties --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, I hadn't heard that.

MR. DAN: --coming our way. And I heard something about that.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, I hadn't heard that, and I don't think that's connected with this project.

MR. DAN: I think it's something to do with the whole overall plan.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, I hadn't...yeah.

MR. DAN: This was something I heard.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Is that something you heard on Monday?

MR. DAN: No, I heard it probably about three, five years ago.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Well, we'll have to check into that.

MR. DAN: But Mr. DeRego is testifying. He might be able to answer that.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MR. DAN: No, you don't remember?

VICE-CHAIR KING: I don't think, I don't think...okay. Thank you.

MR. DAN: Okay.

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

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Aloha, Mr. Dan. Thank you for being here today. I was wondering if you had, you know, like how you said you spoke to your neighbor business folks, I was wondering if you have polled your customers, if they're willing to go from free parking to paid parking, if they're going to want to pay the parking to come to your store?

MR. DAN: To start off, I've been on the Parking Committees for many of the town organizations from Jocelyn Perreira's organizations to everybody else's.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Is that the Wailuku Main Street?

MR. DAN: I was on Wailuku Main Street, I was on the one that Alexa started a few years ago, what was that, Main Street Association I think it was? I forgot the names. But nevertheless, I've been on a bunch of these committees and I've done a lot of studying about parking and the parking problems with our customers. Paying for parking in Maui is a cultural issue in addition to being a financial issue. I've been an advocate of parking meters on Market Street for decades. I think it makes perfect sense. I don't think anybody's going to really complain. Then suddenly everybody starts to complain. We don't have parking meters anywhere, why should we have parking meters here? Okay. And it became a cultural issue. So, do I think my customers are going to complain about paying for parking? Nobody likes spending money.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, no not do you think, have you asked them?

MR. DAN: No.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Thanks.

MR. DAN: I haven't asked them.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Pro Temp Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you. So, if you did have customers who had to pay for parking, would you as a business entity who's going to be very successful in this great endeavor, would you validate their parking?

MR. DAN: Most probably.

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COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Oh, okay. Thank you.

MR. DAN: Sure. Come to my store, do business with me, why wouldn't I pay your parking?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: May I respond to that?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sure, go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Well, Mr. Dan, I want to tell you that I don't agree with the kind of business you operate. And I am thankful that we're on the same side of this issue at this moment where even a couple of years ago we were on the opposite side at the State Leg. So, I just want you to know, but I thank you very much for that offer.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Pro Temp Kama. Okay. So, seeing no more questions, I'll ask the last questions. So, I wanted to quickly first address one of the statements that you shared earlier in your testimony. Ms. Ota, when she shared about the businesses that closed, specifically said that it wasn't because of parking that they closed. So, I just wanted to correct that.

MR. DAN: I just remember it differently. But memories are memories.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, I watched the video last night too.

MR. DAN: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Okay. And then, so...okay, how can you...okay, while you were on the committee, on the committees that you served on, mahalo for your service to our County and our community. Did you discuss opening up parking by creating a shuttle program for Wailuku employees? Because I mean, a lot of our staff park in the two-hour parking stalls and it takes up the stalls. And I know that other businesses also testified to that as well. And so, do you...

MR. DAN: Yes, we did.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes? Okay. Okay.

MR. DAN: Yeah, we did. We discussed it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And it wasn't a good idea?

MR. DAN: I didn't say that. I, no you asked me if they discussed it.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

MR. DAN: Yes, it's been discussed. I don't, at least for three decades there were different conversations about that along with the parking. I remember one time, I think it was, I think Jocelyn Perreira had buses coming, taking people from the ships to Wailuku. But to move the County workers out of Wailuku to War Memorial or one of those things, the necessity for that is clear and it's just never happened. I don't know why it never happened. But it's clear.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I agree, it is.

MR. DAN: Yeah, but, I, it's not just the County workers, it's not just the State workers, it's the people that come to court that, you know, the people park there all day and the parking is abused, at best, you know, is an understatement.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I agree. So, then how would you, you know, guarantee that more parking would bring more customers because that's what, what you're saying is that more parking will equate to more customers, and that's going to create the revitalization for Wailuku?

MR. DAN: I believe that will contribute significantly to the revitalization of Wailuku, absolutely. Less parking, the parking problem that we have now drive customers away, gives Wailuku the reputation of don't waste your time going there, you'll never find a parking spot. The last time I was there I couldn't find a parking spot. So, why would they come back? If we have ample parking the businesses will thrive. I really believe that. And my 40 years of being on Market Street in capacities as a retailer, a pawn broker, and a payday lender, have dealt with tens of thousands of your constituents. And all of these people, the first thing you hear is parking sucks, and it does.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And a shuttle program for employees would probably address that along with the . . .*(inaudible)*. . . yeah?

MR. DAN: It would alleviate a little, a little. But it won't alleviate the problem. You're going to have to put more parking in.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: A little...okay. I'll let that one go. And so, I, you know, I, in response to one of the Councilmembers' questions you said that Lokahi Pacific was going to provide grants to, for revitalization of...

MR. DAN: I remember something like that. There was, I think it was Lokahi, but one of the benefactor-type organizations was offering grants and low-cost loans

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during the construction to, seeming that they're doing this development, we'll also redevelop a lot of our properties.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I can ask that question later to find out --

MR. DAN: Sure.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --the information from the MRA.

MR. DAN: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And 'cause I think that that would address the issue of blight and slum.

MR. DAN: I think parking will address the issue of blight and slum.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MR. DAN: I think without parking, we're going to continue to have blight and slum.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, who do you believe will benefit the most from this parking structure?

MR. DAN: The County of Maui. It'll beautify the Maui County seat. The County seat right now, you walk down Market Street, we have to have our own Police Department, we have our own private security on Market Street. I mean, it's just what it is. If we go ahead and we have bodies walking up and down the street, which we will if we have more parking, these problems will be gone.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So...

MR. DAN: It'll shine, it'll be the jewel which it should be.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I agree, it should be the jewel. I think it does shine. But okay, mahalo for answering all my questions and the Councilmembers' questions. Seeing no more questions, mahalo for your testimony. Okay. The next testifier is Frank DeRego, Jr., followed by Carol Ball.

MR. DEREGO: Aloha, Chair and Members of the Economic Development and Budget Committee. I'm Frank DeRego, Jr. I am testifying on my own behalf, but in the interest of openness and transparency, I'm also the current chair of the Maui Redevelopment Agency, whose project, this is in our purview. I was born in Puunene Hospital, and I was born and raised in Wailuku. I will be testifying on item EDB-76, and this should come as no surprise that I am against the proposal you have before you to defund the parking infrastructure that is sorely

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needed as a part of the revitalization plan for Wailuku Town, our County's seat in our tri-isle County. You know, I had some testimony here, I just want to deal with a couple of the issues that have come up. First of all, we talk about IA and IB, but what do they have in common? It's phase I, they're both intimately related. Phase IA is preparing for phase IB. If you just build phase IA without building phase IB, you lose 43 parking spaces under the current infrastructure improvements. So, these are intimately together. See, it's a construction management artifact to divide this up into phases to make it easier on the community. But I would say parking is vital to the part of that plan. And I think people's behavior will change over time about the paying for parking. It's been shown in community after community that has instituted parking in other communities besides Maui. Okay. We've had a parking study to deal with this. Okay. Because there's a lot of things in IA that if you really look at it, you know, there's going to be a traffic light on Main and Market. It's going to be a two-way. Why, because there's going to be an ingress and egress into the parking structure. Okay. Let me address the issue of the shuttle. Our most recent survey says that 94, -7 percent of the people who come to Wailuku Town drive their own personal car. I don't think they're going to change that even with the price for the parking structure. As far as County employees, only 8 percent, or 8.54 percent to be exact, indicated that a free shuttle would be their preferred option. Okay. Shuttles would slightly offset the parking problem, it's not the solution. So, I just wanted to deal with a few of those issues. I do think that we do need, I mean, we've been here, 2004, 2011, this thing is only going to get more expensive as time goes on. It's gone from 7 million, to 15 million, now we're at 27 million. If you understand finance, that's the time value of money, and unless you address the need, which we haven't, Wailuku continues to decline, and the problems and the needs that people have expressed in the community have not been abated.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. DeRego.

MR. DEREGO: Thank you very much.

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

MR. DEREGO: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Next testifier is Carol Ball, followed by Alexa Betts Basinger.

MS. BALL: Good morning, Madam Chair and Members of the Economic Development and Budget Committee. My name is Carol Ball. I'm a resident of Wailuku where I was born. I'm a former member of the Maui Redevelopment Agency where I served as its Chair in the final term of my tenure. I'm here this

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morning to ask you to vote no on this amendment. If it went forward, this project will not only revitalize Wailuku, but will also revitalize Maui. Maui has changed. We're a working-class community. We work hard. We work in the community, and many of us have, were born and grew up here, but it's no longer like that. Others have come and seen the value of our beautiful environment and have created communities along the periphery of the island and enjoy the amenities of the resorts. We have nothing like that. Most of us work individual jobs, one, two, three, sometimes four jobs within the family. We need a place to gather, and this revitalization project was supposed to be that, and understandably in the County's seat that over 100 years ago it was deemed. We're proud of Wailuku, and it goes beyond its boundaries. I called two restaurants the other day 'cause I wanted to meet with friends at a restaurant, and both Zing's and Arias had shuttered. They were great. There was great food there. What's going to happen to our community? And this was supposed to be the solution. Decades of planning has gone into it. I liken this, I was thinking about this, this morning, it's like tuning into your TV and there's a program already in progress. And you look at this and you say what is this about? You try to figure it out, and maybe you have a better idea of the concept of the goal. But you watch it with enjoyment and add your own attitude to it and it develops. And I think for many of you, many of you who voted for this project, and it's an already approved project, I'd like to see this move forward, and I'd like you to vote no on this amendment that will change it. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Ball, for your testimony. We have a question from Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aloha, Ms. Ball --

MS. BALL: Good morning.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --thank you for coming today. I had a question.

MS. BALL: Yes?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, not exact numbers but rough figures, my understanding is that there's about 26 million in bonds that are approved for just the parking structure part, and if it goes over the estimate of 26 million, then it gotta come back for reapproval. And I was wondering, you know, if the net gain of stalls is like 170 and so the cost per parking stall to house a car is like 152,000, would you be supportive of us committing further money to it if it goes over the estimate?

MS. BALL: And I appreciate your questions and your thoughtful involvement in the details. And your discussion sounds so familiar to me because it's, we had gone over and over and over this many times, so many times that I can't tell you

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what I thought then and I'm sorry, but I can tell you what I'm thinking now. It's a comprehensive project that was approved and vetted and discussed ad infinitum. And we were so pleased when we were moving forward. And I think that's the value of our, of the way we organize ourselves when you move forward and build upon what you inherit. You can't go back and redo it. And I think, you know, historically this, that's what happened to this Wailuku project, not the present comprehensive plan, but why it never got to this. And this is the amazing part of what we have now. And because you're so thoughtful, especially the newcomers, you could, I'm sure that you can see the wisdom in this. And I understand the questions that you have, because we had the same. But they were vetted, and the research was done, and experts were, gave their testimonies. And granted, everyone has their own perspective. But it's the best we can do right now. And I think it's extremely important for us to go forward with it, because we are losing our Maui culture. When I travel the world and I say I'm from Maui, what do they ask, are you from Kapalua or Kaanapali? I was flabbergasted. No, I'm from Wailuku. We don't want that to happen. We don't want them to say what's that, or that's nice. We want them to say, I love Wailuku, like they say now, I love Maui. That's what we want to stand for, the culture that we grew up in, and the one that we are involved in and adding to right now. So, please vote no on this amendment. Let's go back to basics, folks. You know, when I teach my classes in real estate, we say back to basics when we go off track. That's what has happened in the past. Let's stay on the track and move forward.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Ball. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just was thinking because the initial portions of the infrastructure, and then the project manager already went over bid little bit. And then, so, if the parking structure part goes over, you're still supportive is what you're saying?

MS. BALL: Oh, I am supportive of the project in its totality, yes, because I believe that's what's going to revitalize us.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Thank you.

MS. BALL: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Seeing no other questions, mahalo, Ms. Ball, for your testimony.

MS. BALL: Thank you, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Next testifier is Alexa Betts Basinger, followed by Kristin Holmes.

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MS. BASINGER: Aloha, Chair and Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha.

MS. BASINGER: It is so good to be back here again. My name is Alexa Betts Basinger. I'm a 12th generation Mauiian. My ancestors, my family have lived in the extended Wailuku area always. For five years, from 2007 to 2012 I served on the Maui Redevelopment Agency, two of those years as its Chair. We worked very hard to implement the mission of the Maui Redevelopment Agency, which as you all know, was mandated by the State of Hawaii's urban renewal law to rid ourselves of slum and blight. If you'll indulge me, I'd like to read from testimony I presented before your Budget Committee 14 years ago. I am here to testify on the revitalization of Wailuku Town. From ancient Lahaina to Lanai City nestled in pines, from friendly Kaunakakai to the fertile plains of Keanae, from the paniolo place of Makawao, to the harbor place of Maalaea, from cool Kula, to bustling Kahului, and from heavenly Hana, to the beach of Kihei, Maui County is rich with towns that our people call home. But Wailuku stands apart. One hundred and fourteen years ago Wailuku was designated the capital seat of this four-island county. With that, Wailuku, where we're meeting today, became everyone's town. Wailuku belongs to all of us. I want to read a quote from *The Maui News* that year, which was 1905, the building of an ideal town, Wailuku possesses an ideal site to build an ideal town led by feelings of enthusiastic energy. Inspire the citizens of our town, and Wailuku will respond in growth and prosperity. The growth which Wailuku has achieved is only a promise of what is to come in the future if we only reach out and take it. Decades, Members, the studies have been done and redone. The plans and designs have been drawn and redrawn. Today we're at the goal line. Finally, the lynchpin project is underway. Please recognize and respect the work of so many for so long and maintain the approved funding. Maui County deserves a first-class capital town for a first-class community. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Basinger. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aloha, Ms. Betts, thank you for coming and thank you for your service on the Maui Redevelopment Agency. I guess my question was, was that the time Maui Redevelopment Agency worked on the Pono Building?

MS. BASINGER: I think it was 2000 that the...one of the things the Maui Redevelopment Agency had to do under the State law, urban blight law, was to develop a plan. And in 2000, the Maui Redevelopment Plan was accepted by this body. And so, but the desire to revitalize Wailuku and build Wailuku was decades before.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, that wasn't when the Pono Building was coming up?

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MS. BASINGER: I was the project manager for Lokahi Pacific's Pono, Weinberg Building, the Blue Hawaii project. It was all part of it. It was a big move to revitalize Wailuku. The improvement, the Market Street improvement project from Wells through Happy Valley, it was during that time as well, this is 2005, '06, in that area. So, we have had projects that move the revitalization forward. But the essential project to bring people into Wailuku and believe me there have been so many different ways to get the tourists here. But now, what are the tourists going to come for? We need to be a vibrant town again. We are the capital seat of our four islands.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I understand that. I was just thinking that, you know, the similarities between this parking structure and the Pono Building, I mean, not the parking structure but, you know, the project is, you know, pretty similar in the restaurants, the commercial kitchen --

MS. BASINGER: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --and like that. And now looking back, and I'm not saying anything to offend, but, you know, hindsight is 20/20, and the Pono Building ended up still ending up costing the County so much money. And here we are like Wailuku's never gotten anything to do. But the project that we did to revitalize it is not, I mean, we have a commercial kitchen there and when we had the update by Lokahi Pacific it wasn't seeing good use and the restaurant I guess is empty. And so, I just was concerned about these types of redevelopment projects that offer so much and then it doesn't pull through because, you know, building the parking structure isn't supposed to be revenue neutral for ten years, and then, I think Mr. Baz gave us a presentation that it wasn't ever going to be like the generator. The hope is that the surrounding owners then build up their thing because of the security. But that was kind of the hope like, I mean, whatever the Pono Building was, the hope was that it would revitalize the town. So, I mean, to me, I feel like we need to have something more solid than hopes to invest 26 million into 170 parking structure net gain. Like, I mean, I would love to spend \$152,941 on houses, you know. But and I know that you cannot use this money for houses. But ultimately, we still pay the money. So, I just was wondering if you had any comparisons how this is definitely not going to be a Pono Building situation?

MS. BASINGER: Well, I don't think the Pono Building, I don't see the project as negatively as you do. There were 13 funders to that project, not just the County of Maui. And the County of Maui incidentally was one of the smallest contributors. In addition, Lokahi Pacific, with that project, created way more parking, which I believe now, they might be willing to work, to add more parking to the County count in Wailuku. I think that management of any project is crucial. And I believe that with this project completed, the Lokahi

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Pacific Building will boom again as it did in the first couple of years. Café O Lei and, you know, there is affordable housing in that project as well, plus a small business incubator. So, I look forward to that building reaching its promise with the culmination of this.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Member Sugimura, then Member Lee, and then Chair King.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you, Alexa, for being here. So, I guess the Pono Building is really your forte 'cause it was you who moved it, and can you describe to the Members what it looked like before and you already described to Member Paltin, you know, the work that you did with...

MS. BASINGER: The Blue Hawaii Building...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. If you can keep it kind of short.

MS. BASINGER: Yeah, I'll keep it short.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I don't know how long that will be.

MS. BASINGER: The Blue Hawaii Building, and it was blue, painted blue, it was falling apart, it was blight, it was slum. And that's what the urban renewal law was meant to do in Wailuku, to rebuild, to get rid of slum and blight. That building had a long history. It was in really bad shape. We were trying very hard to save the façade so we could keep the same look that the building had always had. And even with the best contractors we couldn't save the façade, but we duplicated it exactly as it had been.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Good job.

MS. BASINGER: It was the first step --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

MS. BASINGER: --on Market Street. Lokahi Pacific had also built the Weinberg Building on Main Street, which, so, this building was the second Lokahi Pacific attempt at helping to revitalize --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: And provide housing.

MS. BASINGER: --our capital town.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Provide housing. Anyway, thank you. I just, she's the perfect person to talk about revitalization and what you want to, if you want to compare, you know, before and after. I mean, she walked the talk. So, thanks, Alexa.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Member Lee, and then Chair King.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Alright, thank you, Madam Chair. Hi, Alexa. I recall that after the Pono Building was built, that Café O Lei was a bustling place to go for lunch and very popular, and we would go as often as we could. But the problem was parking. And unfortunately, we would end up in the First Hawaiian Bank parking most of the time because that's the only place you could have parking, you know, you could park. So, eventually, you know, unfortunately Café O Lei closed. So, you know, I can see from Aria's, Café O Lei, some of the other restaurants that we all used to frequent probably, not probably, had to close because people just didn't have enough parking. And after a while, you get tired of looking for parking, you just go someplace else. So, do you see that even the restaurant that's at Lokahi's Pono Building now, I heard that they're really struggling again. So, and then where Aria is, I don't know if anybody replaced them.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So, what are these people going to do, you know, as far as restaurants are concerned?

MS. BASINGER: These restaurants, these small businesses and our capital town are so dependent on this project to finally be culminated. It's been a long time coming. And this is one way when it was approved last Council, hallelujah went up everywhere. This is shocking to me, this attempt to defund an approved project. They're waiting, everyone in Wailuku is waiting for this project to become the town we should be.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Lee. Member Lee, when we had the item on the floor, wasn't it because Café O Lei was getting free electricity, and then when they stopped, then that was why they closed and not because of parking?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I don't know if there were electric, you know, utility issues or not. But we stopped going there because of parking.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I see.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah.

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

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. Thank you for answering all the questions. Sometimes we just zero in on one person for some reason and you happen to be

MS. BASINGER: Why me.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --the lucky person today. So, thank you for being here, Ms. Basinger. So, I had a question because you mentioned that the original intent of this was to make Wailuku a tourist destination. And that, you know, when you talk about wanting to bring tourists here, that kind of raises the hackles on the back of my neck because I see, you know, I spend a lot of time in Wailuku and I recognize the need for parking. I fully support that. But I don't want to encourage more cars to come here because one of the great things about it is there's a lot of people who work around here who can walk to these destinations and I wouldn't want it to turn into, you know, I mean, Ms. Ball earlier mentioned that, you know, we have these resort areas with these amenities which, by the way, I live in one and I don't find as a local person, the amenities affect me or are beneficial to me. But I just wanted to find out from, 'cause you made earlier statements that, you know, then the tourists will come here. Was that the goal of this?

MS. BASINGER: No, let me explain. Back in 2005, 2006, those involved in revitalizing Wailuku Town were desperate for anything that could bring people here to keep our restaurants open, to, and tourism was one of those projects that had been proposed by one of the community organizations at that time. It didn't go anywhere as you can see, or if you remember. We didn't have shuttle buses bringing tourists to Wailuku, and we didn't have that many wonderful places they could eat at one time that are now gone. But it was one of gazillions of, you know, think tank ideas, how can we revitalize our capital town before it's dead. I mean, this is where we meet for all the people of our County. So, I'm passionate about the revitalization. But that was, it was just one idea.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. 'Cause it sounded, it just sounded major and I, it kind of scares me when you tried to, I wouldn't want to see this turn into a resort area. And then, the other thing is, you know, I fully support parking as part of the infrastructure. I have a little bit of heartburn about how much money we're spending, you know, per parking space 'cause it's close to 200,000 per spot. But I see it as part of the infrastructure. And if we put this infrastructure in, do you see the merchants in that area then investing themselves in the revitalization?

MS. BASINGER: Absolutely.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MS. BASINGER: And you know what, just to add to that, I have watched small business entrepreneurs try to make it in Wailuku in spite of the lack of parking and they're no longer there. So, to me, that's a direct correlation between if there's no parking, small business can't make it. So, yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, I mean, I do see a pretty bustling business in the restaurant industry around here around lunch time because it's where we walk to, to go to lunch and I think there's a lot of local business. But I would like to see, you know, I mean, I don't see the County reinvesting, investing in revitalization as far as that, that what we're talking about in the second phase in any other area. But I do see merchants coming together in other areas to, you know, promote. And I thought that was the original intent of the Main Street Association was to, you know, get the merchants together to figure out how to fix up the area to benefit their own businesses.

MS. BASINGER: There have been many, you're right. The Wailuku Community Association had a rebirth back in that era. There was the Wailuku Main Street Association. Wailuku Community Association is bustling again now. The MRA worked with all of those and worked with many of the nonprofits like Lokahi Pacific and others in the area. Not to be insulting, but sometimes some Councils are difficult to work with and money is always the issue as it should be. But the intent, you know, the intent is good to revitalize our capital town. It's only going to diversify the economy.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. I just wanted to ask the, you know, if you knew...

MS. BASINGER: Yeah. Okay. Sorry, I can go on forever.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, I know, I mean, we could, I don't want to debate the issue with you. But I just wanted to find out in your opinion if the surrounding merchants were, you know, this is the crux, the parking is the crux and it, for, you know, the turning point for what, how much they invest in their businesses.

MS. BASINGER: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: That I'd like to see that come from the actual businesses that are there, because that's what everybody else has to do all over, not just the island, but all over the state you have to invest in the, in your own business if you want to help build it up. So, and the last thing was on the Pono Building, I wasn't aware that they actually added parking. And they have recently come before the Council to turn those incubator units into affordable housing.

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MS. BASINGER: Oh, good, good.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, that parking will go to the people who live there. So, it's actually going to be, we're going to be losing some parking spaces with that switch because that won't be available to the general public, they'll be designated for the people who actually live there.

MS. BASINGER: That's interesting, I didn't know that. I'll look into that because the parking requirement for an apartment is different than for offices. So --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Right.

MS. BASINGER: --you know.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King. And then, I just have one question, kind of dovetailing off of what Chair King asked. So, you mentioned that the Pono Building as a small project had like 13 funders --

MS. BASINGER: Funders.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --or 13 other funders. Wouldn't you think that like a project of this size should also have those who will be benefiting the most from it also contributing to this project?

MS. BASINGER: I can't answer that. I don't know how this current iteration of this project is funded 'cause I'm no longer with the MRA. But the Lokahi Pacific project was funded Federally, locally, by independent non-profits. It was a multitude, like you say, of the people that would benefit from it. In my view, this project is going to benefit every single person in Maui County.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Ms. Betts. Seeing no other questions, thank you for your testimony this morning.

MS. BASINGER: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Our next testifier is Kristin Holmes, followed by Clifford Libeo...Libed. Okay. Libed, Clifford Libed.

MS. HOLMES: Good morning, Chair and Members of the Council. Thank you for taking the time to give this such deep consideration. I just want to share, my name is Kristin Holmes, and I'm the property owner of the property on the corner of Church and Vineyard. It's a property that was inherited by myself and my siblings a number of years ago. It's been in our family forever. People

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probably already know that about me and my, and our situation. But I wanted to start by saying I'm also President of Wailuku Community Association, but I'm here on behalf of myself. There are also four of us in total here from WCA and I've been on the project advisory committee for this. I'm one of those people that's invested time and effort into seeing it get to this point. I think the people that have spoken before me this morning have addressed a lot of my thoughts about what has come, what has brought us to this point and the importance of it. What I want to highlight first is that this problem isn't going to go away. If this gets defunded, the problem still exists, and saying let's not do it now leaves us back where we were when Alexis was doing things and people, so many people before that. And that's deeply concerning to me that we haven't fixed the problem by taking the money away from it. It's a multi-pronged project, and I know that this discussion today is regarding the structure IB project, but you have to look at it and it's, excuse me, at its entirety. And I empathize with each one of you because what I hear is you have the job of forecasting the future and making a decision on money being spent today and hoping that it can have an outcome that none of us can exactly predict. But as a property owner, I've invested a lot of money to get our building respectable. I've hustled to get really good tenants. We have a new tenant in what was once Saeng's, that's now Empanada Lady. I've represented to our tenants what's going on, what's going to be happening, they're willing to stay during construction. They want to be part of it because they see the other side happening and the future. But representing to a restaurant that's put I don't know, they probably put, I probably put with, together we probably put over \$100,000 in a really funky old building. And that's on the commitment that the community is going to be here, and that people will want to be here, and that there will be more restaurants, and that we will have an arts and culture district, and that we will have a thriving town and it will be a place that people want to come to. So, I think it's really important to see all of that. I understand your challenges and your decision-making process and would love to support that in any way I can. But defunding it I think is a huge mistake to the heart and soul of so many of us that have put so much time and so much money that's gone into get us to right now today. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Holmes, for your testimony. We have a question from Member Paltin.

MS. HOLMES: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Ms. Holmes, and thank you for your service on the community association. I know that's a lot of time. We're going through our CPAC process right now. My question was, you know, that we're going from free parking to paid parking, and I was like, I don't know if everyone's going to want to pay parking. And then, folks said that there would be more parking because not everybody wants to pay parking, right? And so, I just was

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wondering if you saying like by not funding this, there's no solution, if we could keep in place the plans that are for when the construction is on and there's no parking whatsoever, and then, just charge people to park in the free parking now as like an intermediate step and see how that goes, or...

MS. HOLMES: So, if I understand your question, you're saying that before the construction, before vertical construction of the parking structure to charge for the surface parking lot as it is, is that what your question is?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah.

MS. HOLMES: I think that's a smart idea. I think it's; I think it was Richard that said it's a cultural thing that, you know, we're not used to paying parking. But I grew up in a small town in California where there were parking meters everywhere, and I bet you every person in this room could have a similar story. There was just, there was parking, there was the parking meter, you threw your change in and now you go to a town you're like oh cool, I don't have to have change, I can use my card. You don't say oh no, they're charging me parking. You just find your place and you're happy you found a parking place and you go on about your business. I think that's really important that everybody gets used to it. And you look at it, and you, I mean, I, however many years ago I lived in Honolulu I paid \$90 a month for parking. That's a deal, and I was in the cheap part of town to park. And now, I have a nephew who lived in San Francisco, and it was \$300 a month to pay for parking in his, where he lived if he wanted parking included. So, you know, if we're charging 50 cents an hour or something like that, people aren't spending days and days and days. They come and they go. So, it's going to be a, I think it's going to be a non-issue overall.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, I was wondering like they have plans right now for when that parking is shut down to construction, they're going to have folks park over here and then shuttle them for the workers and like that. But wouldn't that still be viable as a solution?

MS. HOLMES: The shuttles?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah.

MS. HOLMES: Short-term?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: No.

MS. HOLMES: Oh, you're saying shuttles long-term?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah.

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MS. HOLMES: I don't see that, no. I think people want to feel like their car is where they need it when they want to go. I think as a temporary thing people will adjust to it. But as a long-term solution I don't think that's a solution. And I don't think, I mean, I know that this is about defunding the parking structure. But it's integrated into phase I and phase IA and IB, and then, also II, with the idea that that's where the revitalization, I don't think the parking structure itself is going to be the sole thing, but it's got to be, it's got to start somewhere and it's got to start with an investment by everybody. I as a property owner we've talked about trying to invest money into our property and then pulled back going what if the County doesn't do it. Forget it, we can't afford that risk. So, there has to be something, somebody has to lay the groundwork somewhere, somehow, or everybody's going to hold back and say well, I'm not going to be the first. How can we do that? So, I think that that's what the bigger picture is, is you have to look all different aspects of it. Having the success of the town is going to rely on having parking and having restaurants and having reasons for people to come and reasons for people to stay. And that's what it is. This is one piece of a much bigger picture.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay. Oh, Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you, Kristin, for being here --

MS. HOLMES: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --and for all your years really of community service that you've given back to the town really.

MS. HOLMES: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, thank you. I think what you're talking about is trust right?

MS. HOLMES: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, you gave that trust to your tenants, you have a brand-new tenant in your building and you're asking us to fulfill our word that we gave the community and to trust us that we're going to fulfill what we promised just as you did, right? Is that what you're saying?

MS. HOLMES: Well spoken, absolutely.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

MS. HOLMES: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Okay. I love the Empanada Lady by the way.

MS. HOLMES: Good, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

MS. HOLMES: I'm happy to hear that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, I kind of wanted to dovetail off of Member Paltin's questions. I lived on Oahu for college and I never liked paying for parking. Coming from Molokai, that country town feel of not paying for parking, it is a cultural thing. But I think it's sad to impose upon people normalizing paying for parking. So, I was wondering, you know, like so, it's, the proposal is 50 cents an hour, or \$25 for a parking pass a month. Do you think this is going to, you know, pay off the cost of the construction for the parking structure or is this really just like a slippery slope and we're just going to continue to charge more for parking? Because we know that 50 cents an hour is not going to pay off the cost of the construction.

MS. HOLMES: Well, I can't speak to the exact finances of it, I'm not that involved in looking at the spreadsheets and to see what the numbers are. But I think some things can't be avoided in terms of normalizing in a sense. I mean, I love the fact that people love to go to Iao because they can park, they can be there in two minutes, they don't have to struggle with parking. That's really nice, we all love that about Maui. But I think there's also a level that nothing stays the same forever. And I'm one of those people that's deeply entrenched in tradition and history. But I also, I guess I'm realistic enough to know that yeah, that things will change and that's not an insurmountable issue in my mind. There's a lot bigger issues in the world than having to worry about paying \$20 a month for parking or something like that. I think that's just, in the bigger scheme of things that's a small thing. And I think in terms of the economics of whether the parking structure will pay for itself, it's a piece of the larger. So, if...I can't speak to whether or not that parking income will pay off the building. That's not in my wheelhouse.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for your testimony this morning --

MS. HOLMES: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --and for serving on the community association.

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MS. HOLMES: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We have, next testifier is Clifford Libed, followed by Colleen Rohozinski. And Mr. Libed is with the Wailuku Redevelopment.

MR. LIBED: I had something prepared. But after listening to all the testimonies today, a lot of the issues that I've talked about was, has been discussed. But I think my attitude is the perception of Wailuku Town. I've been a resident of Wailuku Town for about 35 years. I've worked and managed the public housing, Kahekili Terrace there. I work with social issues there. I've been a member of the Maui, Wailuku Redevelopment Agency for five years in the early 2000's or late 1990's. So, we were in the forefront of redoing the Vineyard plan from 1973. When he talked about the decades spent and human energy exhausted into having a vision for Wailuku Town, it was really to address the issues of what is blight. The Pono Building was under our watch. And I am disappointed that this Council's knowledge of history of Wailuku Town is somewhat limited. We are the seat of Maui County, period. It was designated in 1904. We did not have an Executive Director at the time I was at the MRA. We were all volunteers. We had, we handled charrettes, we had tremendous amount of input from residents at that time. When Lokahi Pacific did the Pono Building, they did the commercial kitchen with the idea that the commercial kitchen would be open to everyone who wanted to produce laulau legally, et cetera, and it worked for a while. What parking structures are is synergism. Synergism with people coming into a town, synergism with people that interact with each other. We also passed a rule within the redevelopment area to change the zoning to allow for ease of construction. We did not have to comply to zoning issues or construction issues that is beholden to Kahului. Wailuku is on its own town. So, there's a lot of opportunities if the parking structure and the entire project is funded that this synergism will actually may occur. The bottom line is investing into your community. The bottom line is providing opportunities for people to find jobs. I work with the cycle of violence, I work with the cycle of poverty, and jobs and purpose is what make people successful. By not doing this, you are allowing the town to die. I've been to many small towns throughout the United States as I travel, and each small town has a hub, the structure will be a hub, it'll attract people. And the most important thing that will occur is that people will feel safe and change the perception of Wailuku Town. You read the paper, arrested, Wailuku Town, read the paper, all your human issues are in Wailuku Town. We need to change the perception and you have an opportunity to change the legacy and this is what sits before you. If you fail to do this, it'll be on your watch and it should not be forgotten. But I'm very disappointed at, as history bares out, some of you are not too ma'a about it. So, thank you.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Libed. Okay. We have a question from Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: It's nice seeing you here, Mr. Libed. So, you mentioned Kahekili Terrace.

MR. LIBED: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yesterday, we had somebody from the housing here, and just to make you excited, they're looking at restoring it, or, you know, redeveloping it.

MR. LIBED: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: It needs some tender love and care, I guess, from the time you were there. But that's another extension of why all of this is important. Thank you for what you're doing.

MR. LIBED: Yeah, let me add further. As a Federal, Federal project, so, it's required that it be maintained as opposed to a State project, which has fallen to the wayside. But even then, the residents there had former resident patrol committee to end drugs. And that is one of the largest challenges we find with people with no purpose, they get into substance abuse.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Chair, I have a question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Pro Temp Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you for being here this morning. You know, a previous testifier said that, that what was needed in this project was like an anchor tenant. What do you perceive as being an anchor tenant in this place?

MR. LIBED: An anchor tenant to me would be to have a place that people can congregate. Anchor tenant to me would be a place that people can feel safe and get information. Anchor tenant to me would be what the Pono Building was supposed to be like when I was on the MRA for the five years during this early, late 1990's and early 2000's. I read the, we produced that report and tremendous amount of vision was put into that. That also excited, with some of the construction changes that had occurred in Wailuku Town, owners could actually develop apartment buildings, apartments above their stores. It was initially for expansion; it is a town. It is Maui's town. You don't see a town in Wailea. You don't see a town in Lahaina. And you don't see a town in Makawao that is similar to what we have here as the seat of government. Your

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churches here built in 1800's. Tourists now like to see and walk around to have the flavor of a local town. Yes, it is local. But the reality is, is that that's what makes it so attractive 'cause we're unlike any other town on this island. Again, the legacy is in...the legacy to maintain this is in your hands. We, all we can do is take our free time, find time to come before you and testify. Whether we make that impact or not, it really, at least we can try. I know I tried for five years.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Pro Temp Kama.

MR. LIBED: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Libed. Okay. The next testifier is Colleen Rohozinski, and you can correct me when you get down to the podium, followed by His Highness Kaua.

MS. ROHOZINSKI: Hi, I'm Colleen Rohozinski, and I'm speaking as an individual. My husband is a business owner, so I guess I'm that too. But we come from two different backgrounds and we have two different, or multiple different philosophies. So, I'm not speaking for him because he's with the, Mr. Starr, Mr. Dan, not totally, but he comes from a survival aspect. And the businesses that have that will survive. They're constantly coming in, people come in, they look around and they see what they can do to survive. I want to talk for the little streets behind Central and Vineyard. I want to talk for the elderly that have their homes in the back streets, Maluhia, I mean, there's only two roads into Wailuku. There's Mill, Main Street, and the other one by the, comes up around Safeway, I don't know the name of it, and there's Waiale, there's just, it's scary to me, scary that we want to make a center destination here for Wailuku. Lahaina I've sat on the road for three hours. Arbitrarily, people do that constantly. We're going to be individual communities on this island unless we, our Council people listen and take stalk of our priorities. It's not individually Wailuku, or Lahaina, or Molokai. You listen to all the people. But the people that are in the community aren't here. The people that are vested and our leaders are here. But not the little residents in Wailuku, not all the little people that are aging in Wailuku or they're going to pass the land down to their kids that may or may not live here. We're talking about housing. Well, there's hundreds of houses in Wailuku. But none of those people have come out. Thank you. I am pro defunding this project because I think philosophically, we can talk for hours and hours and listen to testimony and not come to any conclusion. So, it's, we, each individual on the County Council that has to seek their path. We need a think tank and I don't see that happening with just business. It needs to be a lot of people.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Rohozinski, for your testimony. We have a question from Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Ms. Rohozinski, for being here. You know, you mentioned a really important thing about the aging community. And I remember if you go beyond Main Street and Vineyard, there's all these little --

MS. ROHOZINSKI: Homes.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: --old homes --

MS. ROHOZINSKI: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: --and people still live there. And so, I didn't really think about that until you just mentioned it now. But...

MS. ROHOZINSKI: If you're lucky, your kids vest, and they redo the house and they age with their family. But if you're not, so many people, even not in Wailuku, their kids live somewhere else. Their houses, they try to maintain. We're privileged, my husband and I. We have a physical therapy practice. And so, we get to see and talk to many, many different people. And a lot of them are aging and need help moving forward. And they're, a lot of them are by themselves, you know.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: You think if, Chair, you think if people didn't want to park, they would start to park in these neighborhoods? I know my college town did the same thing. Like if you didn't have any parking --

MS. ROHOZINSKI: Oh yeah, the impact's going to be huge.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: --they're starting to already park --

MS. ROHOZINSKI: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: --in the side streets?

MS. ROHOZINSKI: People are jockeying, oh, do you know somebody and, you know, can I get in with somebody and all the side streets are all around the Hongwanji and they're all like getting jammed with cars squeezing in. So, this is not just about the merchants. It's about all of Wailuku that's impacted. We need to diversify, I don't know how, I just have no clue. You guys are amazing for taking this on. But we need to take the pressure off of Wailuku and decentralize our government in some fashion. I love Wailuku, I lived in Lahaina, started there, and then the, lived in Pukalani, and the bypass was

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great. But even, I mean the highway, but even that's getting impacted. What we've done up to this point is just addressing what community members in the forefront tell you. But we have to start looking at the whole picture. It's going to be like Honolulu, it's going to be gridlock. We can't go there like that. We have to start putting some boundaries on everything. The way our development is going, everybody feels the impact. It can't just be pro-business, not if your heart is really here. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you for your testimony. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Seeing no other questions, mahalo nui for your testimony. Okay. Members, it is 10:32. We have five more testifiers. Would you like to go through the five? And the length of time it'll take will depend on our questions of course. Yeah, okay. Okay. So, Mr. Kaua is next, followed by Alena Ornellas.

MR. KAUA: Aloha to all you unique individuals that are here. We've been designed, and it started from yesterday, code of conduct. Aloha is love. Love is aloha, period. You not show your love when you come here in the airplane, you will be sent back. You will not be able to come back here because we are a kingdom of Hawaii, which is sovereign nation government. And that stands here today. And for being that, is that I got to hear, well sort of hear so to speak to what was said. And I love what each one of 'em has said in each part of it. But it mixes, it put a mismatches on it because the word and the dictionary come to the serpent snake tongue because we're so used to going back and forth and at same time, you're looking for financial people what the other guy said about his financial. He been here for 40 years or so and had, they believe they owned the place. But Pua Hashimoto said this, Chaplain Pua Hashimoto said, Hawaiian . . . *(inaudible)*. . . 1943 embraced literacy. Made edicts to the people in learning to reading and writing. By the mid 1800's we far surpassed Europe and united serpents, which America, I'm American, but not the united serpent, surpassed. The great part about that part until now, we have grown in our bloodline already, pure-blooded European, pure-blooded Michigan, pure-blooded Asian, pure-blooded kanaka maoli Hawaiian, Hawaii maoli, I born here, not someplace else. But they're doing the same thing as the others spoken about how financially they move from one place what to Honolulu or at the Big Island, now they here. 'Cause we the last. What are we going to do, are we going to stand up for our rights? Stand up for your rights. Mauna Kea, Haleakala, the rainbow goes through the stars of heavens right here. We have a big part to play into this 'cause our lord is not a play, it's the plan. A plan at this sign languages is Jesus, J, Jesus Christ, C, my lord. Ancestors, descendants that I'm talking to, me, we, me, we. So, knowing that part that we have grown so far together to where there was separation but we was different separations not like the mainland. We have called in together to be one blooded together. So, that's the best part to be in.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Kaua. Mahalo for joining us to testify. Okay. The next testifier is Alena Ornellas, followed by Carolyn Wright. Oh, I'm sorry. Members, did you have any questions for Mr. Kaua? Okay.

MS. ORNELLAS: Aloha mai kakou. O Alena Waipuilani Ornellas. . .*(speaking Hawaiian)*. . . I am from Iao. I am speaking on behalf of myself, my family as a resident of Wailuku. First of all, I am really concerned with how much money we are spending on housing cars while as others put blight and slum is all over our streets, which is not the words I would describe of my people who are hurting. Two hundred thousand dollars per parking stall, that's a lot of money to house cars. Another thing that I was hearing again and again is what kind of attraction do we want to be in our town. And for me, as a resident of Wailuku, I don't want this to be an attraction. I don't want to see thousands of unnecessary visitors in our town. This is a business center and I do feel for the businesses and, you know, they're struggling with parking and all. But there has to be a better solution than putting a huge monument-like structure in the middle of our small town. And I feel like putting that type of structure is going down that slippery slope of turning our small rural town into a resort-like spot. And that's not something me as a resident want, or I don't think most kanaka want either from this small town. And Wailuku's not on the map because we don't really want to be. Another thing I wanted to say is about the roadways. I'm not really an expert on traffic or engineering design, but I think I can say there's not enough roads to already handle and accommodate the amount of traffic that is on the roads during my time which is a mom dropping off kids and pickup time. So, if we have a structure that can hold a few hundred more cars in our roadways, I don't see that we can still fit. And then, we're going to affect the small roads on the side like the, like aunty said, and people are going to be parking in front of residential houses. So, I just don't see this \$84 million structure viable for our town. And I just want to reiterate what kind of revitalization do we want? And yes, I think we do need more input from residents and not so much, not only the business owners themselves. I think that's it. That's all I got. Thank you, mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Ornellas. We have a question from Chair King.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, Ms. Ornellas, thank you for being here and for representing some of the residents, the residential experience. But I'm just wondering, what would it take to create a venue where residents felt comfortable coming out and expressing their views? Because this has been going on, you know, these meetings have been going on for years and years.

MS. ORNELLAS: No, that's actually an excellent question. It's something that I'm trying to solve for me and my generation on how to get more of my age group

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involved in this type of process. Actually, this is my first time stepping in the Chambers. I've been watching you guys on TV for so long. But with the help of friends who actually put it on social media, honestly, social media's what gets my age group, is how I got here today. I seen, hey, shucks, that really affects, that affects me. This affects my children's future. I should try and be there. And that's how I got here, was through social media. So, maybe some type of social media poll, like that's where we're all, that's where we're at. We don't, we're not going to log on to the Maui County website. It's not user friendly, straight up.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. But, you know, I was talking physically about the meetings that have been held because, you know, I've heard that the meetings have not been well attended by residents. There have been a lot of meetings. But how do we draw, you know, local people out to come and testify and feel comfortable at these meetings so that we're all, we have a, you know, our whole community there?

MS. ORNELLAS: That's like I just said, that's still the question I'm trying to answer.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MS. ORNELLAS: . That's still a solution that we all need to look for. Yeah, 'cause it is uncomfortable to come into this space. It's not a friendly environment. It's not something that I want to do. You do feel a sense of unbalance-ness as soon as you walk through this door. So, I'm not sure if there's some kind of outside of this box type of setting. I think that's what you're trying to say to get more people there.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Well, the meetings on this particular project have been held outside of this Chambers. They've been held in the community of, in Wailuku at a different venue. But we still haven't seen a lot of, you know, the few meetings that my staff has attended have not, either not been well attended or been attended not well by local people.

MS. ORNELLAS: Yeah, you are correct. I know there's a lot of meetings that I see that happen during work hours 'cause I know that's your guys' work hours. But that's our work hours too for, you know, a regular 9:00 to 5:00 mom. So, it's hard to attend these types of meetings during the work hours. And then, usually meetings are held like right during dinnertime, which is another difficult time for families to get to. So, I really don't know the solution. I apologize, I don't have an answer for that. But maybe just more social media type of sharing would really work.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you.

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MS. ORNELLAS: Thank you so much.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. Real quick, so, have you attended any other meetings besides today?

MS. ORNELLAS: Meetings on...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: On this project.

MS. ORNELLAS: On this project, no. This has been my first --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: First.

MS. ORNELLAS: --time to even speak on it or attend a meeting. But I have been watching on *Akaku*.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, I believe that 30 meetings were held, Erin Wade reported the last time she was here, you know, through the years. So, and I think some of 'em happened at Wailuku First Friday which I saw them put up, you know, which is evening and when people would attend that. So, there were opportunities. So, thank you. Thank you very much.

MS. ORNELLAS: Thank you so much.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I have a question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, sorry, one more question for you. Can't get away that fast. Mahalo, Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I think the question --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Pro Temp Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: --plagues all of us, how do we bring out more of our local people to participate in our, the things that the County wants to do or even projects that we want to put forward. But do you think that having meetings just like this in your own community like where do you live for example, do you live...

MS. ORNELLAS: Iao Valley.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. So, would it be helpful to have a meeting in that place, or where do you guys meet as a community? Do you have a place that

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you all meet, like a garden or in the valley itself, or you know, in those, in Iao Valley the...

MS. ORNELLAS: Pavilions.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Kepaniwai, yeah.

MS. ORNELLAS: Actually, no. Right now, the community of Iao is not like as one. We don't have any type of association. So, it's kind of more, it's a rural community. Everybody's to each its own right now.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. So, that's...

MS. ORNELLAS: We'd love to change that though. I would love to change that and bring my community together so that we have some type of unified voice.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: That would be helpful. But also, like I was thinking that in most communities they have a community association, right? Waihee has one, Waiehu has one, the homesteads have one, that would it be helpful if meetings such as what we're talking about here, if they went into these communities and talked with those community associations, if that would be helpful? That's what I was asking. But thank you.

MS. ORNELLAS: Alright, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Pro Temp Kama. Mahalo...oh sorry, one more question.

MS. ORNELLAS: Oh, shucks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Molina?

MS. ORNELLAS: E kala mai.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Good morning. Sorry, sorry, I couldn't resist asking you --

MS. ORNELLAS: No, no worries.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --because I was happy to someone from your age group come out here and express. So, just quickly, with regards to the parking situation in the town. So, do you support, so, you don't support having any parking improvements? I just want to understand your perspective. So, basically keep everything as is?

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MS. ORNELLAS: I do support parking improvements for phase, the phase IB structure. But I don't support the civil center.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Civic Center. Okay.

MS. ORNELLAS: The Civic Center, sorry, Civic Center.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, okay. Thank you for that clarification.

MS. ORNELLAS: Alright, thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Okay. Mahalo, Ms. Ornellas, for your testimony. Next testifier is Carolyn Wright, followed by Dylan Bode.

MS. WRIGHT: Hello, I'm Carolyn Wright. I am the Chief Operating Officer for Maui Academy of Performing Arts, MAPA. I also sit on the board of the Wailuku Community Association, and I'm a member of the Wailuku Performing Arts Alliance. And I wanted to come and just share a couple real-world stories with you today about the impact of the lack of parking in Wailuku. So, I know a woman who is a member of this group of eight ladies who have been having lunch together for the last 25 years on Maui. They have this goal that they want to go to a different restaurant every single time. And probably, I don't know when Aria's opened maybe what, 10, 15 years ago, I remember running into one of them and saying hey, you gotta go check out Aria's because it's this great new restaurant in Wailuku. And this woman said, oh no, we don't go to Wailuku. I was like what, you go everywhere else all over Maui, you know, you'll drive all the way to Kaanapali or Kihei, wherever, and you won't go to Wailuku? And she said no. This is in the days of Officer Taguma. She said, well we don't want to have to move our cars, you know, every two hours. I said but there's 12-hour parking right there in the municipal parking lot. And she said, look, we're eight women, we carpool so there are maybe four or five cars. She said in the middle of the day you cannot find room for four or five cars. We don't want to circle forever. So, we just don't go to Wailuku. We go everywhere else but not Wailuku. So, this is, you know, 10, 15 years ago, whatever it was. Fast forward a few months ago, I ran into the same woman again and I said hey, good news, you know, we're going to be building this parking structure, there's going to be plenty of room to park in Wailuku. She said I can't tell you how excited we are. She said we will, we are so excited to have Wailuku on our path, you know, of lunch places. So, obviously spending 20 some million dollars so that eight ladies can come have lunch in Wailuku isn't the story here. The story is that I think that these eight women probably are not the only eight people on the island of Maui who choose not to come to Wailuku because it's

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difficult to park. At Maui Academy of Performing Arts we've got about 1,200 kids every single week who come through our academy program dance and drama classes. I know...I live Upcountry, I know women from upcountry who work down here and it is better for them to drive from work down in town all the way up to their kids' school and then go to Haliimaile rather than put their kid in a bus to come down to Wailuku to go to MAPA because they don't want to have to deal with the parking situation in Wailuku Town to pick their kids up from ballet class. So, in order to revitalize this town, we need two things. We need a reason for people to be here in Wailuku, which is what all of us in the nonprofit world, in the small business owners, the property owners, we're making that happen. But we need a synergy between the reason to be in Wailuku and the infrastructure to make that happen. And that's your kuleana. So, we're doing our share. I urge you to please make sure that there's enough parking for people in Wailuku. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Wright. We have a question from Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. Aloha, Ms. Wright.

MS. WRIGHT: Aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thanks for your great work with MAPA.

MS. WRIGHT: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just was wondering, did MAPA acquire the food court building?

MS. WRIGHT: Yes, in 2016 we purchased two properties right there on Main Street. So, 2020 Main Street, which was the old, I mean originally it was the original car dealership on Maui, you know, it was the old Jim Falk building then it was, I can't remember what it was after that, but like a copy place. We purchased that building, which is now empty because, I mean, talk about blight and slum, it's not safe for people to be in that building. So, it's just sitting empty. And then, we purchased the Promenade Building, 2050 Main Street, which is where that food court is. We as a nonprofit, we have a relatively small budget. We're one, well \$1.5 to \$2 million budget every year for our operating expenses, and yet, we took out a loan, a \$7 million loan from the United States Department of Agriculture because we believe so deeply in Wailuku. And we, talking about anchor tenants, we want the arts to be an anchor tenant. We at MAPA believe that we can be the gathering place there in the Promenade Building for people to come and grab a bite to eat, sit and talk story, and then come see a show. So, we're building a theater, a very small theater. We call it a black box theater on the ground floor of the Promenade Building. We have all the funds. We're

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not taking any public monies for this at all. We raised the money and we borrowed the money to build this theater because we believe that the arts can have a transformative effect on getting rid of slum and blight in this town, and that's why we made such a big commitment as an organization to do this and it's a huge risk. But we did it with, Yuki Lei was talking about faith. We did it on faith that then the County, using our taxpayer dollars of course, all of our taxpayer dollars, we did it on the faith that the County would step forward and provide the infrastructure that not only the non-profits like us, but also the small business owners need in order to attract people here. Does that answer your question?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, yeah, totally. So, you're not going to tear down the Promenade or anything?

MS. WRIGHT: No, no. We have no intention of tearing it down. And in fact, the rents that we get, you know, we've got County offices in there, we've got State offices, we've got Hawaii Technology Academy, and then, we've got the food court. And so, the tenants, you know, that pays our mortgage payment basically. So, when Zing's left, that was a hit for us, you know, as a small non-profit. And so, it's important for us to make sure that people feel comfortable coming to Wailuku. We want it to be a safe place for all of our families to be. And we believe the parking structure's an integral piece of that infrastructure.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Was you folks' Department of Ag loan dependent on the revitalization project?

MS. WRIGHT: The loan itself, no I mean, they loaned us the money. If Wailuku dies, well, we would die along with it economically. It wasn't dependent on the revitalization project. But we took out that loan because we believed that we could have a huge influence on the revitalization of Wailuku. When we met with the former Mayor, he said look, it can't be the County that does everything, you know. Property owners, business owners, non-profits, you guys have to step up. So, we said, okay, we will step up. And we took a, you know, we're theater people, we're used to taking risks, but usually not economic ones like this. But we took a major risk with the belief that our taxpayer dollars, through you and through the former Council, you know that approved this, that this would happen. And so, here we are. We, I urge you, I can't urge you strongly enough to not amend what the last Council did. We need this parking structure.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

MS. WRIGHT: Thank you.

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

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. Thank you for being here, Ms. Wright, and --

MS. WRIGHT: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --for all your enthusiasm for running MAPA. I just wanted to clarify that what your, because I really admire what you're doing with the, you know, your enthusiasm for the revitalization --

MS. WRIGHT: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --that you can bring, you know, regardless of what happens. So, I just wanted to clarify that your intention regardless of what happens after, you know, with the second phase, you know, you believe in that revitalization and your part in it. I understand you want the parking. But beyond that, that's not depending on the County putting in another \$40 million.

MS. WRIGHT: No, we at MAPA don't actually have a formal stance on that because we don't know exactly what it is. And so, we know what it was intended to be with the, you know, with the grocery store on the ground floor and all the things on the second and third floor. But it sounds like things are changing with that. We as an organization are not dependent on that project for our success. We're really dependent the parking structure though.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. That, I mean, because I, I think, I think you're right about you're, that it's going to depend on organizations like yours to revitalize not necessarily money. But --

MS. WRIGHT: Right.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --just also, Chair, I just wish people could quit talking about it in terms of blight and slum because I don't see Wailuku that way. I know what you're talking about, and there are areas all over this island that are that, that we're not putting in \$40 million into parking to fix. But, you know, I really like walking through Wailuku and I never feel unsafe even at night at this point. But, you know, maybe that's a little bit...

MS. WRIGHT: Well, just as an owner of a building that is uninhabitable, that is, it is blight, 2020 Main Street. It's not a safe building. And so, we really want...

VICE-CHAIR KING: I guess my point is it's not particular to Wailuku.

MS. WRIGHT: Oh, I see what you're saying.

VICE-CHAIR KING: I mean, there are types of buildings all over the island --

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MS. WRIGHT: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --there are those types of areas in neighborhoods that need fixing up that, you know, but we're focused on this one area right now. It's not the only place that needs --

MS. WRIGHT: I see what you're saying. But I --

VICE-CHAIR KING: --focus.

MS. WRIGHT: --think by enabling the businesses to thrive, it will help property owners like Kristin Holmes, like MAPA, it will help us have the tools then, the resources to be able to fix up the buildings that we own. So, that, to me that's the link.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. And do you see the parking being a key part of your moving ahead with that?

MS. WRIGHT: Absolutely.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MS. WRIGHT: Yeah, absolutely.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you.

MS. WRIGHT: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King. I agree with you. If Wailuku Town is described as like riddled with slum and blight, I would hate to see, hear what people have to say about Molokai --

MS. WRIGHT: Thank you and mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --'cause Wailuku's really nice. But mahalo for your testimony. Okay. Next testifier is Dylan Bode, followed by Terri Erwin, and then Nick Drance will be our last testifier.

MR. BODE: Aloha, good morning, Chairwoman, and Economic Development and Budget Board...Committee. Thank you so much for having me. Like Ms. Ornellas earlier, it's my first time testifying before the Committee in these Chambers and it was interesting to see my demographic and my age demographic. I was born and raised in Wailuku Town in Waiehu, and then, I lived right on Market Street for many years right across from Iao School. And

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now, I work for the Maui Academy of Performing Arts with Ms. Wright. And, you know, the word for me that keeps getting tossed around today is opportunity. That's a big thing and I think about my classmates that are my age here in Wailuku. I'm 28 years old and the jobs that would be created by businesses, by restaurants, by shopping and retail, and then what those stores need. And parking's such a big thing for that. It's such a big piece. I mean, I think about, okay, I'm a young entrepreneur in a lot of different ways, and if I were to open a restaurant, what would I need to be successful? And parking's such a big thing and it's been so sad for me. I left for the mainland for a few years to grow as a person, as a business, young business entrepreneur, and it was sad coming back and seeing some of my favorite restaurants in Wailuku closed down. But I had hope when I found out about this project. I had such excitement for Wailuku. I thought this is the most exciting time ever to be back in Wailuku and giving back to my community. I chose working with MAPA to do that because I think the arts are that anchor for the town. You see towns across the country being changed because, I mean, talk about revitalization because of the arts in the center of that. And I think we can bring that. And we're committed every day. We wake up every morning so enthusiastic about bringing those arts to the community of Wailuku. I see it in the kids' faces and that's that hope that we need. But we need the infrastructure piece of it to do our job. I don't have that same excitement every night walking around Wailuku. I am excited about it. But I'm sad when I see classmates that aren't as fortunate that I have been and that don't have these opportunities and I'd like to see those in Wailuku. So, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Bode, and mahalo for joining us for the first time testifying.

MR. BODE: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, any questions? Seeing none, thank you so much for your testimony.

MR. BODE: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I hope to see you again in the future. Okay. So, we actually have three more. Terri Erwin followed by Nick Drance. Or do you have one more for me?

MS. ERWIN: Good morning, Chair and Councilmembers. I have to confess that I have a written testimony that I had prepared this morning. But I'm going to put it aside because I've frankly been so humbled and overwhelmed by the depth of concern, by the depth of history and knowledge of Wailuku Town from people who have been here and working on behalf of the community for much, much, much longer than me. I am about to celebrate my tenth-year anniversary living

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here on Maui. I came, I was recruited by an organization called FACE, Faith Action for Community Equity. One of the signature issues that we worked on was affordable housing. So, for my entire professional career, I have had a very deep commitment to affordable housing. I think it is a terrible crisis right now in the life of the island. I am participating in the crisis myself and at one time had bunked out in my own shop in a fitting room while I was waiting between apartments looking for a space to live. So, I don't underestimate the importance of affordable housing or how serious it is for the Council to address it with every mechanism at your disposal, I urge you to do that. However, I really have to, I thought, this may come off a little bit cheeky. But the idea is, you know, walk and chew gum. And what I'm really hopeful for is that Wailuku is not going to be the gum that gets spit out on the sidewalk while the Council is focusing so completely on affordable housing because I do think that both and is the way to go forward. And this parking structure is a piece of vision that a lot, a lot, a lot of people, myself included I'm a small piece. But I've had a business in Wailuku, Perfection Bra Fitting Salon that started as a tiny little 475 square foot piece of an ohana, not even a whole ohana in the parking lot behind McDonalds. I had the worst location with the best landmark and my business grew and I have fabulous clients. I'm very grateful. Mostly local clients with some visitors, a nice kind of a mix. And the business grew and now we're on Central Avenue and have, we're there for two years and then expanded. So, I have been in Wailuku as a resident. I have been in Wailuku as a business owner. I'm a small business owner. I think I'm very much like others on Market Street and on Central Avenue where we are, I'm contributing at 100 percent. If I had deep pockets I could do more but I, I think like many small businesses, rely on the cash flow of customers who come and spend, and with that money, then I buy more product, or I redo my storefront façade. The termites are 100 percent all the time on my business, right? I mean, that's, if there's slum and blight, we can attribute some to the termites. So, I think what I see this parking structure as is every entity has to participate at a large percentage of their capacity, right? The arts community, the non-profit community, the business owners big and small, and then, there's public investment. And I think an appropriate investment for infrastructure like parking, basic, basic, is appropriate. I think it's just; I think it's a sensible, practical investment, and I really, really hope that you will just, you know, continue on the straight path because unpredictability is so deadly to businesses, small businesses, and even to communities. So, I thank you for your ear. I really do feel like I'm like one of the most humble of presenters here having heard so much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Erwin.

MS. ERWIN: Thank you.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members...seeing no questions, mahalo for your testimony...oh sorry, we have a question from Chair King.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you for being here, Ms. Erwin. What, so, do you own your building that you're in?

MS. ERWIN: No.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MS. ERWIN: No, I do not.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Do you see the building owner investing more money in the, in that building and fixing it up and getting rid of the termites maybe even if we put this parking in?

MS. ERWIN: So, my, here's what I know about Wailuku, just for background. So, I started my business in Wailuku because it was one of the, it was the place on the island where I could get the cheapest rent.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Right, I don't want to go into the whole background.

MS. ERWIN: I understand.

VICE-CHAIR KING: I just wanted to know if you...

MS. ERWIN: But because the rents in my building are depressed because the income in my building is depressed, my landlord is not going to invest anything further. I mean, this is me talking. Obviously, they have their own ideas. But that's my perception of it.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, regardless of whether we do the parking or not?

MS. ERWIN: No, that is incorrect.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MS. ERWIN: The parking structure is part of an overall attempt to bring more people to Wailuku which will be more people to the businesses, which means more revenue to the businesses. Rents can be raised; I would expect they would be as the businesses start to do better. And that creates money for improvements.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Right, but...

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MS. ERWIN: I think that some perception that people are holding back money they have to make improvements is maybe off track.

VICE-CHAIR KING: No, I'm just asking you if they'd be willing, if you think your building owner would be willing to invest more if we put this parking structure in, that's the question.

MS. ERWIN: I think that lots of people in Wailuku, people who have money to invest would do that.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Right, but just from your knowledge of your building, your build, your owner, I'm assuming you deal directly with somebody who represents the building owner, or the building owner.

MS. ERWIN: Sure, I think that...

VICE-CHAIR KING: And do you see that building owner's, you know, this is the hope that if we do --

MS. ERWIN: Right.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --invest this money, they're going to invest their own money in helping to fix up and revitalize --

MS. ERWIN: Right.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --their building.

MS. ERWIN: I think there is, I think the path from one to the next is absolutely there. Can I say that if you build a parking structure tomorrow, he puts a new façade on? I think that's silly. No business owner would say that. But I do think that minus the parking structure, and with the continuation of lack of parking and the way that that bottlenecks, customers and people from coming to Wailuku and enjoying and spending money and then, I think that minus the parking lot, you will surely never see any further investment privately, never.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, the answer is you don't know. Okay.

MS. ERWIN: No, the answer is never. Will you see more private investment unless...

VICE-CHAIR KING: The question was, do you see them investing more if we do this parking lot, and you're telling me never.

MS. ERWIN: What I'm saying is that minus public, minus appropriate public investment, private investment is not going to flow the way that we'd like it to

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flow. So, it's a, it's just answering your question in, from the opposite direction. Thank you so much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair King. I have a quick question and I'll try to rephrase Chair King's question --

MS. ERWIN: Okay. Sure.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --and add in my own twist.

MS. ERWIN: Sure.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, you said minus public investment. You know, one testifier spoke about, you know, grants and low-interest loans for infrastructure improvements. Do you think that is one way that we would help to improve the infrastructure, or the buildings in Wailuku?

MS. ERWIN: I'm not a finance expert. I'm a bra expert.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo.

MS. ERWIN: So, I'm sure that your staff can help you with that question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'll come to you when I have bra questions then.

MS. ERWIN: I hope you do. Thank you.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay. Alright, the next testifier is Nick Drance, followed by Jennifer Karaca, and Wendell DeVere [sic] will be our last testifier, unless I get another paper, sorry guys.

MR. DRANCE: Aloha, Council. I've heard a lot of conversation about redevelopment of Wailuku. I'm more into the restoration of Wailuku. I'm more into maintaining the character and the fiber of Maui, and of Wailuku in general. This let me start by saying that the official spreadsheet, I've probably got about 60 hours of research into this whole project in every respect, and by the way, the Maui Miracle has a section in it called the Los Angelesification of Maui. And all of the developers' renderings of how they envision Wailuku redevelopment is in there and it looks like, you know, streets in Boston or some other mainland city. If you look at what the, I believe it's Wailuku Redevelopment Agency, which is a big part of this, their vision for this city is frightening. I want to begin by saying that the financial statements from the Planning Department for the Wailuku Civic Center pretty much indicate the intent of the project overall. So, in other

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words, if the Planning Department makes financials that represent every aspect of this project, we can pretty much rely on that being the foundation of what this is about. And I probably have about 40 hours in analyzing this and I spent a lot of time, because I couldn't believe my eyes. Let me start by saying that the official spreadsheets call for half a million square feet of commercial and residential construction. And in their spreadsheets, they show that continuing through well past 2042. That's a good example of what this project is about. You know, I've been a businessman for, you know, on my own for 45 years. I've lived in different places, this project, even the parking structure here, is the beginning of something much, much larger that perhaps if you haven't lived in so many cities and different places and watched historic places turn into urban, if you haven't seen that, that's what this is about. All the residents that pay for this on the island of Maui, most of them don't benefit. This is roughly an eighth of the County Budget. I got eight things and only got the first one. When the voters in your districts find out what percentage of their tax dollars are going to a single project in Wailuku, nobody's going to get re-elected because there's all these things in your districts that can't be done because this much money went here. We'll be saddled with debt for years. There's talk of \$2 million a year for financing this, it's 5 million. The bond is altogether 120 million. Can I have a couple more seconds please?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes, go ahead.

MR. DRANCE: Thank you. The financials indicate that no State funding sourcing has been sought. It's an economic redevelopment zone, there's quite a bit of tax benefits, that's not been dealt with. The Town of Wailuku will no longer exist as we know it today, even construction of this, prior testimony has indicated most of the small businesses are going to go out of business because it'll be so bad. The amount of debt that the County's saddling itself with is frightening. The County mission statement, core principles are completely against this. We need affordable housing. Sea level rise, the State is telling us to move our beaches inland. All these things are in official reports by the State, George Washington University, all kinds of people. A lot of you, I just take, a lot of you have been copied on these financials going back to last April and last November and I would appreciate if you got, looked at the numbers closely.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Drance. And we also received your written testimony for today and at previous meetings. Okay. Member Sugimura has a question for you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: You look different. You have a beard.

MR. DRANCE: Yeah, I gotta change, keep things fresh.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, I just wanted to possibly ask the Committee if he could receive a copy of the Maui Redevelopment Area Plan which talks about this town as being, capturing the spirit and the breathe of the small town that it was. It doesn't talk about what you're saying. And could you just give him a copy? It was approved December 2000. And the fear that you're expressing, I'm not sure where you're getting it from, but it's not part of the plan, it's not part of the vision, it's not what we approved. And I was not here in 2000 when it was approved...

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair, point of order, I don't think we're supposed to be attacking testifiers. Is there a question?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: I'm not. I'm just, I'm asking for us to give him...

MR. DRANCE: I'm happy to respond. I'm happy to respond.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --a copy of that document. Thank you, that's, you know, he can respond.

MR. DRANCE: May I respond?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MR. DRANCE: The illustrations that I'm talking about are right on the Maui Miracle website and it shows a complete different urban version of Wailuku and the renderings are quite specific. By the way...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you, thank you. I'll check the website.

MR. DRANCE: I appreciate it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Chair King, did you have a question? Okay. I guess if we can just try to keep a friendly tone when we ask questions that would be helpful. Okay. And so, I guess I'll ask the question. Did you see the document that Member Sugimura is referring to?

MR. DRANCE: No.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MR. DRANCE: No, I, that was, that's something I think that goes back a long time ago. I'm talking about something that's more current within the last three years.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Alright, mahalo. Okay. Seeing no other questions, mahalo for your testimony --

MR. DRANCE: Okay. Mahalo.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --Mr. Drance. Okay. Next testifier is Jennifer Karaca, followed by Wendell DeVere [sic], and last testifier will be Ivan Lay.

MS. KARACA: Aloha. Thank you, guys, for letting me testify. So, I wanted to come and talk about hidden costs, which I don't think are really being addressed with this. There is a lot of things that will compound from this parking structure and the amount of money that we're going to spend on it. I was actually just sent a study by a friend that works for HEAL, done by 17 different health organizations that says one of the greatest risks to kupuna health in Hawaii is tourism. When we are hearing this conversation about blight and slum, what they're talking about is homelessness and mentally ill people that have fallen through the cracks. If we put in this parking structure, we cannot pretend that we care about affordable housing because what we're doing is, we're financing the gentrification of this area. If we wanted to do revitalization, that would be inclusive. This is not inclusive, this is, the Administration itself has said that the payment from the parking structure is going to come from increased real property taxes. So, all of the kupuna that live in this area, property taxes are going to go up. These are people already with health issues, some of them with mental health issues. Maybe they have family around, maybe they don't. They, you're putting them at risk. So, we're not only talking about spending money we don't have to pay back a bond that's going to be upwards of \$100 million for a parking structure, we're also talking about taking the money that we would have to pay that bond back away from reinvesting that in our community. We've spent millions of dollars already. If we really wanted to revitalize, we could've given so many small business loans to help them create online shops because we all know brick and mortar is slowly fading. Parking lots do not bring more business. You can see that from the empty parking lots at Queen Kaahumanu, at Maui Mall, in Paia where they've switched over to Diamond Parking and the parking lots sit empty because people can't afford to pay for parking unless that is you're going to do a 15-year build out plan that includes hotels and gentrify the area to bring in tourism and the tourists can afford to pay for parking. And that's what we're talking about. There's a study about the 15-year build out plan. So, we can't sit here and say we're for affordable housing if we're going to gentrify an area that's one of the last local areas on the border of, you know, Happy Valley, and push these people out because they can't afford their property taxes. So, that's the hidden cost that I wanted to discuss with you. Thank you for your time.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Members, do we have any questions for our testifier? Seeing none, mahalo for your testimony, Ms. Karaca. Okay. Our next testifier is Wendell DeVere [sic], followed by our last testifier, Ivan Lay.

MR. DEVERA: Aloha, Madam Chair and Councilmembers.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha.

MR. DEVERA: The last name is DeVera.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, DeVera.

MR. DEVERA: Yeah, that was my spelling. I've owned my business, or I've been in the same business for over 45 years. So, I understand how money works and I know Wailuku needs parking. But if it's at the cost of spending more money that we don't have, then I don't agree with doing that. I agree that we do need parking, if there's a way that we could find how we could get more parking, then I would agree with it. And I have to echo Ms. King's sentiments. Wailuku is not slum and blight. I've been there for like 28 years and I've seen it grow in 28 years. I, sorry, but I got pretty offended by somebody's, I mean, a couple people saying that it was slum and blight. There's a lot of nice people in Wailuku, and I've been a business owner in Wailuku for that long. So, that kind of made me mad, excuse me. They're saying, you're saying that it costs like \$150,000 per parking space, no? Oh, I thought I heard that, I'm sorry. Two hundred thousand, oh, I was low. Or maybe that, you know, if you can get that money and try to find better parking, maybe that's a better solution than to spend it on all the parking spaces. But that's all I have to say. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. DeVera. Member Paltin has a question for you.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aloha, Mr. DeVera, thank you for coming. I always look forward to going to your shop, even though I don't --

MR. DEVERA: Paddle anymore.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --paddle anymore. I just was wondering, you know, what if they take the existing lot and just make it paid parking instead and shuttle the workers in the area to a location where they can park for eight hours? Do you think that could be a possible solution?

MR. DEVERA: I would think so. I mean, you know, parking now, even if you, the two-hour parking, people are just going to keep moving and just keep rotating their cars, I mean, they'll do it with paid parking too, but at least they're paying for it.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I mean, like if the County can just take care of our own employees' --

MR. DEVERA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --parking and give them a spot, and then, like make all the parking in there for like businesses...

MR. DEVERA: Well, that's a lot of parking that you're adding, right, if you're taking care of County parking? I agree with that.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Thank you. Thank you for coming down.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay. Seeing no other questions, mahalo for your testimony today. Okay. Our last testifier is Mr. Lay.

MR. LAY: Good morning, Councilmembers. Wailuku, I was, I grew up in Wailuku, one street above it, Awapuhi Street [sic], I've seen the many changes on Maui, I see when the police station was next door, I seen Kalana O Maui being built, I seen the post office being broken down, went to Iao to watch kung fu movies, watched surf movies at the King Theater, born and, I was here all my life. Changes, parking has always been an issue. People talk about shuttling these people in from different areas. If I go to Wailuku and I'm turning in, there's a restaurant, there's parking, I park, I eat. They ask what is the hub of, what would be the hub store for this parking area? It's all of us, all of us here, County workers, people going to the restaurants, people who own stores and are trying to make a living with their stores. That's the hub of Wailuku if we have this parking structure. How long has it been, we've been trying to make this? Whoa, I heard ten years already? What does that mean? That means we need it. We can't erase the issues. We've got to face it and fix it and do what we need to do as far as giving adequate parking to everyone in this area. I heard where people are parking in front of their yards and everything, big issue, how would we fix that? Parking structure. We have to have a parking structure, we do. And another good thing about this, location, location, location. It's walking distance from everywhere in Wailuku, walking distance. You don't have to get shuttled in. Park your car, make that payment, and park and go to wherever you want to go, be it working here or going to a restaurant, going to stores and shop. So, and you know what the most scariest thing about this thing, forwards, de-budgeting an approved project. That's scary when it's been through the whole approval process and then we say, no, we're going to take the money away. I'm a little nervous here today but say no to this. We need that project out there. We need parking in Wailuku, we all know this. If we push it aside, what's going to happen? It's going to be more expensive. Thank you.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Lay. Members...okay, Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Mr. Lay, for being here. I just was wondering, are you speaking on behalf of yourself?

MR. LAY: Myself, my family, other residents, people that I know that want to go to restaurants in Wailuku or just park and walk around in Wailuku. It's not available right now. I feel like a shark in a parking lot looking for a stall. And you know, and they're, you're going to speed for that stall because that's, it becomes available or you're going to sit there and wait with your blinker on for five minutes for somebody to pull out. We need parking and I don't want to be the shark; I don't want my kids to be the shark waiting for the parking. And I think no one should be the shark and paying a little money to park is nothing. Having that accessible to everybody is important. Don't take accessibility away, don't take the convenience of being able to walk...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, on behalf of yourself. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Members, any other questions? Seeing none, he was our last testifier who signed up. Okay. Are there any, is there anyone else in the gallery that would like to testify? Okay. Seeing none...oh, okay, please come up. And then maybe after you can fill out one of these Okay. Mahalo, Mr. Kaninola.

MR. KANINOLA: Aloha, my name is George Manolani Kaninola. I live up in Makawao and I frequent Wailuku a lot. I remember the first First Friday meeting with Yuki when she was working for the County over in the Iao Theater to try and revitalize Wailuku. It's been a number of years. I agree that parking is an issue. I mean, I'm the same way. You drive around town, you see one parking spot, boom, right on cool, go to the pawn shop go buy something, you know, go have something to eat, drink some coffee. I don't envy your positions one bit. I think that parking is desperately needed. I like the idea of shuttling workers to their places of employment. I like the idea of maybe the downsizing the project. I mean, I've been following it kind of a little, you know, I'm sort of like an ostrich sticking my head in the sand just not wanting to deal with it, and then well whatever happens, happens. I was given an opportunity this morning to testify. I love Wailuku. I love the town. I'm a homeless outreach worker, and there is a lot of homeless here in Wailuku Town. We try to offer services for them. There's a lot of abandoned cars in the parking lot, in the municipal parking lot. I know that the police are trying to constantly monitor that and have them towed. That's one of my concerns, having a parking garage may be sort of dangerous. I don't know what kind of security you're going to have or what kind of police presence you're going to have. I mean, there was a lady that was mugged and shot at Queen Kaahumanu Center parking garage. So, that's the

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kind of things that I think about. It's not a blighted area, it's just an area that I believe has been neglected. I don't want to see it turn into a resort town. I think having a civic center there and all those other types of things, you know, let's build apartments on top, let's downsize the structure just a little bit, you know, maybe making it double, you know. I don't mind paying for parking. You know, being from Maui, you know, like Molokai, you know, you just park wherever, right? But then after a while going to Oahu a lot, you know, you realize that, you know, it's a given. You're going to have to pay for parking. Somebody's going to have to pay for the structure. I didn't like the idea of taxing the kupuna that live in the back roads as well, you know. I think maybe the business area, if we're going to tax, that's where we should concentrate it on and leave the kupuna alone because they're on a fixed income. I also think that to get more people involved is social media. I think a lot of the comments, I mean, people, social media is huge. I mean, get somebody to look at the meetings, the comments that are made, and you know, those could be used as testimony, you know. Can we use this as testimony? Figure something out like that because a lot of people don't have the time to come to these meetings. I was given an opportunity this morning, and I think we just need to involve more people, and I think social media, like that young lady said, is the way to go to get more people involved because I think we could have a lot more comments, community input, as to what's happening here in our community in Wailuku. So, mahalo for the opportunity. Aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Kaninola. Members, any questions. Okay. Mahalo for your testimony today. Okay. So, I think that is for real kine our last testifier. Are there any objections to closing public testimony?

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Public Testimony is now closed.

. . .END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. So, it's well past our morning break. So, I guess we can, if there are no objections, we'll take a ten-minute break.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Lunch? Okay. It's 11:26. Let's be back by 11:36 and then we'll take up the first item EDB-42, Relocating the Molokai Police Station. Okay. We're in recess. . . .(gavel). . .

RECESS: 11:26 a.m.
RECONVENE: 11:38 a.m.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Will the Economic Development and Budget Committee please return to order? It is 11:38. As I said this morning, we have two items on our agenda. We're obviously not gonna be able to finish that after our lengthy testimony period. So, before we get started on EDB-42, Relocating the Molokai Police Station, I wanted to check with the Committee to see a potential recess time or date. So, one idea is to reconvene today after the HFC meeting at 3:00? Are Members available then?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I guess...I mean get CPAC tonight, but I guess can.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Member Hokama is looking.

VICE-CHAIR KING: I can.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You can? Okay. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Madam Chair, sorry, I cannot.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Cannot. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I'm not on that you know HFC.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh okay. You're not on the HFC Committee? Okay. All right. Okay, so, looks like half-half. The other option is next week Tuesday the 27th...oops. Okay. I think so, and I understand that there's a housing luncheon. So, the idea was to start at 9:00, allow Members to go through the luncheon and return after the luncheon.

VICE-CHAIR KING: If...yeah...hopefully we'll get done...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I believe the luncheon starts at 11:30 and ends at 1:00. So, we could reconvene at 1:30.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: I just wanted to note that there's a potential for us getting done before that luncheon as well--right?--we have two-and-a-half hours.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right. Yeah, so --

VICE-CHAIR KING: I'm always hopeful.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --we won't have testimony --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Right.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --when we reconvene and so we'll just have the presentation by the Administration and then our deliberation.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'm okay with that.

VICE-CHAIR KING: All right can do.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. All right. Member Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Are you guys all okay?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Tuesday at 9:00.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: I'll be available 'til lunch.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Until lunchtime.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA (spoke away from the microphone): I cannot go. I have a meeting in the morning.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: So, now we're looking at Tuesday at 9:00 instead of 1:30 for a recess is that what we're looking at?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Instead of later today, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. I mean for...we were looking at next week Tuesday as a recess date?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right. Next week Tuesday the 27th.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, and at what time was it 1:30?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: At 9:00.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, at 9:00.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, before the luncheon.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, before the luncheon.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And the luncheon starts at 11:30 --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Eleven thirty, yeah, I think...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --and we could potentially be finished and then go to luncheon.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, I think that'll work for me the 9:00 as well.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, so. Alice. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA (speaking away from the microphone): . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA (speaking away from the microphone): . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right, Member Sugimura. All right, are you available, Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA (speaking away from the microphone): . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We potentially could. Okay, so, we'll, we'll look at August 27th, Tuesday, at 9:00 as a recess date. Okay. Okay. All right. Member Kama said she cannot, and then you said that you have meetings that you could potentially shuffle. Okay. And then every...oh and then Member Hokama, I...okay, so everyone but Member Kama. Okay. Okay. All right any objections to doing our first item.

VICE-CHAIR KING: No.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

**ITEM 42: RELOCATING THE MOLOKAI POLICE STATION
(MISC.)**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, we'll start with our first item and we'll invite the Police Department down. Okay, so EDB-42, relocating the Molokai Police

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Station. As Members may recall this item came from the Mayor's Fiscal Year '20 proposed Budget. During Budget Session this Committee recommended we appropriate but not authorize the bond funding for this project. Further we recommended referral of this item to EDB for further discussion, and one idea expressed during the Budget Session was to cost share the acquisition of the 11-acre parcel. This land identified for acquisition was not presented to the community prior to it being placed on the Mayor's proposed budget. We have with us today Assistant Chief Kiyota and Captain Lopez. So, for Members' reference the item is Ordinance 4988 Bill 36, Section 4.F.1.a(1)(i), and the appropriation was for \$1,820,000, and this would be in Appendix C, Department of Police, Molokai Community Plan Area, acquire land, plan, design, and conduct Environmental Assessment for a construction of a new Molokai Police Station located outside of the flood and tsunami evacuation zone at Holomua. Okay. Okay. So, we have with us Managing Director Baz, Assistant Chief Kiyota, and Captain Lopez. Alright, would you like to begin the presentation? The Police Chief Faaumu asked, requested that this item be on today's agenda.

MR. KIYOTA: Good morning, Chair --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning.

MR. KIYOTA: --Councilmembers. Assistant Chief Kiyota and Captain Derrick Lopez. So, we're here about the relocation of the Molokai station. As you know, it's located in Kaunakakai Town and it's currently in the flood and tsunami inundation zone. That station was dedicated in 1979. The new location we're looking at is located at the Holomua junction. This is at the corner of Maunaloa Highway, and Kalae Highway, and is 11.4 acres. The property is currently owned by Diane Swenson. We had an appraisal done on the property and it was appraised at 1.8 million. The seller was asking for 1.6 and we came in agreement at 1.4. And like Chair mentioned, it's in line with the Molokai Community Plan, along with what she mentioned, it's also has to explore the possibility of collaborating with animal rescue organization to establish an animal holding facility on Molokai. As you know, or if you don't know that the animal control officer on Molokai comes under the County of Maui and works with the Police Department. So, with this new station, we would build an area for kennels and whatnot for the animal shelter. And that's pretty much what I have right now if you have any questions for us.

VICE-CHAIR KING: I have a question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Members, I'll now open the floor to questions. Chair King, and then Member Paltin.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Do we have by any chance a map that you can show us where this is? Maybe distribute just for those of us who are...

MR. KIYOTA: We have some photos of the area if you guys...

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Well, the question I wanted to ask you when you talked about animal control, is that those kennels that are like near the old baseyard that we're replacing? Is that the police operated...

MR. KIYOTA: Oh, on Molokai you're talking about?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Right.

MR. KIYOTA: I know...

VICE-CHAIR KING: 'Cause I remember going to the old baseyard and there were those dog kennels and it seemed a little bit dangerous 'cause they seemed a little on the vicious side.

MR. KIYOTA: I'm not sure if the kennels is located there. But I know if you go towards the airport, the animal, there's like a Matson container and that's their...

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, so, they have another, they have another...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, that's not correct.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: They do not shelter animals. That's just the Maui Humane Society.

MR. KIYOTA: Right.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, where Chair King is describing is where there used to be kennels.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, okay. They're not there anymore?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I don't think they're being used.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: But...

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VICE-CHAIR KING: 'Cause I know when I went to visit the old baseyard, there were dogs there and they looked pretty vicious. So, I was a little worried.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The Public Works Baseyard.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, but you're planning to incorporate those into the police station, so they'll be official --

MR. KIYOTA: On the property, correct.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --official kennels?

MR. KIYOTA: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: 'Cause I, they weren't, they were kind of sketchy kennels too --

MR. KIYOTA: Right.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --I think as I recall. She's nodding her head. Okay. And then, what other, we heard that there's a potential for, we heard from one testifier that there's a potential for other offices to be housed in the building. So, what other offices are you looking at putting in there?

MR. KIYOTA: Well, right now at the current station there is other County facilities down there which are also in the inundation zone. So --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MR. KIYOTA: --we're open to options of them --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. What are they --

MR. KIYOTA: --relocating also.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --currently?

MR. KIYOTA: I think there's the Water Department...

MR. LOPEZ: Ms. King, so, let's see, we, these 11 acres we're hoping for it to be large enough so in the future we can have all offices like a DLNR, Humane Society, a

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Real Property Tax Office. You know, we want the 11 acres so it can house future offices for County use.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. And these are all offices that are somewhere on Molokai --

MR. LOPEZ: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --probably closer to the inundation zone?

MR. LOPEZ: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. And then, so, I guess the concern was that as you move into those design, that, you know, that phase where you want to expand and put other offices that they'd be, there would be a community input on how that happens and what actually goes in there.

MR. LOPEZ: Yes, and up to this point, I believe there has been some meetings on Molokai for the input from the community. And so, we really listen to the community and what they have to say before construction is being done.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Alright, thank you, Chair. I'll yield the floor.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Chair King. I'll add a little. So, to answer your question, at the County building, the office, the County offices in the building near Mitchell Pauole we have Planning Department in that building, Taxation, Water, OCS, let's see, and maybe one other that I'm not thinking of right now. So...

MR. BAZ: I think...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Mr. Baz, if you can remember.

MR. BAZ: I think Immigration is still in there too.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, Immigration was moved.

MR. BAZ: Oh, they were moved? Oh, okay, sorry.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, Immigration used to be next to OCS. Immigration is now located near the Molokai Dispatch, yeah. So, yeah, but Immigration used to be there as well. And I think that that's all the departments.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, and then Parks is in Mitchell Pauole. There's like an office there. So, that's where Parks is located. And...

VICE-CHAIR KING: If I can, Chair, do you know what the elevation is there? Is that like...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sea level.

VICE-CHAIR KING: It is at sea level or just barely above. That's what I thought. So, that's part of that whole area...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, it's prone to flooding.

MR. BAZ: Yeah, Madam Chair, we have a pretty significant investment in drainage projects in Kaunakakai Town to get rid of the water system. Phase I, or Phase A, I guess, whatever, was completed and I think they're working on Phase B now, trying to get funding for that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. I thought we weren't going to do that because that would be a waste of money.

MR. BAZ: Well, we don't want...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: With sea level rise.

MR. BAZ: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We have to move our town.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, and then, I just wanted to add a little bit to what Captain Lopez was saying. So, there were community meetings. But there haven't been community meetings since the parcel was located. I held one meeting, my town hall where I let Captain Pladera kind of speak to it because it was on the Budget. So, that, and that was like the community's first time learning that that was the site that was selected. So, I, there's questions from Member Paltin, and then Member Hokama, and then Member Molina, and then Member Sinenci. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thanks, Chair. I just was wondering 'cause you know, 'cause no more picture like is that area in a residential or, I mean, I guess what is the zoning? Is there houses nearby, is there gulches going through the property? Like how much is usable and what's its historic use been? Sorry,

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just wondering 'cause if you build it might have to get permits or something, I don't know, zoning change.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Captain Lopez?

MR. LOPEZ: Thank you. So, the site is located outside of Kaunakakai Town. It is 11.4 acres. And right now, it's not in a neighborhood or residential area. It is outside of the inundation zone, and our people have told us that currently there's no culturally sensitive items on the property such as there's no heiaus or iwi on the property. So, even though it's five minutes outside of Kaunakakai Town, it really is not in a direct vicinity or adjacent or parallel to any neighborhoods.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And how's about the Fire Department. Would you guys, is that in an inundation zone?

MR. LOPEZ: Currently, the new fire station is I believe a couple of minutes outside of Kaunakakai. But one of the main reasons for having this new Molokai Police Station is the area, 11.4 acres is large enough for maybe the Fire Department to be housed there as well.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. And...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I'll add a little bit there. So, the fire station, the new fire station that was just built a few years ago is in Kaunakakai near the college, the Molokai branch and close to the property is Hoolehua's fire station. So, I'll just add that. Mahalo, Captain Lopez.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Is it, it's in the inundation zone or...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Where the new fire station is, is not. Where the old fire station in Kaunakakai, when they were right next to the police station was.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, but they were moved.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then, I guess just my last question is you have the clear title from the owner before, they have clear title of right to sell it?

MR. LOPEZ: Yes, as far as we know, that is correct.

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Member Hokama, and then Member Molina, and then Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Chair, thank you. More for you, Chair, so you could maybe have Staff forward a written request to the Department unless you have received additional handouts that have yet to be shared with us. Okay. So, this is what I would like the Department to prepare the next time you post again, Chair. One, the topo maps, existing and proposed sites, response times by existing and proposed sites, the number of calls, where are they on the island in the various communities from Kalae, Maunaloa, Mana'e, wherever it may be. I find it interesting the Department has made some policy decisions for Council thinking we are agreeing to reconsolidate and relocate everything we've already invested in. Okay. 'Cause for Police Department, whoever is ma'a with the history, and I'm sure you are, Chair, Police should've already been relocated to the new fire station site and already in a new facility, yeah. A previous Chief chose to say no and keep the Department at its current site. So, my thing is the Department needs to take responsibility for decisions they chose to stay at the existing site. Okay. A Chief made that call. Okay. Not the Planning Commission, not Council. Council's ready to move and relocate them. Okay. The Department and the Chief said no. Okay. So, now you guys asking us for, now it going cost us up to triple now what we would have spent for the new station years ago. So, I need a plan, your business plan. And I will say, don't assume we're agreeable to build for State departments. People like me feel the State has enough resources and capacity to take care their own needs. They don't need this County to build for them. We gotta take care our own kuleana first, Chair, on Molokai. So, that's how I would approach it. That's what I would ask for. And has the other departments committed to relocating? Because I want the services where the people are, not where the people have to go and go to a government office. I'd rather be the office be where the community and the people are. So, if that could be some of the responses to the outlying agencies that may relocate. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: And what is their estimated numbers for the capital requirements. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Would you like to see if the Department has any of that information now?

MR. KIYOTA: As for response times, I have some for you. So, response time from the Holomua property to Kaunakakai Town using posted speed limit is about five

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minutes. And then, from the town back to Holomua is about five minutes. To Kilohana about 25 minutes, Kualapuu about 1, almost 2 minutes, Molokai High School, 4 minutes, Maunaloa about 13 minutes.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

MR. KIYOTA: So, Kilohana is about 25 minutes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So, Chair, that's assuming just your average time, yeah? Does it make difference, pau hana time --

MR. KIYOTA: That's just average...

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --morning time or just average?

MR. KIYOTA: Average time.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, we no more pau hana time.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Oh, you lucky then, Chair, because everybody more other places gotta deal with hana hana time, right? Where you don't want to be on the road for hana hana traffic.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I mean, I guess when we have the school buses it's, there's a slowdown for a short time.

MR. KIYOTA: And that's using the posted speed limit. So, if it is an emergency where we would have to go with blue lights and siren, quicker.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Right, right, right. Because, Chair, again, do we, you have one substation currently, Chief?

MR. KIYOTA: We just have that one main police station.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: We just have one main station. We don't have a substation towards Mana'e side and Kilohana side, one like...

MR. KIYOTA: No.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: I thought we have a sub.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Perhaps we can talk about building one.

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COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Well, that might be an option, Chair, because your island is wide, yeah?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: So, if he already --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Thirty miles long.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --sending people to Maunaloa and then you get the call out at Mana'e, that's two ends of the spectrum for response yeah, for first responders --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --whether it's Fire or Police. So, maybe we need to look at substation instead of full stations, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Mister, Director Baz, did you want to add anything?

MR. BAZ: Just real briefly, the Council did appropriate funding prior, and we have engaged a consultant to do a preliminary site assessment. The draft report is nearly ready, and we hope to get the final report shortly before we actually do approach the Council for funding on this. The Police Department's charge was to evaluate the site for Police, not for other County offices. And so, that's been their activity. They have been approached by others and suggested by others, including some on the Council here to possibly locate other things. But as the Assistant Chief mentioned, the only one that they've really looked at was the animal, because it comes under the Police Department. The rest of the stuff is other suggestions and not necessarily stuff that they've been evaluating themselves or suggesting themselves. So, and then, yeah, we'd happily respond in writing to those questions that Chair Hokama had, or Member Hokama had. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Managing Director Baz. I guess what I wanted to make clear too, that we don't have an animal shelter on Molokai right now. We don't have one. So, that's a problem. Okay. So, Member Molina, and then Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And then Member Sugimura.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. I guess, Captain Kiyota and Captain Lopez, you know the, I guess it kind of ties into Member Hokama's request regarding topography. So, does this property, is there a lot of like blue rock? Because I remember when the Kihei Fire...Kihei Police Station was built there was blue rock and that was a concern. Any indications of blue rock on this property?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Captain.

MR. LOPEZ: Yes, Councilman Molina, no. This area that we're looking at does not have blue rock per se. Another area that we were looking at had blue rock. But that's why we got away from that one. So, this one does not have blue rock.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, good. Okay. And then, looking at, I don't know, this may be a little bit preliminary at this time. But with a new station, are you looking at adding some more, I guess, the proverbial bells and whistles like maybe additional space for holding cells and things of that nature and maybe a firing range or all of the amenities that, you know, the Police Department needs?

MR. KIYOTA: Yeah, that is correct. That's what we'd like to call our wish list. We, I know the old station is rather small. So, a little more cell, we also plan to bring back our dispatch center to the police station. Right now, it's at the fire, the new fire station and it, there's terminals for like two dispatchers. But we want to increase that and have a little bit larger dispatch center so we can have more employees. Molokai Dispatch center is our secondary public answering point for the County. So, if anything happens on Maui, you know, Molokai will take over.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Alright, okay, thank you.

MR. KIYOTA: We also want, we're looking at putting an EOC in the station.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Interesting. Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. Mahalo, Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I want to quickly follow up on that. So, the EOC, the Police is looking at having the EOC by the police station? Because it's currently being considered to be at the fire station.

MR. KIYOTA: We were talking about having it at the new police station. But I don't know what happened after, if things changed.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Mahalo. Okay. Member Sinenci, and then Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. I just had a clarification question for you. So, this funding that was appropriated is just for the acquisition of the 11 acres? And then, as far as the construction cost of the new police station that would come at a later date, is that correct?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: That's correct. Managing Director Baz, would you like to speak to that?

MR. BAZ: Yes, thank you, Madam Chair. So, typically when we are designing a new facility we're going to be looking at land acquisition first before we get into design because, you know, based on the topography of the land, space available, different things like that, will necessitate different items and coming to the Council for discussion and ultimate approval of that planning and design funds. So, that's something we'd definitely come back to Council with as far as any concepts before we move forward.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Director. And so, that timeline is about a couple years normally? The timeline, for the entire timeline?

MR. BAZ: It really depends on if we move forward with this acquisition and then, yeah, I mean, a typical construction project for the County goes anywhere from four, five years, up to well, we're talking about someone now for 40 years. But it really, average is around five years for a construction project from the initial concept to land acquisition, design, permitting, and then construction. So, occupancy, you know, sometimes is six or seven years out.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Thank you, Director. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you, Chair. So, my question is primarily to you because this is your island and I know that you had a talk story I think, no you call it --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Monthly town hall.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --monthly town hall meeting --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --before Budget, right?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: During Budget.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, where are you now with this. You're probably a really important voice that I would like to hear from.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, I would like to have more community meetings and I kind of briefly talked story with them after the last meeting that this item was on the agenda and they're open to it. There's, during this time there's been a transition of captains on the island. So, the Captain, Captain Pladera who was there and spoke at my town hall is no longer there. I haven't met the new Captain that's been placed there yet. So, I look forward to working with him and, you know, hopefully we can get a community meeting to receive feedback on this site that was selected soon.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, you're okay with the site?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I think it's, yeah, I think it's okay.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, I mean, but I'm just, you know, I haven't had an opportunity to hear from the community. So, personally I don't really have too much of a problem with the site. But I would like to hear from the community members 'cause I'm not representing the community when saying that, it's just on my own behalf. I don't see problems with the site.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Okay. Members, any other questions? Okay. So, I'll finish off with questioning and then, I know it's 12:08. So, Managing Director Baz, you mentioned that your, the Administration or the Police Department is finalizing the EA for this site? Or would you clarify?

MR. BAZ: Sure.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I didn't hear correctly.

MR. BAZ: So, it basically, it's not an Environmental Assessment, EA, it'd be a preliminary site assessment. Yeah, so, it's not to the scope of what an EA would be. But it does provide some of the foundational information. Should we move forward, an EA is required. And so, the AIS and all of those different

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components of an EA would still be required to be done, studies, traffic studies, you know, all the whole gamut of an EA. But this provides us with some baseline information that will assist the, you know, the Administration and the Council on making a decision if this is the right site or not. Yeah, so it's kind of, or at least that initial should we move forward with the piece of it from different standpoints, including, as Chief mentioned, archaeological, you know, preliminary kind of archaeological assessment and, you know, soil information, some of the preliminary stuff.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right.

MR. BAZ: It's not to the level of an EA though, yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, my question, my follow-up question to that is, do you know when the funding for that was allocated? 'Cause I didn't see that in the CIP.

MR. BAZ: It's a while ago. I'd have to check, maybe a couple years ago at least, yeah. I'll check on the, actually the exact year of the funding. But it was a couple of years ago.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I'll include that in our Committee's request for information.

MR. BAZ: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Great. Okay. And for the Department, I was kind of, like Member Hokama, hoping for a little more information. So, I was hoping maybe you could kind of explain to the Members the urgency of putting this item on today's agenda.

MR. KIYOTA: Well, it's been in talks for a while now, relocating the station, because of the inundation zone.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right, I understand the urgency and I agree. And of course, I support the relocation of the police station. But I received the request to specifically put this item on today's agenda and I was hoping that there would be more information for the Members to be able to consider.

MR. KIYOTA: Yeah, you know, we, like I mentioned earlier with the property owner we have been in talks, or the County has been in talks with her and, you know, it was agreed on that \$1.4 million price and she's been waiting for a while now to see what's going to happen and we just told her it's on hold right now until we get the funding approved.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Do you have the information on who has been in the talks with the landowner and how the price was agreed upon?

MR. KIYOTA: That would be Mr. Hironaka. And like I said we had the property appraised several times; I think maybe twice. The last one came in at 1.8 and the seller was asking for 1.6, and the final agreement came down to 1.4. And then, that was through Mr. Hironaka.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay. So, is there any concern that the seller, from Mr. Hironaka's talks with her I guess, 'cause the information I received, the urgency was that the seller was reconsidering.

MR. KIYOTA: I heard rumors. But I'm not sure if that's really...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I can put those rumors to rest. My office spoke with her and she's not reconsidering. She does want to, you know, she would like to see this land used for the community. So...Director Baz?

MR. BAZ: Yeah, thank you, Chair. And we had similar conversations from the Administration side of things. I think just to respond to your question about why timing is important was more so for us to get the understanding, if the Council is completely opposed to this site, we need to start to move forward on that, right? And that's kind of what we wanted to get a, again a preliminary assessment on if Council is, you know, looking forward to, okay, getting more information, or if it's completely opposed then, you know, we can put her, notify her, and then we can move forward with some other site. But it sounds like from what we're hearing today that we're okay moving forward. We'll get the documents prepared for you, that initial site assessment, and be able to move forward, maybe possibly with an acquisition resolution at some point in the near future.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director Baz. I think, you know, based on discussions from Budget Session, Members would really like to hear what the community feels. So, if we could get a community meeting on this, you know, topic as soon as possible I think Members would feel a little more comfortable because they're not, you know, familiar with the area. And so, I think that's a really important factor in whether the Council is going to be supportive of this site that was selected or not. And so, I think that, that if that could happen sooner, then the Council will be able to factor that into their decision making of whether they want to support this site or not.

MR. BAZ: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And I'm kind of speaking for everyone. So, please correct me if that is not correct. Chair King?

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you. No, that's correct for myself anyway. I think the community needs to be a part of that discussion. But I just also wanted to bring up the fact that it occurs to me this is probably an action item for, in our Molokai Community Plan, island and community plan. So, if you could maybe just illustrate in your next, you know, whatever your next transmittal is, how this fits into the Molokai Community Plan implementation action items.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Chair King. I agree, and it's, it was definitely a high priority. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Just curious, as it relates to the timeline with the possible purchase of this property. Is it your intent to maybe consider having a site visit for us to kind of go take a look at the lay of the land and --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You want to go Molokai?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --I'm just kind of throwing it out there. I mean, I'm just asking you if that's something you...I'm looking for any excuse to go --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Holo holo.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --see your wonderful island. No, just asking.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Chair, I got some Planning issues too I would jump on that train and do like a double header over there.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I'm sure our Molokai community would love to welcome everyone, the Council. They love seeing you guys. So, yeah, we can consider that. And I can work with the Administration on putting that together and then we can have a Planning Committee, or PSLU Committee meeting maybe the next day or something, or the day before.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: And then, Madam Chair, you can maybe host us for dinner or something after?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, absolutely.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And dancing.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Now, you're asking for a little bit too much. Member Sugimura, did you have a question?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Don't forget the venison jerky.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You like that, didn't you?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, that was good.

MR. BAZ: I can tell its lunch time.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No, it's jerky, snack. Oh, it's lunch time now. Okay. It is. Okay. Members, are there any other questions? So, we'll have our communication sent to the Administration and we'll get more information and then we can, hopefully we'll get a community meeting first and then perhaps the Council can travel to Molokai and have a meeting there. Okay. So, let's see. I'm going to, where's my thing. Okay. Alright, so, if there are no objections, I will defer item EDB-42, Relocating the Molokai Police Station.

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS.

ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you, Members.

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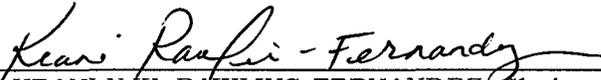
CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, so the other item on today's agenda is EDB-76 the Wailuku Civic Complex and obviously we're not gonna get that today. So, we will recess to August...Tuesday, August 27th--oh, mahalo, Police Department and mahalo Director Baz. So, we'll recess to Tuesday, August 27th at nine o'clock and we'll reserve the day but hopefully we will be able to finish before the luncheon, yeah? Okay. In the Chambers. Mahalo, Staff. Okay. Okay. Any questions? Okay. All right...make sure I do this right...okay, so the Economic Development and Budget Committee is now in recess. Okay. . . .(gavel). . .

RECESS: 12:19 p.m.

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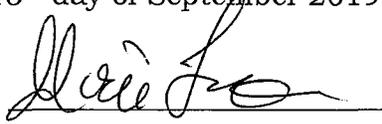
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