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FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

COUNTY OF MAUI

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR MEETING

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ATTENDANCE

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Kyle Ginoza, Chair
- Lisa Vares, Vice Chair
- Gregg Lundberg, Member
- Dwight Burns, Member
- Donna Sterling, Member
- Punahele Alcon, Member
- Max Kincaid, Jr., Member
- Dylan Andrion, Member

STAFF:

- Gary Murai, Deputy Corporation Counsel
- Richelle Wakamatsu, Commission Secretary
- Misty Cordeiro, Office Operations Assistant

1 (September 15, 2021, 8:00 a.m.)

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3 CHAIR GINOZA: Sorry, I guess I got muted. Let me
4 start over again. Lisa Vares.

5 VICE CHAIR VARES: Present.

6 CHAIR GINOZA: Gregg Lundberg.

7 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Present.

8 CHAIR GINOZA: Donna. Donna?

9 COMMISSIONER STERLING: (Gesturing.)

10 CHAIR GINOZA: You're here. Hi, Donna.

11 Punahuele Alcon is excused.

12 Max Kincaid, Jr.

13 COMMISSIONER KINCAID: Present.

14 CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you, Max.

15 Dylan Andrion.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDRION: Present.

17 CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you, Dylan.

18 Makalapua Kanuha. Oh, she's excused. Sorry about
19 that.

20 So we have quorum. We also have in the room from
21 corporation counsel Gary Murai and fire department staff
22 Richelle Wakamatsu and Misty Cordeiro.

23 I'd like to move on to public testimony on agenda
24 items. Please sign up to testify in the chat, and at the end,
25 I'll ask for members to -- or members of the public to either

1 unmute themselves and be recognized or -- to be able to
2 testify, but please use the chat if possible. And for
3 those --

4 MR. MURAI: One minute.

5 (Inaudible.)

6 CHAIR GINOZA: Sorry, we're gonna take a one-minute
7 recess because something -- we need to figure out what's --
8 what's happening with our mics in the conference room. The
9 meeting is in recess.

10 (Pause in Proceedings)

11 CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you, everyone. Sorry for the
12 technical difficulties. I'll test it really quick with
13 Commissioner Dylan Andrion. Dylan, can you hear me and see
14 me?

15 COMMISSIONER ANDRION: We can hear and see you,
16 Chair. Mahalo.

17 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. Awesome. Thank you.

18 So I don't know where I cut off the last time, but
19 we are in the public testimony stage of the meeting and what
20 we'll do is we have the chat function, and for those that are
21 logged on via the web, via BlueJeans, please log -- or please
22 notify us via the chat if you desire to testify. And for
23 those that are calling in via phone, after we go through the
24 video testimony, I will ask if there are other members who
25 wish to -- or other members of the public who wish to testify,

1 and at that time, please, please unmute yourself and be
2 recognized and we'll -- we'll list you down. So just as a
3 housekeeping matter, we will limit public testimony to three
4 minutes. Please, for those who are not actively -- for the
5 ones that are not the active testifiers, please mute your
6 phones and computers and so that there's no feedback that we
7 receive in the meeting. Thank you.

8 So, Cory, who's the first person that we have to
9 testify?

10 MS. VICENS: Chair, the first testifier is GERALYN
11 "GERI" ONAGA, followed by Professor Stacy Rogers.

12 Ms. Onaga, if you will unmute video and your mic.

13 MS. ONAGA: Good morning.

14 CHAIR GINOZA: Good morning.

15 MS. ONAGA: Can you hear me?

16 CHAIR GINOZA: Yes. Hi, Geri.

17 MS. ONAGA: Hi, Kyle. Good morning.

18 CHAIR GINOZA: Good morning. Go ahead.

19 MS. ONAGA: Good morning, Chair, Members of the
20 Commission, and everyone in attendance. Thank you for the
21 opportunity to testify this morning.

22 It is my pleasure to endorse Amos Lonokailua-Hewett
23 for the position of fire chief for the department of fire and
24 public safety. I have known Amos for many years. I became
25 first acquainted with him when he started as fire captain in

1 2008, then working more closely with him when he served as the
2 department's training captain from 2009 to 2013. We became
3 and have remained good friends ever since. I recently retired
4 as a senior human resources specialist for the County of
5 Maui's Department of Personnel Services, and during that time,
6 32 years, I've been blessed to work for and alongside many
7 different classes of, if you would say, workers from laborers
8 to attorneys, department directors, division chiefs, clerical
9 staff. I believe the many experiences that I have -- that I
10 had -- that I have have resulted in my being a pretty good
11 judge of character. It was during my early years at the
12 department of personnel services while serving as the county's
13 training specialist that I became more acquainted with Amos.
14 Over the years, I have worked with several training captains,
15 and I can say without question that Amos demonstrated superior
16 competency, passion, and determination for elevating the
17 training division's mission. As part of my human resource
18 specialist duties, I oversee the county's annual employee
19 recognition program, and I was not the least bit surprised
20 when Amos received the department's Manager of the Year award
21 in 2010, and then when the fire ground operations team under
22 his leadership was recognized as the department's Team of the
23 Year and awarded the overall County of Maui Team of the Year,
24 and that was in 2015. So I believe that Amos will excel in
25 this position, and while others may claim to possess the

1 vision, passion, and commitment to get the job done, it
2 behooves you as the commission to select a candidate that will
3 follow through and actually put that vision into place,
4 resulting in sustainable programs that benefit the department
5 and the community. It is for those reasons and more that I
6 can recommend without question and put my full-fledged support
7 behind Amos for this position of fire chief. Thank you.

8 CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you, Geri.

9 Does any commissioner have any questions for the
10 testifier?

11 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: No questions.

12 CHAIR GINOZA: All right. Seeing none, Cory -- and
13 just to clarify for those testifying, when you hear the bell,
14 that's one minute to -- remaining in your testimony. Thank
15 you.

16 Cory.

17 MS. VICENS: Chair, we have -- the next person to
18 testify is Professor Stacy Rogers, followed by Colin Yamamoto.

19 Professor, if you would unmute your mic and video.
20 Thank you.

21 MR. ROGERS: Good morning. Can you hear me?

22 CHAIR GINOZA: Yes.

23 MR. ROGERS: Oh, great. Thanks for the time. I'm
24 here to testify quickly for Amos Hewett for the position of
25 fire chief for the commission. Just real quickly, this is an

1 unsolicited testimony. I found out about this through the
2 Western Fire Chiefs, it came across my desk, and then I picked
3 up the phone and called Amos, and he told me that they were
4 having public testimony, so I wanted to make sure I said a few
5 good words for Amos. So, first of all, it's unsolicited. I
6 am a professor with the University of Hawaii, but I'm not
7 speaking in that capacity today; I'm speaking as a normal
8 civil servant worker person living in Hawaii.

9 I spent -- a little history, I spent 30 -- the last
10 30 years with the University of Hawaii running fire and
11 environmental emergency response programs in the community
12 college system, and for 11 years before that, I worked in
13 wildland fire on the front lines for the Alaska service as a
14 hotshot and fire suppression specialist. So for the last 41
15 years, I've been pretty actively involved in fire. I've been
16 really fortunate to work with the Maui Fire Department and all
17 their great people, and the Maui Fire Department is loaded
18 with some great folks.

19 I really think Amos is a good choice for you folks.
20 His experience, along with his drive, his commitment, his
21 integrity, the fact that he's a cultural practitioner in
22 Hawaiian, that he speaks Hawaiian, and that the history of
23 Hawaiian culture in our fire departments is a critical part of
24 the history of the fire service in Hawaii. I don't know if
25 you know it, but we are the only state that had someone from a

1 monarchy serve in the fire department, and Hawaii is one of
2 the oldest fire departments west of the Rockies, so there's a
3 long history there, and this is a very serious position. Most
4 of all, I think you want a fire chief, so when the fire rolls
5 over the hill, you want a fire chief who's gonna lead their
6 personnel. They don't send a battalion chief out to lead
7 their personnel, they take the helm, and that will be Amos.
8 His ability to lead and direct the fire service is -- will be
9 unequalled, and I have full faith in his ability to do that.
10 His ability to plan, implement, train, teach his vision for
11 the fire department is one of the best I've ever seen in my
12 career.

13 So with that said, I'll leave it to you folks. It's
14 a very, very serious consideration, it's a very serious
15 position, people's lives are at risk in this decision, and
16 Amos knows that full well and will do a good job for you.
17 Thank you.

18 CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you, Professor Rogers.

19 Does any commissioner have any questions for
20 Professor Rogers?

21 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: No questions.

22 CHAIR GINOZA: Seeing none, thank you.

23 Cory.

24 MS. VICENS: Chair, the next person to testify is
25 Colin Yamamoto, followed by Jeffrey Giese, Giese.

1 Mr. Yamamoto, if you will unmute your mic and video,
2 we're ready for your testimony. Thank you.

3 MR. YAMAMOTO: Good morning, Chair. Can you -- can
4 you hear me?

5 CHAIR GINOZA: Yes. Go ahead.

6 MR. YAMAMOTO: Good morning.

7 CHAIR GINOZA: Good morning.

8 MR. YAMAMOTO: Good morning, Chair. My name is
9 Colin Yamamoto. I'm -- I'm sorry, I'm having problems with my
10 video; I don't believe you guys can see me, but -- so my name
11 is Colin Yamamoto. I retired from the fire department about
12 three and a half years ago as the battalion chief of ocean
13 safety, and I'm here to support Amos Lonokailua-Hewett for
14 fire chief. And I just wanted to give you some information
15 about Chief Amos that you probably already saw in his -- I'm
16 assuming in his resume, but, you know, Amos, Chief Amos,
17 designed and supervised the construction of the joint training
18 center at the -- you know, the Kahului Airport, which is such
19 a huge, huge benefit for training for all of the whole
20 department, and it's probably the most -- best training that
21 we ever got and it's just a wonderful place for -- for us to
22 gain experience of live-fire training.

23 Also, I consider Amos an expert in performance
24 evaluations. Jamie Adams, the department's current VPO, gave
25 training to the whole county years ago, and it's a very

1 important part of supervisors and -- or captains and
2 administrators, because the performance evaluation --
3 evaluations documents substandard or exceeds performance to --
4 which is really important to reward good behavior and to
5 correct bad behavior, so it's very important. Also, Amos was
6 the lead in the blue card command, which was another huge
7 training opportunity for all the captains and drivers, and it
8 was -- it was really, really good training. And also, while
9 Amos was the training captain, he organized the training and
10 certification process to be done for fire service instructors
11 at various levels. I just want to mention that Amos is a
12 systems kind of guy; he develops systems, and systems are
13 important to -- whenever you have problems, it's because the
14 system is not correct, and Amos knows how to correct systems.

15 But I also wanted to mention that the commission is
16 in a very good position right now because you have two very
17 worthy candidates, you have Chief Amos and Chief Ventura.
18 They're both very worthy, but I think Amos, his experience and
19 knowledge, would be better for the fire chief position. And I
20 just wanted to share about Chief Ventura that back in 2015, I
21 needed more documentation on ocean rescues because I -- I felt
22 that ocean vendors because they weren't given safety briefings
23 to the -- to the --

24 CHAIR GINOZA: I've got to cut you off. Can you
25 wrap up really quick?

1 MR. YAMAMOTO: Yes, I will wrap up in 30 seconds.

2 CHAIR GINOZA: Sorry, sorry, Colin, I've got to cut
3 you off. But thank you.

4 Does any commissioner have any questions for Colin?

5 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Can I hear the rest of what
6 he had to say?

7 CHAIR GINOZA: Sure, yeah.

8 Could you just finish up, Colin?

9 MR. YAMAMOTO: Okay. Thank you, Chair.

10 So back in 2015, I -- I needed the station captains
11 to document better on their ocean rescue incidents, and so
12 I -- I made -- I had this directive given to the battalion
13 chief to give to the captains, and Chief Ventura was the only
14 captain to make a cheat sheet out of that directive I gave so
15 that he could better document all the things that I needed on
16 the fire report. So, you know, Chief Ventura is a -- also a
17 very worthy candidate and if -- if they both agreed, if Chief
18 Amos could be the fire chief and Chief Ventura could be the
19 deputy, man, you've got a winning team right there. Thank
20 you.

21 CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you, Colin.

22 Any other commissioner have any questions for the
23 testifier?

24 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: None. Thank you.

25 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. Seeing none, Cory.

1 MS. VICENS: Chair, the next person to testify is
2 Jeffrey Giese, followed by Faith Chase.

3 Jeffrey, if you would kindly unmute your mic and
4 video, we're ready for your testimony. Mahalo.

5 MR. GIESEA: Thank you very much. Hi. My name is
6 Jeff Giese. I would -- I'd like to start by acknowledging
7 the debt that our department owes to Chief Amos. When he was
8 training captain, he did real -- I mean, really put so much
9 energy and effort into developing our department's training
10 programs; we owe him a tremendous debt for that. I'm
11 extremely grateful. He really brought our training programs
12 up to what I can confidently say I think we have the best
13 training programs in the state, and that is in large part due
14 to his efforts. So I definitely want to acknowledge that
15 and -- and show that I value that very much.

16 I'd like to share my experiences with Chief Ventura.
17 You know, ever since he got in -- he got in slightly after me.
18 Ever since he got in, he's had the reputation of being
19 basically exactly who you want as a firefighter. His skills
20 have been exemplary; his work ethic, exemplary; his attitude,
21 exemplary; his ability to get along with the people he works
22 with and help them bring out the best, exemplary. That's been
23 his reputation from day one. In my 20 years, I've worked with
24 him in a variety of capacities. He was my -- actually worked
25 under me in health and safety, he worked under me in hazmat,

1 and I've been working under him in the last -- for the last
2 couple years when he's been deputy chief. All of my
3 experiences with Chief Ventura have done nothing but reinforce
4 that reputation that he's had.

5 It's -- you know, I -- years ago when Brad was my
6 driver at hazmat, I had an interview for battalion chief and
7 one of the questions they asked was tell us about somebody
8 who -- I forget the specifics, but somebody you admire, and
9 you know, you know, what could you learn from them, etc., a
10 typical interview question. The first person who came to
11 mind --

12 CHAIR GINOZA: One minute.

13 MR. GIESEA: -- was Brad, and I think he's -- you
14 know, it's pretty rare to think of your subordinate as the
15 person who you find most influencing -- influential on you,
16 but I just -- throughout my time working with him, I just have
17 felt like this guy is -- is doing it right. He clearly has
18 the skill set, you know. You folks on the commission have
19 seen this, right, the last -- the last three years. I mean,
20 he's done an outstanding job as Fire Two, he's been
21 effectively not just doing the job of Fire Two, but really
22 kind of training to be -- and doing a lot of the work of Fire
23 One as well. He's got the full skill set for that, he's got
24 the attitude for that, he's got the temperament for that, and
25 I'd like to just say -- with all due respect to Chief Amos,

1 and there is a lot of respect due to Chief Amos, and I feel a
2 lot of respect and gratitude for the work he's done for our
3 department, no doubt about that, but from my perspective,
4 there's just nobody better positioned to be successful as Fire
5 One than Chief Ventura.

6 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. Thank you, Jeff.

7 Does any commissioner have questions for the
8 testifier?

9 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: No questions.

10 CHAIR GINOZA: All right. Seeing none, thank you.
11 Cory.

12 MS. VICENS: Chair, the next testifier is Faith
13 Chase. We don't have anybody else at this time for video.

14 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. Thank you.

15 MS. VICENS: Faith, if you would unmute and -- thank
16 you.

17 MS. CHASE: Aloha, Chair Ginoza. Aloha,
18 Commissioners. I would like to just take this opportunity to
19 express to either -- both of the candidates and the commission
20 that I would just really like to see the work of this new
21 chief incorporate public safety on a different elevated level
22 than has been done before. At the start of the pandemic, I
23 started to help some outreach workers with the unsheltered,
24 those living in their cars, those struggling with safe
25 housing, and it's been a real fiasco. I have -- I have

1 reached out to the Maui Police Department Community Policing,
2 the mayor's office, MEMA, Mr. Andaya, Red Cross to no avail.
3 And so I would just -- just want to take this opportunity,
4 this agendized item, to express my desperate plea to make sure
5 that public safety in these areas and this sector are
6 really -- really given some special attention. That's all I
7 wanted to share today. Thank you.

8 CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you, Faith.

9 Do any commissioners have questions for the
10 testifier?

11 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: No questions.

12 COMMISSIONER BURNS: No questions.

13 CHAIR GINOZA: All right. Seeing none, Cory, who --
14 who is the one for phone interview, or could you just go on to
15 the phone interviews if nobody else is signed up for the --
16 via the web?

17 MS. VICENS: Chair, the -- we do have a couple more
18 that have come through.

19 CHAIR GINOZA: Oh, okay.

20 MS. VICENS: We have faith, who just testified. And
21 we now have Kris Sakamoto, to be followed by Mike Werner.

22 CHAIR GINOZA: Kris? Kris, can you unmute yourself
23 and --

24 MR. SAKAMOTO: -- you guys can hear me.

25 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay, yes.

1 MR. SAKAMOTO: Hello.

2 CHAIR GINOZA: Go ahead. Yes, go ahead. Go ahead,
3 Kris.

4 MR. SAKAMOTO: Okay. My video, I don't know, I
5 cannot get 'em going.

6 CHAIR GINOZA: That's okay.

7 MR. SAKAMOTO: Sorry about that. Good morning, fire
8 commission members and Chair Ginoza. My name is Kris
9 Sakamoto. I'm a battalion chief with the Maui Fire
10 Department, and I serve in the second battalion. Today I'm
11 here to show my support for Chief Ventura for the position of
12 fire chief. Having been part of, you know, interview
13 committees for promotional -- the promotional process and
14 entrance interviews, I know that interview just shows a --
15 showcases a small part of the candidates and for me, knowing
16 the person's values, their work ethic, what they've done in
17 their careers helps a lot to make the good decisions and the
18 right candidate for the position. So I hope to give you a
19 little insight on Chief Ventura.

20 I was fortunate to have worked with him for a good
21 portion of my career, the same company, within the same
22 station, and I can say that he's always been an exceptional
23 member of our department who represents not only the
24 department but our profession well. He's the type of
25 firefighter that everybody wants on their crew, the type

1 captains look for, hope that they get that kind of personnel
2 on their crew. And as a captain, he also led his crews really
3 well, and it's the same thing; people wanted to be on his crew
4 and work for him. I think a lot has to do with his work
5 ethic, his dedication, and integrity that has allowed him to
6 be successful, and he also has that personality that always
7 makes you feel welcome. And like Chief Giese said, we all
8 knew early on that he had what it -- what it takes to be fire
9 chief and a really good one.

10 CHAIR GINOZA: One minute.

11 MR. SAKAMOTO: So today, I humbly ask for your
12 highest consideration for him for the position of fire chief.
13 Thank you.

14 CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you, Kris.

15 Any commissioner have any questions for the
16 testifier?

17 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: No questions.

18 CHAIR GINOZA: All right. Seeing none, thank you,
19 Kris.

20 Cory.

21 MS. VICENS: Chair, the next testify -- the next
22 person to testify is Mr. Mike Werner, followed by Zhantell or
23 Hanale Lindo.

24 Mr. Werner, if you would unmute video and your mic,
25 we're ready for your testimony. Mahalo.

1 MR. WERNER: Okay. Good morning. Can you hear me?

2 CHAIR GINOZA: Yes. Go ahead.

3 MR. WERNER: Okay. Good morning and aloha, Chair
4 and Commissioners. Thank you for the opportunity to provide
5 testimony this morning on this very important decision you
6 folks have to make. I am Assistant Fire Chief Mike Werner,
7 and I would like to recommend Acting Fire Chief Brad Ventura
8 for the position of fire chief. I've been working directly
9 with Fire Chief Ventura for the last two years, and I'm very
10 confident in his ability to run this department. I'm
11 confident in his ability to direct it and take it into the
12 future. There's a lot of changes throughout that need to be
13 made, and he's a visionary, he's somebody who can execute, and
14 I just really believe that he will do a great job. During the
15 last two years, you know, I've had a chance to see how he
16 operates. He's competent, he's driven, and he really cares
17 about his brothers and sisters in this department, and he
18 cares about everybody who lives on this island and everybody
19 who visits this island and, yeah, lives in Maui and, I mean,
20 Molokai and Lanai as well. And he's been doing the job, and
21 he does a great job. I've worked with him on the last two
22 annual budgets and to put together a \$48 million budget and
23 present it, I know you folks have seen him present it to you,
24 and he presents it to the council, and then he defends it.
25 And then, most importantly, he executes it, and managing that

1 \$48 million budget is -- it's a challenge. There's so much
2 that goes into that. And then you have the mayor come or
3 somebody from the ninth floor telling you to cut 10 percent of
4 that, I've watched him carefully analyze what each one of
5 those cuts was going to do to the department, how it was gonna
6 affect the department, how it was gonna affect the community
7 as well.

8 We got handed the pandemic early on when I became
9 assistant chief, and from the moment that we started dealing
10 with it, our go-to guy has been Chief Ventura. You can't even
11 imagine the amount of different information that has come
12 through to us that we've had to learn about this new thing
13 and -- and figure out how to best protect our guys, how to --
14 and how to best protect the community and how to just decipher
15 all of this information, and he's the one who put it all
16 together and constantly monitors it and like I said, he's
17 just -- he's been the go-to guy as far as that goes.

18 He's built a lot of very important relationships.
19 You know, I've watched different chiefs through the past, you
20 know, in council meetings and how they interacted with each
21 other, and he recognizes, you know, how important it is to
22 work with the community, with the community leaders, with the
23 mayor, with the different unions. We work with three
24 different unions that you've got to understand completely.

25 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. Thank you. Your three minutes

1 are up.

2 MR. WERNER: Oh, sorry. Sorry, I didn't hear the
3 bell.

4 CHAIR GINOZA: No problem.

5 Okay. Does any commissioner have questions for the
6 testifier?

7 COMMISSIONER BURNS: No questions.

8 VICE CHAIR VARES: No questions.

9 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: No questions.

10 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. Seeing none, thank you, Mike.
11 Cory, who is the next testifier?

12 MS. VICENS: Chair, the next testifier is Zhantell
13 Lindo.

14 Ms. Lindo, if you would -- thank you very much.

15 MS. LINDO: Aloha, Commissioners, and thank you so
16 much for this opportunity. In full disclosure, I would just
17 like to state that I am the wife of Battalion Chief Hanale
18 Lindo, and I also am an aide for Councilmember Vice Chair
19 Rawlins-Fernandez, the budget chair of Maui County, and the
20 Molokai Community Outreach Specialist for the County of Maui.
21 So I just want to have full disclosure about that.

22 And so being in all those roles and titles, I have
23 had the awesome experience of seeing both the fire department
24 in their communication and partnerships with our community in
25 Molokai, as well as experience what it takes and what it looks

1 like to have to develop budgets that run the entire
2 department. So I want to make clear that I'm not here to --
3 for the sake of my husband and my boss to stand up and voice
4 out my opinion of who you should choose. I think I just want
5 to offer some insight from the experiences that I've had.

6 Molokai is a very unique community, and it needs
7 leadership that can bring people together. We have long been
8 seen as the entitled community full of bullies and everybody
9 trying to, you know, force things in or out to make sure that
10 we get what we want. I think the truth about Molokai is we
11 work very well with people who have genuine aloha and concern
12 for us and for (inaudible) things and is able to lift up our
13 people in a way that can take leadership positions instead of
14 be dictated by them.

15 I also think on the budget side that what is crucial
16 and what I'd like you to think about is anybody can develop a
17 great program or a great administrative plan, but what I've
18 seen in my role with the budget chair of the council is that
19 it takes a very special kind of person to support the standard
20 of excellence that you need in those departments that can not
21 just look great on paper, but function great in our community
22 and serve the purpose while at the same time is able to
23 creatively and efficiently be fiscally responsible. So we can
24 say all we want about great programs and every -- I mean, if
25 the sky was the limit, every single one of our departments

1 would be the best in the nation. But the truth is that we
2 look (inaudible) we've got to do more plus also have the
3 leader we're looking for and that I think we should deliberate
4 about is who is the best person that can bring people
5 together, take us into the future of technology in an
6 open-minded, encompassing way while still having core unreal
7 aloha values, and at the same time help our county to be
8 fiscally responsible while still performing in the best way
9 possible. So I'm hoping that those are all the things that we
10 can take.

11 And then I would -- just as I'm Hawaiian -- sorry.

12 CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you, Zhantell. I need to cut
13 you off.

14 MS. LINDO: Okay. Thank you.

15 CHAIR GINOZA: Does any commissioner have any
16 questions for the testifier?

17 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Chair, I'm just not quite
18 sure who she --

19 CHAIR GINOZA: Yeah, who she endorsed.

20 Zhantell, do you have a preference for one of the
21 candidates or --

22 MS. LINDO: Okay. Sure. I was trying to be fair
23 just 'cause of the roles of my husband and my boss, but on a
24 personal note, my full support is for Chief Brad Ventura.

25 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. Thank you.

1 Any questions from -- from members for the
2 testifier?

3 COMMISSIONER BURNS: No questions.

4 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Nothing here.

5 CHAIR GINOZA: All right. Seeing none, thank you,
6 Zhantell.

7 Cory?

8 MS. VICENS: Chair, the next testifier is Ms.
9 Jennifer Oana, to be followed by Moana Lutey.

10 Ms. Oana, if you would unmute your mic and video to
11 provide your testimony. Mahalo.

12 CHAIR GINOZA: Jen, we can't hear you.

13 MS. OANA: I'm so sorry. Is it still my turn? I
14 accidentally hung up.

15 CHAIR GINOZA: Yes. Go ahead.

16 MS. OANA: Thank you. Good morning, Commissioners.
17 My name is Jennifer Oana. Although I'm a county attorney, I
18 am taking vacation to testify this morning, and I'm testifying
19 as an individual.

20 I strongly support Brad Ventura to become the next
21 fire and public safety chief for the County of Maui. I am
22 assigned as the department's deputy corporation counsel, so I
23 am very familiar with some of the work that Deputy Chief
24 Ventura does. A fire and public safety chief must know much
25 more than putting out fires and saving people in the ocean. A

1 good chief has to know about the department's budget, has to
2 know about the operations of the department, has to know who
3 to talk to to get what the department needs, has to see the
4 future of the department to plan next steps, and then
5 implement them, has to understand personnel issues, ADA
6 issues, contracting and procurement, land acquisition, rights
7 of entry and easement, and right now how to deal with all the
8 COVID issues. Deputy Chief Ventura is the person to
9 (inaudible) -- pleasure to work with him, and there's that old
10 saying that I think is appropriate here, the right man for the
11 job is already on the job. So I strongly support Brad Ventura
12 to become the next fire and public safety chief for the County
13 of Maui. Thank you for your time, and I'm available to answer
14 any questions you may have.

15 CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you, Jennifer.

16 Any questions for --

17 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: No.

18 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. Thank you. And, sorry,
19 there's a beeping sound in our commission room, but we'll just
20 continue because we can hear the testifier.

21 Cory.

22 MS. VICENS: Chair, the next testifier is Ms. Moana
23 Lutey. She is on camera already.

24 We're ready for you, Moana.

25 MS. LUTEY: Thank you. Good morning, Chair Ginoza

1 and Members of the Commission. My name is Moana Lutey, and I
2 am currently the corporation counsel. I am testifying today
3 in my personal capacity, and I am on vacation.

4 I am weighing in today in support of Brad Ventura as
5 the next fire chief because, as Jen Oana has pointed out, the
6 right man for the job is already on the job. I have worked
7 with Brad extensively for the last two and a half years, and
8 before I get to what the pandemic has added to his job duties,
9 I want to talk about how I first met him. The first time I
10 met Brad, it was over a potentially explosive personnel matter
11 that was very sensitive. When I first heard about that
12 matter, I was concerned and, fortunately, Brad as well and
13 reached out to meet. Because that matter was handled quickly
14 and appropriately under his direction, there was no resulting
15 litigation. A few months later, we dealt with fines from
16 HIOSH, and we were able to negotiate those fines down
17 significantly in large part due to the fact that there were
18 adequate procedures put in place by Brad Ventura. Most
19 recently, we have successfully defended against a civil rights
20 commission complaint that was made against the department, and
21 I think you've started to get sort of the theme here, which is
22 the documentation that I'm able to get from Brad is just
23 fantastic and that just makes my job easier. I'm an attorney,
24 not a magician, so if I get a nice solid file, it makes my job
25 much easier. But the other part of what happens here is that

1 as I brief replies and argument for various things that fire
2 handles, I send those briefs to Brad with all of the exhibits
3 and the direction to read it all and comment back to me, and I
4 do this with all of my directors, but I'll tell you that he
5 puts a lot of time and energy into going through line by line,
6 exhibit by exhibit, and getting it back --

7 CHAIR GINOZA: One minute.

8 MS. LUTEY: -- to me so that I fully can encompass
9 what our argument will be, and that's unique for him. A lot
10 of people don't do that, but it helps in our defense. So in
11 terms of his ability to understand liability, he has taken
12 very little training. He's like a sponge, he absorbs
13 everything that I have explained to him, but he also
14 understands the nuances of it, which just really buffers our
15 department, the fire department specifically, in terms of
16 liability. And so I think that when we look at him as a
17 client, he's just ideal. I don't have to sort of drag him
18 along kicking and screaming to get ahead of things; he does
19 that himself.

20 I'll move to the pandemic. You may not know, but
21 last year when the pandemic was first at its peak, Brad went
22 out proactively to find housing and funding to get
23 firefighters that were in more cramped quarters into different
24 housing.

25 CHAIR GINOZA: Excuse me, Moana. Your three minutes

1 are up.

2 MS. LUTEY: Okay. Can I just do one line?

3 CHAIR GINOZA: Sure.

4 MS. LUTEY: I just hope that I've been able to
5 impress upon you why Brad is uniquely qualified to be chief.

6 CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you, Moana.

7 Does any commissioner have any questions?

8 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: No questions.

9 CHAIR GINOZA: No questions. Thank you, Moana.
10 Cory?

11 MS. VICENS: Chair, at this time, we have no other
12 video testifier. We do have two callers, and we can start
13 with caller ending in the last four digits 5434.

14 If you will unmute your phone line, we're ready for
15 your testimony. Thank you. And identify yourself.

16 MR. McAFEE: I'm not sure where I would see those
17 numbers if it's my turn. This is Kevin McAfee.

18 MS. VICENS: Thank you, Kevin. We're ready for your
19 testimony.

20 MR. McAFEE: Okay. Number 5434.

21 Again, thank you for giving me the opportunity to
22 speak in support of Amos Lonokailua-Hewett. He's the
23 candidate that I recommend for the position of fire chief.
24 And some full disclosure here as well, there's not a
25 firefighter or lifeguard in this county that I don't like.

1 Both candidates, in fact, are my friends; however, I hope your
2 reasons for the selection of fire chief have less to do with
3 how much they're liked and more to do with their knowledge,
4 skills, and abilities to manage and lead as the chief officer.
5 I'm Kevin McAfee. I retired from the Maui Fire Department in
6 June of 2019 as a battalion chief for ocean safety with over
7 25 years of service. Prior to this career, I served in the
8 marine corps. So with over 30 years in uniform, I've been
9 exposed to, worked with a variety of management and leadership
10 styles, some good, some really good like Amos.

11 Whomever you select needs to at least professionally
12 manage the department; that's the basic job you're trying to
13 fill. There are several managers within Maui Fire Department
14 that can do management, but good management alone is not
15 enough. The chief needs to bring leadership. Now, there's a
16 difference between management and leadership, and to keep it
17 simple, my friend and fellow firefighter Vernon Patel put it
18 this way: You manage things, but you lead and inspire people.
19 Leadership's kind of an elusive idea, it's either there or
20 it's not. To be honest, Maui Fire could probably function
21 with just good management alone; we've been there, but it does
22 fall short of inspiring people, and I've seen it. We've also
23 seen Amos come to the front as training captain and take Maui
24 Fire from a good fire department to arguably the best fire
25 department in Hawaii. They came to us. His management skills

1 and leadership made that happen.

2 And by the way, Amos was only a captain when he
3 started to act like a chief officer and develop the Maui Fire
4 Department through the training programs that he brought to
5 us. As has been mentioned a couple of times this morning --

6 Sir? Did you say something?

7 CHAIR GINOZA: Oh, one more minute.

8 MR. McAFEE: Copy. Thank you.

9 In closing, my recommendation to fire chief position
10 is Amos Lonokailua-Hewett. His management abilities and
11 leadership style has been tested administratively and
12 operationally. Amos -- Amos is more than capable for the
13 position. I'm confident that Chief Amos will work tirelessly
14 for the Maui Fire and the Maui community if selected. Thank
15 you very much.

16 CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you, Kevin.

17 Does any commissioner have any questions for the
18 testifier?

19 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: No questions.

20 COMMISSIONER BURNS: No questions.

21 CHAIR GINOZA: All right. Seeing none, thank you.
22 Cory.

23 MS. VICENS: Chair, we have another caller who has
24 not identified themselves, but the last four digits we have is
25 4443.

1 Caller, if you would like to testify, please unmute
2 your audio. We're ready for your testimony.

3 MR. McAFEE: Those are the last four digits of my
4 phone. This is Kevin McAfee. I've already testified.

5 MS. VICENS: Thank you, Kevin.

6 Chair, it appears that we have no more testifiers.

7 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. This is -- sorry.

8 (Inaudible.)

9 COMMISSIONER ANDRION: Madam Secretary, it looks
10 like we have --

11 MS. VICENS: Chair, we have one more testifier, Ms.
12 Keani Rawlins-Fernandez would like to testify.

13 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. Go ahead, Councilmember.

14 MS. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha, Commissioners. My
15 name is Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. I am the council member from
16 Molokai, and I also serve as the council's budget committee
17 chair. I wanted to testify in support of acting Chief Brad
18 Ventura, and I wanted to cite two examples to support my
19 reasons for my position.

20 So, first, as the Molokai council member, we have
21 been working on relocating the Pukoo Fire Station for a number
22 of years, and it has been such a challenge because the east
23 side of Molokai has so many culturally sensitive areas. And
24 in 2019, they chose one area, and the community was divided
25 about whether to relocate to that location or not; and Chief

1 Ventura flew to Molokai right away for several meetings with
2 the community to discuss the concerns and to discuss potential
3 solutions, and he worked with us and was patient with the
4 community to find a solution that would be amenable to
5 everyone. And we have found that solution, and we've been
6 working very hard on the new location that we'll be relocating
7 the Pukoo Fire Station.

8 The second reason in this short time is as the
9 budget chair, I run budget sessions every year, and this past
10 year, former Chief Thyne had acting Chief Ventura take lead of
11 the department's budget presentation, and Chief Ventura
12 answered questions competently, fully, honestly, and it was --
13 he made it as painless as possible. Anyone who follows budget
14 knows how excruciating it can be, but it's -- it's really been
15 a pleasure to work with Chief Ventura, and I hope to continue
16 working with him to serve our community and to fund the
17 department's needs as well as work on any kind of potential
18 structural changes and opportunities to improve the
19 department. Mahalo.

20 CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you, Councilmember Rawlins-
21 Fernandez.

22 Does any commissioner have any questions for the
23 council member?

24 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: (Gesturing.)

25 CHAIR GINOZA: Yes, Gregg.

1 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: I thank you, Councilmember,
2 for joining us today and your testimony. And you could just
3 clarify, were you testifying on behalf of yourself as an
4 individual or on behalf of your professional career?

5 MS. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Well, I'm not testifying on
6 behalf of the council, for sure, so I guess as the council
7 member for Molokai.

8 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Okay, great. Thank you for
9 the clarity.

10 CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you.

11 Any other questions for the testifier?

12 (No response.)

13 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. Seeing none, thank you,
14 Councilmember Rawlins Fernandez.

15 MS. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo nui.

16 CHAIR GINOZA: Cory, do we have anybody else who
17 wishes to -- signed up who wishes to testify?

18 MS. VICENS: Chair, we have no more testifiers at
19 this time.

20 CHAIR GINOZA: All right. Thank you. I would like
21 to close public testimony for today and move on to interviews
22 for the two candidates that we have for fire chief. As was on
23 the agenda, we anticipate executive session, a closed
24 interview session, so I'd like to see if we could have a
25 motion to move pursuant to HRS 92.5(a)2 to have executive

1 session for the interviews.

2 COMMISSIONER ANDRION: So moved, Chair. This is
3 Dylan.

4 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. Thank you, Dylan.

5 Do I have a second?

6 COMMISSIONER BURNS: Second.

7 CHAIR GINOZA: Second, Dwight. Thank you.

8 So I'll just go down the line for -- see if we all
9 agree. So Vice Chair Vares.

10 VICE CHAIR VARES: I agree.

11 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. Gregg Lundberg.

12 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Agree.

13 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. Dwight Burns.

14 COMMISSIONER BURNS: Agree.

15 CHAIR GINOZA: Donna Sterling.

16 COMMISSIONER STERLING: (Inaudible.)

17 CHAIR GINOZA: I saw her say agree.

18 Max Kincaid, Jr. Max, agree?

19 COMMISSIONER KINCAID: Agree.

20 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. And Dylan Andrion.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDRION: Yes, agree.

22 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. So we will have an executive
23 session to go over interviews for the candidates. It is 9:05
24 a.m., and we will recess the meeting until 10:00 a.m., when we
25 will have executive session to have the interview for Mr. Amos

1 Lonokailua-Hewett.

2 Commissioners, could you arrive a few minutes early,
3 like five or ten minutes early, so that we can ensure that we
4 have everything set up for when Amos arrives for his -- for
5 his --

6 Oh, Cory.

7 MS. VICENS: Aloha, Chair. We will be bringing
8 the -- those who are remote as those in the conference room
9 into an executive session ourselves. So, Members, you don't
10 need to log into anything else. Ms. Sterling, Mr. --
11 Commissioner Andrion, as well as Max, we will be bringing you
12 into the room directly, and so hold on.

13 CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you, Cory.

14 Donna, do you have a question?

15 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Donna, you're still muted.

16 CHAIR GINOZA: You're still muted, Donna.

17 COMMISSIONER STERLING: How's that? How's that,
18 Chair?

19 CHAIR GINOZA: Yes. Okay. We can hear you.

20 COMMISSIONER STERLING: So thank you. I'm gonna
21 leave Kihei now and get to the room that everyone is speaking
22 from, so I'll be there a little early.

23 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay.

24 COMMISSIONER STERLING: That's all, Chair. Thank
25 you.

1 CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you.

2 Does any other commissioner have any questions or --
3 or, Cory, do you have a question?

4 MS. VICENS: So I just wanted to confirm the remote.
5 The participants who will be remote are Commissioner Andrion
6 and Commissioner Max? Do I have that correct?

7 CHAIR GINOZA: And Punahеле as well.

8 MS. VICENS: Has she joined, Chair?

9 CHAIR GINOZA: She hasn't joined yet, but she will
10 join, so there will be three commissioners who will call in
11 remotely.

12 MS. VICENS: Okay. Thank you.

13 CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you. Okay. No other comments?
14 The meeting will -- the fire and public safety commission
15 meeting is in recess at 9:08 a.m., reconvening at 10:00 a.m.

16 (Pause in Proceedings: 9:08 a.m.-2:30 p.m.)

17 CHAIR GINOZA: Good afternoon, everyone. It is 2:30
18 in the afternoon on September 15th. I'd like to reconvene in
19 open session for the Maui Fire and Public Safety Commission.
20 My name is Kyle Ginoza. And let me do a roll call of
21 everybody present at the meeting.

22 Vice Chair Lisa Vares.

23 VICE CHAIR VARES: Present.

24 CHAIR GINOZA: Gregg Lundberg.

25 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Present.

1 CHAIR GINOZA: Dwight Burns.

2 COMMISSIONER BURNS: Present.

3 CHAIR GINOZA: Donna Sterling.

4 COMMISSIONER STERLING: Here.

5 CHAIR GINOZA: Punahuele Alcon.

6 COMMISSIONER ALCON: Present.

7 CHAIR GINOZA: Max Kincaid, Jr. Max, are you there?

8 (No response.)

9 CHAIR GINOZA: Dylan Andrion. You're on mute.

10 COMMISSIONER ANDRION: Present, Chair. Mahalo.

11 CHAIR GINOZA: Max, are you there?

12 COMMISSIONER ALCON: He's there. He's on mute,

13 though, I think.

14 CHAIR GINOZA: Oh. Max, can you get off mute and

15 acknowledge?

16 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Yeah, he's on. He's --

17 COMMISSIONER KINCAID: Okay.

18 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. Thank you. So we have eight

19 members of the fire commission present.

20 So let's move on to the -- on the -- we're on agenda

21 item appointment of the fire chief. Could I have a motion --

22 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Mr. Chair, can I make a

23 motion?

24 CHAIR GINOZA: Oh, sure, Gregg.

25 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: I make a motion that we

1 bring forward the two candidates for the fire chief position
2 into open session for discussion.

3 CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you. Do I have a second?

4 COMMISSIONER BURNS: Second.

5 VICE CHAIR VARES: Second.

6 CHAIR GINOZA: Second by Dwight. Motion by Gregg,
7 second by Dwight. So, discussion? So, Gregg, so we have an
8 open motion, like to have discussion on the item. Anybody
9 have any comments they'd like to share?

10 COMMISSIONER ANDRION: (Inaudible.)

11 CHAIR GINOZA: Dylan, you're on mute.

12 COMMISSIONER ANDRION: Commissioner Lundberg, are
13 you asking that the two candidates join us for a discussion
14 right now or that we're -- we're discussing their names for
15 selection?

16 CHAIR GINOZA: No, we're just asking for -- he's
17 just putting the two names for discussion, and we're --

18 COMMISSIONER ANDRION: Okay.

19 CHAIR GINOZA: And we're gonna vote from there which
20 of the two names each commissioner would -- will select.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDRION: Perfect. Thank you, Chair.

22 MR. MURAI: We should probably restate the motion
23 just to make it clear. I believe, Mr. Chair, that the motion
24 as posed by Commissioner Lundberg is to advance the names of
25 the two applicants for consideration to be selected as chief.

1 And so upon full -- upon that vote, after the commissioners
2 have had a chance to discuss the matter, one of the two will
3 be selected.

4 Is that correct, Commissioner Lundberg?

5 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Yes.

6 MR. MURAI: Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER BURNS: Yes.

8 MR. MURAI: So the discussion will be on both
9 candidates.

10 CHAIR GINOZA: Correct. So commissioners now have
11 the opportunity to provide any comments on either of the
12 candidates if they so wish.

13 VICE CHAIR VARES: Chair.

14 CHAIR GINOZA: Yes, Vice Chair Vares.

15 VICE CHAIR VARES: When we started this process, I
16 believe it was back in May, we opened up discussion regarding
17 any of the candidates even before they were -- before they
18 were actually put themselves forth as candidates to talk to
19 any firefighters, ocean safety members, members of the
20 community, and we've spent hours talking to the public,
21 talking to the firefighters themselves, getting a feel for
22 what the community wants in their -- in their chief. And the
23 two candidates that we ended up on provided excellent
24 information, lots and lots of resources, were wide open to
25 discussion, and to provide whatever they wanted for us. So

1 this process has been much, much longer than just today's
2 public testimony, last Wednesday's public testimony, and
3 today's two-hour interviews with each candidate.

4 But that being said, I don't need any more
5 discussion, I think I've made my decision. I'll leave it to
6 the rest. Anybody else?

7 CHAIR GINOZA: Does any other commissioner have any
8 desire to provide comment?

9 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Mr. Chair, I'm ready to make
10 the decision whenever you are.

11 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. So I -- seeing no request to
12 provide additional comment, I'm just gonna do a roll call
13 vote.

14 COMMISSIONER ANDRION: Mr. Chair.

15 CHAIR GINOZA: Go ahead.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDRION: So sorry, I was on mute. I
17 just wanted to take the opportunity, and I know I share this
18 on behalf of the entire commission, to thank the public who
19 have spent time and energy to provide written testimony as
20 well as in-person testimony or virtual testimony and to
21 encourage the public in that all those things were absolutely
22 considered. I know for myself, and I believe on behalf of the
23 other commissioners, all of those accounts were deliberated on
24 and considered for our decision today. And to also thank both
25 candidates for making their names available and being of

1 service to their community, and allowing us to be a part of
2 this decision-making process today. I feel I'm ready to make
3 the decision also, and I'm basing it on what I feel I've
4 received through the interviews today as well as all the
5 testimonies that have been submitted and what's best for the
6 department, especially in the times that we're in, in order to
7 carry it to the next level. So thank you so much, Chair.

8 CHAIR GINOZA: Thank you. And I'm sure every other
9 commissioner echoes your comments, so thank you.

10 So I'm gonna do a roll call vote, and when I call
11 your name, I'm asking that you state whether you are voting
12 for Chief Amos or Chief Brad to be appointed as fire chief.
13 Everybody clear on that?

14 COMMISSIONER STERLING: Yes.

15 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. Vice Chair Vares.

16 VICE CHAIR VARES: Chief Brad Ventura.

17 CHAIR GINOZA: Gregg Lundberg.

18 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: Chief Brad Ventura.

19 CHAIR GINOZA: Dwight Burns.

20 COMMISSIONER BURNS: Chief Brad Ventura.

21 CHAIR GINOZA: Donna Sterling.

22 COMMISSIONER STERLING: Chief Brad Ford venture.

23 CHAIR GINOZA: Punahuele Alcon.

24 COMMISSIONER ALCON: Chief Brad Ventura.

25 CHAIR GINOZA: Max Kincaid, Jr.

1 COMMISSIONER KINCAID: Chief Brad Ventura.

2 CHAIR GINOZA: Dylan Andiron.

3 COMMISSIONER ANDRION: Chief Brad Ventura.

4 MR. MURAI: Mr. Chair, so far, it appears that the
5 vote is seven in favor of Bradford Ventura and, therefore, you
6 do not need to vote unless -- your vote is not required.

7 CHAIR GINOZA: Okay. So congratulations, Chief
8 Bradford Ventura.

9 Thank you all for engaging in the process. We had
10 two fine finalists, and we thoroughly enjoyed participating in
11 the process, and I thank everyone for their role in the
12 process, and we look forward to continued great expectations
13 being met for the Maui Fire and Public Safety Department.

14 MR. MURAI: He needs to be sworn.

15 CHAIR GINOZA: Is there any comment? Any comment by
16 commissioners that they want to provide about the process or
17 the candidates before we adjourn?

18 COMMISSIONER LUNDBERG: I'd like to say -- say a
19 special shout out to you, Mr. Chair, and to your Vice Chair
20 Lisa, you know, you guys did a great job keeping us aligned,
21 keeping us straightforward, and keeping us out of trouble, so
22 thank you very much.

23 VICE CHAIR VARES: Thanks, guys.

24 CHAIR GINOZA: Any other comments from
25 commissioners?

1 COMMISSIONER STERLING: Thank you, Commissioners.

2 CHAIR GINOZA: All right. Seeing none, thank you
3 very much, everyone, for your participation in the process.
4 And it is 2:40 p.m. on September 15th, and I'd like to adjourn
5 the fire and public safety meeting for today. Please,
6 everyone, have a great day. Thank you.

7 (The proceedings were adjourned at 2:40 p.m.)

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