

TRANSCRIPTION

Council of the County of Maui on 2023-01-02 2:00 PM - Organizational Meeting

HERE TODAY TO TESTIFY ON ITEM 23-1. I WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND THAT COUNCIL MEMBER KEANI RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ REMAIN AS THE BUDGET CHAIR. JUST DUE TO THE FACT THAT I THINK SHE IS THE ONLY ONE THAT CAN UNDERSTAND NOT ONLY WHAT IS HAPPENING HERE ON MAUI, BUT WHAT IS HAPPENING ON MOLOKA'I. AND THAT IS MY BIGGEST REASON WHY I'M SUPPORTING HER. SO MAHALO FOR YOUR TIME. >> THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR. ANY QUESTIONS FOR THE TESTIFIER? THANK YOU VERY MUCH.\r\n\r\n>> ALOHA, MAI KAKOU. MY NAME IS JOSIAH CHIN, BORN AND RAISED ON MOLOKA'I. CONGRATULATIONS, COUNCIL MEMBERS AND MAHALO FOR THE OPPORTUNITY. I WANTED TO SUBMIT TESTIMONY FOR KEANI MAINTAINING HER SEAT. MOLOKA'I IS PART OF MAUI COUNTY, BUT WE HAVE BEEN SET FACED WITH A DIVERSE SET OF CHALLENGES, A MICROCOSM, AND ISSUES THAT PROBABLY FACED OTHER COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE A LONG TIME AGO, THAT WE'RE ENCOUNTERING NOW, AND TRYING TO NAVIGATE THE FUTURE, AND IT'S SCARY AT TIMES WHEN IT COMES TO DEVELOPMENT, LOSS OF CULTURE, CONNECTION TO PLACE, VARIETIES OF THINGS, AND WE JUST FEEL THAT HAVING A COMMUNITY MEMBER FROM WITHIN THE COMMUNITY, WHO IS PRIVY TO OUR LIFESTYLE, THE THINGS THAT WE ENJOY, THE THINGS THAT WE AS A COMMUNITY AND A PEOPLE HOPE TO SEE AND BE ABLE TO PRESERVE FOR THE FUTURE. OUR BEST HOPES LAY IN INDIVIDUALS LIKE KEANI, WHO ARE TRULY, TRULY ROOTED IN THEIR COMMUNITIES, AND WE JUST KAKOU HER AND ALL LIKE-MINDED INDIVIDUALS. MAHALO FOR YOUR TIME AND THE EFFORTS YOU ARE ALL INVESTING INTO BENEFITING ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES AS A WHOLE. THAT IS JUST MY MANA'O. MAHALO NUI.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. ANY QUESTIONS FOR THIS WITNESS? TESTIFIER? ALL RIGHT, SEEING NONE. >> ALOHA MAYOR. VERY INTERESTING SEEING YOU UP THERE. >> YOU GOT TO LOOK AT IT FROM THIS SIDE.\r\n\r\n>> CONGRATULATIONS, COUNCIL MEMBERS. THE FIRST THING I WANT TO DO, BESIDES SAYING CONGRATULATIONS, IS TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO SHOW SOME LEADERSHIP. WE REALLY NEED LEADERSHIP IN MAUI RIGHT NOW, AND WE DON'T HAVE A CHAIR IN THE COUNCIL. SO I'M REALLY HOPING TODAY THAT YOU CAN GIVE US A COUNCIL CHAIR, SO WE CAN MOVE FORWARD AND NOT WAIT FOR SOME JUDGE SOMEPLACE TO LEAD MAUI COUNTY. SO WE ARE RELYING ON YOU AND YOU CAN DO IT TODAY, IF YOU WANT TO DO IT TODAY. WE'RE ENCOURAGING YOU TO DO IT TODAY. FIND US -- I DON'T THINK -- IT'S CONFUSING TO SEE THE MAYOR UP THERE, TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH.\r\n\r\nSO SHOW US SOME LEADERSHIP AND LET'S HAVE A COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON TODAY. THE SECOND THING I WANTED TO DO IS LET YOU KNOW ABOUT THE ISLAND OF MOLOKA'I. WE HAVE BEEN PLAYING DEFENSE FOR APPROXIMATELY 40 YEARS NOW, BECAUSE WE HAVE A FOREIGN LANDOWNER WHO OWNS ONE-THIRD OF OUR ISLAND AND THEY WANT IT TO GO ONE WAY AND THE ISLAND WANTS IT GO OTHER WAY. WE WANT TO GO IN A DIRECTION THAT WE ALL AGREE ON MOLOKA'I, AND WE'RE READY TO DO THAT. WE'RE WAITING FOR KEANI TO FINISH HER LAW DEGREE, AND TO COME INTO THE COUNTY COUNCIL. SO SHE CAN SHOW LEADERSHIP AND HOPING ONE DAY SHE IS GOING TO BE THE MAYOR OF MOLOKA'I AND NOT MAUI COUNTY, BUT MOLOKA'I. SO SHE SHOWED US A LOT OF LEADERSHIP IN DOING THE COMMITTEE THAT IS REALLY HARD TO DO, THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. AND NORMALLY THERE'S A LOT OF BATTLES THAT GOES ON BEHIND THE DOORS AND ALL KINDS OF STUFF. SHE DID AN EXCELLENT JOB AND THERE WAS NO REAL BIG BLOWUPS OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT.\r\n\r\nSO WE'RE HERE FROM MOLOKA'I TO ENCOURAGE YOUR LESSONS LEARNED TO GET MOLOKA'I IN THE DIRECTION TO GO, BEING ONE COUNTY. SO I'M HERE TO PUSH THE ISSUE OF HAVING HER CONTINUE AS THE BUDGET CHAIR AND WE HOPE ALL OF YOU WILL SUPPORT THAT. MAHALO NUI. >> MAHALO. ANY QUESTIONS? THANK YOU, SIR. ANYONE ELSE NEEDING TO CATCH THE RETURN TO MOLOKA'I? WE'LL CONTINUE.\r\n\r\n>> HELLO EVERYONE. ANY NAME IS KEISA LIU AND I'M HERE TO TESTIFY ON 23-1, ON MY OWN BEHALF, ON MY OWN TIME. I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO SAY THINGS NICELY. SOMETIMES I'M REALLY BAD AT THAT AND I GET IN TROUBLE FOR

THAT SOMETIMES. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I AM NOTICING AS I'M LOOKING OUT, I SEE A LOT OF COLONIZED INDIVIDUALS, WHO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE POWER, AND DO SOME THINGS THAT I DON'T THINK ARE OKAY. I SAY THIS, BECAUSE I AM CONCERNED FOR OUR FUTURE. THAT IS REALITY.\r\n\r\nI'M ACTUALLY CONCERNED FOR OUR FUTURE. I AM NOT SURE IF SOME OF THE PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THAT THE WORK THAT THEY ARE DOING RIGHT NOW MAY NOT AFFECT US IN NEXT 10-20 YEARS, BUT MAYBE A BIT LATER FOR OUR CHILDREN. I'M NOT SURE IF PEOPLE UNDERSTAND WHAT EXISTS -- AND PART OF THE REASON IS BECAUSE MAYBE THEY DIDN'T GROW UP THE WAY THAT WE DID, WHERE THERE IS SUCH A THING AS STUDENT DEBT, OR THERE'S SUCH A THING AS HOUSING PRICES OUT OF OUR REACH, WHERE THERE'S SUCH A THING AS THE END OF SOCIAL SECURITY, AND IT ENDS IN 2037. I WILL BE 51 AND I'M A GERIATRIC MILLENNIAL. WHEN IT COMES TO THE COUNCIL CHAIR, I WANT TO SEE SOMEBODY WHO CAN UNDERSTAND THAT A LITTLE BIT MORE DEEPLY OF THE I WANT TO SEE SOMEBODY WHO IS UP HERE, BECAUSE THEY REALLY DO CARE ABOUT THE FUTURE, AND NOT WHAT THEY WERE TOLD AS CHILDREN, WE'RE GOING TO BE THE FUTURE, AND THEN JUST SAID THAT, BUT ACTUALLY LOOKED AND PAID ATTENTION. I KNOW NATURALLY THE SUCCESSION FOR THE CHAIR WOULD BE THE VICE-CHAIR, WHICH IS KEANI RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> TWO MINUTES. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\nBUT I THINK MAYBE THE RESIDENTS FROM MOLOKA'I ARE RIGHT, SHE SHOULD CONTINUE IN THE BUDGET SEAT AS CHAIR AND DID A GOOD JOB AND WHO I MIGHT RECOMMEND INSTEAD IS TAMARA PALTIN. MAHALO. >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ANY QUESTIONS FOR THIS TESTIFIER? ALL RIGHT, SEEING NONE, THANK YOU. >> AARON ARMSTRONG, FOLLOW BY SAM SMALL. >> ALOHA MAI KAKOU.\r\n\r\nMY NAME IS AARON ARMSTRONG. I'M A RESIDENT OF HAIKU. CONGRATULATIONS ON EVERYONE BEING IN THE SEATS. THE HOT SEATS. I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT COMFORTABLE PEOPLE DON'T SOLVE REAL PROBLEMS, SO I HOPE THERE'S A SENSE OF REAL PRESSURE IN THE ROOM, REAL PROBLEMS TO SOLVE. SO I'M GOING TO READ FROM MY PHONE, JUST SO I HIT THE MAIN POINTS. I'M PRESENTING TESTIMONY ON RESOLUTION 23-1, AND 23-4 MAINLY.\r\n\r\nSO APOLOGIES IF IT SOUNDS SEMI ROBOTIC AS I READ FROM MY PHONE. REAL CHANGE IS STRUCTURALLY CHANGE AND MEANS WHOMEVER SITS IN THE CHAIR FUNDAMENTALLY MATTERS, WHICH I AM HERE. I HEARD A RUMOR AND JUST A RUMOR ABOUT THE POTENTIAL STRUCTURE OF THE COUNCIL, BUT IT WAS ENOUGH, IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO BE IN A RED-FLAG LIKE WE SHOULD SHOW UP. SO WE ARE HERE TODAY. I WAS IN THE RACE, AND I MET A LOT OF YOU, AND I REALLY APPRECIATE -- I HAD A GOOD TIME GETTING TO KNOW YOU AT WEST MAUI TAXPAYER ASSOCIATION. I BELIEVE THAT WE'RE ALL PART OF THE SYSTEM CALLED MAUI NUI UNITED. I WAS LUCKY ENOUGH TO RECEIVE 1800 VOTES IN THE PRIMARY AND SHARE AND PUT ON THE RECORD THAT I WILL BE DEDICATING 180 HOURS OF SERVICE TO YOU, COUNCIL.\r\n\r\nAS A VISUAL FACILITATOR AND DESIGN THINKER AND WHATEVER ELSE YOU WANT, IF YOU WANT ME TO DO FARMING, I CAN DO THAT, TOO. YEAH, SO I'M HERE TO LOMI THE SYSTEM AND I -- IT'S BEEN A BIG-NAME, BUT IF YOU HULI THE SYSTEM, THE SYSTEM MIGHT HULI YOU. SO I'M HERE TO MASSAGE THE SYSTEM AND SEE IF WE CAN IMPROVE THE WAY THINGS ARE RUNNING. ONE THING I WOULD LOVE TO SEE MORE IS THE BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN THE COUNCIL AND TESTIFIERS. SO I DID A LITTLE THING WITH CHAT GPT A PROGRAM AND ASKED WHO IS COUNCIL MEMBER AND WHO IS CHAIR? >> TWO MINUTES. >> IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE, I CAN SHARE THAT WITH YOU.\r\n\r\nIF YOU DON'T, I WILL JUST BE MELLOW TO YOU. >> MR. MAYOR, MY APOLOGIES. THE NEXT TESTIFIER ON 23-1 WOULD BE LUCIENNE DE NAIE, FOLLOWED BY PAMELA TUMPAP. >> ANY QUESTIONS FOR MR. ARMSTRONG? >> IT'S CALLED, "THE DEFINED PRINCIPLES." I CAN EMAIL IT TO YOU, AND ALSO QUESTIONS THAT ARE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS, BESIDES THE PRINCIPLES.\r\n\r\n>> MAHALO. UNLESS YOU ARE FROM MOLOKA'I AND ON A TIME CRUNCH, WE'RE GOING BACK TO TESTIFIERS ON 23-1. >> LOAM KAKOU. >> ALOHA. >> CONGRATULATIONS. THAT WAS A BEAUTIFUL CEREMONY. ALWAYS LOVE IT WHEN KATHY HAS A HAND IN THINGS. SHE MAKES EVERYTHING FUN.\r\n\r\nI'M HERE TO TESTIFY, LUCIENNE DE NAIE JUST TESTIFYING ON MY OWN BEHALF ON RESOLUTION 23-1, ELECTING THE CHAIR OF THE

COUNCIL. AND OF COURSE, THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO HAVE A CHAIR. WE DO HAVE SOME INTERIM THINGS THAT NEED TO BE DECIDED BY THE COURTS, BUT I AGREE WITH MR. REIDY, IT WOULD BE GOOD TO APPOINT AN INTERIM PERSON TODAY, HOWEVER WE CAN GET MOVING? AND I THINK WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE ON THIS COUNCIL, WHO HAVE SHOWN LEADERSHIP ABILITY, HAVE HAD EXPERIENCE THAT COULD SERVE THAT ROLE. CERTAINLY IT WOULD BE PRECEDENT TO HAVE THE VICE-CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL STEP UP TO CHAIR. WHETHER THAT WOULD MAKE SENSE IN THE INTERIM OR NOT, I WOULD LEAVE TO YOUR WISDOM.\r\n\r\nREALLY URGE YOU TO TAKE EFFECTIVE ACTION TODAY, BECAUSE THE PEOPLE ARE REALLY EXPECTING THIS MAYOR, THIS COUNCIL TO, YOU KNOW, GET TO WORK, AND THERE'S LOTS TO DO AS WE SAW WITH LAST YEAR. SO YOU HAVE ALL DONE A GREAT JOB, THOSE OF YOU WHO WERE HERE LAST YEAR, AND THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE JOINING THE COUNCIL NEW WORKED VERY HARD DURING THE CAMPAIGN. SO WE KNOW YOU CAN GET. LET'S GET TO IT. MAHALO. >> ANY QUESTIONS FOR MS. DE NAIE?\r\n\r\n>> MAYOR BISSEN, I ASSUME ON THE OTHER ITEMS WE'LL COME BACK WHEN THEY ARE CALLED. >> CORRECT. >> THANK YOU. >> NO QUESTIONS. I'M SORRY, WHO WAS THE NEXT TESTIFIER. >> THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS PAMELA TUMPAP, FOLLOWED BY JUNYA NAKOA. >> ALOHA MAYOR BISSEN AND COUNCIL MEMBERS.\r\n\r\nFIRST, CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL AND VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR. THIS IS CLEARLY AN UNPRECEDENTED START TO THE COUNCIL TERM TO ONLY HAVE EIGHT MEMBERS ON THE COUNCIL CURRENTLY WHEN YOU NEED TO CONDUCT MAUI COUNTY'S BUSINESS STARTING TODAY. WE REALIZE IT'S A CHALLENGE AND KNOW YOU HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT IT AND WORKING ON IT. WE REALLY WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU AND THE RETURNING MEMBERS, AND NEWLY-ELECTED MEMBERS TO THE MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL TO WORK TOGETHER, BE THE STATES PERSONS YOU WERE ELECTED TO BE FOR A WORKABLE SOLUTION. FOR US, WE FEEL THE BEST SOLUTION TO APPOINT AN INTERIM CHAIR UNTIL THE HAWAI'I SUPREME COURT MAKES A DECISION, OR UNTIL MARCH 17, 2023, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST. THE REASON WE'RE SUGGESTING MARCH 17, 2023, SO THE COUNCIL CAN START THE BUDGET PROCESS WITHOUT INTERRUPTION. THIS IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TIME AND IF FOR SOME REASON, THE HAWAI'I SUPREME COURT DECISION.\r\n\r\nWE'RE WATCHING IT AT THE NATIONAL-LEVEL AND RECOVERING FROM COVID AND HAVE TO MAKE BIG DECISIONS ABOUT OUR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND WHERE WE'RE GOING, AND OUR DIVERSIFICATION, AND SUSTAINABILITY AT COUNTY, STATE AND NATIONAL-LEVELS. SO WE JUST WANT TO ASK THAT YOU WORK TOGETHER. THIS IS ABOUT CREATING SOMETHING SO THAT WE CAN MOVE FORWARD TODAY, AND WE SUGGEST THAT RESOLUTION 23-1 BE CHANGED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI THAT THE HONORABLE WHOEVER IS SELECTED BE AND HEREBY ELECTED INTERIM CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI FOR A TERM COMMENCING JANUARY 2ND, 2023, 12 :00 MERIDIAN OR WHEN THE ISSUE OF THE WAILUKU SEAT ELECTION IS RESOLVED, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST. WE'LL SUBMIT THIS IN WRITING, BUT WE APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT TODAY, AND I ASK THAT YOU ALL FIND A WAY TO COME TO A GOOD SOLUTION ON THIS MEASURE. MAHALO. >> THANK YOU, MS. TUMPAP.\r\n\r\nANY QUESTIONS FOR THIS TESTIFIER? MEMBER PALTIN. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. THANK YOU, MS. TUMPAP FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. I WAS JUST WANTING TO CLARIFY, IF THE CHAIR CAN BE CHANGED AT ANY TIME WITH FIVE VOTES DO YOU STILL NEED THE RESOLUTION TO BE AMENDED TO SAY "INTERIM?" >> WELL WE FELT IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE AN INTERIM CHAIR, YES, RIGHT NOW WE DON'T KNOW IF IT'S GOING TO BE POSSIBLE. WE HAVE GOT A NEW GROUP.\r\n\r\nWE'RE HEARING SOME THINGS THAT SAY THERE'S DIVISION, AND SO WE DO WANT TO CHANGE THE RESOLUTION, BECAUSE IF WE CAN'T COME TO FIVE VOTES THEN WE'RE AT STALEMATE AND THAT IS A PROBLEM. SO WE NEED TO GET ON WITH THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNTY. SO WE FEEL THAT AN INTERIM CHAIR WILL HELP, AND WE'RE UNDERSTANDING THE COURTS ARE BACKLOGGED AND NEED COURT RESOLUTION ON THIS AS WELL. >> MAHALO FOR YOUR CLARIFICATION. >> THANK YOU. HAPPY NEW YEAR. >> ARE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FOR MS.\r\n\r\nTUMPAP? SEEING NONE, THANK YOU. NEXT TESTIFIER. >> NEXT TESTIFIER IS JUNYA NAKOA. >> HAPPY NEW YEAR. HOW ARE YOU COUSIN? YOU GO UP

THERE?

THIS IS SCREWED UP. YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN? FIRST DAY ON THE JOB, WE'RE ALREADY BEHIND THE 8-BALL. OUR COUNCIL ONLY HAS TWO YEARS. NOW WITH INTERIM, INTERIM, WHATEVER? US GUYS -- US, THE PEOPLE, WE'RE RIPPED OFF. WHAT KIND OF ACTION IS GOING TO HAPPEN?

AS EVERYONE WAS SAYING WE NEED A CHAIRMAN TODAY, TODAY. WHOEVER CAN BE THE CHAIRMAN, THAT IS IN OFFICE RIGHT NOW, MAKE THEM CHAIRMAN. NO OFFERING WE'RE YOU KNOW WHAT? THE COUNTY CLERK, HOW MUCH HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS COST US? WE'RE GETTING RIPPED OFF, THE PEOPLE. TOTALLY PISSED OFF. YEAH.

THIS IS JUNK, BRAH, OKAY? WE THE PEOPLE OF MAUI ARE GETTING SCREWED AGAIN. AGAIN. WAKE UP, GUYS. VOTE THE CHAIRMAN TODAY. YOU CAN GET TO WORK, BECAUSE YOU GET ONLY TWO YEARS AND YOU HAVE TO CRACK YOUR OKOLE AND MAKE STUFF HAPPEN. MAKE SURE THE CHAIRPERSON TODAY, AND I'M GOING TO TALK ABOUT EVERY SINGLE, EVERY SINGLE COMMITTEE, BECAUSE YOU GUYS ARE GOING TO JAM UP OUR COMMITTEES.

THE HOUSING COMMITTEE IS MOST IMPORTANT AND HOW ARE YOU GOING TO SUPPORT AFFORDABLE HOMES? I'M GOING TO SPEAK FOR MY BROTHER GABE JOHNSON. HE BUSTS HIS OKOLE, SO WE CAN TAKE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I HATE AMERICA -- YOU KNOW, HE SHOULD BE THE HOUSING -- CHAIRPERSON SHOULD BE KEANI RAWLINS RIGHT NOW AND NOT WAIT AROUND FOR ALICE LEE BUGGER, MAKING THIS KIND OF APPOINTMENT, OH, MY GOSH. PUT DA KINE PEOPLE? >> MAYOR? >> WE'RE GETTING RIPPED OFF.

SO RIPPED OFF. DON'T RIP US OFF. WE ONLY GET TWO YEARS. GET US A COUNTY COUNCIL NOW. >> THANK YOU, MR. NAKOA. ALOHA.

ANY QUESTIONS? ARE YOU SURE? NO QUESTIONS. ALL RIGHT. >> KY MOKU KAPU, THE LAST PERSON WE HAVE SIGNED UP FOR RESOLUTION 23-1. >> ALOHA MAI KAKOU. I DIDN'T KNOW I WOULD BE FOLLOWING THIS GUY, HARD ACT TO FOLLOW, BUT I WILL TRY. FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME THE NEWLY-ELECTED COUNCIL PEOPLE.

MAHALO. MAHALO FOR TAKING THE OPPORTUNITY TO STEP UP TO THE PLATE, BECAUSE WE REALLY NEED IT. I HOPE WE CAN COME BASICALLY TOGETHER TO SOLVE OR RESOLVE A LOT OF ISSUES WE HAVE BEEN FACING FOR A LONG TIME. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF MAUI AND MY KULEANA IS TO KIND OF OUTREACH TO ALL OF THE 12 MOKUS THROUGHOUT MAUI. MY RESPONSIBILITIES ARE TO WHATEVER CORRESPONDENCE I GET FROM THE COUNTY, AS WELL AS THE STATE, AND IN THE FEDERAL-LEVEL. TO TRY TO HELP IN THE PLAYING-FIELD TO GET THE INFORMATION ACROSS, WHEN IT COMES TO GENERATIONAL KNOWLEDGE. ONE PERSON THAT WAS HIGHLY INVOLVED IN THAT THROUGHOUT THE PAST FROM 2011 IS COUNCIL MEMBER SHANE SINENCI.

SO HE KNOWS BASICALLY WHAT THE HA MOKU SYSTEM IS ALL ABOUT. BECAUSE THAT GAVE BIRTH FROM MOLOKA'I, IN HEIAU CALLED PAKUI, AND IT WAS WHAT BROUGHT OUT THIS METHODOLOGY ON WHY IT WAS IMPORTANT TO GET WITH THE COMMUNITY AND HOW THE COMMUNITY CAN HELP WITH A LOT OF THE TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS WE'RE FACING WHEN IT COMES TO LAND, OCEAN, RESOURCES MANAGEMENT, WATER, ALL THESE THINGS. SO OUR KULEANA IS BASICALLY GREAT. MY WIFE IS THE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE MOKU LAHAINA DISTRICT. WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK WE HAVE DONE THROUGHOUT OF YEARS FROM 2011, 2012 AND ABERCROMBIE SIGNED INTO THE ACT OF THE MOKU ADVISORY COUNCIL, WHICH NO LONGER EXISTS. THE REASON WHY I BRING THIS FORWARD TO ALL OF YOU IS BECAUSE WE STILL ARE ACTIVE. MAUI, AS WELL AS MOLOKA'I, TRULY 100% ACTIVE.

AS PERTAINING TO THE DILEMMA YOU ARE DEALING WITH RIGHT NOW, PERTAINING TO THE CHAIR. I THINK MR. BISSEN LOOKS LIKE A PRIME OPPORTUNITY AND EXAMPLE TO SERVE AS THE CHAIR UNTIL SUCH A TIME WHEN THIS BODY MAKES THE RIGHT DETERMINATION WHO WOULD STEP FORWARD TO CHAIR. MAHALO ALL OF YOU. AND TO ASSURE THAT WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN HERE, AND WE WILL BE HERE ALWAYS TO TRY TO HELP ASSIST IN ANY WAY THAT YOU GUYS NEED SOME KIND OF SUPPORT. YOU CAN FIND US IN MOKU.ORG, AS WELL AS LATER ON, I CAN GIVE YOU ON WHAT WE'RE ALL ABOUT. MAHALO KAKOU.

ALPHA. >> ANY QUESTIONS? NO QUESTIONS. MAHALO. ARE THERE ANY OTHERS WHO HAVE NOT SIGNED UP YET THAT WOULD WISH TO TESTIFY? >> MR. MAYOR, WE DO HAVE AN ADDITIONAL TESTIFIER ON RESOLUTION 23-1. >> IS KEALOHA PRESENT OR ON BLUEJEANS?

>> KEALOHA, IT'S YOUR

OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY. PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF, AND YOU MAY BEGIN YOUR TESTIMONY. >> KEANI. SEE I KNEW YOU WOULD WIN KEANI. HI EVERYBODY. I'M KEALOHA LI MORA AND EVERYBODY MOS ME, THAT IS WHY THEY ARE CALL KICKING BACK BECAUSE THEY KNOW I'M A GOOD, REGISTERED VOTER. I'M HERE TO TESTIFY TO SAY THAT KEANI RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ NEEDS TO BE OUR BUDGET CHAIR, AND I AM -- YOU CAN PUT A LITTLE TALLY MARK SAYING THAT SHE NEEDS TO BE THE CHAIR.\r\n\r\nSHE NEEDS TO DO HER THING, BECAUSE SHE IS VERY GOOD AT IT. THAT IS HER GIFT. THAT IS MY TESTIMONY. I REALLY APPRECIATE EVERYBODY, AND I'M WAVING AT YOU GUYS. KEANI, YOU LOOK BEAUTIFUL. I WILL TALK-STORY LATER. HUI HOU, BYE-BYE.\r\n\r\n>> ANY QUESTIONS FOR MS. LI MORA? SEEING NONE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> MR. MAYOR, >> THANK YOU. >> AT THIS TIME THERE ARE NO OTHER INDIVIDUALS SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY ON RESOLUTION 23-1. IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY AT THIS TIME ON THAT SPECIFIC RESOLUTION, PLEASE IDENTIFY YOURSELF. THIS IS THE LAST CALL.\r\n\r\n>> PLEASE COME TO THE MINOR MICROPHONE. THANK YOU. >> J.C. LAU. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS, NICE TO MEET YOU. I'M GLAD EVERYONE IS HERE INSTEAD OF BEING ON TV. GOING BACK TO THE LAST CHARTER AMENDMENT, THERE WAS WITH THE CITY/COUNTY MANAGERS AND LOOKS LIKE WE SHOULD HAVE WENT WITH THE COUNTY MANAGER SYSTEM AND LET THE MAYOR ON THE COUNTY COUNCIL AFTER ALL. I HAVE A POINT OF ORDER, MR.\r\n\r\nMAYOR, ON THE AGENDA. I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO FOLLOW COUNCIL MEETINGS AND I WAS KIND OF TAKEN ABACK AT THIS LATEST CIRCUMSTANCES WITH ALICE, AUNTIE ALICE. SO WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND YOU BEING A LAWYER, AND TO MENTION QUEEN LILI'UOKALANI AND TO DO THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO HAWAI'I ALSO WHILE WE'RE SAYING THAT? I WOULD LIKE TO SEE -- I WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE MY UPCOUNTRY COUNCILWOMAN YUKI LEI SUGIMURA FOR COUNCIL CHAIR. >> ANY QUESTIONS FOR THE TESTIFIER? NO QUESTIONS. IS THERE ANYONE ELSE PRESENT OR ON BLUEJEANS THAT WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY ON 23-1? >> I WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY.\r\n\r\n>> WE HAVE FAITH CHASE SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY ON RESOLUTION 23-1 AND LOOKS LIKE MR. BALINBIN MAY WANT TO TESTIFY ON THE SAME RESOLUTION. >> AND ALSO -- WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY AS WELL. >> WHY DON'T WE GO IN THE ORDER THAT YOU HAVE, MADAM CLERK. WHAT WAS THE NAME OF THE FIRST PERSON? >> FAITH CHASE. FOLLOWED BY MR.\r\n\r\nBALINBIN. >> ALOHA. ALOHA. >> ALOHA. >> CHAIR MAYOR, ALOHA COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS. NEWLY-ELECTED AND RETURNING. MY NAME IS FAITH CHASE.\r\n\r\nI'M SORRY I MISSED THE CEREMONIES, BUT CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE. AND JUST WITH THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WE HAVE ARRIVED AT, I GUESS MAUI HAS NEVER BEEN WITHOUT THOSE INTERSECTIONS OF CONTROVERSY. I BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF -- I BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF THE PEOPLE, BUT I BELIEVE IN THE INTELLIGENCE OF THIS COLLECTIVE GROUP. I HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING ALL OF YOUR WORK, OTHER THAN TWO NEW MEMBERS FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS. I KNOW YOU CAN MUSCLE THROUGH THIS. I WOULD DEFINITELY LIKE TO SEE NO OFFENSE TO MY ACTUAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER SHANE SINENCI, BUT I FEEL LIKE HIS WORK THAT I BELIEVE HE IS GOING TO CONTINUE THE WORK IN THE COMMITTEE. I BELIEVE HIS FELLOW COUNCIL MEMBERS KNOW HIS POSITION IN THE WATER COMMITTEE IS WELL-EARNED, AND WELL-DESERVED AND WELL-PLACED.\r\n\r\nSO THAT BEING SO, NO OFFENSE, BUT I WOULD NOT BE RECOMMENDING MY ACTUAL DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBER TO BE CHAIR, BUT I DEFINITELY WOULD LIKE TO SEE COUNCIL MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, OR COUNCIL MEMBER PALTIN TAKE AN INTERIM, IF NEED BE, POSITION AS CHAIR, TO MOVE THE DECISIONS, AND THE LAWMAKING THAT WE MUST ATTENTION BRISKLY, SWIFTLY HERE. I WISH YOU THE BEST OF LUCK WITH MUSCLING THROUGH THAT. I DO WANT THOUGH SHARE SOME SENTIMENTS WITH A CURIOUS FRIEND THAT JUST SPOKE BEFORE ME. I LOOK FORWARD TO WHICHEVER COMMITTEE HOLDS THAT GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, ETHICS, AND TRANSPARENCY POSITION, AND TO CREATE A COMMITTEE FOR INTERMEDIARY INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE TO WORK ON THE ISSUES THAT DEAL WITH THE SOVEREIGN, IF YOU WILL, ISSUES, THAT WE HAVE AT-HAND. WE HAVE IN FRONT OF US PLENTIFUL. AND JUST MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE PROTECTING

OUR MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS AS I HAVE SAID OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS DURING THE PANDEMIC, IN THAT SPACE. I THINK THOSE COUNCIL MEMBERS THAT WERE IN OFFICE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS KNOW WHAT I'M ALLUDING TO.\r\n\r\nWE NEED TO HAVE THAT CONVERSATION TO PROTECT OUR MOST VULNERABLE POPULATION OF HOUSELESS/HOMELESS, THOSE STRUGGLING WITH SAFE PLACES AND THOSE SLEEPING IN THEIR CARS AND THIS IS THE WAY THAT I BELIEVE YOU CAN DO IT. WHICHEVER COMMITTEE WANTS TO SPEARHEAD THAT OR MAYBE EVERY COUNTY, INTERMEDIARY INTERGOVERNMENT COMMITTEE -- THE QUEEN YIELD HER COUNTRY AND I'M GLAD WE ARE AN ROYAL ORDER OF KAMEHAMEHA MAYOR, PROBABLY ANY OTHER MAYOR BEFORE OUR COUNTY THAT IS WELL-VERSED IN THIS INTERESTING SITUATION THAT WE'RE IN. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. >> MAHALO. ANY QUESTIONS FOR THIS TESTIFIER? SEEING NONE, MR. BALINBIN.\r\n\r\n>> HELLO, AM I ON? >> YES, YOU ARE. >> CONGRATULATIONS, MAYOR BISSEN ON YOUR VICTORY. IS THIS THE ONLY RESOLUTION THAT IS BEING TESTIFIED ON TODAY? I'M SORRY, I'M AT WORK, SO I WASN'T PRESENT FOR THE EARLIER STUFF. >> IT'S THE ONLY ONE THAT WE'RE TAKING TESTIMONY ON RIGHT NOW, YES. >> OKAY.\r\n\r\nWITH REGARDS TO COUNCIL CHAIR, I REALLY FEEL THAT IT NEEDS TO BE FILLED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE HAD A PRETTY ROUGH -- HAD A PRETTY ROUGH TIME DEALING WITH SOME COUNCIL MEMBERS ON SOME ISSUES LIKE THE GREG BROWN HOUSE AND OTHER MATTERS WITH THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS. YOU KNOW, FOR ME, I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO SEE SHANE SINENCI AS COUNCIL CHAIR. I FEEL LIKE HE IS THE MOST TRANSPARENT, AND HONORABLE GUY TO DO THIS JOB. AND I ASK THE COUNCIL AND THE MAYOR, PLEASE DO A GOOD JOB FOR THE PEOPLE. A LOT OF US PEOPLE THAT WORK AND HAVE KIDS, WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO TESTIFY, AND IF YOU GUYS DO YOUR JOB CORRECTLY WITH HONOR AND RESPECT, WE DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS ALL THE TIME, AND HAVE TO TAKE TIME AWAY FROM OUR FAMILIES AND OUR JOBS. THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME TESTIFY.\r\n\r\nCONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE COUNCIL MEMBERS AND ALOHA KAKOU. >> ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS FOR MR. BALINBIN. THANK YOU. MS. AZIZI. >> ALOHA, CAN YOU HEAR ME?\r\n\r\n>> THAT'S CORRECT, WE CAN. >> GREAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME TO HAVE ME. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOUR POSITION, MAYOR RICHARD BISSEN, AS WELL AS ALL YOU OTHER AGENTS WHO HAVE WORKED SO HARD IN GETTING YOUR POSITION, WAVING ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD AND HOLDING UP YOUR SIGNS, WELL-DONE TO ALL OF YOU WHO MADE IT. MY NAME IS ALELI MOKU AHUI, NONE IN ENGLISH TERMS PRINCESS AZIZI. MY PRESENCE TODAY IS JUST TO INTRODUCE MYSELF, AND CONGRATULATE ALL OF YOU AND JUST TO LET YOU KNOW THAT AS A NOBLE OF THE CROWN LANDS IN MAKENA AREA, MOKU, PAUKUKALO, AS WELL AS ALAWA LA AND PARTS OF LAHAINA TOWN. INCLUDING MAHINAHINA.\r\n\r\nMY ROYAL LINE STEM FROM 1820 MISSIONARY BOATS LANDING ON APRIL 4, 1820 IN KOHALA. PEOPLE LIKE THE KAMEHAMEHA MEN OF THE NEW KINGDOM KNOW VERY WELL WHERE THE OLD KINGDOM ROYALS, WHICH I REPRESENT, PRE-1890, THE POLITICAL PARTY OF 1892 THAT EXISTED AND THIS IS WHAT WE CALL TODAY A NEW BEGINNING, INDEED. FAITH CHASE HAD DEFINITELY SAID IT CORRECTLY. DEFINITELY INTERESTING TIMES. AND SO I THINK YOU SHOULD TAKE YOUR TIME WITH THE COUNTY CHAIR POSITION. I DO NOT THINK YOU SHOULD RUSH INTO THIS POSITION. I THINK IT SHOULD BE A THOUGHT THAT WILL TAKE NOT JUST THE NOBLE POLITICAL PARTY HEAD ROYAL COUNCIL LIKE MYSELF AS PART OF THIS DECISION-MAKING WITH THE AGENT, LEAD MAYOR TITLE BISSEN ALONGSIDE HIS OTHER EMPLOYEES THAT ARE BELOW HIM THAT WORK FOR HIM, ALL OF YOU THAT GOT APPOINTED.\r\n\r\nI THINK HE SHOULD REALLY TAKE HIS TIME, AND THAT IS ALL I WANT TO SAY TODAY, BECAUSE WE HAVE A LOT OF CONFUSION IN THE LAND, AND WE HAVE BEEN FOR A VERY LONG TIME. WE HAVE ALSO HAD A LOT OF FAKE REPRESENTATION, AND I HAVE A LOT OF RELATIVES THAT I'M RELATED TO IN THE NOBLE PARTIS THAT HAVE ALSO BEEN USED, ABUSED, AND WHAT I LIKE TO CALL OPI'IPI'IED ON FOR THEIR GLORY, AND THEIR FAME, AND THEIR REPUTATION. WITH THAT BEING SAID, I WOULD LIKE YOUR PARTY, YOUR AGENCY OF WASHINGTON, D.C. THAT IS AN, LLC. THAT IS SITUATED AS A BUSINESS WITHIN THE KINGDOM OF HAWAI'I SOIL, THAT IS STILL UNDER

INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC LAW THAT KISSES DOMESTIC LAW, TO RECOGNIZE THE NOBLE PARTY OF 1892 THAT IS STILL PRESENT AND HAS BEEN SILENCED AND PUT A VEIL OVER WILL NO LONGER BE VEILED. SO WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO UNDERSTAND OUR POSITION, AS WE UNDERSTAND YOURS AND RECOGNIZE THAT WE'RE PRESENT NOW IN 2023 ALONGSIDE YOU, AND YOUR PARTY'S DECISIONS FROM HERE ON. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH >> I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME.\r\n\r\nI HOPE YOU HAVE A GREAT PARTY TONIGHT, AND WE HAD TO DECLINE YOUR INVITATION -- MY MAIN CONCERN IS TAKE YOUR TIME WITH YOUR COUNTY CHAIR DECISION, AND I KNOW EVERYBODY HERE WANTS TO RUSH YOU TO MAKE THAT DECISION AND EVERYBODY WANTS TO BE IN THAT CHAIR SO QUICKLY. >> THANK YOU MS. KAMAYAMA. ANY OTHER TESTIFIERS. >> MAYOR, AT THIS TIME THERE ARE NO OTHER INDIVIDUALS TO TESTIFY ON RESOLUTION 23-1. IF THERE IS ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY ON THIS RESOLUTION, PLEASE IDENTIFY YOURSELF. >> SEEING NONE, MEMBERS ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS TO CLOSING TESTIMONY AND ACCEPTING WRITTEN TESTIMONY FOR RESOLUTION 23-1. >> NO OBJECTIONS. >> MS.\r\n\r\nCLERK, PLEASE PROCEED. >> MR. MAYOR, YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU RESOLUTION 23-1, ENTITLED, "ELECTING THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL." >> ALL RIGHT, MEMBERS, THE FLOOR IS OPEN FOR MOTIONS. I'M NOT THE CHAIR, PRESIDING OFFICER RECOGNIZES MS. PALTIN. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE TO NOMINATE MEMBER TASHA KAMA AS CHAIR.\r\n\r\nIF I GET A SECOND, I WILL ELABORATE. >> SECOND. >> I'M SORRY, I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE WHO THE FIRST SECOND WAS? THAT MOTION WAS MADE BY MEMBER PALTIN, SECONDED BY MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. OPEN UP FOR DISCUSSION. MS. PALTIN.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. THANK YOU, CHAIR. YOU KNOW, AS MANY PEOPLE SAID, IT'S SO IMPORTANT FOR US TO NOMINATE A CHAIR TODAY. SO THAT WE CAN HIRE OUR STAFF, AND WE CAN NOMINATE NOW -- TO GET MOVING -- >> WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR -- THANK YOU. YOU MAY CONTINUE. >> THANK YOU. SO THAT WE CAN BE READY TO RESPOND TO ANY AND ALL SITUATIONS THAT CAN ARISE BEFORE WE NOMINATE A CHAIR.\r\n\r\nMY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT IT COULD TAKE UP TO 90 DAYS FOR THE APPEALS PROCESS TO PLAY OUT. AND WE WERE ALL ELECTED HERE TO BE LEADERS, NOT FOR ANY ONE ISSUE, BUT TO HELP AND LEAD WITH YOU, MR. MAYOR. YOU KNOW I DON'T THINK THAT WE NEED TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION TO SAY "INTERIM." IF AT ANY TIME IT'S NOT WORKING OUT THERE WOULD BE FIVE VOTES TO CHANGE THINGS. I THINK MEMBER KAMA AS PRO TEM HAS SHOWN LEADERSHIP IN PUBLIC SPEAKING, AND REPRESENTING THE COUNCIL, AND PRIOR TO THE ELECTION, SHE HAD BROAD-BASE OF SUPPORT FROM EITHER SIDE OF ISSUES. SO I THINK MAKE SOME COMPROMISES AND NOT EVERYONE IS GOING TO GET EVERYTHING THAT THEY WANT. I THINK THIS COULD BE A WAY FORWARD FOR US.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU. >> IF I MAY? >> YES. >> POINT OF CLARIFICATION. THEN ARE YOU MOVING TO AMEND RESOLUTION 23-1 TO PUT MEMBER KAMA'S NAME? >> YES, THANK YOU, INTERIM CLERK LUTEY. >> THE MOTION IS AMENDED AND THE SECOND IS STILL MADE ON THE AMENDED MOTION.\r\n\r\nMS. FERNANDEZ, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR. >> YES, THAT WAS THE MOTION THAT I WAS SECONDING. MAHALO, MS. LUTEY. I FIRST HAD A QUESTION FOR YOU CHAIR, AS WE'RE OPERATING WITHOUT COUNCIL RULES OR INTERIM RULES. IF YOU WERE PLANNING TO HOLD US TO SPEAKING ONLY TWICE TO A MOTION?\r\n\r\n>> I DON'T KNOW YOUR RULES. >> ROBERT'S RULES AS A BACKUP. OKAY. I'M JUST WONDERING. >> I GUESS, HERE IS MY RULE, AND THIS MIGHT NOT BE ROBERT'S RULES, BUT IF YOU START TO REPEAT YOURSELF, I WILL PROBABLY ASK YOU TO MOVE ON TO SOMETHING ELSE. IF YOU ARE GOING TO SAY SOMETHING NEW, GO AHEAD AND FEEL FREE. AS LONG AS YOU ARE NOT REPEATING YOURSELF, I'M OKAY WITH THAT.\r\n\r\n>> SOUNDS LIKE A GREAT RULE. I'M OKAY WITH THAT. MAHALO. I WANTED TO ECHO THE SENTIMENTS OF MEMBER PALTIN IN NOMINATING COUNCIL MEMBER TASHA KAMA, AND MAHALO TO ALL OF THE TESTIFIERS FOR SUPPORTING, OR ASKING IF I WOULD CONSIDER BEING COUNCIL CHAIR. AS THE FORMER COUNCIL VICE-CHAIR, I UNDERSTAND THAT IT MAKES SENSE FOR THE VICE-CHAIR TO MOVE INTO THE POSITION OF CHAIR. BUT AT THIS TIME, I'M NOT INTERESTED IN BEING THE COUNCIL CHAIR. I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO REMAIN ON AS BUDGET

CHAIR.\r\n\r\nAND SO AS MEMBER PALTIN HAD STATED, THAT COUNCIL MEMBER KAMA DID RECEIVE BROAD SUPPORT FROM ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS. AND THAT'S WHO WE SERVE HERE IS OUR RESIDENTS OF MAUI COUNTY, AND IT'S THEIR INTERESTS THAT WE NEED TO PUT AT THE FOREFRONT OF OUR DECISION-MAKING. THE ROLE OF THE COUNCIL CHAIR IS REALLY ADMINISTRATIVE. AND THAT IS THE OTHER REASON IT WOULD BE REALLY TRICKY FOR ME TO BE COUNCIL CHAIR, BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT OF CEREMONIAL, AND IN-PERSON EVENTS THAT OUR COUNCIL CHAIR WOULD HAVE TO ATTEND TO REPRESENT US AS A COUNCIL. AND THAT WOULD JUST BE REALLY LOGISTICALLY DIFFICULT WITH ONLY ONE AIRLINES, AND POSSIBLY HAVING TO COME OVER BY BOAT, AND WE DON'T HAVE A FERRY ANYMORE. SO I THINK HAVING A COUNCIL CHAIR THAT LIVES ON MAUI WOULD LOGISTICALLY MAKE SENSE. I THINK COUNCIL MEMBER KAMA HAS SHOWN HERSELF TO BE REALLY FAIR, AND CARING.\r\n\r\nAND I BELIEVE WOULD BE AMAZING AND I WOULD BE SUPPORTIVE OF HER BEING COUNCIL CHAIR. MAHALO, CHAIR. >> YES, MEMBER SUGIMURA. >> THANK YOU, I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO STRONGLY SUPPORT TASHA KAMA FOR COUNCIL CHAIR. I BELIEVE NOT ONLY WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO ECHO WHAT THE OTHER MEMBERS HAVE SAID, BUT KNOWING HER GREAT HEART, COMPASSION FOR ALL OF THE PEOPLE, THOSE DIFFICULT TIMES, AS WELL AS THOSE WHO STAND AND WORK BESIDE US, TASHA KAMA HAS BEEN A FRIEND OF MINE, SOMEONE I CAN TRUST AND SOMEBODY THAT THE PEOPLE CAN TRUST. SO I STRONGLY SUPPORT TASHA KAMA TO BE CHAIR, AND WILL TAKE US FORWARD. I HOPE THAT WE RESOLVE THIS LAWSUIT THAT IS HANGING OVER ALL OF US THAT IS PUTTING US IN THIS VERY AWKWARD POSITION, BECAUSE THAT'S WHEN WE WOULD HAVE ALL OF THE PEOPLE BE ABLE TO BE REPRESENTED WHEN THERE'S NINE OF US.\r\n\r\nFOR NOW, I SUPPORT TASHA KAMA TO BE THE COUNCIL CHAIR. >> THANK YOU, MEMBER SUGIMURA. ARE THERE ANY OTHER -- IS THERE ANY OTHER DISCUSSION? MS. UU-HODGINS? >> THANK YOU. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ECHO EVERYBODY HERE.\r\n\r\nI'M SO HAPPY THAT TASHA KAMA HAS SO MUCH SUPPORT AND I HAVE TO LEARN TO CALL HER COUNCIL MEMBER KAMA AND I WILL GET THERE. I'M VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO HER CHARACTER AND HER LEADERSHIP GUIDING US THROUGH THIS DIFFICULT TIME. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. ANY OTHER DISCUSSION? YES. >> MAHALO, CHAIR, REALLY QUICK.\r\n\r\nIF WE COULD HAVE CLARIFICATION, IF COUNCIL MEMBER KAMA WOULD ACCEPT THE NOMINATION. >> I WILL HEAR FROM MEMBER KAMA AT THAT TIME. >> MAHALO, CHAIR. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. THANK YOU, MEMBERS FOR YOUR VOTES OF CONFIDENCE AND SUPPORT, TRUST AND LOVE. BECAUSE I DO LOVE YOU ALL, YOU KNOW THAT. EVEN WHEN WE DISAGREE ON STUFF, I BELIEVE WE AGREE MORE THAN DISAGREE.\r\n\r\nI'M LOOKING FORWARD TO MOVING INTO 2023 WITH LOVE AND POWER, SO THAT WE CAN PASS THIS ON TO OUR PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU, AND YES, CHAIR. I DO ACCEPT. >> THANK YOU, MEMBER KAMA. ANY OTHER DISCUSSION? ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION FROM ANY OTHER MEMBERS? ALL RIGHT SEEING NONE, MADAM CLERK, CALL THE ROLL-CALL VOTE.\r\n\r\n>> SHANE SINENCI? >> AYE. >> NOHELANI UU-HODGINS? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER COOK? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ?\r\n\r\n>> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER TAMARA PALTIN? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER SUGIMURA? >> OVERWHELMING AYE.\r\n\r\n>> TASHA KAMA? >> YES. >> CONGRATULATIONS, MEMBER KAMA. [APPLAUSE] I THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE TO CALL A RECESS. I THINK UNDER THE RULES I'M SUPPOSED TO HAVE CHAIR KAMA TAKE HER POSITION HERE TO CALL THE RECESS. WHAT CAN WE DO? CAN SHE CALL A RECESS FROM THERE?\r\n\r\nI CAN CALL THE RECESS? EVERYBODY AGREES WITH THAT? WE'RE IN RECESS. DO I HAVE TO POUND THIS THING? [GAVEL] FIVE-MINUTE RECESS. THANK YOU. [GAVEL] >> WILL THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF JANUARY 2ND, 2023, PLEASE RETURN TO ORDER.\r\n\r\nMEMBERS, WITHOUT OBJECTION, I WILL BE TAKING AGENDA ITEMS K-0, OUT OF ORDER, THE APPOINTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE BRANCH, STAFFING AND ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 4:30 TO ATTEND THE MAYOR'S INAUGURATION. IF WE HAVE NOT COMPLETED OUR AGENDA BY 4:30, WE'LL ADJOURN, AND RECONVENE AT A TIME LATER ON. >> NO OBJECTIONS. >> THANK YOU. MY INTENTION IS TO DEFER THE APPOINTMENT -- >> YES? >> CHAIR, I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO FINISH THE AGENDA.

WOULD IT BE ADJOURNED OR BE RECESSED?\r\n\r\nWHETHER WE HEAR OR DEFER THE ITEMS, WE STILL NEED TO TAKE PUBLIC TESTIMONY. >> CORRECT, YES. THANK YOU. YES? MS. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> MAHALO.\r\n\r\nSINCE YOU ASKED IF THERE'S ANY OBJECTIONS I ALSO OBJECT TO THAT PLAN AND SUPPORT WHAT MEMBER PALTIN SAID ABOUT FINISHING OUR AGENDA. WE HAVE A GALLERY OF PEOPLE HERE TO TESTIFY, AND I DON'T THINK IT'S FAIR TO THEM TO NOT COMPLETE THE BUSINESS. I UNDERSTAND GOING TO THE MAYOR'S INAUGURATION CEREMONY, BUT I BELIEVE IN 2019, WE FOREWENT THAT, SO WE COULD COMPLETE OUR BUSINESS, BECAUSE THAT SHOULD BE THE PRIORITY. SO IF WE CAN GET THAT DONE BEFORE THEN, THEN LET'S TRY IT. UNTIL WE COMPLETE OUR BUSINESS HERE, I THINK THAT IS WHAT WE WERE ELECTED TO DO. MAHALO, CHAIR. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\nMS. YUKI LEI SUGIMURA. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. I WOULD LIKE TO FOLLOW YOUR THOUGHT ON TAKING CARE OF THE AGENDA ITEMS THAT ARE A PRIORITY AT THIS TIME. AND THEN TO BE ABLE TO TAKE THE RIGHT ACTIONS SO WE COULD MAKE SURE THAT WE TAKE CARE OF THE STAFF, AND THE CLERK, OCS STAFF AND CLERK, DIRECTORS AND DEPUTIES, WHAT YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT, WHICH I THINK IS IMPORTANT. SO THAT WE COULD TAKE CARE AS THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH TO TAKE CARE OF THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL. SO I SUPPORT WHAT YOU ARE TRYING TO DO, CHAIR.\r\n\r\nIT'S YOUR CALL. >> THANK YOU. YES, MR. JOHNSON? >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. I THINK IF WE'RE -- IF WE WORK HARD, WE CAN GET THIS DONE TODAY AND EVEN IF WE'RE RUNNING A LITTLE BIT LATE, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO GET THIS DONE TODAY. THANK YOU, CHAIR.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. YES, MR. COOK? >> THIS IS MY FIRST DAY. >> YES. >> AND I'M REALLY PLEASED HOW THIS IS GOING. I'M SUPPORTIVE OF TAKING THE BREAK, AND TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS AND TAKING THE BREAK AND SINCERELY ALL WORKING TOGETHER TO COMPLETE THE BALANCE OF IT.\r\n\r\nI WOULD LIKE TO GO TO THE MAYOR'S INAUGURATION TODAY, AND I WOULD LIKE US TO LEAVE TODAY, TAKING CARE OF SOME POSITIVE BUSINESS AND LEAVING THE DOORS OPENED FOR US TO WORK TOGETHER. SO THAT IS MY REQUEST TO THE COUNCIL. THANK YOU, CHAIR. >> THANK YOU, MR. COOK. YES? >> I'M IN AGREEMENT WITH YOU, AND DOING THE ITEMS K-0, IF THAT IS REQUIRED FOR US TO COMPLETE OUR LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS AND HOPEFULLY FINISH THE REST, WHEN WE HAVE OUR ENTIRE COUNCIL PRESENT.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. SO WHY DON'T WE CONTINUE TO SEE WHERE WE GO, AND WHERE WE LAND, ALL RIGHT? YES, MS. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ? >> CHAIR, MAHALO FOR THIS FINAL COMMENT. I THINK EVEN IF WE TOOK UP THOSE RESOS FIRST, AND WE'RE SAYING THAT WE'RE GOING TO RECESS AND COME BACK AND TRY OUR BEST TO FINISH THE REMAINDER OF THE AGENDA, THOSE RESOLUTIONS DON'T TAKE EFFECT UNTIL WE ADJOURN.\r\n\r\nSO REGARDLESS OF WHETHER WE TAKE UP THOSE RESOLUTIONS BEFORE WE RECESS OR AFTER WE RECESS, I THINK IT WON'T GO INTO EFFECT UNTIL WE ADJOURN. SO IF WE ARE TRULY ALL WORKING TOGETHER, AND THE INTENT IS TO COMPROMISE, COME TOGETHER AND TRULY SERVE OUR COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE, THAT WE WOULD TAKE UP THE ITEMS THAT WE NEED TO, AND WE COMMIT TO COMPLETING THE AGENDA TODAY. >> MR. JOHNSON? >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. I WOULD ECHO THAT SENTIMENT. IF WE'RE GOING TO SKIP WHO IS COMMITTEES, THEN HOW ARE WE GOING TO PREPARE FOR OUR VERY IMPORTANT COMMITTEES?\r\n\r\nWE NEED TO HIT THE GROUND RUNNING. THERE'S CRISES AND ISSUES WE NEED TO WORK ON AND THE LONGER WE DELAY, THE LONGER OUR PROBLEMS AREN'T BEING SOLVED. SO I THINK WE SHOULD REALLY PUSH. WE JUST GOT OUT OF ELECTION AND WE HAVE WORDS THAT WE HAVE TO HOLD OURSELVES AND THE COMMUNITY WILL HOLD OURSELVES. SO LET'S GET THE BALL ROLLING AND DO THIS ALL TODAY. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU, MR.\r\n\r\nJOHNSON. MS. PALTIN. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR KAMA. I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT YOU KNOW, JUST AS WHENEVER WE GET OUR NINTH MEMBER, WE CAN REORGANIZE THE COUNCIL CHAIR SEAT, WE CAN ALSO REORGANIZATION THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS AS WELL. AND I THINK THE IMPORTANCE IN NOT JUST HIRING OUR STAFF, HIRING OUR STAFF IS VERY IMPORTANT AS WELL, BUT IF WE HAVE A DISASTER, IF WE HAVE LOSS OF LIFE, IF WE HAVE ANYTHING OCCUR AFTER TODAY, WE WON'T BE SET-UP TO MAKE A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE ADMINISTRATION. WE

WON'T BE ABLE TO DO MUCH, AND THAT WAS THE POINT OF MOVING FORWARD WITH JUST THE CHAIR, NOT JUST SO THE MAYOR CAN MAKE IT TO HIS INAUGURATION, BUT SHOULD ANYTHING HAPPEN WITHIN -- I HAVE BEEN TOLD IT'S A 90-DAY APPEAL PERIOD, AND FOR US TO HOLD OFF FOR 90 DAYS, IT DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT FOR ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI.\r\n\r\n>> I AGREE. >> SO I WOULD SAY JUST TAKE IT UP IN ORDER AND COMMIT TO FINISHING. I'M SUPPORTIVE, IF FOLKS WOULD LIKE TO GO TO THE INAUGURATION AND TAKE A RECESS AND COME BACK AND FINISH OUR WORK. BUT I THINK ANYTHING SHORT OF FINISHING OUR WORK IS A DISSERVICE TO THE PEOPLE, AND WHEN WE GET A NINTH MEMBER, WHOMEVER IT IS, IF THINGS AREN'T THE RIGHT WAY THEY ARE NOW, OR AT THE END OF TODAY, THEN WE CAN ALWAYS REVISIT AS WELL. >> I AGREE. I DON'T INTEND ON WAITING 90 DAYS. MY INTENT WAS JUST TO ADJOURN FOR AT LEAST A WEEK, UNTIL SOME OF US WOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT THE STANDING COMMITTEES, AND TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT THEY ARE SAYING, AND CONSIDER SOME OF THE TESTIMONY THAT HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED IN WRITING REGARDING SOME OF THOSE COMMITTEES, AND CHAIRMANSHIP OF THOSE COMMITTEES.\r\n\r\nSO INSTEAD OF TAKING TIME NOW ON THE FLOOR TO DO THAT, WE CAN TAKE IT HOME, AND THINK ABOUT IT AND COME BACK, MAYBE IN A WEEK? AND TALK ABOUT HOW WE'RE GOING TO ORGANIZE. >> I GUESS I'M JUST CORNERED WHATEVER DISASTER COULD HAPPEN, COULD HAPPEN TOMORROW, COULD HAPPEN IN THE NEXT DAY AND THAT IS THE THING ABOUT A DISASTER, YOU CAN'T PLAN AHEAD FOR YOU. >> CORRECT. >> IF IN A WEEK, WE FEEL DIFFERENTLY, WE CAN MAKE A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE. >> ABSOLUTELY. >> I THINK IT'S IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE TO BE ABLE TO MOVE QUICKLY, SHOULD ANYTHING ARISE AT ANY TIME BETWEEN NOW AND A WEEK.\r\n\r\nIT CAN ALWAYS BE CHANGED WITH A RESO, AS WELL. SO THAT'S JUST -- TO FINISH THE AGENDA. >> THANK YOU >> YES, MS. YUKI LEI SUGIMURA. >> THANK YOU. IF THERE'S AN EMERGENCY FROM NOW TO THE TIME COMMITTEES ARE ORGANIZED, COULD I ASK CORP. COUNSEL FOR WHAT THEY'RE SAYING?\r\n\r\nBECAUSE THE MAYOR HAS A RIGHT, OR THE BUDGET AMENDMENT SHOULD IT HAPPEN, I HOPE HEAVEN FORBID IT DOESN'T HAPPEN, CAN BE TAKEN UP BY THE FULL COUNCIL AND DOESN'T HAVE TO GO TO A PARTICULAR COMMITTEE. I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S CORP. COUNSEL OR WHO WOULD ANSWER? >> CORP. COUNSEL. MR. WHITTAKER.\r\n\r\n>> I WOULD DEFER TO OCS. >> OKAY. >> DAVID, GO AHEAD. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. DAVID RAATZ AND I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE FOR THE RECORD, THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL SERVICES STAFF HASN'T BEEN APPOINTED FOR THE NEXT TERM. MS. FUJITA AND I ARE HERE AS VOLUNTEERS FOR THE MOMENT AND WE CAN PROVIDE ANSWERS TO FACTUAL AND LOGISTICAL QUESTIONS.\r\n\r\nWE DON'T HAVE ATTORNEYS AUTHORIZED IN THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL SERVICES TO PROVIDE LEGAL ADVICE AT THE MOMENT. SO CORPORATION COUNSEL IS YOUR EXCLUSIVE LEGAL COUNSEL AND WITH THAT DISCLAIMER, I ACTUALLY IMMEDIATE THE QUESTION REPEATED PLEASE. >> I DIDN'T MEAN TO IMPOSE UPON YOU. IT'S REALLY HOW TO HANDLE AN EMERGENCY, IF THE COUNCIL DOESN'T HAVE THE COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED, BECAUSE I DON'T THINK WE NEED TO HAVE THAT FOR US TO TAKE CARE OF A EMERGENCY. BECAUSE I DON'T WANT OUR RESIDENTS TO PANIC. SO I WONDERED IF YOU COULD ANSWER THAT? >> MR.\r\n\r\nWHITTAKER. >> THANK YOU, COUNCIL MEMBER SUGIMURA. FIRST, I WANTED TO INTRODUCE MYSELF, DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL WHITTAKER, ALONG WITH NEW CORPORATION COUNSEL. YOU HAVE NOT ADOPTED THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL YET. SO WE'RE LOOKING TO THE CHARTER, AND UNDER THE CHARTER, THE COUNCIL CAN ACT AS A BODY IN A TIME OF EMERGENCY. WITHOUT REFERRAL TO A COMMITTEE. >> THANK YOU FOR THAT CLARIFICATION, BECAUSE PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE, OR THE PEOPLE WATCHING ON AKAKU THINK THAT IT WOULD BE HAMPERING THEIR SAFETY THROUGH ACTIONS TODAY, BECAUSE THERE'S ALREADY PLACES IN OUR CHARTER, IN OUR CONSTITUTION, HOW WE CAN ACT IN TERMS OF EMERGENCIES?\r\n\r\nSO I JUST WANTED THAT CLARIFICATION. THANK YOU. IT'S ALREADY IN OUR CHARTER AND IT'S HANDLED. >> THANK YOU. MS. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> MAHALO, CHAIR.\r\n\r\nI WAS HOPING THAT YOU COULD ELABORATE A LITTLE MORE ON WHAT YOU SAID EARLIER ABOUT THINKING

THROUGH THE COMMITTEE RESO AND OTHER RESOS? THAT WE WOULD NOT TAKE UP TODAY? TO HAVE MORE TIME TO THINK THROUGH IT? THERE ARE NAMES ASSIGNED ALREADY TO EACH COMMITTEE. THERE'S CHAIRS AND MEMBERS. SO OBVIOUSLY, THERE WAS TIME THAT WAS PUT INTO IT. SO WHAT ARE YOU HOPING THAT A WEEK OF THINKING WOULD GIVE US?\r\n\r\n>> I WAS HOPING THAT THE WEEK OF THINKING WOULD HELP US TO RETHINK OF WHAT WE THOUGHT THROUGH EARLIER. THAT WAS MY THOUGHT. >> AND THAT WOULD BE DONE PRIVATELY INSTEAD -- >> WELL IT HAS TO BE DONE PRIVATELY, OR TWO MEMBERS BECAUSE THREE OF US COULD NOT MEET, BUT TWO COULD. THOSE WERE MY THOUGHTS. >> I THINK IF A GALLERY FULL OF PEOPLE, THAT THEY WOULD APPRECIATE THAT DISCUSSION BEING HAD IN AN OPEN MEETING. >> I'M SURE. >> MR.\r\n\r\nCOOK. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. THE MAYOR HAS JUST TAKEN OFFICE, WE'RE EXPERIENCING A TRANSITION IN THE ADMINISTRATION CURRENTLY. THEY HAVE HAVING TO HIRE ALL OF THE PEOPLE AND WHAT NOT. SO I THINK THAT THIS SPENDING A WEEK OR TWO TO US WORKING ON THIS, I PRAY WE'RE NOT LOOKING AT 90 DAYS OR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME. I'M SUPPORTIVE OF A RELATIVELY BRIEF PERIOD OF TIME AND ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE. I THINK THAT ACTUALLY KIND OF THE MAYOR WORKING SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH IT, WE'RE ALL ON-BOARD, IF THERE'S AN EMERGENCY.\r\n\r\nWE'RE ALL ON-BOARD TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY IN ANY WAY NECESSARY. THANK YOU. >> SO WHY DON'T WE JUST CONTINUE WHERE WE STARTED, AT LEAST WHERE I STARTED, AND LET'S GET OUR STAFF ONLINE, AND JUST CONTINUE TO SEE WHERE WE LAND AT THE END OF THE DAY. AND THEN WE HAVE DONE THIS BEFORE, WE HAVE GONE FOR BROKE AND WE HAVE ENDED UP, WE SOLVED LOTS OF ISSUES. SO LET'S CONTINUE ON. CAN WE DO THAT? YES, MS.\r\n\r\nRAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> MAHALO, CHAIR. I WOULD STILL LOVE TO SEE THAT. >> NOTED. >> I DON'T KNOW IF WE WOULD NEED TO HAVE A MOTION IN ORDER TO CONDUCT OURSELVES THAT WAY? >> SO WOULD YOU LIKE TO US OUR VOLUNTEER STAFF, OR WOULD YOU LIKE TO ASK OUR CORP. COUNSEL THAT QUESTION?\r\n\r\n>> WE HAVE CORP. COUNSEL AND WE HAVE INTERIM CLERKS. >> SO CHAIR,? >> YES. >> THERE'S BEEN AN OBJECTION TO YOUR RULING ON ORDER OF PROCEDURE. >> YES. >> SO THE APPROPRIATE THING NOW IS TO TAKE A VOTE OF THE BODY TO OVERRULE THE CHAIR. TO OVERRULE THE CHAIR, YOU WOULD NEED FIVE VOTES TO OVERRULE THE DECISION OF THE CHAIR.\r\n\r\nSO THAT IS THE PROCEDURE AT THIS MOMENT, CHAIR >> SO WE NEED TO TAKE A VOC. YES, MR. SINENCI. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. JUST CLARIFICATION ON THE MOTION AGAIN? >> SO THERE'S BEEN AN OBJECTION TO THE CHAIR'S SUGGESTION TO TAKE THINGS OUT OF ORDER AND TO TAKE THE STAFFING TODAY. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\n>> MS. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> YES. SO IT WOULDN'T BE A SUGGESTION AS MR. WHITTAKER ARTICULATED. IT'S THE DECISION. >> THE DECISION OF THE CHAIR.\r\n\r\n>> YES. >> AND IT WOULD BE REALLY UNFORTUNATE AS THE FIRST ACT AS THE COUNCIL CHAIR WE'RE ALREADY TAKING A VOTE TO OVERRULE AND APPEAL THE DECISION OF THE CHAIR THAT I SAID IN MY COMMENTS . >> IT WOULD BE, IT'S UP TO THIS BODY . MS. SUGIMURA. >> BECAUSE THERE'S BEEN OBJECTION TO THE CHAIR, THE MOTION TO OVERRULE THE DECISION OF THE CHAIR. >> SO THAT IS THE MOTION THAT IS ON THE FLOOR? >> CORRECT. >> IMPLIED MOTION.\r\n\r\n>> YES. >> SO I NEED A MOTION MR. WHITTAKER. >> THE OBJECTION HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE, AND SO YOU CAN TAKE A VOTE NOW, AND MADAM CLERK CAN INDICATE WHAT THE VOTE IS, BUT IT SHOULD BE THE MOTION IS TO OVERRULE THE DECISION OF THE CHAIR. >> SO MEMBERS, DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT? THAT YOUR VOTE WILL BE A MOTION TO OVERRULE THE CHAIR. AND WE'LL START WITH MR.\r\n\r\nSINENCI, GO AHEAD, MS. LUTEY. >> COUNCIL MEMBER SHANE SINENCI? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER NOHELANI UU-HODGINS? >> DO I VOTE YES, OR NO TO SUPPORT? I'M STILL A LITTLE BIT CONFUSED.\r\n\r\nI'M GOING TO VOTE TO SIDE WITH THE CHAIR. >> THAT IS NO. >> NO. >> COUNCIL MEMBER TOM COOK? >> NO. >> COUNCIL MEMBER KEANI RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ? >> AYE.\r\n\r\n>> COUNCIL MEMBER GABE JOHNSON? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER TAMARA PALTIN? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER YUKI LEI SUGIMURA? >> NO. >> CHAIR, THE VOTE IS -- >> ALL RIGHT, MADAM CLERK, THE CHAIR ALSO GETS A VOTE.\r\n\r\n>> CHAIR TASHA KAMA?

>> I VOTE NO. >> CHAIR, YOU HAVE FOUR AYES, AND FOUR NOS. THE MOTION FAILS. >> YES, MS. PALTIN. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR.\r\n\r\nCAN I ASK THAT WE SKIP K, AND M, AND GO TO L AND N, AND O. >> THAT WAS MY INTENT. >> OKAY. >> THANK YOU FOR ASKING. SO DID I HEAR SOMEONE? SO RESOLUTION 23-7 IS APPOINTING TRACI N.T. FUJITA, THE DIRECTOR OF COUNCIL SERVICES AND SETTING THE SALARY. >> CHAIR, PROCEEDING WITH TESTIMONY ON RESOLUTION 23-7 ENTITLED," APPOINTING TRACI N.T. FUJITA, THE DIRECTOR OF COUNCIL SERVICES, AND SETTING THE SALARY." THE FIRST PERSON SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY ON THIS RESOLUTION IS MS. RICHELLE KAWASAKI, FOLLOWED BY JUNYA NAKOA.\r\n\r\n>> ALOHA, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL. MY NAME IS RICHELLE KAWASAKI, A COUNTY EMPLOYEE, HERE ON MY OWN TIME AND SPEAKING AS AN INDIVIDUAL. WITH YOUR PERMISSION CHAIR, I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON 23-7, THE DIRECTOR OF OCS, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, 23-9 AND OCS STAFF, 23-14 AT THE SAME TIME. >> ABSOLUTELY. >> THANK YOU. I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT OCS EMPLOYEES ARE TOP NOTCH AND CAPABLE EMPLOYEES. THIS COMMENT DESERVES TO BE IN THE PUBLIC RECORD.\r\n\r\nMS. FUJITA, AND MR. RAATZ HAVE LED THIS OFFICE WELL FOR MANY YEARS, AND I HAVE NO DOUBT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. HAVING HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK IN OCS FOR TEN YEARS, IN THE EARLIER PART OF MY CAREER, I STATE WITH CONFIDENCE IT'S A GREAT PLACE TO WORK, AND WITH SOME INCREDIBLY TALENTED PEOPLE. IT'S NICE TO SEE THAT MANY OF THE PEOPLE I WORKED WITH 15 YEARS AGO ARE STILL THERE IN THE OFFICE, WHICH IS A TESTAMENT TO A GREAT WORK ENVIRONMENT. THANK YOU, AND I WILL RESERVE MY COMMENTS ON THE OTHER RESOLUTIONS FOR LATER. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\nMEMBERS, QUESTIONS FOR THE TESTIFIER? >> THANK YOU. >> SEEING NONE, THANK YOU. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS JUNYA NAKOA. >> MR. NAKOA, ARE YOU THERE? MR.\r\n\r\nNAKOA, IT'S YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY. PLEASE UNMUTE AT THIS TIME. MAKE YOURSELF KNOWN, THIS IS THE LAST CALL. CHAIR, I SEE NO FURTHER TESTIFIERS SIGNED UP. >> THANK YOU. MEMBERS, ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS TO CLOSING PUBLIC TESTIMONY, AND ACCEPTING WRITTEN TESTIMONY FOR RESOLUTION 23-7? >> NO OBJECTIONS. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\n>> COUNCIL MEMBER SHANE SINENCI? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER NOHELANI UU-HODGINS? >> AYE 23-7, APPOINTING TRACI N.T. FUJITA AS DIRECTOR OF COUNCIL SERVICES AND SETTING THE SALARY. >> MOTION, MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> MAHALO, CHAIR. I MOVE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 23-7. >> SECOND.\r\n\r\n>> IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 23-7. YES, MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ? >> MAHALO, CHAIR. I SPEAK IN FULL AND STRONG SUPPORT OF MS. FUJITA, WHO HAS BEEN THE HEAD -- THE DIRECTOR OF OCS FOR THE PAST THREE-AND-A-HALF-ISH YEARS. >> THREE AND A HALF-ISH. >> YES, EXACT TERMS. SHE HAS RUN OCS SO BEAUTIFULLY.\r\n\r\nTHE MORALE HAS BEEN STRONG AND UP, AND SHE EVEN LAST NIGHT -- I'M TO SAY, I BOTHERED HER ABOUT 8:45 LAST NIGHT TO ASK THE QUESTION AND SHE IS ALWAYS SO RESPONSIVE AND SO PROFESSIONAL. AND I THINK THAT OCS TEAM THRIVES UNDER HER LEADERSHIP. IT'S AN HONOR TO SUPPORT HER TO STAY ON. MAHALO, CHAIR. >> THANK YOU. YES, MS. YUKI LEI SUGIMURA.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. I TOO, SUPPORT TRACI AND DAVID RAATZ LATER. I WANT TO AMEND RESOLUTION 23-7 TO DELETE THE FUTURE RAISES THAT ARE PART OF THE RESOLUTION, WHICH STATES THAT THEIR SALARY, WHICH IS \$156,982 THROUGH JUNE 30TH, 2023, AND THE PART I WANT TO DELETE IS AFTER THAT. WHERE IT GIVES THEM 5% RAISES, WHICH IS \$164,831 AS OF JUNE 1, 2023 AND \$173,073 AS OF JULY 1,2024, BECAUSE THOSE DATES ARE IN THE FUTURE. TO BE FAIR, AND I THINK TO BE OBJECTIVE, THAT WE SHOULD TALK ABOUT TODAY, AND NOT TALK ABOUT THINGS THAT ARE GOING TO HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE. OCS DOES NOT COME UNDER THE SALARY COMMISSION, WHICH I THINK THIS IS TRYING TO MIRROR. IT IS OUR CALL AS THIS BODY.\r\n\r\nSO THEREFORE, EVEN IF I AGREE WITH ALL OF YOU, AND HOW WONDERFUL THEY HAVE BEEN MANAGING THIS DIFFICULT DEPARTMENT, BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO WORK WITH ALL EIGHT/NINE OF US, WHICH COULD BE CHALLENGING SOMETIMES AND THE STAFF IS WONDERFUL. THAT I THINK WE CAN APPROVE THEIR SALARY AS OF TODAY, FOR TODAY, UP TO JUNE 30, 2023 AND NOT PUT IN -- SO DELETE AFTER

JUNE 30, 2023 UP UNTIL 2024 IN THE RESOLUTION. SO I WANT TO AMEND IT TO DELETE THAT. I NEED A SECOND. >> IS THERE A SECOND TO MS. YUKI LEI SUGIMURA'S MOTION? SEEING NO SECOND, THE MOTION FAILS.\r\n\r\nANY OTHER DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE TRACI AS OUR OCS DIRECTOR? INCLUDING SALARY? SEEING NO OTHER DISCUSSION, WE'RE GOING TO CALL FOR THE VOTE RIGHT NOW. CLERK, PLEASE CALL THE VOTE. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. COUNCIL MEMBER SHANE SINENCI? >> AYE.\r\n\r\n>> COUNCIL MEMBER NOHELANI UU-HODGINS? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER TOM COOK? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER KEANI RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER GABE JOHNSON?\r\n\r\n>> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER TAMARA PALTIN? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER YUKI LEI SUGIMURA? >> NO. >> CHAIR FURFARO TASHA KAMA? >> AYE.\r\n\r\n>> CHAIR, ONE NO, EIGHT AYES. THE MOTION PASSES. >> THANK YOU, CLERK. >> CHAIR YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU RESOLUTION -- DO YOU WANT TO GO TO 23-9. 23-9, APPOINTING DAVID M. RAATZ, JR., THE SUPERVISING LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY IN THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL SERVICES AND SETTING THE SALARY. I ONLY SEE ONE TESTIFIER SIGNED UP FOR THIS, AND THAT IS JUNYA NAKOA. >> MR. NAKOA, ARE YOU THERE?\r\n\r\nHE IS THE ONLY ONE SIGNED UP >> IS THE ONLY ONE SIGNED UP AT THIS TIME. IT APPEARS THAT -- SAM SMALL, I'M SORRY. IT APPEARS THAT MR. LAU IS ALSO PRESENT TO TESTIFY. SAM SMALL, FOLLOW BY MR. LAU. >> MR.\r\n\r\nSAM SMALL, ARE YOU THERE? >> I'M UNMUTING. >> OKAY. >> UNMUTING, UNMUTING. I THINK I'M THERE. >> YES, YOU ARE. >> GREAT.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU. THANK YOU EVERYBODY FOR DOING WHAT YOU ARE DOING. AS ALWAYS IT'S AN HONOR TO BE PARTICIPATING IN THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS. THIS IS ACTUALLY DIFFICULT TESTIMONY TO GIVE. I WOULD ASK THAT MS. RAATZ' RECOMMENDATION BE DEFERRED. THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO TAKE A MUCH CLOSER LOOK AT THE ADVICE THAT THEY HAVE BEEN RECEIVING FROM MR.\r\n\r\nRAATZ. YOU KNOW, I GOT DEEPLY INVOLVED IN EDUCATING THE COUNCIL INTO THEIR ACTUAL AUTHORITY TO LAUNCH AN INVESTIGATION INTO SOMETHING LIKE GREG BROWN. THE COUNCIL MEMBERS HAD NO IDEA THAT THEY HAD THE AUTHORITY TO LAUNCH THIS INVESTIGATION. COUNTER TO TESTIMONY GIVEN BY TAMARA PALTIN RECENTLY DOES HAVE PENALTIES. THERE IS A PENALTY FOR EMPLOYEES, IF THEY DO RESPOND TO A SUBPOENA. OUR DEPTHS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ASSERTED, AND I BELIEVE IT'S DAVID RAATZ, WHO HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR NOT EDUCATING THE COUNCIL TO THESE MEASURES. SPECIFICALLY, YOU KNOW, THERE WERE QUESTIONS THAT WERE SUBMITTED BY THE NAPILI BAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION THAT DAVID RAATZ -- TAMARA PALTIN, AND WITHHOLD FROM COUNCIL MEMBER KING AS WELL.\r\n\r\nDO YOU REALLY WANT AN ATTORNEY AT COUNCIL SERVICES THAT IS WITHHOLDING DIRECT INFORMATION FROM A COMMITTEE CHAIR IN A SUBSTANTIVE INVESTIGATION? THAT COULD CHANGE THE COURSE OF THAT INVESTIGATION? HOW IS THAT -- HOW IS THAT APPROPRIATE? THAT NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT. IT IS, I BELIEVE, A VIOLATION OF THE SUPREME COURT RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT. IN MY OWN CONVERSATIONS WITH MR. RAATZ, HE COMPLETELY SKIPPED OVER THE FACT THAT THERE WAS A \$92,000 BID PLACED ON AN INVESTIGATION BY A THIRD-PARTY.\r\n\r\nABSOLUTELY DID NOT MENTION IT. THAT IS COMPLETELY INAPPROPRIATE. THE COMMUNITY DESERVES TO KNOW THESE THINGS. THE ANSWERS TO THOSE QUESTIONS WE HAD TO PUT A UPIA REQUEST SPECIFICALLY TO GET THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS THAT MR. RAATZ WITHHELD FROM THE COMMITTEE. YOU KNOW, EVEN GOING BACK TO THE DEFERRAL AGREEMENTS, ALL THE WAY BACK TO THEM, WHEN THEY WERE -- WHEN THE COUNCIL AS ADVISED TO CLOSE OUT THE DEFERRAL AGREEMENT PROGRAM, DAVID WAS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THAT. AT NO POINT IN TIME DID HE OR KRISTINE HAMMOND, WHO IS ALSO DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN, AT NO TIME DOES COUNCIL SERVICES SUGGEST -- >> TWO MINUTES.\r\n\r\n>> SUGGEST TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL, ANY FORM OF COLLECTION ON THE DEFERRAL AGREEMENTS. THEY SIMPLY CALLED A HALT TO THE PROGRAM AND NEVER, EVER ESTABLISHED ANY KINDS OF MEANS TO ADJUDICATE THOSE DEFERRAL AGREEMENTS AND COLLECT POTENTIALLY HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. SO THOSE ARE THINGS THAT I THINK PAINT AN ONGOING PICTURE OF IMPROPRIETY. >> CAN YOU WRAP UP YOUR TESTIMONY? >> ABSOLUTELY. THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO EXPAND AN

INVESTIGATION INTO THESE ACTIONS. THANK YOU.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. MEMBERS, QUESTIONS FOR THE TESTIFIER? SEEING NONE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. SMALL. NEXT TESTIFIER IS J.C. LAU. >> SPEAKING FOR BROTHER RAATZ, THAT IS WHY YOU HAVE TO COME TO THESE MEETINGS, I DIDN'T KNOW HE WAS A JUNIOR AND HIS DADDY TAUGHT HIM RIGHT AND YOU CAN TRUST HIS LEADERSHIP, AND ESPECIALLY HIS SPIRITUAL. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\nQUESTIONS FOR MR. LAU? SEEING NONE, THANK YOU, MR. LAU. >> CHAIR, WE HAVE JOLEEN SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY, FOLLOWED BY LUCIENNE DE NAIE. >> WHO IS THE TESTIFIER? >> JOLEEN, IT'S YOUR TIME TO TESTIFY.\r\n\r\nLUCIENNE DE NAIE. >> MAHALO. YOU KNOW, I HAVE WORKED WITH COUNCIL SERVICES BOTH AS A STAFF PERSON HERE, BACK IN THE EARLY 2000S, AND ALSO AS A COMMUNITY MEMBER FOR MANY, MANY DECADES REALLY. AND I WOULD SAY THAT THIS CURRENT CROP OF LAST TEN YEARS OR SO, COUNCIL SERVICE HAS REALLY BEEN EXEMPLARY. THEY DO ANSWER QUESTIONS AFTER HOURS. THEY FOLLOW THROUGH ON THINGS, AND MR. RAATZ' LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN PART OF THAT.\r\n\r\nI CAN'T SPEAK TO WHAT MR. SMALL IS SPEAKING TO. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOMEONE IN A BUSY JOB OVERLOOKS SOMETHING. I THINK TO ACCUSE THEM OF DELIBERATELY SUPPRESSING INFORMATION IS, YOU KNOW, REALLY KIND OF MAKING A LOT OF ASSUMPTIONS. AND IT MAY BE TRUE, BUT IT MAY NOT BE TRUE. I JUST KNOW THAT DAVID RAATZ HAS BEEN THERE AND DONE A LOT OF WORK AND BEEN ON-CALL FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS WHEN HAD HE NEED HIM AND BEEN ON-CALL FOR THE PUBLIC, WHEN THEY NEED ADVICE ON HOW TO NAVIGATE THINGS WITH THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL SERVICES AND WHAT PROCEDURES NEED TO BE FOLLOWED AND SO FORTH. YOU WANT TO KEEP GOOD PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY GOOD PEOPLE THAT HAVE DONE THE JOB FOR A LONG TIME AND UNDERSTAND HOW THINGS WORK.\r\n\r\nSO MAHALO FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. >> THANK YOU. MEMBERS, QUESTIONS FOR THE TESTIFIER? SEEING NONE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MS. DE NAIE. MS. CLERK.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU, CALLING JOE LEE. CHAIR, THERE ARE NO OTHER INDIVIDUALS SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY ON THIS ITEM. IF THERE'S ANYONE PRESENT IN THE CHAMBERS, OR ON BLUEJEANS, THIS IS YOUR LAST CALL. PLEASE UNMUTE -- >> SORRY. CORP. COUNSEL, COUNTY CLERK IS ALL LOYALS. WE HAVE GOT OCS, WHO IS LISTENING TO WHO?\r\n\r\nI'M CONFUSED NOW, YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN? WE'RE GOING TO LISTEN TO CORP. COUNSEL? GOING TO LISTEN TO COUNTY CLERK? GOING TO LISTEN TO OCS? I'M HEARING THE DOLLAR AMOUNTS THAT THEY ARE GETTING PAID AND US, THE PEOPLE, GETTING SCREWED. WE TAKE STUPID THINGS TO THE SUPREME COURT, AND BRAH, US, THE PEOPLE ARE TESTIFYING, AND YOU GUYS NO LISTEN.\r\n\r\nYOU HAVE TO LISTEN TO THE DUMB LAWYERS -- [SPEAKER NOT UNDERSTOOD] I DON'T KNOW WHO IS LISTENING TO WHO? THIS DAVID RAATZ GUY, YOU GUYS ALL KNOW PART OF THIS GREG BROWN STUPIDNESS, AND PART OF THE YEAH, COUNCIL CAN DO THIS INVESTIGATION. SO YOU DIDN'T LISTEN TO HIM AT THAT TIME. HE SAID COUNCIL HAS THE RIGHT TO INVESTIGATE AND LISTENING TO A LAWYER, AND THEN NOTHING HAPPENED. US, THE PEOPLE, GET SCREWED UP THE YING YANG. POINTING FINGERS UP, DOWN, LEFT, RIGHT AND WE'RE ALL GETTING SCREWED. SO I DON'T KNOW YOU GUYS GOT TO GET IT STRAIGHT, BRAH, BECAUSE RIGHT NOW, I DON'T KNOW WHO TO LISTEN TO?\r\n\r\nME AS A TAXPAYER, WHO THE HELL AM I GOING TO CALL? CORP. COUNSEL? COUNTY CLERK? OR OCS? YOU HAVE TO TELL US, THE PEOPLE, WHAT IS GOING ON HERE? WE'RE PAYING MONEY, FOR WHAT?\r\n\r\nTIRED OF THIS STUFF, BRAH. YOU ARE GUYS FIRST DAY ON THE JOB, YOU ARE SCREWING US ALL ALREADY. I'M PAU. >> THANK YOU, MR. NAKOA. MEMBERS, QUESTIONS FOR THE TESTIFIER? >> I DO.\r\n\r\n>> MS. NAKOA, YOU HAVE A QUESTION FROM MEMBER YUKI LEI SUGIMURA. >> YO, WHAT'S UP, YUKI? >> THANK YOU, JUNYA, ARE YOU SUPPORTING DAVID RAATZ? ARE YOU SUPPORTING THE RESOLUTION? >> THE THING IS MAYBE -- WELL, I WILL TELL YOU ABOUT THE GUY, POINTING US IN THE DIRECTION AS TAXPAYERS, AND I THINK NOT HAPPY. SO I GUESS IT'S HOPELESS.\r\n\r\nI DON'T SUPPORT THE GUY. >> THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU FOR ANSWERING HER QUESTION DIRECTLY. AND SEEING NO OTHER QUESTIONS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. NAKOA. CLERK. >> CHAIR, THERE'S NO OTHER INDIVIDUALS SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY ON THIS ITEM.\r\n\r\nIF ANYONE WISHES TO

TESTIFY ON RESOLUTION 23-9, PLEASE IDENTIFY YOURSELF NOW. THIS IS THE LAST CALL FOR TESTIMONY ON THIS ITEM. >> ALOHA, I WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY. >> PLEASE PROCEED. >> HI. THIS IS ATTORNEY JAMES FORREST. I WANTED TO TESTIFY IN SUPPORT OF MR. RAATZ. WHEN I CAME HERE THREE YEARS AGO, THE COUNCIL, AND THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL SERVICES STAFF WAS GOING THROUGH A LOT OF TURMOIL. TRACI AND DAVID HAVE BEEN NOTHING, BUT MADE EVERYBODY FEEL CONFIDENT AND SAFE HERE AT OCS, AND AS FAR AS BOSSES GO, HE HAS BEEN ONE OF THE BEST BOSSES I HAVE EVER HAD. YOU TALK ABOUT INSTITUTIONAL KNOWLEDGE, HE HAS IT ALL. ANYONE CAN COME TO HIM WITH A QUESTION, HE KNOWS ALL SIDES OF THE ISSUES. ANYBODY TO SAY THAT MR. RAATZ DOESN'T DESERVE TO BE WHERE HE IS, AND POSSIBLY DESERVE A RAISE INCLUDED, PROBABLY HASN'T BEEN WATCHING HIM CLOSELY FOR A WHILE. THAT IS REALLY ALL I HAVE TO SAY. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU, MR. FORREST. MEMBERS, ANY QUESTIONS FOR THE TESTIFIER? SEEING NONE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. FORREST. >> CHAIR, I BELIEVE THAT IS OUR LAST TESTIFIER. IF THERE'S ANYONE ELSE THAT WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY ON THIS AGENDA ITEM, PLEASE MAKE IT YOURSELF KNOWN. >> HELLO, THIS DICK MAYER. I SIGNED UP. CAN YOU HEAR ME? >> YES, WE CAN, MR. MAYER. >> I WANT TO STRONGLY ENDORSE DAVID RAATZ. FOR MANY YEARS HE HAS BEEN IN THAT OFFICE AND SERVED THE COUNCIL EXTREMELY WELL, HAS BEEN A VERY GOOD FACE FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON MANY OCCASIONS. I HAVE SEND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION ON BILLS, WITH THE WORDING WAS AND THINGS OF THAT SORT AND HE HAS ALWAYS RESPONDED QUICKLY, PATIENTLY, AND WITH GREAT ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE WELL THE ANSWERS THAT I NEEDED TO GET FROM THE COUNCIL AND I DID NOT HAVE TO BOTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS INDIVIDUALLY ON ISSUES. I THINK HE HAS SERVED COUNCIL VERY WELL AND STRONGLY ENDORSE YOU VOTING FOR HIM IN THAT POSITION TO SERVE THE COUNTY AND THE PUBLIC. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> MEMBERS, ANY QUESTIONS FOR THE TESTIFIER? SEEING NONE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. MAYER. >> HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU. >> AND TO YOU, ALSO. >> THE LAST TESTIFIER THAT I'M AWARE OF, IF THERE'S ANYONE ELSE THAT WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY, PLEASE UNMUTE OR LET US KNOW. CHAIR, THERE'S NO ONE ELSE LEFT TO TESTIFY. >> MEMBERS, ANY OBJECTIONS TO CLOSING TESTIMONY AND ACCEPTING WRITTEN TESTIMONY FOR RESOLUTION 23-9? >> NO OBJECTIONS. >> THANK YOU. MS. CLERK, PLEASE PROCEED. >> CHAIR, YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU RESOLUTION 23-9 ENTITLED, "APPOINTING DAVID M. RAATZ, JR. AS THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COUNCIL SERVICES AND SETTING THE SALARY." >> NEED A MOTION. >> SO MOVED. >> SECOND. >> MEMBER PALTIN. >> THANK YOU. >> SECOND. >> MEMBER JOHNSON. THANK YOU. IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 23-9. DISCUSSION? MEMBER PALTIN. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. I SPEAK IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THE MOTION AS AMENDED. I HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS, AND I HAVE MR. RAATZ ON SPEED DIAL, AND HE UNFAILINGLY ANSWERS MY QUESTIONS, ANY HOUR OF THE DAY, HOLIDAYS, EVERYTHING BETWEEN. I DON'T THINK PEOPLE MENTIONED ABOUT HIS AMAZING MULTI-TASKING SKILLS. YOU KNOW, HE CAN HAVE TWO EARS AND USE THEM BOTH ON DIFFERENT THINGS AND TWO HANDS, AND USE THEM BOTH ON DIFFERENT THINGS AND TWO EYES AND USE THEM BOTH ON DIFFERENT THINGS. SO I THINK WE'RE REALLY GETTING OUR MONEY'S WORTH HERE. THANK YOU. >> MR. JOHNSON. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. I ALSO WANT TO RISE IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. I KNOW MR. RAATZ ON A PROFESSIONAL LEVEL. HE HAS BEEN VERY PROFESSIONAL. EVEN WHEN I COME DOWN AND I'M PUTTING ALL THIS WORK ON HIS DESK, HE DELIVERS. YOU KNOW, WE ALL MAKE MISTAKES ON OCCASION, ONCE IN A WHILE. I WAS A DISHWASHER ONCE AND MAYBE A DISH WASN'T CLEAN, JUGGLING SO MANY PLATES, SOMETHING MAY SLIP. I BELIEVE IN HIS LONG EXPERIENCE AND SOME OF THE TESTIFIERS MAY HAVE A CRITICISM, BUT WHO DOESN'T; RIGHT? THE LAST THING POINT, MR. RAATZ IN HIS FREE TIME AND I'M JUST GOING SAY THIS AND PUT HIM ON THE SPOT, HE WAS A LIVING DONOR OF A LIVER TRANSPLANT AND MY DAUGHTER WAS A TRANSPLANT PATIENT FROM A LIVING DONOR AND TO HAVE BEEN WORKING SIDE-BY-SIDE WITH HIM, I STAND IN STRONG SUPPORT. THANK

YOU, CHAIR.\r\n\r\n>> MR. SINENCI. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR FOR MY OPPORTUNITY. MAHALO FOR ALL OF THE TESTIMONY, BOTH FOR AND AGAINST MR. RAATZ. AND I BELIEVE SOME OF THE TESTIMONY AGAINST WAS TOWARD ONE PROJECT THAT MR. RAATZ HAD PROVIDED SOME ADVICE FOR THEM, THAT THEY COULD PURSUE.\r\n\r\n\r\nSO THE OUTCOME WASN'T NECESSARILY HIS FAULT. IT WASN'T FOLLOWED THROUGH ON OTHER AREAS, BUT HE'S -- I SPEAK IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HIS APPOINTMENT TODAY. HE'S LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE, HE HAS BEEN AVAILABLE 24/7 AND DEFINITELY APPRECIATE HIS COUNSEL, CHAIR. MAHALO. >> THANK YOU. ANY OTHER DISCUSSION? MR.\r\n\r\n\r\nCOOK. >> YES, THANK YOU. I'M IN SUPPORT OF THIS. I ALSO WANT TO -- I'M GOING TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF THE SALARY I EXPECT ALSO. I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE COUNCIL MEMBER SUGIMURA'S CONCERN ABOUT HAVING SORT OF A SET TRIGGER FOR RAISES. I THINK THAT THIS IS ALREADY THE WAY THAT IT'S SET AND I ACCEPT IT, BUT I EXPECT THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE SOME TIGHTER TIMES IN THE FUTURE. I JUST WANT TO LET PEOPLE KNOW THAT I THINK WE NEED TO TIGHTEN OUR BELTS.\r\n\r\n\r\n\r\nSO I'M SUPPORTIVE OF THIS, BUT I WANTED TO SAY THAT. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU, MR. COOK. MS. SUGIMURA. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\n\r\n\r\nI REALLY SUPPORT DAVID RAATZ. THROUGH MY YEARS ON THE COUNCIL AND GOING INTO MY FOURTH TERM, HE HAS BEEN THERE, AND LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE SAID, HE IS REALLY AVAILABLE 24/7 AND I THINK SOMETIMES HE IS PLAYING TENNIS AND TAKING CALLS FROM US. WHEN HE WITH AS GOING THROUGH HIS DONATION, AND I SAID, DID WE CONTACT YOU WHEN YOU WERE IN THE HOSPITAL, AND HE SAID, KIND OF. SO HE STILL ANSWERS US, YOU KNOW, WHEN WE CALL HIM. I CAN'T EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION. WHEN WE TAKE UP THIS MOTION, I WILL MAKE THE SAME AMENDMENT TO BE CONSISTENT. I SUPPORT HIM.\r\n\r\n\r\n\r\nI DO NOT SUPPORT FUTURE PAY RAISES AND TO BE IN A RESOLUTION, UNLESS EVERYBODY HAS THE SAME RAISES FOR FAIRNESS. I SUPPORT HIM. THANK YOU VERY MUCH DAVID. HE KNOWS HOW MUCH I CALL ON HIM AND I WILL MAKE THAT AMENDMENT AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. YES, MS.\r\n\r\n\r\n\r\nRAWLINS-FERNANDEZ? >> MAHALO, CHAIR. I SPEAK IN STRONG SUPPORT OF ADOPTING RESOLUTION 23-9 FOR MANY OF THE REASONS THAT WERE ALREADY CITED BY MY COLLEAGUES ON THE COUNCIL. YOU KNOW, MEMBER JOHNSON SPOKE HIGHLY USING A SPECIFIC EXAMPLE OF THE CHARACTER OF MR. RAATZ. WE HEARD TESTIMONY SPEAKING TO HIS INSTITUTIONAL KNOWLEDGE, AND I DON'T THINK I CAN DESCRIBE HOW VALUABLE HE IS AS A WALKING ENCYCLOPEDIA, HAVING BEEN HERE TO LONG AND HAVING ANSWERS TO THE TOUGH QUESTIONS AND IN HE DOESN'T HAVE THE ANSWER, HE CAN LOOK IT UP SO QUICKLY. I FEEL SOMETIMES THERE MUST BE CLONES OF HIM IN HIS OFFICE, BECAUSE IT'S JUST IMPOSSIBLE, THE WORK THAT HE IS ABLE TO GET DONE IN THE AMOUNT OF TIME.\r\n\r\n\r\n\r\nHE NOT ONLY HANDLES NINE CRAZY BOSSES VERY WELL, BUT HE ALSO HAS AS SOME OF THE TESTIFIERS SPOKE TO, HANDLES REQUESTS, MEDIA REQUESTS, AND OFTEN TIMES WE AS COUNCIL MEMBERS DON'T EVEN KNOW THAT IS SOME OF THE WORK THAT HE IS TAKING CARE OF. AND LAST TWO TERMS, WE HAVE BEEN VERY ACTIVE, AND IT'S JUST BEYOND IMPRESSIVE HOW HE HAS BEEN ABLE TO JUST JUGGLE ALL OF THE PDFS, PROJECT ASSIGNMENTS FORMS. THAT ALL THE REQUESTS BEING MADE BY NINE COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE ASSIGNED AND COMPLETED BY THE DEADLINE. SOMETIMES THE DEADLINES THAT WE ASK FOR ARE PRETTY UNREALISTIC AND UNREASONABLE, BUT HE MEETS THEM. AGAIN, HE'S JUST INCREDIBLE. LASTLY, I WANTED TO SPEAK TO SALARIES. SO AS THE LAST TWO TERMS AS BUDGET CHAIR FOR THOSE THAT WEREN'T ON THE COUNCIL BEFORE, WE HAVE OUR OCS ATTORNEYS BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT CIVIL SERVICE, AND THEY'RE -- WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING FOR THEM TO ARGUE TO JUSTIFY THEIR SALARIES.\r\n\r\n\r\n\r\n\r\nTHEREFORE, WE KEEP THEM ON PAR WITH CORPORATION COUNSEL, BECAUSE CORP. COUNSEL'S ATTORNEYS. THE DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR ARE SET BY THE SALARY COMMISSION, AND SO WE FOLLOW THAT. AND THE LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEYS, WE FOLLOW THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS, AND THAT WAY WE HAVE A GUIDE IN DETERMINING WHAT IS FAIR, AND WHAT IS COMPARABLE? SO THAT OUR RESIDENTS HAVE QUALITY PEOPLE DOING THE WORK, BECAUSE IF WE ARE UNABLE TO ATTRACT PEOPLE, BECAUSE WE PAY FAR TOO LOW, THEN WE'RE GOING TO HAVE MANY VACANT POSITIONS,

MEMBER KEANI RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER GABE JOHNSON? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER TAMARA PALTIN? >> AYE.\r\n\r\n>> COUNCIL MEMBER YUKI LEI SUGIMURA? >> NO. >> CHAIR TASHA KAMA? >> YES. >> CHAIR, YOU HAVE SEVEN AYES, ONE NO. MOTION CARRIES. >> THANK YOU, MS.\r\n\r\nLUTEY. THANK YOU, MEMBERS. MS. CLERK CONTINUING ON WITH RESOLUTION 23-14. >> THANK YOU. YOU HAVE RESOLUTION 23-14 APPOINTING THE STAFF OF THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL SERVICES. CHAIR, PROCEEDING WITH TESTIMONY ON RESOLUTION 23-14, JUNYA NAKOA HAS SIGNED UP FOR THIS MATTER AND I BELIEVE AT THIS TIME HE IS THE ONLY PERSON SIGNED UP ON THIS RESOLUTION. >> JUNYA NAKOA?\r\n\r\n>> MR. NAKOA, IT'S YOUR TIME TO TESTIFY. PLEASE UNMUTE. CHAIR, WE HAVE LUCIENNE DE NAIE PRESENT, AND IT APPEARS SHE WISHES TO TESTIFY ON THIS RESOLUTION. >> THANK YOU SO MUCH ONCE AGAIN, LUCIENNE DE NAIE AS PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL AND SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THESE FOLKS. I'M SURPRISED MR. FORREST'S NAME ISN'T ON THIS LIST, BUT THERE'S SOME EXCELLENT PEOPLE BEING ADDED AND SOME GREAT PEOPLE THAT ARE BEING REAFFIRMED, WHO HAVE BEEN DOING GREAT WORK.\r\n\r\nSO PLEASE KEEP OUR GOOD STAFF AT COUNCIL SERVICES, THE PUBLIC REALLY DEPENDS UPON THEM. MAHALO. >> MEMBERS, DO WE HAVE QUESTIONS FOR MS. DE NAIE? SEEING NONE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MS. DE NAIE. >> CHAIR?\r\n\r\n>> YES. >> THERE ARE NO OTHER -- THERE IS NO ONE ELSE SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY. IF THERE'S ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY ON THIS RESOLUTION, PLEASE MAKE YOURSELF KNOWN. CHAIR, THERE'S NO ONE ELSE HERE TO TESTIFY AT THIS TIME. >> THANK YOU, MS. LUTEY. SO MEMBERS, ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS TO CLOSING PUBLIC TESTIMONY, AND ACCEPTING WRITTEN TESTIMONY FOR RESOLUTION 23-14. >> NO OBJECTIONS.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. MS. CLERK. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. COUNCIL MEMBER SHANE SINENCI? NEED A MOTION FIRST. >> NEED A MOTION.\r\n\r\n>> SORRY. >> SO MOVED. >> SECOND. >> IT'S BEEN MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SINENCI AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER UU-HODGINS TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 23-14. DISCUSSION? MR. SINENCI? >> WELL, FOR STARTERS, KASIE APO-TAKAYAMA, WORKING WITH THESE FINE PEOPLE, AND WE INTERVIEW AND RATE THEIR PERFORMANCES.\r\n\r\nI MUST SAY ALL OF THEIR PERFORMANCES HAVE BEEN STELLAR. SO I SPEAK IN STRONG SUPPORT. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. MS. UU-HODGINS? >> I HAVE ONLY HAD A BRIEF INTERACTION WITH EVERYONE AND THEY HAVE BEEN SO INSTRUMENTAL.\r\n\r\n[INAUDIBLE] THANK YOU SO MUCH AND I LOOK FORWARD -- [INAUDIBLE] >> THANK YOU. MS. YUKI LEI SUGIMURA. >> THANK YOU. I THINK WE ALL ARE IMPRESSED AND GRATEFUL TO THE OCS STAFF THROUGH ALL THE YEARS. I GUESS WE CAN ACTUALLY GO DOWN THE LIST AND TALK ABOUT EACH ONE OF THEM. THE NEW ONES, ANA LILLIS, LEGISLATIVE ANALYST, I HAVE WORKED WITH HER.\r\n\r\nI HAVE WORKED WITH HER, AS A FARMER AND HARD WORKER, I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THAT. ELLEN MCKINLEY, I DID THE INTERVIEW WITH HER AND SHE IS GLAD TO GET INTO OCS AND SOMEONE I'M REALLY IMPRESSED IS A NEW MEMBER AND COMING FROM THE OUTSIDE IS JARRETT PASCUAL, LEGISLATIVE ANALYST FROM LAHAINA. A LOT OF ENERGY, HAS WORKED IN CONGRESS, WHEN I DID THE INTERVIEW, THIS IS LIKE HE SAID, THE DREAM JOB. SO LET'S GO, MAN. WE'RE GOING TO WORK YOU HARD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WELCOME EVERYBODY, AND I CAN'T THANK YOU ALL ENOUGH.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. ANY OTHER DISCUSSION? YES, MS. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> MAHALO, CHAIR. I SPEAK IN STRONG SUPPORT OF ADOPTING RESOLUTION 23-14. I WILL MAKE THIS QUICK, BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT TO SAY.\r\n\r\nI JUST THINK THAT WE'RE SO LUCKY TO HAVE A STAFF I WILL USE MEMBER SINENCI'S WORD "STELLAR" AS THIS TO REALLY HELP US ACHIEVE THE WORK THAT WE'RE SEEKING TO DO ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY. AND I GUESS I SHOULD GIVE A PARTICULAR SHOUT-OUT TO LESLEY AND KASIE, RANDY MITCHELL AND YVETTE BOUTHILLIER, AND VERY EXCITED WITH OUR MANAGEMENT TEAM. WE'RE SO BLESSED TO HAVE THEM. THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING WILLING TO TOLERATE ALL NINE CRAZY COUNCIL MEMBERS. MAHALO. MAHALO, CHAIR. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\nANY OTHER DISCUSSION? SEEING NONE, CLERK, CALL FOR THE ROLL. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. COUNCIL MEMBER SHANE SINENCI? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER NOHELANI UU-HODGINS? >>

AYE.\r\n\r\n>> COUNCIL MEMBER TOM COOK? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER KEANI RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER GABE JOHNSON >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER TAMARA PALTIN? >> AYE.\r\n\r\n>> COUNCIL MEMBER YUKI LEI SUGIMURA? >> AYE. >> CHAIR TASHA KAMA? >> AYE. >> CHAIR, THE VOTE IS UNANIMOUS, EIGHT AYES, NO-NOS. THE MOTION CARRIES. >> MEMBERS, I WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE ON WITH ITEM K AND ITEM M. >> CHAIR?\r\n\r\n>> YES. >> I WAS WONDERING IF WE COULD GO BACK INTO THE ORDER FOR NOW? G, H, I AND J. I DON'T HAVE ANY PROBLEM WITH MS. LUTEY OR MS. THOMSON , BUT I HAVE BEEN HEARING THINGS FROM MY COMMUNITY. WE DID POST AN OPENING FOR THE POSITION, AND SO I BELIEVE WE CAN KEEP FOLKS FOR AN INTERIM TIME, AND I THINK MAYBE WE NEED A WEEK OR SO TO SEE IF THERE'S OTHER QUALIFIED APPLICANTS AS WELL, LIKE YOU WERE SAYING EARLIER. IF THAT IS A POSSIBILITY TO PUT THAT ONE OFF FOR A WEEK?\r\n\r\n>> K AND M OFF FOR A WEEK? >> YES. WE DID POST TO HIRE FOLKS, AND IF WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPEDITIOUSLY GET THROUGH THIS, MAYBE WE CAN SEE? >> SO MEMBERS, YOUR CHAIR IS GOING TO CALL FOR A TEN-MINUTE RECESS, UNTIL 4:21. MEETING IS IN RECESS. [GAVEL] WILL THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF JANUARY 2ND, 2023 PLEASE RECONVENE. THANK YOU FOR THE RECESS. AS I RULED UP EARLIER, WE'RE TAKING UP ITEMS K-0 AND DEFERRING ITEMS TO A LATER MEETING.\r\n\r\nIF YOU ARE TESTIFYING ON ANY OTHER ITEMS, WE'LL TAKE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS K AND M, BUT I ENCOURAGE YOU TO HOLD YOUR TESTIMONY UNTIL THAT NEXT MEETING. SO CLERK, WILL YOU PLEASE CALL UP ITEM K, AND M. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. CALLING RESOLUTION 23-12 APPOINTING MOANA M. LUTEY AS COUNTY CLERK AND SETTING SALARY AND RESOLUTION 23-13 APPOINTING RICHELLE M. THOMSON AS DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK AND SETTING THE SALARY. FIRST TESTIFIER SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY IS KEISA LIU, FOLLOWED BY SAM SMALL. >> ALOHA. MY NAME IS KEISA LIU. I'M SORRY, I FORGOT I WAS STILL ON THIS ONE.\r\n\r\nI KIND OF FEEL LIKE THERE'S GOING TO BE A LOT OF PEOPLE COMING UP HERE TO TALK ABOUT THIS, AND I'M JUST GOING TO LET THEM DO THAT THIS TIME AND WAIT FOR MY NEXT TESTIMONY. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. MEMBERS, ANY QUESTIONS FOR THE TESTIFIER? THANK YOU. >> NEXT TESTIFIER, SAM SMALL, FOLLOWED BY RICHELLE KAWASAKI.\r\n\r\n>> HELLO. I THINK I'M ON. >> YES YOU ARE, MR. SMALL. >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IS IT POSSIBLE TO SPEAK TO 23-5? >> NO, IT'S 23-12 AND 23-13. YOU CAN AFTER WE'RE DONE WITH THESE TWO ITEMS >> MY COMMENTS ARE AROUND 23-5 ARE KIND OF A SET-UP, AND GIVE CONTEXT TO THE COMMENTS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE ON 12-12. >> OKAY. >> OKAY.\r\n\r\n>> GO AHEAD. >> OKAY, GREAT. THANK YOU. SO YOU KNOW, AGAIN, IT'S SUCH AN HONOR TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCESS WITH YOU ALL, AND THIS IS VERY DIFFICULT TESTIMONY TO GIVE. LIKE, FOR INSTANCE, I LIKE DAVID RAATZ, BUT YOU KNOW, DON'T THINK THAT WE HAVE BEEN DEALT WITH FAIRLY IN THE GLOBAL SENSE AND I WOULD LIKE YOU FOLKS TO UNDERSTAND THE CONCERNS. SO PART OF IT HERE, 23-5 ARE THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL. AND YOU KNOW, THERE WAS TALK EARLIER OF DIVISIVENESS, AND EVEN ALICE, I'M SORRY SHE IS NOT HERE TODAY, BECAUSE I WANTED TO ADDRESS HER IN HER CAMPAIGNING SHE TALKED ABOUT THE DIVISIVENESS.\r\n\r\nFROM MY POINT OF VIEW, IT'S HER DIRECTION THAT IS WHAT IS SO DIVISIVE, AND THIS IS ABSOLUTELY EXEMPLIFIED IN WHAT I'M CALLING A POWER GRAB. PUBLIC TESTIMONY, WHICH I FIND ABSOLUTELY ABHORRENT AND UNACCEPTABLE IN THE NEW RULES THAT ALICE LEE HAS PROPOSED. SHE IS GIVING THE CHAIR THE EXCLUSIVE POWER TO FAST-TRACK ANY LEGISLATION THAT THE CHAIR WANTS, COMPLETELY BYPASSING COMMITTEE HEARINGS AND THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY THAT GOES WITH IT. THAT IS ONE OF THE DARKEST, AND MOST ANTI-OPEN GOVERNMENT PRACTICES POSSIBLE. IT IS ABSOLUTELY THE WRONG DIRECTION OF AN AUTHORITARIAN MOVEMENT THAT MAUI COUNTY IS WAY, WAY BETTER THAN. ALICE LEE WANTS TO RESTRICT OUR OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON ANY COUNCIL ISSUE THAT THE CHAIR CHOOSES. I ASK YOU, PLEASE REJECT THE OVERREACHING LANGUAGE THAT ALICE LEE HAS PROPOSED FOR RULE 10A, AND BILLS, RESOLUTIONS AND BAD LANGUAGE THAT THE COUNCIL CHAIR MAY REFER -- MAY EITHER REFER NEW BILLS OR

RESOLUTIONS TO THE STANDING COMMITTEES, WITH JURISDICTION, OR POST THEM ON A COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA FOR REFERRAL, AND OTHER ACTION.\r\n\r\nTHAT IS WRONG. THAT IS SO BAD. THE OLD RULES 7G PLEASE USE THAT LANGUAGE IN THE CASE OF BILLS OR RESOLUTIONS HAVING THE FULL FORCE AND EFFECT OF LAW, THE COUNCIL SHALL REFER THE MATTER TO A STANDING COMMITTEE, AND SHALL RECEIVE THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT TO FIRST READING PRIOR TO FIRST READING OR ADOPTION, PROVIDED THERE'S TWO-THIRDS OVERRIDE THAT THE COUNCIL IS ENTITLED TO. THIS IS -- THIS IS ABSOLUTELY AGAINST ALL DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES, AND I ABSOLUTELY ASK YOU TO REJECT THOSE SUGGESTIONS. I WILL SEGWAY NOW, BECAUSE TESTIFYING 312 AND 313, I HAVE GOT 223 SIGNATURES HERE ON A PETITION THAT REQUESTING A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION INTO CORPORATION COUNSEL MOANA LUTEY. 240 OF THOSE SIGNATURES CAME IN LAST COUPLE OF DAYS, SINCE ALICE LEE PROPOSED MS. LUTEY AND MS.\r\n\r\nTHOMSON TO BE THE COUNTY CLERK AND DEPUTY CLERK. MAYOR BISSEN REMOVED MOANA LUTEY AND RICHELLE THOMSON FROM CORPORATION COUNSEL, WHICH MANY OF US BELIEVE IS ENDING DECADES OF INSTITUTIONALLY CORRUPTION HERE IN MAUI COUNTY. THIS PROPOSAL, THE NEW RULES EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY, YOU KNOW? MS. LUTEY HAS A LITIGATOR HAS NO POSITION AS COUNTY CLERK THE MASSIVE SALARY BOOST AS COUNTY CLERK, MS. LUTEY WOULD EARN MORE THAN THE MAYOR TO DO A JOB THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE A LAWYER. THERE IS NO LITIGATION.\r\n\r\nIT'S A TOTAL WASTE OF HER SKILLS. IS IT BEING DONE AS A PAYOFF? THERE'S A WHOLE SECTION OF THIS COMMUNITY THAT BELIEVES THAT IS THE CASE. IT'S PART OF THE OVERREACH THAT ALICE LEE IS ATTEMPTING AND HAVING MOANA LUTEY AS A BULLDOG LITIGATOR IS ABSOLUTELY WRONG, WRONG, WRONG, FOR MAUI COUNTY. REMEMBER, MOANA LUTEY LIED TO THIS COUNCIL REPEATEDLY ABOUT AN INVESTIGATION INTO BRIBERY ACCUSATIONS WITHIN THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT OVER GREG BROWN'S NAPILI COAST AND THAT NEVER HAPPENED AND THERE'S NOTHING THERE. IT'S A TOTAL MISREPRESENTATION. MS.\r\n\r\nLUTEY WASTED MILLIONS OF YOUR TAX DOLLARS REFUSING TO RESPECT THIS COUNCIL'S UNANIMOUS VOTE TO SETTLE THE INJECTION WELLS. IT'S JUST THE WRONG DIRECTION FOR MAUI COUNTY. I URGE YOU BOTH, YOU KNOW, 500 PLUS SIGNATURES. THIS IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ALICE LEE'S, YOU KNOW, PENDING VICTORY, YOU KNOW? 500 PEOPLE, OVER 500 PEOPLE HAVE SIGNED THIS, AND THAT PETITION IS ENTERED -- I EMAILED IT AND YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEE THAT. WE CAN DO BETTER. WE MUST DO BETTER AND COMMUNITY EXPECTS YOU FOLKS TO UNDERSTAND THE OPTIC AND GO BEYOND THIS OVERREACH TO LIMIT THE PUBLIC'S PARTICIPATION.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU. >> THANK YOU, MR. SMALL. MEMBERS, QUESTIONS? YES, MS. YUKI LEI SUGIMURA. >> POINT OF INFORMATION FOR YOU.\r\n\r\n>> YES. >> NOW ALL TESTIFIERS CAN TESTIFY ON ANYTHING ON THE AGENDA? >> WE'RE JUST STICKING TO K AND M, AND HE ASKED FOR CONSIDERATION, SO I GAVE THEM THAT AND ALL OF THE TIME. IT'S K AND M. >> AS YOU HAD REQUESTED. >> YES. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MR.\r\n\r\nSMALL. >> THANK YOU. >> NEXT TESTIFIER IS RICHELLE KAWASAKI, FOLLOWED BY BRANDON MAKAWA'AWA. >> GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK AGAIN. AGAIN, MY NAME IS RICHELLE KAWASAKI, A COUNTY EMPLOYEE, HERE ON MY OWN TIME AND SPEAKING AS AN INDIVIDUAL. I'M SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF BOTH MOANA LUTEY AND RICHELLE THOMSON AS DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK FOR RICHELLE THOMSON, AND COUNTY CLERK MOANA LUTEY, AND THOSE ARE RESOLUTIONS 23-12 AND 23-13. FIRST OF ALL, I COMMEND THIS COUNCIL FOR STRIVING TO APPOINT THE MOST QUALIFIED PERSON, MOANA LUTEY AS COUNTY CLERK.\r\n\r\nTHE COUNCIL SHOULD BE PROUD THEY ARE SELECTING A HIGHLY EDUCATED, COMPETENT, SKILLED NATIVE HAWAIIAN WOMAN TO SERVE IN THIS VERY IMPORTANT POSITION. I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH MS. LUTEY AS BOTH A COWORKER AND MY BOSS DURING TWO DIFFERENT STINTS IN COUNTY OFFICES. I CAN TELL YOU THAT BOTH EXPERIENCES WERE EXTREMELY POSITIVE. SHE'S FAIR. SHE'S INTELLIGENT, SHE IS CALM AND COMPASSIONATE AND PERSON WITH UTMOST INTEGRITY. THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE BOLD STEP TOWARDS GENDER PAY EQUALITY IN THIS APPOINTMENT.\r\n\r\nI KNOW AS COUNCIL MEMBERS,

YOU OF ALL PEOPLE KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE UNDERCOMPENSATED BECAUSE YOU ARE BASICALLY PAID AT A PART-TIME RATE FOR WHAT AMOUNTS TO MORE THAN A FULL- TIME JOB. KUDOS TO YOU FOR ACCEPTING THE BEST CANDIDATE FOR THIS POSITION AND SETTING THE COMPENSATION AND I'M NOT COPYING COUNCIL MEMBER KEANI RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. I PROMISE I WAS GOING TO SAY THIS BEFORE, SETTING IT FOR THE POSITION AND NOT FOR THE PERSON. THE RATE IS COMMENSURATE WITH THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THIS JOB. THANK YOU FOR SENDING THE MESSAGE THAT THE OFFICE THAT HANDLES ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT TASKS IN OUR COUNTY ELECTIONS IS HELD IN THE HIGHEST REGARD AND WOULD BE LED BY THE MOST QUALIFIED CANDIDATE. SEEING SOME COMMENTS ONLINE ATTEMPTING TO DISQUALIFY MS. LUTEY BECAUSE SHE IS TOO EDUCATED AND HOLDS A LAW LICENSE AND IT'S INSULTING TO THE MANY COUNTY CLERKS HELD THIS JOB AND BELITTLES THE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS THAT COUNTY CLERKS HAVE MADE TO OUR COUNTY, AND THE COMPLEXITY OF THE POSITION.\r\n\r\nYES, A LAW LICENSE IS NOT REQUIRED FOR THIS POSITION, BUT IS IT DETRIMENTAL? NO, IT'S BENEFICIAL AND SHOULD NOT BE USED AS A WEAPON AGAINST A QUALIFIED CANDIDATE. MUCH OF THE SAME CAN BE SELDOM REGARDING RESOLUTION 23-13. I SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF RICHELLE THOMSON AS DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK, NOT BECAUSE SHE HAS THE MOST AWESOME FIRST NAME, BUT SHE IS A CANDIDATE FOR THIS POSITION. I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH MS. THOMSON FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS. SHE IS AN INCREDIBLY SMART AND ACCOMPLISHED WORK, AS WELL AS FANTASTIC HUMAN BEING AND A PERSON OF GREAT INTEGRITY WITH A HEART OF BOLD AND BREADTH OF KNOWLEDGE WITH LAWS THAT THIS COUNTY ENACTED OVER THE PAST 12 YEARS THAT IS UNSURPASSED AND WORKED WITH EVERY DEPARTMENT IN OUR COUNTY AND BEEN ADVISING THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE FOR SEVERAL YEARS NOW. I'M SURE SHER HER TRANSITION WILL BE -- I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THESE TWO CANDIDATES SACRIFICE A GREAT DEAL IN ORDER TO SERVE THE COUNTY, PARTICULARLY OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS.\r\n\r\nTHEY SPENT COUNTLESS HOURS AWAKE FROM THEIR HOMES AND FAMILIES THROUGHOUT COVID WITH ZERO ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION. THEY DIDN'T DO SO FOR PERSONAL GAIN OR RECOGNITION, BUT DID SO BECAUSE THERE WAS A IMMEDIATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATION COUNSEL THAT WAS UNEXPECTED AND IMMEDIATE. THEY STEPPED UP AND HAVE BEEN BASHED AND TOOK CRACKS LIKE CHAMPS. NEVER ONCE COMPLAINING. THEY ACCEPTED PUBLIC CRITICISM, EVEN WHEN IT WAS UNFOUNDED AND UNFAIR, BECAUSE THEY ACCEPTED IT AS A PART OF THEIR JOBS. THEY DIDN'T CRY ABOUT IT. THEY DIDN'T POINT FINGERS OR BLAME, BUT SIMPLY COME TO WORK AND DO BEST JOB FOR ALL OF US BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE MANY PUBLIC SERVICE.\r\n\r\nTHEY HAVE DEFENDED THE COUNCIL, THE COUNTY, THE MAYOR AND ALL OF THE DEPARTMENTS. WHILE THE CHAPTERS OF THESE TWO POWERFUL CAPABLE WOMEN LEADING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL HAS ENDED THEIR STORY IS NOT FINISHED. THEY HAVE A LOT MORE TO OFFER THE COUNTY AND I'M SURE YOU WILL NOT REGRET APPOINTING THEM AS COUNTY CLERK AND DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. >> THANK YOU. MEMBERS, QUESTIONS FOR THE TESTIFIER? SEEING NONE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.\r\n\r\n>> CHAIR THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS BRANDON MAKA'AWA'AWA, FOLLOWED BY SHAY CHAN-HODGES. >> ALOHA, MY NAME IS BRANDON MAKA'AWA'AWA. CONGRATULATIONS, CHAIR KAMA. MY NAME IS BRANDON MAKA'AWA'AWA AND I'M TESTIFYING TODAY IN OPPOSITION TO RESOLUTION 23-12, THE APPOINTMENT MOANA LUTEY TO COUNTY CLERK. I HAVE MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO OBSERVE MS. LUTEY'S WORK AS CORP. COUNSEL SINCE THE COUNTY COUNCIL VOTED TO RETAIN SPECIAL COUNSEL TO PURSUE ACTION AGAINST BANK OF AMERICA.\r\n\r\nON AUGUST 4, 2021 THE COUNCIL PASSED THE RESOLUTION, NOTING THAT NO LEGAL CLAIMS HAVE BEEN FILED ON THE COUNTY'S BEHALF UNDER PREVIOUS RESOLUTION, MORE THAN A YEAR AFTER ITS ADOPTION. IN RESPONSE TO THIS LACK OF ACTION, THE COUNCIL DIRECTED MS. LUTEY TO WORK WITH OUR ATTORNEY AND SUPPORTING OUR EFFORTS TO HOLD BANK OF AMERICA ACCOUNTABLE AND REFUSED TO COMPLY WITH INSTRUCTIONS AND NEVER WORKED WITH JACOBS AND NEVER SUPPORTED OUR EFFORTS TO HOLD BANK OF AMERICA ACCOUNTABLE, FOR NEARLY THREE YEARS AND NO TRACTION

ON THE COUNTY'S CASE. WE COULDN'T WAIT AROUND FOR MS. LUTEY TO BE REPLACED AND TOOK ACTION AND FILED OUR OWN LAWSUIT. I TESTIFIED MAY 31, 2022 GREAT COMMITTEE MEETING THAT WE FILED OUR LAWSUIT ON THE 28TH ANNIVERSARY FOR THE \$150 MILLION COMMITMENT AND ALMOST TWO YEARS AFTER HIRING SPECIAL COUNSEL, MARGERY BRONSTER AND MOANA LUTEY TOLD THE COUNTY COUNCIL THEY BELIEVE THIS WAS NO LEGAL CASE, EVEN [SPEAKER NOT UNDERSTOOD] BRONSTER'S CONTRACT BE INCREASED. UNFORTUNATELY FOR THE PUBLIC, THIS WAS DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS WITH COUNTY COUNCIL.\r\n\r\nI GAVE TESTIMONY BEFORE THE GREAT COMMITTEE, AND ALSO TESTIFIED ABOUT DISTURBING EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN MS. LUTEY AND BANK OF AMERICA'S ATTORNEY DOUG CHING THAT WE RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO RECORD'S REQUEST. I STATED THAT THE REAL BARRIERS WE HAVE BEEN FACING HASN'T BEEN BANK OF AMERICA, BUT POLITICS AND LAWYERS AND THE INFLUENCE OF BANK OF AMERICA HERE AND IT'S DANGEROUS. ONE OF THE WAYS WE HAVE SEEN BANK OF AMERICA TRYING TO WIN THE CASE, IS TO BLOCK OUR ATTORNEY FROM REPRESENTING US AND THE COUNTY. WE ALL SAW BACK IN 2019, WHEN BANK OF AMERICA'S LOBBYIST CIRCULATED INFORMATION AT AUGUST 6,2019 COUNCIL HEARING TO KEEP HIM FROM REPRESENTING MAUI COUNTY, AND YOU SAW WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU HIRED MARGERY BRONSTER. BASED ON THE EMAILS, SHE ALSO HAD NO INTEREST AND EFFORTS TO BLOCK BRUCE JACOBS FROM SERVING AS OUR LAWYER. I URGE YOU TO NOT APPROVE MOANA LUTEY AS COUNTY CLERK.\r\n\r\nMAHALO. >>THANK YOU, MR. MAKA'AWA'AWA. MEMBERS, QUESTIONS FOR MR. MAKA'AWA'AWA? SEEING NONE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS SHAY CHAN-HODGES.\r\n\r\n>> ALOHA. MY NAME IS SHAY CHAN-HODGES AND I'M TESTIFYING IN OPENING TO RESO 23-12, APPOINTMENT OF MOANA LUTEY AS COUNTY CLERK. AT MAY 31, GREAT COMMITTEE THAT NP K PRESIDENT MENTION JUST MENTIONED IF YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE DISCUSSION WITH OPEN SESSION, YOU ARE PROVIDING BANK OF AMERICA AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE WHAT IT IS THAT THE STRATEGY MAY BE HERE, WHICH COULD GIVE THEM A LEG UP. THIS STATEMENT IS INTERESTING, GIVE MS. LUTEY'S SUBSEQUENT CORRESPONDENCE WITH B OF A'S ATTORNEY DOUG CHIN OBTAINED THROUGH PUBLIC REQUEST. DAYS AFTER THE STATEMENT, MR. CHIN EMAILED MS.\r\n\r\nLUTEY AT HER COUNTY ADDRESS. ALOHA MOANA,!, PLEASE SEE ATTACHED, DOUG. THE ATTACHMENT BY HAWAI'I DISTRICT START OF THE ATTORNEY BRUCE JACOBS IN THE CASE AGAINST BARR OF A, FILED 20 MINUTES PRIOR TO MR. CHIN'S EMAIL TO MS. LUTEY. ON AUGUST 24, 2020, MS. LUTEY EMAILED MR.\r\n\r\nCHIN, HI DOUG, I HOPE YOU ARE WELL, EXCLAMATION POINT. ANY NEW PLEADINGS IN THE CASE? I'M CURIOUS BASED ON THE ORDER DENYING -- TAKE CARE, MOANA. MR. CHIN RESPONDED AN HOUR LATER, MOANA, GREAT TO HEAR FROM YOU AND I HOPE YOU ARE DOING WELL, EXCLAMATION POINT. WE FILED A MOTION TO DISMISS BASED ON LACK OF STANDING AND UNTIMELINESS. I HAVE A COURTESY COPY, BUT I MIGHT BREAK YOUR EMAIL IF I SEND IT TO YOU.\r\n\r\nTHE HEARING IS OCTOBER 24, 2022, BEFORE THE JUDGE. DOUG WOULD HOURS LATER, MS. LUTEY RESPONDS, THANKS FOR INFO, EXCLAMATION POINT. THAT FILE MAY BE TOO LARGE BECAUSE IS THE SIZE OF A PINPOINT, LITERALLY. WHO IS REPRESENTING THE PLAINTIFFS NOW? MOANA, FIVE MINUTES LATER, MR. CHIN STATED, HE WORKED UNDER GARY DURBIN.\r\n\r\nTAKE CARE, MOANA, EXCLAMATION POINT, YOU ARE A HERO AND LOOK FORWARD TO READING YOUR MEMOIRS. SHE WAS SUPPOSED TO REPRESENT THE COUNTY'S INTEREST, BUT TO OBTAIN THE CASE AGAINST BANK OF AMERICA AGAINST THE SAME PLAINTIFFS SHE REFUSED TO WORK IN OPENING TO COUNCIL RESOLUTION. ALSO PLEASE REMEMBER THE \$150 MILLION COMMITMENT TO NATIVE HAWAIIANS WAS A RESULT OF ASSERTIONS OF RED LINING, SPECIFICALLY DISCRIMINATING AGAINST HAWAIIANS AND FILIPINOS . CURRENTLY CONSIDERING MOANA LUTEY FOR A JOB THAT REQUIRES THE HIGHEST PROFESSIONAL ETHICS AND TO PROTECT THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS. THIS IS A RIGHT WHERE DISCRIMINATION HAS BEEN AN ISSUE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. I THEREFORE URGE YOU TO MOTTO APPROVE MOANA LUTEY AS COUNTY CLERK. MAHALO. >> THANK YOU, MS.\r\n\r\nSHAY CHAN-HODGES. MEMBERS, QUESTIONS? SEEING NONE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> NEXT TESTIFIER IS KRISTINA TOSHIKIYO. ASK YOU THAT

ACCEPT MY TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF A POINTING MOANA LUTEY AND MS. THOMSON AS COUNTY CLERK AND DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK. I WILL ECHO MY COLLEAGUE AND EVERYTHING SHE SAID IN PUBLIC PUBLIC.\r\n\r\nI BELIEVE THEY BRING TO THE CLERK AND DEPUTY CLERK'S POSITION WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE, LEGAL EXPERIENCE, MORAL INTEGRITY, AND A DEEP AND PROVEN COMMITMENT IN SERVING OUR COMMUNITY. AT A TIME WHEN WE'RE SEEING THREATS TO OUR ELECTIONS AND DEMOCRACY, IT IS OF A HUGE BENEFIT TO OUR COUNTY TO APPOINT QUALIFIED AND EXPERIENCED PROFESSIONAL TO THESE VITAL POSITIONS AND COMPENSATE THEM. AS THEY LED OUR DEPARTMENT THROUGH UNPRECEDENTED CHALLENGES -- SORRY I'M GETTING EMOTIONAL, DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. I STARTED WITH THE DEPARTMENT IN APRIL OF 2020, ONE MONTH AFTER. UNDER OUR NEW CORPORATION COUNCIL, I WAS A PRACTICING LAW ATTORNEY, FAMILY LAW ATTORNEY WITH NONPROFIT, STATE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE PRACTICE EXPERIENCE. COMING TO THE COUNTY I FACED A VERY STEEP LEARNING CURVE. AT A TIME WHEN THE COUNTY WAS PIVOTING ON A DAILY BASIS TO MEET THE EVER INCREASING COVID-19 HURDLES.\r\n\r\nI LOVE MY JOB. IT'S INTERESTING. THIS IS DUE TO THE SUPPORTIVE AND DIVERSE AND RESPECTFUL ENVIRONMENT FOSTERED BY MS. LUTEY AND MS. THOMSON. EXPERIENCED LAWYERS WITH EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE WITH LAW AND MAINTAINED AN OPEN-DOOR POLICY TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT TO ALL OF US, ENCOURAGED US TO DISCUSS AND DEBATE AND LED BY EXAMPLE THE EXPECTATION AND REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE LEGALLY SOUND ADVICE TO THE COUNTY AND ADHERE TO OUR STRICT LAWS OF PROFESSIONALISM AND MAINTAIN THE HIGHEST DEGREES OF ETHICS. THEY ACHIEVED THIS WITHOUT MICROMANAGING ARE OUT OF RESPECT FOR OUR ETHICS AND STEPPED IN TO PROVIDE LEGAL ACTION.\r\n\r\nABOVE ALL THEY RESPECTED AS PROFESSIONALS AND CONCERNED ABOUT OUR WELL-BEING. THE HOURS ARE LONG AND RISKS ARE HIGH. BUT THROUGH WORDS AND ACTION, THEY EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR OUR HARD WORK AND CELEBRATED MILESTONES AND COMMISERATED ON LOSSES AND TO STRATEGIZE ON HOW TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE FUTURE. THEY ENCOURAGED US REGULARLY TO TAKE CARE OF PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH, CARE FOR OUR LOVED ONES, MAINTAIN OUR HOBBIES, EXPLORING PASSIONS, BECAUSE WE ARE STILL PEOPLE IN THIS COMMUNITY. IN CLOSING I'M NOT UNAWARE OF SOME OF THE NEGATIVE COMMUNITY SENTIMENTS WE ALL HEAR IT, AND IT'S PART OF THE JOB, LIKE RICHELLE SAID. WHAT I CAN OFFER YOU AND HOPE YOU WILL CONSIDER IS MY FIRSTHAND INSIGHT OF THE QUALIFICATIONS AND PROFESSIONALISM OF MS. LUTEY AND MS.\r\n\r\nTHOMSON, WHICH MAKES THEM THE HIGHEST QUALIFIED CANDIDATES TO SERVE AS THE CLERK AND DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK OF THIS COUNTY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION. >> THANK YOU. MEMBERS, QUESTIONS FOR THE TESTIFIER? SEEING NONE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MS. TOSHIKIYO. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS CLARE APANA.\r\n\r\n>> GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY AND CONGRATULATIONS ALL. THIS IS REALLY HARD TO DO. SOMETIMES IN OUR HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY, WE ARE SUBJECT TO WHAT SOME PEOPLE CALL COLONIAL BATTERING MENTALITY. I JUST CALL IT THE HARDEST PEOPLE TO FIGHT ARE OUR OWN PEOPLE, BECAUSE INSTEAD OF GETTING A FAIR SHAKE, WE GET WORSE THAN THAT. WE GET YES-MEN, WHO BREAK LAWS, WHO REALLY DO NOT PROTECT WHAT NEEDS TO BE PROTECTED, AND HAS PROTECTION BY LAW, BECAUSE THEY ARE GIVING THE OKAY TO GO AHEAD WITH THINGS THAT DESTROY CULTURAL PLACES, IMPORTANT PLACES, BURIALS. AND I DO KNOW ABOUT BURIALS.\r\n\r\nI AM NOT IN SUPPORT OF EITHER K OR M, MS. THOMSON OR MS. LUTEY. I HAVE HAD THE EXPERIENCE OF BEING IN A CONTESTED-CASE IN THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT FOR THREE YEARS AT THE 21ST OF THIS MONTH. AND EXTRAORDINARILY LONG TIME, WE'RE JUST GRASSROOTS PEOPLE, AND THE WORSE PART IS WHENEVER THERE WAS A CHANCE TO MAKE THIS A MORE FAIR PROCESS TO MAKE THE CONTESTED-CASE NOT HAVE TO LAST SO LONG, THE COUNTY ATTORNEY DID NOT HELP US. THEY DID NOT HELP US. THEIR USUAL AND STANDARD ANSWER WAS WE HAVE NO OPINION.\r\n\r\nWHEN IT CAME TO THE POINT OF RE-OPENING OUR CASE TO ALLOW THE HOTEL TO PUT IN A KAPA'A KAI STUDY, WHICH IS WHERE YOU SEE IF THERE ARE ANY CULTURAL PRACTITIONERS, OR PRACTICES, WHICH WILL BE IMPACTED BY A

PROJECT, AND SAID KUAU HAD DONE THE PROJECT KAPA'A KAI CASE AND SHE HAD DONE THE STUDY, AND THAT THEY DIDN'T FIND ANYTHING. SHE DIDN'T REVIEW NOT ANY ONE OF THE PRACTITIONERS, NOT ANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO WERE IMPACTED. SO THIS IS THE KIND OF LEGAL WORK THAT HAS COME DOWN, AND I WANT TO SAY THAT REMEMBER THE FOUR LADIES WHO JUMPED IN THE HOLE TO STOP THE BULLDOZERS FROM GOING TO THE BURIALS? ON THE DAY BEFORE THEY DID THAT, THEY SPOKE TO THE LAHAINA POLICE, WHO TOLD HAD, YOU WILL BE OKAY, NOTHING IS GOING TO HAPPEN. SO WHEN THEY DID DO THIS, AS A CIVIL RIGHTS ACTION THE PERSON WHO IS SAID TO HAVE GIVEN THE ARREST TO THOSE LADIES WAS MOANA LUTEY. IF YOU CAN'T HELP YOUR OWN PEOPLE, IF YOU GO AGAINST YOUR OWN PEOPLE, I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU CAN BE TRUSTED WITH SUCH AN IMPORTANT JOB? SO I JUST WANT YOU TO REALLY ASK THE QUESTIONS.\r\n\r\nI WANT YOU TO ASK THE QUESTIONS OF MS. THOMSON, BECAUSE I HAVE HEARD HER TESTIFY IN PUBLIC MEETINGS IN HER VARIOUS CAPACITIES, AND I HAVE NOT BEEN HAPPY WITH HER -- WITH THE WAY SHE HAS PROTECTED OUR CULTURAL RESOURCES, OR I DON'T THINK SHE HAS EVER ASKED ANY OF US FOR OUR OPINION OF WHAT WE THOUGHT WAS HAPPENING EVEN IN IMPORTANT CASES. YOU KNOW? I JUST DON'T FEEL THAT WE AS HAWAIIAN PEOPLE WILL GET A FAIR SHAKE WITH THESE TWO PEOPLE, AND I DON'T THINK OUR COUNTY WANTS TO DO THAT. THERE'S A REASON WHY THEY WERE DISMISSED, OR ARE NO LONGER IN THEIR OTHER CAPACITIES FOR THE COUNTY. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR LISTENING. MAHALO.\r\n\r\n>> MEMBERS, ANY QUESTIONS FOR THE TESTIFIER? SEEING NONE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS FOLLOWED BY ROBIN KNOX. >> THIS IS YOUR TIME TO TESTIFY. YOU MAY UNMUTE. CHAIR, LET'S GO TO ROBIN KNOX.\r\n\r\n>> ALOHA, COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS. CONGRATULATIONS ON BEING ELECTED FOR YOUR NEW TERMS. I'M TESTIFYING -- MY NAME IS ROBIN KNOX. I'M NOT LOBBYIST. OUR DEMOCRACY IS VERY IMPORTANT, AND HAS BEEN UNDER ATTACK IN RECENT YEARS. IN PARTICULAR, THE COUNTY CLERK NEEDS TO BE REALLY DILIGENT AND ABOVE REPROACH TO ENSURE BOTH THE INTEGRITY OF THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS AND OF OUR ELECTIONS. WITH MS.\r\n\r\nLUTEY, THERE'S BEEN ALLOCATIONS IN NUMEROUS IMPORTANT CASES THAT SHE DID NOT SERVE THE INTERESTS, AND INSTRUCTIONS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL. IN MY EXPERIENCE, IT HAS PLAYED OUT WITH THE INJECTION WELL CASE, WHICH IS AN AREA THAT I HAVE PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE, AND I COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE COUNTY TOOK THE ILL-ADVISED AND ILLOGICAL PATH TO GO TO THE SUPREME COURT AT THE COST OF \$4 MILLION. SO IN ADDITION TO CONCERNS ABOUT THE SUITABILITY OF MS. LUTEY FOR THE JOB, WITH REGARD TO PEOPLE TRUSTING HER, IT'S ALSO THE HIGH SALARY, WHICH HAS BEEN BROUGHT UP BEFORE IN THIS MEETING THAT SALARIES SHOULD BE FISCALLY SOUND. AND SHE IS BEING PROPOSED FOR NOT ONLY MUCH HIGHER THAN THE PRIOR CLERK, BUT HIGHER THAN HER PRIOR SALARY AS CORP. COUNSEL. SO IT WAS ALSO SAID IN THE MEETING TODAY THERE HAS BEEN A JOB ADVERTISEMENT AND MIGHT BE OTHER POTENTIAL CANDIDATES FOR THIS POSITION.\r\n\r\nSO I'M ASKING YOU NOT TO APPROVE THIS APPOINTMENT TODAY AND TO SEEK OUT OTHER QUALIFIED CANDIDATES TO CONSIDER BEFORE MAKING THIS DECISION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> THANK YOU. MEMBERS, QUESTIONS FOR THE TESTIFIER? SEEING NONE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MS. KNOX. >> THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS SANDY BAZ, TO BE FOLLOWED BY [INAUDIBLE] >> ALOHA, CHAIR AND CONGRATULATIONS, CHAIR KAMA, AND COUNCIL MEMBERS.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. >> MY NAME IS SANDY BAZ, AND I'M A PRIVATE CITIZEN, AND TESTIFYING IN SUPPORT OF COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 23-12, AND 23-13. THE APPOINTMENT OF MOANA LUTEY, AS OUR COUNTY CLERK AND RICHELLE THOMSON AS OUR DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK. I WANTED TO TAKE A LITTLE BIT OF MY TIME TO READ WHAT THE CHARTER [INAUDIBLE] I BELIEVE THAT THE MICROPHONE IS UNMUTED. CAN YOU HEAR ME? >> YES. >> POWERS, DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNTY CLERK, SAYS THAT THE CLERK OF COUNCIL, THE FUNCTION THAT MS. LUTEY IS PROVIDING TODAY AS TEMPORARY BASIS TO TAKE CHARGE SAFELY KEEP, DISPOSE OF ALL BOOKS, PAPERS AND RECORDS, WHICH MAY BE PROPERLY FILED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE AND TO KEEP SEPARATE FILES OF ALL BILLS, ORDINANCES,

RESOLUTIONS, RULES AND CUMULATIVE INDICES, COUNTY SEAL AND CONDUCT ELECTIONS AS PROVIDED BY LAW, CERTIFY -- ADOPT RULES AND CLASSIFICATION AND STORAGE AND DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS OF THE COUNTY, AND PERFORM OTHER SUCH FUNCTIONS BY THE COUNTY OR BY LAW.\r\n\r\nAND I KNOW THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF DISCUSSION ABOUT MS. LUTEY'S ROLE AS CORPORATION COUNSEL. AS A FORMER MANAGING DIRECTOR, I CAN TELL YOU MANAGING HER AND HER DEPARTMENT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL IS A FUNCTION SHE DID VERY WELL. HER AND MS. THOMSON WORKED HAND IN HAND TO MANAGE STAFF, WHICH WAS EVIDENCED BY TESTIMONY OF FORMER STAFF MEMBERS AND TO SAY THEIR DUTIES AS CORPORATION COUNSEL ARE NOT DISSIMILAR TO THE DID DUTIES OF THE COUNTY CLERK. THEIR FUNCTIONS, THEIR KNOWLEDGE WILL BE HEAVY UTILIZED IN THE COUNTY CLERK'S POSITION IN THE EXACT SAME RULE HERE. YOU ARE NOT DEPENDING ON THEM FOR LEGAL ADVICE.\r\n\r\nYOU ARE NOT DEPENDING ON THEM TO DEFEND THE COUNTY. YOU ARE DEPENDING ON THEM TO FULFILL THOSE ROLES AS DEFINED BY THE COUNTY CLERK AND I'M CONFIDENT THAT MOANA AND RICHELLE CAN FULFILL THOSE RULES FULLY TO THE BEST CAPABILITIES AND I REALLY SUPPORT THEIR NOMINATIONS, AND ENCOURAGE YOU TO VOTE TO APPOINT THEM AS COUNTY CLERK AND DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK. THANK YOU, CHAIR. >> MEMBERS, QUESTIONS? IF NOT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. BAZ. >> THE NEXT TESTIFIER -- [READING SPEAKERS' NAMES] >> CAN YOU HEAR ME?\r\n\r\nHELLO? >> PROCEED. >> THANK YOU. I HAVE BEEN ON SINCE 2 O'CLOCK. CONGRATS TO YOU ALL. I'M VEHEMENTLY OPPOSED TO RESOLUTION 23-12 AND 23-13. I KNOW MAYOR BISSEN REPLACED MOANA LUTEY AND SHE HAS A VERY CONTROVERSIAL HISTORY. [INAUDIBLE] VIOLATIONS [INAUDIBLE] >> COULD YOU PLEASE REPEAT YOUR TESTIMONY?\r\n\r\n>> I THINK IT'S REALLY INAPPROPRIATE AND ASK THAT YOU NOT CONFIRM HERE. >> THANK YOU. >> OR MS. THOMSON. >> I THINK WE GOT THE GIST OF YOUR TESTIMONY. THANK YOU. MEMBERS, ANY QUESTIONS FOR THE TESTIFIER?\r\n\r\nHEARING NONE, THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. >> CHAIR, NEXT TESTIFIER IS ANN MARIE, FOLLOW BY TYSON MIYAKE. >> GOOD AFTERNOON, COUNCIL MEMBERS. GOOD EVENING. >> GOOD AFTERNOON. YES, WE CAN. >> GREAT.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU. FIRST, CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR INAUGURATION TODAY. I'M SPEAKING IN OPPOSITION TO RESOLUTION 23-12 AND 23-13 AS I UNDERSTAND FOUR MINUTES TO SPEAK. I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THESE RESOLUTIONS INCLUDE NEAR 50% INCREASE IN SALARY FOR BOTH OF THESE POSITIONS. THAT IS INAPPROPRIATE, AND APPEARS TO VIOLATE THE APPROVED FISCALLY-YEAR 2022-23 BUDGET. YOU HAVE AN OBLIGATION AND DUTY TO THE CHARTER TO OPERATE UNDER THE APPROVED FISCAL YEAR BUDGET. THESE SALARIES REPRESENT ALMOST \$100,000 INCREASE, WHICH HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED BY AMENDMENT TO THE BUDGET.\r\n\r\nFURTHER, I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT IN MUNICIPALITIES THAT OPERATE UNDER OPEN MEETING AND OPEN RECORDS BEST PRACTICES, CLERKS' FUNCTION AT EVERY SINGLE MEETING. COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES. THIS COUNCIL OPERATES ITS COMMITTEE MEETINGS WITHOUT A TRAINED CLERK. IT APPEARS TO BE DOING THIS -- YOU HAVE BEEN DOING THIS FOR MORE THAN A DECADE. SO EFFECTIVELY THESE CLERKS AND DEPUTY CLERKS ARE BEING PAID TO RUN TWO MEETINGS A MONTH, I'M NOT CLEAR ON WHAT THEY ARE SPENDING THE REST OF THEIR TIME ON, ESPECIALLY OUTSIDE OF ELECTION YEARS. I WOULD HOPE THAT YOU REALIZE, BUT I'M NOT SURE YOU DO, HOW MUCH TIME IS WASTED IN COMMITTEE MEETINGS GOING BACK AND FORTH ON WHAT YOU ARE ACTUALLY DOING. MOTIONS GET CONFUSED.\r\n\r\nPEOPLE DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING AND ASK FOR REPEATED -- REPEATS. IT'S NOT THE WAY THIS GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE FUNCTIONING. CLERKS SHOULD BE OPERATING AND MAINTAINING EVERY SINGLE MEETING AT BOTH THE FULL COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE LEVELS AND CERTAINLY IF THESE PEOPLE ARE GETTING PAID NEARLY \$150,000 A YEAR, THE NEW PROPOSED SALARY FOR THE COUNTY CLERK IS MORE THAN THE MAYOR IS MAKING, MORE THAN SHE MADE AS CORP. COUNSEL AND MORE THAN 50% MORE THAN THE CURRENT CLERK WAS MAKING. THIS IS AND APPROPRIATE AND OUT OF LINE AND AS I MENTIONED APPEARS TO BE VIOLATING THE CHARTER AND DUTIES TO OPERATE UNDER A FISCAL YEAR BALANCED BUDGET. I

DON'T SEE HOW THESE SALARIES COULD BE APPROVED AND FIND IT GENERALLY INAPPROPRIATE THAT YOU ARE ENTERTAINING THESE RESOLUTIONS THAT WERE INTRODUCED BY A MEMBER THAT WAS DENIED INAUGURATION TODAY, DUE TO A PENDING LAWSUIT OVER THE ELECTION RESULTS FOR HER CANDIDATE RESIDENCY AREA. FURTHER, I THOUGHT I WAS WATCHING THIS MEETING FROM THE BEGINNING, BUT IT APPEARS THAT A MOTION WAS MADE AND APPROVED BY YOU AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR TO APPROVE AS INTERIM CLERK AND INTERIM DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK.\r\n\r\nIT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT YOU APPROVED BY TWO-THIRDS RECORDED VOTE TO ADD THOSE ITEMS TO THE AGENDA TODAY, THAT APPEARS TO BE VIOLATION OF SUNSHINE LAW SECTION 93. SO PLEASE, I URGE YOU TO REJECT THESE RESOLUTIONS TODAY, AND VOTE NO. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. MEMBERS, QUESTIONS FOR THE TESTIFIER? THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> THANK YOU. CONGRATULATIONS, COUNCIL MEMBER KAMA ON YOUR CHAIR NOMINATION.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU CHAIR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO TESTIFY. MY NAME IS TYSON MIYAKE AND TESTIFYING AS A CITIZEN. I'M TESTIFYING IN STRONG SUPPORT OF BOTH 23-12, AND 23-13. I HAVE HAD THE HONOR TO WORK WITH BOTH AND BOTH HOLD THE HIGHEST DEGREES OF ETHICS. BOTH WOULD BE AN ASSET TO MAUI COUNTY AND STRONGLY SUPPORT BOTH MOANA AND RICHELLE IN THESE RESPECTIVE POSITIONS. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\nMEMBERS, QUESTIONS FOR THE TESTIFIER? SEEING NONE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. MIYAKE. >> THANK YOU. >> NEXT TESTIFIER IS CHRISTINE TREADHOLME, FOLLOWED BY TRINETTE FURTADO. >> ALOHA, CHAIR AND MEMBERS.\r\n\r\nMY NAME -- [INAUDIBLE] TO APPOINT MOANA LUTEY AND RICHELLE THOMSON AS COUNTY CLERK AND DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK. I WORKED WITH RICHELLE AND MOANA FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND HAVE SEEN FIRSTHAND THEIR DEAD INDICATION TO PUBLIC SERVICE AND THE COUNTY OF MAUI. THEY BRING A WEALTH OF SKILLING AND EXPERIENCE THAT ARE WELL-SUITED TO THE DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNTY CLERK, INCLUDING DILIGENCE, ATTENTION TO DETAIL AND PROFESSIONALISM. MOST IMPORTANTLY, I BELIEVE THEIR HIGH ETHICAL STANDARDS AND INTEGRITY WILL BE ASSETS TO THE IMPORTANT ROLES OF ADMINISTERING ELECTIONS AND SUPPORTING THE COUNTY COUNCIL. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. MEMBERS, QUESTIONS FOR THE TESTIFIER?\r\n\r\nSEEING NONE. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. >> CHAIR, NEXT TESTIFIER IS TRINETTE FURTADO, FOLLOWED BY STEPHANIE. >> ALOHA MAI KAKOU. MY NAME IS TRINETTE FURTADO, A RESIDENT OF KULA, AND I WAS THERE EARLIER, CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU NEW COUNCIL, AND TO YOU, MEMBER KAMA AS THE CHAIR. >> THANK YOU. >> I AM TESTIFYING ON 23-12, 23-13, REGARDING BOTH MS.\r\n\r\nLUTEY AND MS. THOMPSON FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK AND DEPUTY, AND I AM NOT IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THAT AT ALL. FOR ME, AND I HAVE BEEN LISTENING TO THE OTHER TESTIFIERS, YOU KNOW, WHEN I HEARD SOMEBODY STATE SHE WAS NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND FOR ME THAT MIGHT MAKE A DIFFERENCE, IF IT ACTUALLY MEANT ANYTHING BESIDES LIP SERVICE. IF YOU ARE NOT ACTIVE OR NOT WORKING FOR YOUR PEOPLE, WHAT DOES THAT LABEL REALLY SAY ABOUT YOU? WHAT DOES IT SAY ABOUT YOU WHEN YOU USE THAT LABEL IN IT LOOKS TO ME, AS I LOOK TO THE DIFFERENT PEOPLE THAT ARE COMING IN THAT ARE LEAVING OFFICE, IT'S A REVOLVING DOOR OF MUSICAL CHAIRS OF POSITIONS THAT NEED TO BE FILLED. IT'S HARD TO SERVE ALL OF US IN OUR HIGHEST AND BEST LIGHT. AS MEMBER PALTIN SUGGESTED EARLIER, I ALSO SUGGEST THAT YOU PLEASE WAIT AND CONSIDER OTHER POSSIBLE APPLICANTS WITH LESS CONTROVERSY CONNECTED TO THEM?\r\n\r\nTHERE IS A POSTING OUT AS SHE HAD MENTIONED. AND WE DON'T KNOW -- WE CAN GET SOMEBODY THAT COULD SERVE US BETTER IN THOSE POSITIONS. LASTLY, AS A TAXPAYER, AND THUS, ONE OF YOUR MANY EMPLOYERS, I'M DISMAYED THERE'S A RUSH TO GET TO THE MAYOR'S INAUGURATION AS OPPOSED TO SITTING IN THE SEATS THAT YOU RAN FOR, TO DO THE WORK THAT WE VOTED YOU IN FOR AND NEED YOU TO DO. IT RESTRICTS THE COMMUNITY -- [INAUDIBLE] RATHER ON THE NEEDS AND GREATER GOOD OF OUR COMMUNITY, THAT MEETINGS MAY BE CONCLUDED BY 5:00 P.M., PREPOSTEROUS. AND BRING BACK TO YOUR MEMORY, WHAT INCLUDES US AND FOR US INCLUDES OUR VOICES. MAHALO. >> THANK

YOU.\r\n\r\nMEMBERS, QUESTIONS FOR THE TESTIFIER? SEEING NONE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MS. FURTADO. >> CHAIR, NEXT TESTIFIER IS STEPHANIE, FOLLOWED BY JUNYA NAKOA. >> ALOHA, CHAIR AND MEMBERS. CAN YOU HEAR ME OKAY? >> YES.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU, CHAIR. I'M TRAVELING. I SUBMITTED WRITTEN TESTIMONY, BUT I'M AT A POINT WHERE I THINK I HAVE ENOUGH RECEPTION. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR TAKING THE TIME TO LISTEN TO MY ORAL TESTIMONY AS WELL. IN THE INTEREST OF TIME, I WILL COMBINE MY TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION 23-12, AND 23-13. APPOINTING MOANA LUTEY AS COUNTY CLERK AND SETTING THE SALARY AND APPOINTING RICHELLE THOMSON AS DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK AND SETTING SALARY. TODAY I'M SUBMITTING TESTIMONY ON MY OWN TIME AND MY PERSONAL CAPACITY. I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF WORKING WITH MS.\r\n\r\nLUTEY AND MS. THOMSON, SINCE 2020 WHEN I WAS HIRED AS A DEPUTY. THESE TWO WOMEN AND LEADERS EPITOMIZE INTEGRITY, EVEN IN THE FACE OF UNPRECEDENTED CHALLENGES. IT'S APPROPRIATE FOR THEIR COMPENSATION TO REFLECT THAT. LEGAL ACUMEN AND QUALIFICATIONS AS ATTORNEYS AND LITIGATORS WILL ASSIST THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK IN HEADING OFF FUTURE COSTLY LITIGATION AND PROPOSED SALARY FOR MS. THOMSON AND MS. LUTEY ARE PROPOSED SALARIES ARE REASONABLE AND APPROPRIATE.\r\n\r\nMS. THOMSON AND MS. LUTEY FAR EXCEEDED MY EXPECTATION AS TEACHERS AND LEADERS AND MENTORS. YOU WELL KNOW, AS THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, THESE TWO HAVE HANDLED A MYRIAD OF OBSTACLES WITH GRACE AND REMAINED COMPOSED AND OPEN-DOOR FOR STAFF. MS. LUTEY AND MS. THOMSON WORKED WEEKENDS AND MONTHS ON END.\r\n\r\nWE FELT MOTIVATED TO KEEP MOVING FORWARD THROUGH THE TRYING MONTHS THAT WE EXPERIENCED HEIGHTENED WORKLOADS THE MS. LUTEY AND MS. THOMSON HAVE ENDURED SLANDER AND ACCUSATIONS CIRCULATING THROUGHOUT FACTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY. MS. LUTEY AND MS. THOMSON HAVE CONSISTENTLY HANDLED THESE UNFUNDED ALLEGATIONS AND DISTURBING COMMENTS WITH DIGNITY AND GRACE. THE ROLE OF CORPORATION COUNSEL SHOULD NOT BE A POLITICAL ONE -- TO REPRESENT THE COUNTY AS A CLIENT NECESSARILY MEANS IT'S INDEPENDENT ONE AND MS.\r\n\r\nLUTEY AND MS. THOMSON ARE EXCELLED AT THIS CHALLENGE AND MS. LUTEY AND MS. THOMSON HAD TO MAKE THE VOCAL AND PUBLIC OPPOSITION TO LEGAL OPINIONS IS EVIDENCED OF MS. LUTEY AND MS. THOMSON FULFILLING THEIR OBLIGATIONS. [SPEAKER NOT UNDERSTOOD] AS AN ATTORNEY, I STRESS FOR THE LEVEL OF PROFESSIONALISM OF MS.\r\n\r\nLUTEY AND MS. THOMSON. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME TODAY. HAPPY NEW YEAR AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN THE NEXT TERM. >> THANK YOU. MEMBERS, QUESTIONS FOR THE TESTIFIER? SEEING NONE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, STEPHANIE.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. >> THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS JUNYA NAKOA. >> HOW'S IT BACK AGAIN. YOU KNOW, MOANA LUTEY, SCREWED UP LAHAINA PEOPLE UP MANY TIMES. YOU HEARD ABOUT THE INJECTION WELLS AND COME TO THE CHAMBERS TO TESTIFY FOR THIS THING TO FIX THE PROBLEM. I TEACH A PROGRAM FOR THE NAPILI CLUB AND TEACH THESE KIDS -- SO KAHOMA VILLAGES, THE CROOKED DEVELOPER, AND I WILL TELL YOU RIGHT NOW, I'M STRONGLY OPPOSED AGAINST MOANA LUTEY AND RICHELLE THOMSON, YOU KNOW? I GUESS A LOUD BOISTEROUS DISGRUNTLED, I MAKE NOISE AS A NATIVE HAWAIIAN SPEAKING ABOUT OPPOSITION OF MOANA LUTEY.\r\n\r\nESPECIALLY, ESPECIALLY THE PAY. GEEZ MAN. YOU BECOME A COUNTY CLERK, YOU GET HIGHER PAY -- ALREADY PAID WHAT KATHY KAOHU AND THE OTHER BROTHER. EQUAL PAY AND ALL OF THAT KIND OF STUFF AND WHAT NOT? WHAT ABOUT THEM? THEY WERE BOSSES, AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL, YOU GUYS DO SO MUCH, AND THEY STAYED THERE HOURS AFTER HOURS, AND NOW YOU ARE GOING TO MAKE THESE LAWYERS FOR COUNTY CLERK WORK -- I DON'T THINK THEY EVER RAN AN ELECTION. IT'S SO FUNNY HOW THEY BECOME COUNTY CLERK AND THEY ARE GETTING LAWYERS' PAY.\r\n\r\nSORRY. IT'S NOT A LAWYER'S POSITION. I HEARD THE PAY FOR OCS, HEY, A LAWYER IS GOING TO DO -- OKAY. I CAN UNDERSTAND HOW THEY ARE GETTING PAID, BUT I'M SORRY, NO WAY YOU GUYS CAN JUSTIFY, NO WAY. I DON'T KNOW HOW THE HECK ALICE LEE WAS SAYING SHE COULD JUSTIFY THE PAY? OH, MY GOSH. YOU GET A LAWYER PAY AND ALL THAT KIND OF STUFF, AND WILL WORK FOR HER AND WITH HER AND NOBODY IS GOING

TO GET COUNTY CLERK POSITION AND ASK FOR LAWYER PAY.\r\n\r\nWE GOT CORP. COUNSEL ALREADY, WE DON'T NEED ANOTHER CORP. COUNSEL WHATEVER INSIDE THE COUNTY CLERK. SO YOU THINK YOU WORK THE MONEY, \$150,000, GO, GO, WORK SOMEPLACE ELSE. GO TAKE SOMEBODY ELSE CROOKED DEVELOPER'S MONEY, NOT TAXPAYER MONEY. \$150,000, MY GOSH, THAT IS SO DISRESPECTFUL FOR ALL THE PEOPLE DOING THIS JOB BY KATHY KAOHU. TOTALLY, TOTALLY DISRESPECTFUL.\r\n\r\nTOTALLY PISS ME OFF. YOU SUPPORT LAWYERS TO COME OVER HERE AND TELL YOU HOW MUCH TO PAY. GO BE A DAMN LAWYER AND NO NEED TO BE COUNTY CLERK. I AM STRONGLY OPPOSED. ALL YOU BUGGERS, LISTEN TO YOU GUYS. WE'RE TALKING PASSIONATELY. WE'RE THE TAXPAYERS.\r\n\r\nWE'RE THE TAX-PAYERS. MAHALO. BYE-BYE. >> THANK YOU, MR. NAKOA. MEMBERS, QUESTIONS FOR THE TESTIFIER? SEEING NONE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR.\r\n\r\nNAKOA. >> CHAIR, THERE'S NO OTHER INDIVIDUALS SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY ON THIS ITEM. I SEE MS. DE NAIE. LUCIENNE DE NAIE. THANK YOU, LUCIENNE DE NAIE, SITTING THROUGH ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS THROUGH THE YEARS, AND NOW IT'S THE 2023 AND I HAVE TO SAY THAT I'M NOT SPEAKING FOR OR AGAINST THE MOTION AT THIS POINT, BUT I THINK AS A PERSON WHO HAS HAD TO RAISE A LOT OF MONEY TO CHALLENGE DECISIONS THAT THE COUNTY HAS MADE, AND ALMOST THESE DECISIONS HAVE BEEN OVERTURNED IN COURT, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS THAT BROUGHT UP THESE POINTS WERE VINDICATED IN THE COURTS. THESE ARE NOT FRIVOLOUS ALLEGATIONS.\r\n\r\nI HAVE TO SAY THAT I THINK WE COULD HAVE A BETTER PROCESS. I THINK IT WAS SAD TO HEAR CORP. COUNSEL JUST DISMISS WHAT CITIZENS SAY THAT THEY ARE PAYING IN SEEING OUR LAWS NOT FOLLOWED, AND HAVE TO TAKE A VERY EXPENSIVE AND TIME-CONSUMING COURSE. PEOPLE HAVE TO SUSPEND THEIR PERSONAL LIVES. THE KAHU FAMILY HAD TO GIVE THEIR WHOLE LIVES TO HAVE JUSTICE FOR THEIR LAND, AND WHY ISN'T THE COUNTY ON THEIR SIDE? THEY ARE PEOPLE, WHY AREN'T THE COUNTY CORP. COUNSELS BEING PART OF THE SOLUTION?\r\n\r\nAND I KNOW THIS CAN HAPPEN, BECAUSE YEARS AGO, WHEN BRIAN MOTO WAS CORP. COUNSEL, HE REACHED OUT TO GROUPS, WHEN THERE WERE LEGAL THINGS FILED, HE REACHED OUT AND SAID LET'S TALK ABOUT THIS, YOU KNOW? I HEAR YOU HAVE SOME CONCERNS. LET'S FIGURE OUT HOW TO ADDRESS THOSE CONCERNS. SO NOT ALL THOSE MATTERS NEEDED TO GO TO COURT. DOES THIS SAVE THE COUNTY MONEY? I THINK SO.\r\n\r\nSO I CAN'T SPEAK TO THE QUALIFICATIONS OF EITHER OF THESE TWO LADIES THAT HAVE BOTH TREATED ME NICELY TO BE COUNTY CLERK. I JUST HAPPEN TO DISAGREE WITH THE POSITION THAT THE COUNTY TOOK THAT TOOK 13 YEARS OF MY TIME, CITIZEN TIME AND MANY, MANY MEETINGS. IT'S TIME I COULD HAVE SPENT WITH MY LOVED ONES AND FAMILY, BUT I DIDN'T, BECAUSE I HAD TO BE IN DISCUSSIONS ABOUT POSSIBLE SETTLEMENTS. SETTLEMENTS FALLING THROUGH, THIS AND THAT, AND THEN ALL THE WAY TO THE SUPREME COURT, WHO SAID THE COUNTY SHOULD HAVE DONE IT BETTER. SO PLEASE USE THE WISDOM IN YOUR HEARTS, COUNCIL MEMBERS. I CAN'T TELL YOU WHAT TO DO, BUT I CAN TELL YOU THAT OUR SYSTEM IN OUR CORP. COUNSEL'S OFFICE COULD DEFINITELY ACHIEVE MORE EXCELLENCE, AND GAIN MORE RESPECT IN THE EYES OF CITIZENS, ESPECIALLY NATIVE HAWAIIANS.\r\n\r\nLAWS ARE BEING BROKEN ALL THE TIME ABOUT HOW NATIVE HAWAIIAN BURIAL SITES, ET CETERA ARE CREATED. WE NEED HEROES. WE NEED PEOPLE TO STEP UP, AND SAY, WE'RE THE COUNTY, AND WE'RE STANDING UP FOR THESE LAWS. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU, MS. DE NAIE. MEMBERS, QUESTIONS FOR THE TESTIFIER?\r\n\r\nSEEING NONE, THANK YOU MS. DE NAIE. CLERK. >> THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS JASON ECONOMOU AND CURRENTLY THE LAST PERSON SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY. >> GOOD EVENING. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU AND THANKS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY. I'M TESTIFYING ON BEHALF OF MYSELF THIS EVENING, AS A WAILUKU RESIDENT AND LOCAL ATTORNEY.\r\n\r\nI HAVE BEEN ON THE BOARD WITH MOANA LUTEY FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND SHE IS A GREAT BOARD MEMBER, EXCEPTIONAL. SHE HAS A GREAT LEGAL MIND. I SAY THAT AS SOMEBODY WHO DISAGREED WITH POSITIONS THAT CORP. COUNSEL HAS TAKEN AND I HAVE BEEN CRITICAL OF LEGAL POSITIONS THAT CORPORATION COUNSEL HAS TAKEN. THESE ARE GREAT ATTORNEYS, AND THEY ARE GOOD PEOPLE. AND THEY'RE

VERY CAPABLE. CURRENTLY, WE HAVE EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL, WAILUKU IS NOT BEING REPRESENTED BECAUSE ONE OF THE CANDIDATES DETERMINED THAT D THAT THE PERSON THAT YOU HAD RUNNING THE ELECTION DIDN'T DO THE RIGHT THING.\r\n\r\nIT WASN'T PURPOSEFUL, BUT MAYBE NEGLIGENT AND TO GET A PERSON OF HIGHER CALIBER TO FIGURE IT OUT, WHO WOULD HAVE ACTED DIFFERENTLY. I THINK MOANA AND RICHELLE ARE WILL SERVE THE COUNTY TO HIGH-LEVELS. BEING AN ATTORNEY IS DIFFICULT AND YOUR ETHICAL OBLIGATION IS TO PROVIDE ZEALOUS REPRESENTATION FOR YOUR CLIENT AND IT DEMONSTRATES THEIR COMMITMENT TO THEIR PROFESSION, AND THEIR ETHICAL OBLIGATION. SO I'M SORRY FOR ALL OF THE RESIDENTS WHO FEEL PERSONALLY SLIGHTED, BUT THIS WAS THEIR JOB. THIS IS THEIR PROFESSION. WHAT THEY ARE CALLED TO DO AS SERVICE TO THIS COUNTY AND THEY DID IT WELL. I ASK THAT THEY ARE CONTINUING TO SERVE MAUI COUNTY AS CLERK AND DEPUTY.\r\n\r\n\r\nTHAT IS PRETTY MUCH ALL I HAVE TO SAY. THEY HAVE MY ENDORSEMENT. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU, MR. ECONOMOU. MEMBERS, QUESTIONS FOR THE TESTIFIER? MR.\r\n\r\n\r\nECONOMOU, YOU HAVE A QUESTION BY MEMBER PALTIN I WANT TO CLARIFY HE WAS SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF HIMSELF? >> YES. >> YES. >> THANK YOU. >> YOU'RE WELCOME. >> I WOULD SAY I'M THE CHAIR OF THE FOOD BANK BOARD AND THEY ARE PRETTY EXCITED ABOUT THIS TOO AND THINK VERY HIGHLY OF MOANA AS WELL. WE DIDN'T HAVE AN OFFICIAL MOTION THAT THEY OFFICIALLY ENDORSED.\r\n\r\n\r\nSO I DON'T WANT TO SAY THAT. CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS FAITH CHASE AND CURRENTLY THE LAST PERSON SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY ON THE RESOLUTIONS. >> ALOHA CHAIR. >> ALOHA. >> ALOHA COUNCIL MEMBERS. THIS IS FAITH CHASE. I JUST NEED TO -- THIS IS VERY EMOTIONAL.\r\n\r\n\r\nI JUST NEED TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION OF 23-12, AND 13. >> YES. 23-12 AND 13. >> THANK YOU. I HAVE ACTUALLY LEARNED A LOT LISTENING TO MY FELLOW MAUI RESIDENTS AND CITIZENS. THIS IS REALLY, REALLY EMOTIONAL. I'M NOT SURE WHO -- I FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT THE AUDACITY OF THIS RAISE ON TOP OF THE POSITION, AND EVERYTHING THAT IS IN QUESTION IS ACTUALLY IN FRONT OF US. I JUST NEED TO EXPRESS TO MY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND MY COLLEAGUES, WHO KNOW AND TRUST AND BELIEVE IN ME, THAT I'M IN OPPOSITION TO THIS. I REALLY DO REALLY LIKE THE IDEA OF WAITING TO SEE THE APPLICANT POOL IN A LARGER SPECTRUM AS COUNCIL MEMBER PALTIN MENTIONED.\r\n\r\n\r\nI'M KIND OF AT A LOSS OF WORDS. I THINK THIS IS WITH ALL THE MYRIAD OF ISSUES THAT WE HAVE, AND THE CULTURAL-SENSITIVITY AND SENSIBILITY ISSUES THAT WE HAVE, THIS LITERALLY FEELS LIKE THE TWISTING OF THE KNIFE. I JUST WANT YOU ALL TO KNOW I'M IN OPPOSITION. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. MEMBERS, QUESTIONS FOR THE TESTIFIER? SEEING NONE, THANK YOU, MS.\r\n\r\n\r\nCHASE. >> THE NEXT TESTIFIER [READING SPEAKERS' NAMES] >> GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR. CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR APPOINTMENT. AS MOST OF YOU KNOW, I HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES ON MAUI FOR OVER 30 YEARS. I WAS FORMERLY WITH MADSEN AND ALEXANDER & BALDWIN AS THEIR LAND MANAGER, AND I THINK THAT I HAVE A PRETTY GOOD GRASP OF WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE COUNTY COUNCIL. I'M CALLING TODAY, BECAUSE SOME OF THE TESTIMONY I HAVE HEARD TODAY IS VERY, VERY DISPARAGING TO ME, MY MOTHER, WHO HAS PASSED, WHO IS PURE HAWAIIAN. THESE PEOPLE THAT HAVE COME THERE TO TESTIFY THAT THEY ARE DISAGREEING ON THE GROUNDS THAT SHE IS NOT PROTECTING THE CULTURE OR SHE IS ABUSING THE CULTURE HAS GOT IT WRONG.\r\n\r\n\r\nTHAT IS NOT WHAT WE'RE TESTIFYING ABOUT TODAY. WE'RE TESTIFYING ABOUT THE QUALITY AND THE QUANTITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE DEPUTY. THESE ARE PEOPLE OF HIGH, HIGH INTEGRITY. I PERSONALLY KNOW THEM AND FOLLOWED THEM THROUGH THE PANDEMIC WHEN THEY WORKED STRAIGHT DAYS AND DIDN'T COMPLAIN. HOW CAN ANYBODY WHO DOES NOT KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING DURING THE PANDEMIC HAVE THE AUDACITY TO ACCUSE THEM OF IMPROPRIETIES? IT OFFENDS ME AS A HAWAIIAN. TO USE THE CULTURAL HARM TO TRY AND SWAY SOME OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS.\r\n\r\n\r\nI WISH THAT EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU LOOK INTO YOUR HEARTS, LOOK INTO YOUR HEARTS, BECAUSE THIS IS WHAT WE WANT FOR MAUI. WE WANT THE VERY, VERY BEST. WE PUT YOU IN OFFICE, BECAUSE WE FEEL YOU ARE THE VERY

BEST. NOW LET'S STEP UP TO BAT AND HONOR THE PEOPLE THAT ARE TRYING MAKE MAUI A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE. MAUI IS MY HOME, AND I WILL NOT STAND BY QUIETLY. I WAS NOT INTENDING TO TESTIFY TODAY, BUT I COULDN'T IN GOOD CONSCIENCE SIT BACK AND WATCH HOW WE WERE DISPARAGED. MOST OF YOU ARE HAWAIIAN ALSO.\r\n\r\nAND YOU SHOULD BE INSULTED WITH THE LIKES OF CLARE APANA, WHO SPENT MANY YEARS ON THE MAINLAND, BEFORE SHE DECIDED TO COME HOME, AND ALL OF A SUDDEN SHE IS THE QUEEN OF KNOW IT ALL. I DOUBT IT. CHAIR KAMA, EXCUSE ME, IF I'M OVERSTEPPING MY BOUNDS. BUT I AM VERY, VERY PASSIONATE ABOUT MY HAWAIIAN CULTURE. I'M PASSIONATE ABOUT THE COUNCIL THAT RUNS OUR LAWS, AND MAUI IN GENERAL. MAUI IS MY HOME, AND I WILL NOT SIT QUIETLY WHILE PEOPLE DISPARAGE SOME OF THE GOOD PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU WHO WON ELECTIONS.\r\n\r\nCONGRATULATIONS AGAIN, CHAIR KAMA. >> THANK YOU. >> I WISH YOU ALL GOD SPEED, AND REMEMBER, WHEN YOU LEAVE YOUR OFFICES, AND YOU TALK TO SOMEONE WHO IS PART HAWAIIAN, OR EVEN HAWAIIAN AT HEART, SAYING HUI HOU. WE ARE ALL ONE, WE ARE ALL TOGETHER, GUYS. WHETHER WE'RE FROM HANA, LANA'I, WHEREVER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR LETTING ME SPEAK MY PEACE. I WILL SLEEP BETTER KNOWING THAT I GOT THIS OFF MY CHEST.\r\n\r\nI LOVE MAUI, AND I WISH EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU GOD SPEED. ALOHA. >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MEMBERS, QUESTIONS FOR THE TESTIFIER? SEEING NONE. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH. MAHALO, AND ALOHA HUI HOU.\r\n\r\n>> HUI HOU. >> THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS ARI LEVINE, FOLLOWED BY COREY. >> THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO HAVE THIS MEETING. I JUST WANTED TO VOICE MY SUPPORT FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND HER DEPUTY. HAVING WORKED WITH THEM, EXTREMELY PROFESSIONAL AND HARD-WORKING. I WOULD SAY THAT WE SHOULD -- [INAUDIBLE] I HOPE WE CAN MOVE TOWARDS ENDING THIS DISCOURSE -- LOOKS LIKE I'M MUTED. >> NO, YOU'RE FINE.\r\n\r\n>> YOU KNOW, IN ORDER TO FIND QUALIFIED CANDIDATES, WE NEED TO PAY THEM APPROPRIATELY. IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE [INAUDIBLE] THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. MEMBERS, QUESTIONS FOR THE TESTIFIER? SEEING NONE, THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH. CLERK. >> CHAIR, THE LAST PERSON CURRENTLY SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY IS COREY VINCEN.\r\n\r\n>> ALOHA, CHAIR, CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR APPOINTMENT AND TO THE REST OF OUR COUNCIL MEMBERS. I'M HERE TO TESTIFY ON RESOLUTIONS 23-12 AND 23-13. I HAVE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING THE PRIVATE SECRETARY -- FIRST OFF, I JUST WANT TO SAY I'M TESTIFYING TODAY IN PRIVATE CAPACITY I'M A COUNTY OF MAUI EMPLOYEE. HERE TO TESTIFY ON 23-12 AND 23-13. I WAS THE PRIVATE SECRETARY TO MS. MOANA LUTEY AND SECONDARY SECRETARY TO FIRST DEPUTY RICHELLE THOMSON. BOTH OF THEM HAVE ALWAYS CONDUCTED THEMSELVES IN THE HIGHEST PROFESSIONAL STANDARD. THEIR WORK ETHIC WAS UNQUESTIONABLE. THEIR RESILIENCE TO THE COMMENTS OR THE DEROGATORY INSINUATIONS OF THEM OVER THE YEARS WAS REALLY HEARTBREAKING SOMETIMES.\r\n\r\nTHE DEPARTMENT KNEW WHAT KIND OF INDIVIDUALS THEY WERE, THE HIGHEST INTEGRITY, AND ALSO COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY AND THEIR SERVICE TO THE ADMINISTRATION AS WELL AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY. AS I SAID, IT'S BEEN AN HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO WORK WITH THEM. I THINK THAT THEIR EXPERTISE AND KNOWLEDGE AND COMMITMENT WILL BE NOTHING, BUT ASSETS TO THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE IN SUPPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODY. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL VOTE FOR THEM AND ELEVATE OUR STANDARDS OF ELECTIONS UNDER THEIR GUIDANCE AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE LAW. WE'LL BE VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE THEM AND AS SAID EARLY BY SOME OF MY PEERS. IT DOESN'T MATTER THAT THEY HAVE A LAW DEGREE. THE JOB REQUIRES NOTHING OF THAT.\r\n\r\nBUT IT'S AN ASSET IN THIS CASE. THAT IS ALL I HAVE TODAY. AGAIN, IT'S BEEN A PRIVILEGE. THEY SAW US THROUGH COVID. WE ALL WORKED SIDE-BY-SIDE WITH THEM. THEY MADE SURE WE WERE OKAY. THE COUNTLESS HOURS, AND I HOPE THAT YOU WILL SEE THROUGH SOME OF THE CONSPIRACIES, AND THE FRAUDULENT -- THE FRAUDULENT COMMENTARY THAT HAS BEEN PUT FORTH TODAY.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, AND ALL OF THE BEST TO YOU IN YOUR NEXT TWO YEARS AS OUR COUNCIL MEMBERS. >> THANK YOU. MEMBERS, ANY QUESTIONS FOR OUR

TESTIFIER? SEEING NONE, THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH. CLERK. >> CURRENT LAST TESTIFIER IS IAN CHAN-HODGES. >> GOOD EVENING AND CHAIR KAMA.\r\n\r\n>> GOOD EVENING. I COULDN'T EVEN IMAGINE YOU BEING CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL, SO I'M VERY EXCITED FOR YOU. >> THANK YOU. >> I WANTED TO TESTIFY ON THESE TWO ITEMS, 23-12 AND 23-13 AND FOLLOW-UP WITH SOME OF THE PREVIOUS TESTIMONY. I WASN'T PLANNING ON TESTIFYING. I'M SURE WEARING THE SHIRT I WAS WEARING FROM WORKING OUTSIDE. THERE WAS A PREVIOUS TESTIFIER, AN ATTORNEY WHO TALKED ABOUT -- TO PURSUE ACTIONS AGAINST BANK OF AMERICA AND REFUSED TO AND REFUSING TO FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS OF YOUR CLIENT IS A SERIOUS VIOLATION OF CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ATTORNEYS.\r\n\r\nI THINK THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. THE OTHER THING I WOULD MENTION IS THAT SOME OF THE PREVIOUS TESTIFIERS, WHO HAD GOTTEN PRETTY PERSONAL ABOUT THIS. I WOULD SAY I TEND TO SUPPORT THE DECISIONS OF CONCERN COUNCIL MEMBERS OVER OTHER ONES, BUT IT SHOULDN'T BE PERSONAL, BUT SHOULD BE WHAT THE RIGHT DECISION IS. I WANTED TO ADD THAT YUKI LEI SUGIMURA MADE A MOTION THAT I WHOLE-HEARTEDLY AGREED ON THAT DIDN'T GET A SECOND, BUT TO SUPPORT WHAT SHE DID THERE. GOING BACK TO THESE TWO AGENDA ITEMS, EVERY COUNCIL MEMBER HERE RUN ON AT LEAST HAVING HIGH IMPORTANCE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AND I CAN SAY FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OF ALL OF THE HOURS AND HOURS AND HOURS THAT COMMITTEE HAS PUT INTO HOLDING ACCOUNTABLE -- THE ACTIONS OF CORPORATION COUNSEL OR LACK OF ACTION HAS RESULTED IN DELAY IN REACHING SETTLEMENT WITH BANK OF AMERICA, AND THAT SETTLEMENT COULD ACTUALLY RESULT IN HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. SO I WOULD LIKE TO RAISE THAT ISSUE.\r\n\r\nAND THE FINAL THING I WILL SAY AND I HOPE IT DOESN'T SOUND TOO INAPPROPRIATE, BUT I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS THAT EVERYBODY WHO WORKS AT THE COUNTY KNOWS ONE OF THE IMPORTANT THINGS IS THE LAST -- THE AVERAGE OF THE LAST THREE YEARS OF SALARY IS YOUR HIGH THREE, IF YOU STARTED WORKING FOR THE COUNTY OR STATE BEFORE 2012. SO THE FACT THAT MOANA, MS. LUTEY WILL BE RECEIVING A PRETTY SIGNIFICANT BUMP IN PAY WILL ACTUALLY GO TOWARDS HER RETIREMENT. I BELIEVE SHE IS ACTUALLY APPROACHING 30 YEARS. SO THAT IS SOMETHING TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION AS YOUR DECISION, TO ALSO DECIDE THE LEVEL OF HER RETIREMENT, WHICH IS UP TO YOU. SHE HAS SERVED THE COUNTY A LONG TIME. BUT I WANTED TO TESTIFY AND BRING UP THOSE POINTS, AND ALSO SAY THAT THERE HAVE BEEN AS YOU NOTICED MOST OF THE TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION AND IN SUPPORT HAVE BEEN FROM FAMILY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY. WHAT WE'RE ALL TRYING TO STRIVE FOR IS MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND IT WOULD BE NICE TO ACTUALLY HAVE PEOPLE WORKING FOR THE COUNTY WHO ACTUALLY SUPPORT THAT.\r\n\r\nSO THANK YOU AGAIN, AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU, AND CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW COUNSEL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> THANK YOU, MR. HODGES. QUESTIONS FOR THE TESTIFIER? SEEING NONE, THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR BEING HERE. ALOHA.\r\n\r\nCLERK. >> CHAIR, AT THIS TIME, THERE ARE NO FURTHER INDIVIDUALS SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY ON THESE RESOLUTIONS. IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY ON THESE MATTERS, PLEASE MAKE IT KNOWN TO US BY EITHER UNMUTING OR LETTING US KNOW IN CHAMBERS. THIS IS THE LAST CALL. >> I WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY. >> PROCEED. >> ALOHA.\r\n\r\nTHIS IS JAMES FORREST. I JUST WANTED TO SAY GOOD NIGHT TO YOU GUYS. I'M SIGNING OFF. IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE WORKING WITH YOU. AS FAR AS THIS ITEM IS CONCERNED, I WAS REALLY IMPRESSED BY THE EMPLOYEES THAT CAME OUT TO SUPPORT THEIR BOSS. I THINK THAT GOES A LONG WAY. YOU GUYS KNOW THAT I DISAGREE WITH CORP.\r\n\r\nCOUNSEL QUITE OFTEN AT YOUR DEFENSE, BUT YOU KNOW, YOU COULDN'T HAVE DONE BETTER TODAY. YOU ASSIGNED CHAIR KAMA, HOPEFULLY, SHE CAN HAVE PEACE AND REMEDIATION TO GET YOU THROUGH THIS, AND THE ELECTION IS WHAT IT IS. I JUST THINK THAT YOU GUYS NEED TO GATHER IN THE FUTURE, THE NEXT TWO YEARS WILL MEAN MORE THAN ANY OF THE APPOINTMENTS TODAY. SO I JUST WANT TO WISH YOU LUCK AND CONGRATULATE EVERYONE ON GETTING ELECTED. JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT, AND AS FAR AS MS. MOANA LUTEY,

JUST, SHE HAS BEEN AROUND FOR A LONG TIME. I ADMIRE HER.\r\n\r\nI ADMIRE DAVID RAATZ FOR STICKING AROUND OF IT'S NOT AN EASY THING TO SURVIVE IN COUNTY EMPLOYMENT AND YOU TAKE A LOT OF PUNCHES. IT WAS WONDERFUL SEEING HER EMPLOYEES STICK UP FOR HER TODAY. I SAY THAT, KNOWING THAT I OPPOSED HER ON A LOT OF MATTERS BEFORE THE COUNTY THAT WERE REALLY IMPORTANT TO ME. BUT YOU KNOW, THE PEOPLE SPOKE, AND NOW I HOPE, AND I LEAVE ALL MY PRAYERS WITH TASHA KAMA, AND THAT SHE CAN UNITE YOU GUYS TO GET THROUGH THIS TODAY. ANY QUESTIONS FOR MR. FORREST? KUDOS TO YOU, MR.\r\n\r\nFORREST. >> IF THERE'S ANYONE ELSE TO BE HEARD ON THESE RESOLUTIONS, PLEASE LET YOURSELF BE KNOWN. THIS IS THE LAST CALL FOR PUBLIC TESTIMONY. >> THIS BRAD SALTER, AND WOULD I LIKE BRIEF TESTIMONY, PLEASE. >> PROCEED. >> WITHOUT REALLY DISCUSSING THE MERITS OF THE PEOPLE THAT ARE BEING CONSIDERED FOR THESE POSITIONS, YOU KNOW, WE'RE LOOKING AT PAY RAISES, AND HAVE WE REALLY LOOKED AT THE POOL OF OTHER POSSIBLE CANDIDATES THAT MIGHT FILL THIS POSITION, AND MIGHT BE BETTER QUALIFIED? SO I WOULD JUST ENCOURAGE COUNCIL TO PERHAPS HOLD OFF ON MAKING THIS DECISION UNTIL THEY HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT OTHER POSSIBILITIES, AND CONSIDER THE EXTREME PAY RAISES.\r\n\r\nIS THAT REALLY APPROPRIATE IN THIS TIME RIGHT NOW? REALLY THAT IS ALL I WANTED TO BRING UP. I WANTED TO TAKE A LOOK AND MAKE SURE THAT COUNCIL HAS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT ALL POSSIBLE CANDIDATES FOR THIS PARTICULAR POSITION, AND HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER THOSE PEOPLE, AND LOOK AT THEIR RESUMES AND TAKE PUBLIC TESTIMONY REGARDING THAT. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS LAST-MINUTE -- I WASN'T PLANNING TO TESTIFY EITHER, BUT I THINK IT'S AN IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> MEMBERS, QUESTIONS FOR THE TESTIFIER? SEEING NONE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR.\r\n\r\nCLERK. >> THANK YOU. >> CHAIR, WE DON'T HAVE ANYONE ELSE SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY, BUT IF THERE'S ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY, PLEASE LET US KNOW WHETHER YOU ARE IN CHAMBERS, OR YOU CAN UNMUTE YOUR PHONE. THIS IS MY FIFTH LAST CALL. IT APPEARS NO ONE ELSE WISHES TO TESTIFY. >> MEMBERS, ANY OBJECTIONS TO CLOSING PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND ACCEPTING WRITTEN TESTIMONY FOR RESOLUTIONS 23-12 AND 23-13. >> NO OBJECTIONS, CHAIR. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\nSO I THINK WE'LL TAKE THE RESOLUTIONS BEGINNING WITH 23-12. >> CHAIR, YOU BEFORE YOU RESOLUTION 23-12 ENTITLED, "APPOINTING MOANA M. LUTEY AS COUNTY CLERK AND SETTING THE SALARY." MS. UU-HODGINS. >> THANK YOU. WHILE I'M IN SUPPORT CURRENTLY OF RESOLUTION 23-12, AND 13, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE AN AMENDMENT TO THE APPOINTMENTS AND POSTPONE FOR TWO WEEKS. >> SECOND. >> MOTION ON THE FLOOR TO POSTPONE THIS FOR TWO WEEKS AND SECOND BY MEMBER PALTIN. MR.\r\n\r\nSINENCI. >> QUESTION. WOULD WE NEED A MAIN MOTION FIRST TO AMEND. >> I THINK SO. DO YOU WANT TO MAKE THE MAIN MOTION? >> I WILL MAKE THE MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 23-12. >> IT'S BEEN MOVED BY MEMBER SINENCI, SECONDED BY MEMBER YUKI LEI SUGIMURA TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 23-12. DISCUSSION? AND THEN THE DISCUSSION WOULD BE COUNCIL MEMBER UU-HODGINS' AMENDMENT, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PALTIN.\r\n\r\nSO NOW WE'RE LOOKING AT THE AMENDMENT TO POSTPONE FOR TWO WEEKS YOU SAID; RIGHT? SO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT THE MOTION IS. OKAY. >> I HAVE DISCUSSION. >> TO THE SECONDER OF THE MOTION. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. MR.\r\n\r\nRAATZ DID INFORM ME THAT THE POSTING WAS TAKING DOWN WHEN MS. LUTEY AND MS. THOMSON WAS CHOSEN AND PRIOR TO IT BEING TAKEN DOWN, NO APPLICANTS WERE RECEIVED. I'M NOT SURE HOW MUCH MEDIA WAS DIRECTED TO THE OPENINGS? BUT I THINK IF WE CAN KEEP IT OPEN ONE MORE WEEK, AND SEE WHAT IS OUT THERE, AND THEN MAKE A DECISION AT THAT TIME, I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH MOANA LUTEY AND RICHELLE THOMSON BEING ABLE TO DO THE JOB, BUT I DO THINK WE OWE IT TO THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE TO SEE WHAT IS OUT THERE FOR AT LEAST A WEEK. YOU KNOW, SINCE IT WAS BROUGHT UP, IF MS. KAOHU'S NAME WAS ON THE RESOLUTION, I WOULD WHOLE-HEARTEDLY SUPPORT HER.\r\n\r\nI THINK SHE DID A FABULOUS JOB, AND YOU KNOW, TO HAVE MS. LUTEY AND MS. THOMSON COME UP TOGETHER, I THINK IS IMPORTANT. IT'S

IMPORTANT TO HAVE SOMEBODY THAT IS GOING TO WATCH YOUR BACK IN A POSITION SUCH AS THIS. AS TO THE POINT ABOUT LAWYERS, I DO THINK THAT THE POSITION NEEDS TO BE LAWYERS. WHEN WE APPOINTED THE FORMER INHABITANTS OF THOSE SEATS WE WERE IN A RUSH AND NOBODY WANTED THE JOB. AND WE DID AN OPEN CALL FOR APPLICANTS, AND AFTER SEEING AND INTERVIEWING THE APPLICANTS, WE CHOOSE FROM INSIDE OUR OFFICE OF COUNCIL SERVICES.\r\n\r\nSO I THINK IT'S ONLY RIGHT AT THE START OF THE TERM TO DO AN OPEN CALL, AT LEAST FOR ANOTHER WEEK. WHILE THERE IS A LEGAL CHALLENGE GOING ON IN THIS CASE, I DON'T THINK THE BLAME CAN BE PUT ON JUST THE CLERK. IT'S THE OFFICE AS A WHOLE, BUT THE CLERK TAKES THE RESPONSIBILITY, GOOD AND BAD. AND AND IN MY BOOK, I THINK THAT KATHY KAOHU DID AN EXCELLENT JOB, BEING THROWN INTO THE POSITION, RIGHT BEFORE THE PANDEMIC, RIGHT BEFORE THE FIRST-EVER VOTE BY MAIL. SO IF HER NAME WAS ON THE RESOLUTION, I WOULD WHOLE-HEARTED BY SUPPORT IT. I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM SUPPORTING MS. LUTEY AND MS.\r\n\r\nTHOMSON, BUT IN RESPONSE TO WHAT THE PUBLIC IS SAYING, WE CAN TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT IS OUT THERE AS WELL. THANK YOU. >> ANY OTHER DISCUSSION ON THE AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION? MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ >> MAHALO, CHAIR. I WOULD LIKE TO GET THE OPINION OF EITHER OUR VOLUNTEER OCS ATTORNEYS? OR CORPORATION COUNSEL? REGARDING THE MAIN MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AND AMEND IT BY DELAYING IT?\r\n\r\nI THINK THAT IS A PROCEDURAL MATTER IN TABLING THE RESO AND JUST POSTPONING IT, RATHER THAN MAKING A MOTION TO ADOPT, AND THEN AMENDING THE MOTION, THE MAIN MOTION. ANY TAKERS? >> MR. WHITTAKER. >> YOU ARE CORRECT, YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO MAKE A MAIN MOTION AND MOVE TO AMEND. YOU COULD HAVE JUST DEFERRED AND MOVED TO POSTPONE OR DEFER THE ITEM TO A DATE-CERTAIN, WHICH I THINK EFFECTIVELY IS WHAT THE AMENDMENT DOES. YOU ARE CORRECT, YOU DID NOT NEED TO MAKE A MAIN MOTION.\r\n\r\n>> MAHALO, MR. WHITTAKER. >> MY NEXT QUESTION IS REGARDING THE TIMING. SO POSTING DEADLINES IS SIX DAYS UNDER SUNSHINE LAW. SO CONSIDERATION OR THOUGHTS ON INSTEAD OF PUTTING TWO WEEKS, AND IT'S NOT CLEAR WHETHER IT'S BUSINESS WEEKS OR CALENDAR WEEKS? I GUESS THEY WOULD BE THE SAME. THAT WE WOULD POSTPONE IT TO THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING INSTEAD OF PUTTING A TIME FRAME ON IT.\r\n\r\nWHOEVER. >> I THINK THAT WOULD BE A QUESTION THAT IS MORE APPROPRIATELY ANSWERED BY OCS. AS FAR AS ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER GOES, EITHER WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. >> THANK YOU, MR. RAATZ. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. THANKS TO THE COUNCIL ACTIONS WE'LL REGARD AS ACTUALLY WORKING FOR THE BODY AND ABLE TO PROVIDE LEGAL ADVICE.\r\n\r\nTECHNICALLY NONE OF THE RESOLUTIONS TAKE EFFECT UNTIL THE MEETING ADJOURNS. I WILL POINT OUT A COUPLE OF THINGS, THE CHARTER SAYS TWO COUNCIL MEETINGS PER MONTH AND TODAY'S MEETING DOES COUNT AS ONE OF THE TWO. WE DON'T HAVE AN ESTABLISHED COUNCIL CALENDAR YEAR, SO DON'T KNOW FOR SURE WHAT THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE. SO IT MIGHT BE CLEANER TO SAY POSTPONED TO THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING, BECAUSE WE JUST DON'T KNOW AT THE MOMENT WHAT THE NEXT DAY WILL BE. JUST ANOTHER QUICK OBSERVATION, COUNTY CLERK IS A POSITION RECOGNIZED IN THE CHARTER, AND THAT POSITION WERE VACANT AND NO DEPUTY THE OFFICE WOULD BE LEFT WITHOUT LEADERSHIP FOR A PERIOD OF TIME. SO THAT WOULD POSE A CHALLENGE, PERHAPS? SOMETHING FOR THE BODY TO CONSIDER.\r\n\r\nWE DID HAVE AN INSTANCE, WHERE WE ALSO CLERK AND DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK VACANT AND THE COUNCIL CHAIR AT THAT TIME DESIGNATED OCS LEADERSHIP TO OVERSEE THE OFFICE FOR A WEEK. SO POTENTIALLY A SIMILAR ARRANGEMENT COULD BE MADE. >> MAHALO, MR. RAATZ. SO FOLLOW-UP TO THE LAST COMMENT THAT YOU MADE. IN OCS FILLING IN. SO WHEN WE APPROVED THE INTERIM APPOINTMENT OF MS.\r\n\r\nLUTEY, AND MS. THOMSON AS INTERIM CLERK AND DEPUTY CLERK, THAT WAS JUST FOR THE DURATION OF THIS MEETING AND AFTER WE ADJOURN, THEY WILL NO LONGER SERVE AS INTERIM, IS THAT CORRECT? CHAIR, IF I MAY? >> YES, GO AHEAD. >> I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT FOR SURE. I DO KNOW IN PRIOR ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS, WHEN WE WENT BACK AND LOOKED AT THE MEETINGS, APPOINTMENT OF A TEMPORARY

OR INTERIM CLERK WAS FOR PURPOSES OF ENSURING THERE WAS STAFF TO RUN THE MEETING UNTIL A CLERK WAS APPOINTED LATER THAT DAY. I DIDN'T SEE ANY INSTANCE THAT THE CLERK WAS NOT ULTIMATELY APPOINTED FORMALLY FOR THE TERM AT THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING.\r\n\r\n>> MAHALO FOR RESPONDING. SO I GUESS ARE THERE ANY LAWS THAT WOULD PREVENT US FROM ENABLING EITHER MS. LUTEY AND MS. THOMSON OR MS. KAOHU AND MR. KRUEGER AS ACTING AS CLERK AND DEPUTY CLERK UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT THE COUNCIL ADOPTS RESOLUTIONS TO ASSIGN THOSE POSITIONS TO PEOPLE? >> THANK YOU, CHAIR, IF I MAY?\r\n\r\nMS. FUJITA WAS POINTING OUT THAT THE CURRENT CLERK AND DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK, THE ONES THAT WERE CURRENT UP UNTIL NOON TODAY, WHEN THE TERM EXPIRED HAVE NOW BEEN MOVED TO NEW POSITIONS IN THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL SERVICES BASED ON THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED TODAY. I THINK AN INTERIM OR TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OF SOMEONE AS COUNTY CLERK AND DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK PROBABLY COULD BE MADE JUST A COUPLE OF CONSIDERATIONS. ANY COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRES MINIMUM OF FIVE VOTES. THE CHARTER SAYS THAT THE COUNCIL ACTS BY ORDINANCE OR BY RESOLUTION. AND YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU TODAY TWO RESOLUTIONS WITH SPECIFIC PEOPLE REFERENCED FOR COUNTY CLERK AND DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK. PERHAPS THE RESOLUTIONS COULD BE AMENDED TO CHANGE THE TERM, INSTEAD OF THE FULL TERM, IF THAT IS WHAT THE BODY'S INTENTION IS TO A TWO-WEEK PERIOD OR WHENEVER THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE?\r\n\r\nI DON'T THINK YOU COULD HAVE NAMES THAT AREN'T REFERENCED ON TODAY'S AGENDA TO BE PLACED IN THOSE POSITIONS. >> MAHALO, MR. RAATZ AND MAHALO FOR YOUR INDULGENCE, CHAIR, AND FELLOW COUNCIL MEMBERS. MY LAST QUESTION IS SINCE WE HAVE A MAIN MOTION ON THE FLOOR, WHAT IF WE AMENDED THE RESOLUTION TO HAVE THE TERM END AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING? AND THAT WAY, THEY CAN SERVE AS ACTING OR INTERIM CLERK AND DEPUTY CLERK UNTIL WE PROVIDE THOSE POSITIONS PERMANENT CLERK AND DEPUTY CLERK? >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. YES, I THINK THAT IS -- >> MAHALO CHAIR.\r\n\r\nSO WE HAVE A MOTION TO AMEND THE MAIN MOTION ON THE FLOOR CURRENTLY. AND IF THE TWO, THE MAKER OF THE MOTION AND THE SECONDER LIKE THE IDEA OF ALLOWING MS. LUTEY AND MS. THOMSON TO SERVE AS INTERIM UNTIL THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING, THEN IF THEY WILL WITHDRAW THEIR MOTION, AND I CAN MAKE A NEW MOTION TO AMEND THE MAIN MOTION TO ENABLE THEM TO SERVE AS INTERIM CLERK AND DEPUTY CLERK. >> MAKER OF THE MOTION? >> WITHDRAWN. THANK YOU.\r\n\r\n>> AND SECONDER? >> WITHDRAWN. >> THANK YOU. >> MS. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> MAHALO, CHAIR. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\n>> I MOVE TO AMEND BOTH DOES THE MAIN MOTION INCLUDE BOTH RESOLUTIONS 12 AND 13? I MOVE TO AMEND RESOLUTION 23-12 AND 23-13 TO READ "FOR THE TERM ENDING -- WE DON'T HAVE A TIME CERTAIN. SO I WOULD LIKE TO SEEK THE ADVICE OF OUR EITHER CORPORATION COUNSEL OR OCS ATTORNEYS ON WHETHER IT WOULD NEED TO BE A DATE-CERTAIN, OR IF IT COULD SAY THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING? >> CHAIR, SO THE ONLY MOTION ON THE FLOOR IS 23-12, JUST TO BE CLEAR. 23-13 HAS NOT YET BEEN TAKEN UP. >> I CAN MAKE THAT FOR BOTH WHEN WE TAKE THAT UP. >> THANK YOU. >> BUT THEN THE ANSWER TO MY QUESTION YES, EITHER NEXT MEETING OR TWO WEEKS, WHICHEVER YOU PREFER WOULD BE FINE.\r\n\r\n>> IF IT SAID THE SECOND COUNCIL MEETING IN JANUARY 2023, WOULD THAT BE APPROPRIATE? >> SECOND. >> YES, THAT WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE AMENDMENT. >> OKAY. SO BEFORE I MAKE THAT MOTION, MAHALO, MEMBER JOHNSON. I WOULD LIKE TO AMEND MAIN MOTION TO INCLUDE RESOLUTION 23-13 IN THE MAIN MOTION FOR ADOPTION. SECOND.\r\n\r\n>> MOVED BY MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, SECONDED BY MEMBER JOHNSON TO INCLUDE BOTH RESOLUTIONS IN THE MAIN MOTION, AND WITH THE AMENDMENT BEING TERM ENDING AT THE SECOND COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 2023. IS THAT CORRECT, MS. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ? >> YES. >> THANK YOU. DISCUSSION? MEMBER PALTIN. >> JUST CLARIFICATION THAT YOU MEANT THE END OF THE SECOND MEETING; RIGHT?\r\n\r\n>> YES. >> MEMBER SUGIMURA. >> THE SALARIES, SO MOANA LUTEY SALARY WOULD BE \$156,982 RICHELLE THOMSON PER RESOLUTION IS \$139,132 AND THOSE WOULD BE THE RELEVANT SALARY AMOUNTS FOR THIS SHORT PERIOD. >> POINT OF ORDER? THAT

IS NOT THE MOTION WE'RE SPEAKING TO AT THE MOMENT. WE CAN SPEAK TO THAT AFTER. >> I JUST WANTED CLARIFICATION WITH THE PERIOD.\r\n\r\nI WILL. >> MEMBERS, ARE WE CLEAR ABOUT WHAT THE MOTION IS IN TERMS OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING IS LOOKING TO OUR CLERK AND DEPUTY CLERK BY THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING. THAT IS WHAT MS. PALTIN IS ASKING, BY THE END OF THE SECOND MEETING WE'LL HAVE THAT SECURED. YES. >> MAHALO, CHAIR. I GUESS I HAVE A QUESTION FOR OUR ATTORNEYS AGAIN ON WHETHER WHEN WE POST THE NEXT RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A CLERK, AND DEPUTY CLERK, WOULD THEY NEED TO BE NAMED, OR COULD THEY BE BLANK?\r\n\r\nTHEY WOULD NEED TO BE NAMED; RIGHT? >> SO THAT THE TESTIFIERS KNOW, THE PUBLIC KNOWS WHO YOU ARE CONSIDERING, YOU CAN PUT A LIST OF NAMES, OR YOU COULD PUT A SPECIFIC NAME, BUT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO RECEIVE TESTIMONY ON A BLANK. >> MAHALO, MR. WHITTAKER. SO CHAIR, WHEN WE POST THE RESOLUTION FOR THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING, IN CONSIDERING CLERK AND DEPUTY CLERK, CAN WE PLEASE HAVE THE LIST OF NAMES OF APPLICANTS AS AN EXHIBIT, AS WE DO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS? SO THAT WE CAN FILL IN THE NAME, AND GIVE THE PUBLIC AN OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY ON THOSE WHO HAVE APPLIED. >> I THINK THAT CAN BE DONE; RIGHT?\r\n\r\nMR. RAATZ? >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. WE WOULD NEED TO TAKE DIRECTION FROM THE COUNCIL CHAIR, I THINK, ON EXACTLY WHAT PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT, WHEN IT WAS PREVIOUSLY AT CHAIR LEE'S DIRECTION AND WE HADN'T GOTTEN TO THE POINT YET, WHERE WE WOULD SETTING UP A TEAM TO RECEIVE THAT. APPLICATIONS NORMALLY TAKES A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TIME FOR A POSITION LIKE THIS, BUT AT COUNCIL'S DIRECTION, COUNCIL CHAIR'S APPROVAL, WE COULD TRY TO ACCELERATE THE NORMAL PROCESS. >> PLEASE DO. >> CHAIR.\r\n\r\n>> YES, MS. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> I WOULD LIKE TO FRIENDLY AMENDMENT MY MOTION TO INSTEAD OF IT JUST BEING A WEEK, FOR IT TO BE A MONTH. SO THE FIRST -- THE END OF THE FIRST COUNCIL MEETING IN FEBRUARY 2023, INSTEAD. SO WE CAN GIVE THE PUBLIC SOME TIME TO SEE THAT THE AD HAS BEEN POSTED, TO GET THEIR APPLICATIONS TOGETHER, AND SUBMITTED, AND AS MR. RAATZ POINTED OUT, HAVE A TEAM READY TO RECEIVE AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON WHO WE WOULD CONSIDER AT THAT TIME. >> I ACCEPT THAT SECOND AS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT.\r\n\r\n>> GOOD. THANK YOU. SO MR. RAATZ, IS THAT POSSIBLE WHAT MS. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ IS OFFERING? >> YES, CHAIR. THANK YOU.\r\n\r\n>> OKAY. GOOD. VERY GOOD. >> CHAIR, MAY I ASK A CLARIFYING QUESTION? >> YES. >> SO THE RESOLUTIONS CURRENTLY LIST SALARIES AND I BELIEVE COUNCIL MEMBER SUGIMURA ASKED IF THEY ARE GOING TO GET PAID BASED ON WHAT IS LISTED IN THE RESOLUTIONS? SO THE SALARY IN THERE IS AN ANNUAL SALARY.\r\n\r\nIF YOU KEEP IT AS-IS, THEY WOULD JUST GET PAY PRO RATA FOR A MONTH UNDER THAT SALARY. IF THAT IS NOT YOUR INTENTION, YOU SHOULD AMEND THAT PART OF THE RESOLUTION AS WELL. >>>MAHALO, MR. WHITTAKER, I WAS PLANNING TO LET THIS MOTION WHAT IT WAS FOR NOW AND THEN TAKE UP SALARIES AFTER, SO WE'RE NOT PILING TOO MANY THINGS INTO ONE MOTION, IF THE MEMBERS ARE OKAY WITH THAT? >> OKAY. CLERK ROLL-CALL VOTE. >> CHAIR? >> YES.\r\n\r\n>> SO THE MOTION TO AMEND THE MAIN MOTION RIGHT NOW THAT WE WOULD BE VOTING ON IS TO AMEND THE TERM ENDING TO THE FIRST COUNCIL MEETING IN FEBRUARY -- THE END OF THE FIRST FEBRUARY 2023 COUNCIL MEETING - I'M SORRY, LET ME RESTATE THAT. THE MOTION TO AMEND IS TO INCLUDE THE IN THE MAIN MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 23-12, TO INCLUDE RESOLUTION 23-13, AS WELL. >> YES. >> AND THEN TO AMEND BOTH RESOLUTIONS TO A TERM ENDING AT THE END OF THE FIRST COUNCIL MEETING IN FEBRUARY 2023. MAHALO, CHAIR. >> . SO MEMBERS, ARE WE CLEAR WHAT WE'RE VOTING ON? OKAY. >> I HAVE A QUESTION.\r\n\r\n>> YES. >> THANKS. IF I COULD ASK DAVID RAATZ OR TRACI, IS THAT ENOUGH TIME FOR YOU, BASED UPON WHAT HE SAID? IT'S NOT SET UP YET. IT HAS TO BE WORKED OUT WITH YOU, CHAIR KAMA, AND VETTED. IS THAT ENOUGH TIME? THE FIRST COUNCIL MEETING IN FEBRUARY, OR DO YOU NEED THE SECOND COUNCIL MEETING?\r\n\r\n>> WE USUALLY DO POST FOR ABOUT A MONTH NOTICES FOR RECRUITMENT. WE COULD SEE WHERE WE'RE AT AND COUNCIL COULD ALWAYS EXTEND, IF THERE ISN'T ENOUGH

APPLICATIONS. >> I SEE. IF WE DID SAY, JUST CLARIFYING TO SAY THE FIRST MEETING IN FEBRUARY AND OUR CALENDAR IS NOT SET, SO WE DON'T KNOW WHAT DATE THAT IS. IT MAY BE ENOUGH TIME FOR YOU AND IF NOT, HAVE YOU GET BACK TO US TO LET US KNOW THAT YOU NEED AN EXTENSION. >> WE WOULD COMMUNICATE WITH THE CHAIR AND GET DIRECTION FROM THE CHAIR. >> SO THAT MAY BE ENOUGH TIME?\r\n\r\n>> POSSIBLY. >> MS. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> MAHALO, CHAIR. THE INTENTION IS ALSO TO HAVE AN EXHIBIT WITH A LIST OF APPLICANTS WITH THE RESOLUTION AT THE FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING. WOULD THAT NEED TO BE EXPLICITLY STATED IN THE RESOLUTION TODAY AS WELL? OR IS THAT INTENTION CLEAR?\r\n\r\n>> I THINK THE INTENTION IS CLEAR. >> WE UNDERSTAND THE COUNCIL'S INTENTION. >> MAHALO, MS. FUJITA. MAHALO, CHAIR. >> THANK YOU. MEMBERS, ARE YOU READY TO VOTE?\r\n\r\nOKAY. CLERK. >> COUNCIL MEMBER SHANE SINENCI? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER NOHELANI UU-HODGINS? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER TOM COOK?\r\n\r\n>> NO. >> COUNCIL MEMBER KEANI RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER GABE JOHNSON? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER TAMARA PALTIN? >> AYE.\r\n\r\n>> COUNCIL MEMBER YUKI LEI SUGIMURA? >> NO. >> CHAIR TASHA KAMA. >> YES. >> CHAIR, YOU HAVE SIX AYES, TWO NOS. MOTION CARRIES. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\nSO YES? >> I WONDER IF KEANI RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ IS GOING TO AMEND IT ONE MORE AMENDMENT TO TALK ABOUT THE SALARY? OR SHOULD I? >> YOU CAN DO IT IF YOU WANT TO. >> SO FOR THIS PERIOD THEN, THE SALARY AMOUNT TO BE USED TO PAY THE TEMPORARY CLERKS, I GUESS IS THAT WHAT WE'RE CALLING THEM NOW FOR THIS PERIOD? WOULD BE BASED UPON THE SALARY LISTED IN THE TWO RESOLUTIONS, 23-12 AND 23-13? THAT IS MY MOTION. TO USE THE SALARIES DURING THIS PERIOD FOR THE RANGE BASED UPON THE AMOUNTS LISTED IN RESOLUTIONS 23-12 AND 23-13. SO THE SALARY FOR MOANA >> POINT OF ORDER? >> YES.\r\n\r\n>> MAHALO, CHAIR. MAHALO, MEMBER SUGIMURA. SO IT'S ALREADY STATED IN THE RESOLUTION, AND IF WE ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS IT IS STATED, THEN THAT IS WHAT WOULD STAND. I WITHDRAW, I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE THEY GET COMPENSATED. >> MS. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> MAHALO, CHAIR.\r\n\r\nI MOVE TO AMEND SALARIES IN BOTH RESOLUTION 23-12, 23-13 TO THE SALARIES THAT MS. LUTEY AND MS. THOMSON WERE MAKING AS THE CORPORATION COUNSEL AND DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL. >> SECOND. >> IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE SALARIES FOR OUR CLERK BE THE SAME AS THEIR SALARY AS CORP. COUNSEL. IS THAT WHAT YOU ARE SAYING?\r\n\r\n>> YES. >> CHAIR? >> YES. >> JUST TO CLARIFY THAT THE SALARY THAT THE CURRENT SALARIES FOR THE CLERK AND DEPUTY CLERK ARE THE SALARIES THAT THEY WERE MAKING AS CORP. COUNSEL AND DEPUTY CORP. COUNSEL. >> SO IT'S THE SAME.\r\n\r\n>> IT'S THE SAME. >> OKAY. MAHALO, CHAIR. MAHALO, MS. FUJITA. I UNDERSTAND IT WAS MORE. >> WITHDRAW.\r\n\r\n>> I WITHDRAW MY MOTION. >> THANK YOU. WHERE ARE WE? >> MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER KEANI RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> I WITHDRAW MY MOTION. >> SO THE MOTION TO INCLUDE RESOLUTION 23-13 AND THE TERMS, WE CALLED FOR THE QUESTION AND IT PASSED WITH TWO NOS AND OTHERS WERE AYES. WE'RE ON THE MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED.\r\n\r\nCALL FOR THE QUESTION. >> YES. >> WE'RE JUST DOING THE MAIN MOTION. >> CHAIR? >> YES, MS. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. THE MAIN MOTION ON THE FLOOR FOR CONSIDERATION AND VOTE ARE BOTH RESOLUTION 23-12 AND 23-13 WITH THE AMENDMENTS TO THE TERM ENDING THE FIRST COUNCIL MEETING IN FEBRUARY 2023. SO THAT IS WHAT WAS AMENDED WITH THE INTENTION OF HAVING THE EXHIBITS WITH APPLICANTS LISTED IN BOTH CLERK AND CLERK, AND SALARIES WOULD STAY THE SAME, BECAUSE I WITHDREW THAT MOTION.\r\n\r\nTHAT IS THE MAIN MOTION ON THE FLOOR. >> IS THAT CLEAR? THANK YOU. COUNCIL MEMBER SHANE SINENCI? >> EY. >> COUNCIL MEMBER NOHELANI UU-HODGINS? >> AYE.\r\n\r\n>> COUNCIL MEMBER TOM COOK? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER KEANI RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER GABE JOHNSON? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER TAMARA PALTIN?\r\n\r\n>> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER YUKI LEI SUGIMURA? >> NO. >> AND CHAIR TASHA KAMA? >> YES. >> YOU HAVE SEVEN AYES, ONE NO. MOTION CARRIES.\r\n\r\n>>

THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. SHORT BREAK UNTIL 6:25. COUNCIL IS IN RECESS. [GAVEL]
6:25. >> THANK YOU. SO THE MAUI COUNTY ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF JANUARY 2ND, 2023,
WILL NOW RECONVENE. CLERK. >> GOING TO BE PRESENTED WITH TESTIMONY ON ALL THE
REMAINING ITEMS, IS THAT CORRECT?\r\n\r\n>> YES. >> KEISA LIU, FOLLOWED BY AARON
ARMSTRONG. KEISA LIU, AARON ARMSTRONG. CHAIR, IT APPEARS THEY ARE NOT PRESENT.
LUCIENNE DE NAIE. MS. DE NAIE.\r\n\r\n>> THANK YOU. TO CLARIFY, WE ARE TESTIFYING ON
ANY OF THE REMAINING ITEMS? ALL RIGHT. THAT MAKES SENSE. DOING A GREAT JOB, CHAIR
KAMA. YOU WERE BORN TO BE CHAIR. CALM AT THE TILL HERE.\r\n\r\nSO LET ME SEE MY
LITTLE LIST HERE. I WAS HUNTING DOWN FOOD. ALL RIGHT. I SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY ON
23-4, AND ALSO 23-5, I BELIEVE. AND 23-11. SO ON 23-4, STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE
COUNCIL AND DEFINING THEIR DUTIES. THIS IS REALLY KIND OF AN IMPORTANT ROLE OF THE
COUNCIL IS SETTING UP THE COMMITTEES, AND MAKING SURE EACH COMMITTEE NOT ONLY HAS
PEOPLE THAT ARE COMMITTED TO DOING THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE, BUT ALSO THAT THE
SCOPE MAKES SENSE. SO THAT FOR THE PUBLIC'S PARTICIPATION, THAT A COMMITTEE IS
COVERING THINGS IN A WAY THAT ALLOWS A THOROUGH VETTING FOR GOOD
DECISION-MAKING.\r\n\r\nAND I JUST HAVE TO COMMENT, I DO JOIN IN WITH SOME THAT
TESTIFIED. WE HAVE SOME FOLKS WHO HAVE BEEN IN COMMITTEES THE LAST TWO TO FOUR YEARS
THAT HAVE DONE A VERY GOOD JOB. ALL OF THE POLITICS OF CHANGE AND EVERYTHING, BUT
BUSINESS, YOU JUST DON'T JUMP MIDSTREAM, IF IT'S ALREADY BEEN GOING ALONG. JUST
PERSONALLY, I HAVE TO SAY THAT I PARTICIPATE IN A LOT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETINGS,
BECAUSE I'M ON NINE DIFFERENT NON-PROFIT BOARDS THAT ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR SUPPORT
DURING BUDGET TIME. AND THE BUDGET PROCESS UNDER CURRENT CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ HAS
BEEN A DREAM. IT HAS BEEN SO NICE. YOU CAN GO TO YOUR COUNCIL MEMBER, AND SAY, YOU
KNOW, WHAT ARE YOUR PRIORITY PROJECTS?\r\n\r\nTHERE'S ALL THIS STUFF THAT DIDN'T
HAPPEN BEFORE, AND HAS BEEN EASIER FOR THE PUBLIC. I MEAN, THE BUDGET HEARINGS ARE
THE GREAT THEATER PROCESS OF OUR COMMUNITY. EVERYONE WITH THEIR, YOU KNOW,
CONSTITUENTS, AND THE LITTLE KIDS READING, AND YOU KNOW, EVERYONE THAT DOES
SOMETHING WORTHY IN OUR COMMUNITY, LINING UP TO PLEAD THEIR CASE. AND I JUST HAVE TO
SAY, I DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS COVID OR WHAT? BUT IT GOT EASIER TO TESTIFY, YOU KNOW?
YOU COULD TESTIFY ONLINE, AND IT WAS WELL-ORGANIZED. AND YOU COULD KEEP TRACK OF
THINGS.\r\n\r\nAND THE STAFF WAS HELPFUL AND FRIENDLY. AND YOU HAD MICHELE THERE,
OUR FORMER BUDGET DIRECTOR, WHO COULD EXPLAIN EVERYTHING AND WHERE IT WAS IN THE
BUDGET. SO I REALLY URGE PEOPLE TO KEEP OUR CURRENT BUDGET CHAIR. YOU KNOW, COUNCIL
MEMBER SUGIMURA HAS BEEN DOING A GREAT JOB ON INFRASTRUCTURE, AND IS THIS THE TIME
TO BE JUST SORT OF SWITCHING CHAIRS AROUND? ALSO, I SEE THAT THE WATER AND
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE IS PROPOSED, AND I REMEMBER THE YEARS WHEN WE HAD A WATER
AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE, AND FINALLY, IT WAS JUST DECIDED, IT WAS JUST TOO MUCH
AND BETTER TO BREAK THEM INTO TWO COMPONENTS WITH WATER WITH AGRICULTURE AND, IN
FACT I LOVED HAVING THE AGRICULTURE AND PUBLIC TRUST COMMITTEE. BECAUSE WATER IS
PUBLIC TRUST AND THE FIRST TIME WE ACKNOWLEDGED IT IS. SURE, WATER IS DELIVER BY
PIPES BUT LET'S FACE IT, WATER IS DELIVERED BY GOD, AND GOD DOESN'T MAKE THESE
PIPES, YOU KNOW?\r\n\r\nGOD MAKES ECOSYSTEMS THAT PRODUCE WATER, AND STORE WATER,
AND SO THAT IS A WHOLE DIFFERENT ASPECT. THE INFRASTRUCTURE PART OF IT. AND I'M JUST
WONDERING IF PUTTING THOSE TOGETHER IS JUST GOING TO BE A RECIPE FOR NOT DOING VERY
IN-DEPTH JOB ON EITHER IMPORTANT TOPIC? SO I WOULD URGE YOU IN YOUR CONSIDERATIONS
TO GIVE A GOOD LOOK TO THIS, AND SEE IF WE HAVE THE RIGHT COMMITTEE COMBINATIONS?
AND THEN IF WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING IN THESE FIELDS, LIKE YOU KNOW, MR.
JOHNSON HAS BEEN DOING A BANG-UP JOB ON IMPLEMENTING OUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN. I
KNOW AGRICULTURE IS ONE OF HIS PASSIONS AS WELL, BUT COULD HE CONTINUE DOING THIS
GOOD WORK?\r\n\r\nCOUNCIL MEMBER PALTIN HAS GOT US THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

PROCESS WITH TWO COMMUNITY PLANS. BELIEVE ME, COULD REMEMBER THE DAYS WHEN COMMUNITY PLANS TOOK YEARS, NOT MONTHS, AND SHE HAD A STEADY HAND. SHE HAS BEEN FAIR AND LISTENED TO ALL. SO THERE'S BEEN SOME GOOD JOBS DONE THERE, AND WE SHOULD CONTINUE WHEN CAN. I WILL MOVE OVER TO RESO 23-5. I HAVEN'T HAD A LOT OF TIME TO LOOK IN-DEPTH AT THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL THAT ARE BEING PROPOSED, BUT THE IDEA, I KNOW IT SOUNDS WONDERFUL TO END EVERY MEETING AT 5 O'CLOCK, YOU KNOW? SOMETIMES THAT IS JUST NOT POSSIBLE. I WORKED FOR A COUNCIL MEMBER, VERY DEDICATED COUNCIL MEMBER, WHO WAS HERE SOMETIMES UNTIL MIDNIGHT, PREPARING FOR THE NEXT DAY'S MEETING.\r\n\r\nAND YOU KNOW, IT IS WHAT IT IS. THERE'S SOME ISSUES, AND SOME THINGS THAT ARE NOT EASY. THEY ARE THE TOUGH DECISIONS AND THEY ARE WHAT PEOPLE ARE ELECTED TO DO IS MAKE THOSE TOUGH DECISIONS AND IT TAKES TIME. JUST ARBITRARILY SAYING THAT WE GO HOME AT 5:00 AND OTHER RULES THAT SEEM ANTI-PUBLIC BASICALLY. SO IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THE RULES COULD BE REVIEWED? I KNOW THAT WE HAVE HAD CONTROVERSIES ABOUT THE RULES IN THE PAST. I REMEMBER ONE MEETING WHAT WAS IT IN FOUR YEARS AGO, MAYBE SIX YEARS AGO, THERE WAS LIKE 100 PEOPLE TESTIFYING ABOUT THE RULES.\r\n\r\nTHESE PEOPLE AREN'T HERE TODAY, BUT COULD THERE BE A WAY OF HAVING MORE REVIEW OF THE RULES RATHER THAN HAVING IT BEING DEBATED DURING A COUNCIL MEETING AND TAKING THE WHOLE MEETING AND COULD A RULES COMMITTEE, LIKE AN AD HOC, OR TEMPORARY INVESTIGATIVE GROUP OR SOMETHING TO STREAMLINE THE RULES AND FIGURE OUT WHAT THEY SHOULD BE? SO THEY ARE NOT READY FOR PRIMETIME RIGHT NOW, AND I FEAR IT'S JUST GOING TO END UP WITH A LOT OF DEBATES AND AMENDMENTS AND EVERYTHING AT YOUR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING IF THERE'S NOT TIME, I GUESS, TONIGHT, TO DO ALL OF THIS STUFF AFTER PUBLIC TESTIMONY. BUT THOSE ARE MY THOUGHTS. THEN RESOLUTION 23-11, APPROVING THE HAWAI'I STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES EXECUTIVE BOARD REPRESENTATIVE, AND ALTERNATE. I THINK THESE ARE GOOD CHOICES. COUNCIL MEMBER SUGIMURA AND COUNCIL MEMBER PALTIN HAVE BEEN VERY, VERY INVOLVED WITH THIS COUNCIL AND HAVE BEEN VERY, VERY INVOLVED WITH THE COMMUNITY. THEY BOTH HAVE SERVED AS COMMITTEE CHAIRS THAT ARE -- WHERE IT'S GREAT TO NETWORK WITH OTHERS AND LEARN HOW COUNTIES CAN WORK TOGETHER FOR ADDED CLOUT.\r\n\r\nSO IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE, AND THEY ARE BOTH LIKE REAL SOCIABLE PEOPLE THAT LIKE TALKING TO PEOPLE. SO I THINK THEY ARE A GOOD FIT AND WOULD DEFINITELY RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THAT RESOLUTION AS-IS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LONG HOURS TODAY, AND FOR HEARING ME OUT. MAHALO. >> MEMBERS, QUESTIONS FOR THE TESTIFIER? SEEING NONE, THANK YOU SO MUCH, MS. DE NAIE.\r\n\r\n>> I JUST MADE THE TIME, TOO. [LAUGHTER] >> HUI HOU. >> THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS CLEMENTINE, FOLLOWED BY DICK MAYER. MOVING ON. >> CHAIR? >> THERE'S DICK MAYER. >> I'M HERE.\r\n\r\nI'M JUST WAITING FOR CLEMENTINE, IS SHE COMING? IS SHE SPEAKING >> NO ONE HAS RESPONDED TO THAT CALL, MR. MAYER. PLEASE PROCEED. >> OKAY, I WILL GO AHEAD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WROTE ALL OF YOU 23-4, COUNCIL COMMITTEES, AND CHAIRS.\r\n\r\nDIFFERENT SCHEMA THAN THE ONE ON THE DOCKET TODAY. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SOME COMMENT. URGING THAT YOU JUST DELETE THAT LIST BETWEEN NOW AND YOUR NEXT MEETING, AND, BY THE WAY, YOU COULD ADJOURN THIS MEETING, I WOULD IMAGINE, AND BE ABLE -- YOU DON'T HAVE TO WAIT TWO WEEKS AND YOU COULD ADJOURN AND IN BETWEEN TO LOOK OVER YOUR STRUCTURE AND THE BEST PEOPLE TO BE THE CHAIRS. I WILL MAKE THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS? MY CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH YOU FOLKS, AND VERY PLEASED TO SAY ALL WHO WERE CARRY-OVERS GOT ELECTED. TWO PEOPLE LEFT THE COUNCIL AND NEW PEOPLE IN THERE AND I HOPE YOU ARE ALL ABLE TO WORK TOGETHER WELL OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS. FOR THE GREAT COMMITTEE, I WOULD URGE YOU TO SELECT YUKI LEI, SEEING HER WORK WITH MIKE MOLINA ON THE BIKE BILL AND NOW WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT PERSON WITH EXPERIENCE TO CHAIR THAT COMMITTEE.\r\n\r\nWITH REGARD TO THE BUDGET, FINANCE, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, I THINK KEANI DID A BRILLIANT JOB. IT'S VERY COMPLICATED AND NEEDS ATTENTION TO DETAIL AND KEANI DID THIS AND MAKE

SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PROCESS. I THINK SHE CAN CONTINUE DOING THAT VERY WELL. I WOULD GET A NEW COMMITTEE HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE TOGETHER THAT DEAL WITH THE REFUSE FROM THE HOMES AND HOUSING ISSUES, AND THERE ARE MANY ISSUES THERE, AND HAVE GABE CONTINUE MADE A LOT OF INITIATIVES WITH THE HOUSING PLAN, AND I THINK HE NEEDS TO SEE THAT GET FULFILLED AND GET COMPLETED. AGRICULTURE AND WATER COMMITTEE, I WOULD URGE YOU TO CONTINUE THAT ASSOCIATION. SHANE DID AN EXCELLENT JOB WORKING WITH THE NEW AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT, THE WATER AUTHORITY AMENDMENTS THAT WE HAVE NOW, AND IMPLEMENTING THAT AND I THINK HE WOULD MAKE AN EXCELLENT CHAIR FOR THAT. THE INFRASTRUCTURE PUBLIC WORKS AND COUNTY-OWNED LAND, TOM COOK.\r\n\r\nI WORKED CLOSELY WITH TOM WHEN HE WAS ON G PAC WITH ME AND HAVE GREAT ADMIRATION FOR HIS EXPERIENCE IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY. I THINK HE WOULD BE EXCELLENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE, PUBLIC WORKS AND MANAGING COUNTY-OWNED LANDS. HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS, 'OIIWI, NEW DEPARTMENT -- I'M SORRY, I MISPRONOUNCED IT AND HUMAN CONCERNS COMMITTEE, TASHA, I BELIEVE WOULD BE ABLE TO EXCELLENTLY BRING HER PASSION TO THAT COMMITTEE, AND WOULD BE ABLE TO TIE TOGETHER THOSE VERY MUCH HUMAN-BASED CONCERNS THAT SHE HAS. TWO MORE, THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE WOULD BE A BRAND-NEW COMMITTEE. THE COUNCIL HAS, I THINK NEGLECTED ITS AUTHORITY OVER THE FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS, AND EVEN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. AND HOMELESSNESS ISSUES. I THINK THAT DEPARTMENT IS SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE A COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL.\r\n\r\nTHE FIRE AND POLICE HAVE THEIR OWN COMMISSIONS. SO DOES WATER AND PLANNING. THAT IS NO EXCUSE FOR THE COUNCIL NOT TO HAVE IT ON THEIR AGENDA. SO I WOULD I HAVE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AND ASK THAT NOHELANI TAKE OVER THAT ROLE AND DEAL WITH HOMELESS ISSUES AS WELL, SOMETHING THAT IS SHE IS FAMILIAR WITH COMING FROM PA'IA. AND PLANNING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE, TAMARA CONTINUE WITH EXCELLENT WORK. I THINK A GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE NEW PLANNING DIRECTOR, WHO HAS LIVED THERE FOR A LONG TIME AND WORKING TOGETHER ON THOSE ISSUES OF THOSE ARE MY SUGGESTIONS AND URGING YOU NOT TO ADOPT TODAY. PUT IT ON HOLD, COME BACK WITH A COMMITTEE WITH TWO PEOPLE THAT YOU CAN ALWAYS ADD, BESIDES COUNCIL MEMBERS, ADDING STAFF, DAVID RAATZ AND OTHERS TO LOOK AT THE ISSUES THAT THE COUNTY WILL BE FACING THE NEXT TWO YEARS AND INTO THE FUTURE AFTER THAT.\r\n\r\nSO THOSE ARE MY RECOMMENDATION AND WISH YOU ALL WELL, NOT JUST A HAPPY NEW YEAR, BUT VERY SUCCESSFUL AND VERY HAPPY ACCOMPLISHING TWO YEARS, AS COUNCIL MEMBERS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> MEMBERS, QUESTIONS FOR THE TESTIFIER? SEEING NONE, THANK YOU SO MUCH, MR. MAYER. HUI HOU. >> BE WELL.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU. >> CHAIR, THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS AARON ARMSTRONG, FOLLOW BY CLARE APANA. >> THANK YOU. IT IS LATE. I JUST HAD A LITTLE BIT OF COFFEE, SO I CAN RALLY; RIGHT? OKAY. TESTIFYING ON BEHALF OF MYSELF.\r\n\r\nI WANTED TO CONTINUE MY TESTIMONY FROM A LITTLE BIT EARLIER HOURS AGO, HOURS AGO AND I'M SO THANKFUL THAT DICK MAYER SHARED HIS RECOMMENDATIONS, BECAUSE I THINK HE REALLY THOUGHT THROUGH THE COMMITTEES AND STRUCTURES. THERE'S CERTAIN PRINCIPLES THAT I WISH TO SHARE, THE ONES THAT I CAME UP WITH MYSELF, THAT MIGHT HELP AND THE ONES THAT CAME UP THROUGH THE GPT THING AND DO YOU HAVE EXPERIENCE, WHAT YOUR TRACK RECORD IS AND THE KULEANA? I WAS SURPRISED HE BROUGHT UP HOUSELESSNESS IN PA'IA AND THAT IS A HUGE THING THAT WE SEE. JUST THAT EXPERIENCE. A COUPLE MORE PRINCIPLES. FIVE FACTORS KULEANA TRACK RECORD, PROFESSIONALISM, NEUTRALITY. IF THERE'S A BIAS OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST, THAT WOULD BE A WARNING.\r\n\r\nAND ALOHA, IF YOU HAVE PASSION AND LOVE FOR THIS TOPIC? THAT IS WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE. I ASK JUST BECAUSE I'M TRYING TO SEE HOW THIS WORKS OUT TO HELP US AUGMENT AND BE MORE EFFICIENT AS CITIZENS AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS, AS TEAMS THAT MIGHT SUPPORT YOU, WITH COMPETENCE, INTEGRITY, FAIRNESS, INCLUSIVITY, TRANSPARENCY, AND EFFICIENCY. IT'S ALL IN YOUR INBOX. DICK MAYER HAD GOOD RECOMMENDATIONS. THANK YOU, AND I HOPE WE GET OUT SOON. ANY QUESTIONS?\r\n\r\n>>

MEMBERS, QUESTIONS FOR THE TESTIFIER? THANK YOU SO MUCH, MR. ARMSTRONG. >> CLARE APANA, FOLLOWED BY PAMELA TUMPAP. >> EXCUSE ME. I WOULD LIKE TO KIND OF SAY THE SAME THING THAT SO MANY OTHER PEOPLE SAID ABOUT THE BUDGET CHAIR FROM LAST YEAR, AND THE YEAR BEFORE. KEANI DID SUCH A GREAT JOB.\r\n\r\nI JUST REMEMBER WHEN THE SAND MINING MORATORIUM WAS GOING THROUGH AND WHEN BUDGET CAME, EVERYTHING STOPPED. SO IT THE OUT THE TIME SO LONG, BY THE TIME THE MOTION WAS FINALLY PASSED, THE MORATORIUM WAS FINALLY PASSED WE WERE AT THE END OF THE YEAR. TO GET ANY LEGISLATION DONE, BY THE TIME ANYTHING GOT STARTED, IT WAS BUDGET TIME AGAIN. AND THEN BUDGET WENT OVER AGAIN, AS IT DID THE YEAR BEFORE. AND THEN THERE WASN'T ENOUGH TIME TO ADEQUATELY ADDRESS THE LAWS THAT NEEDED TO BE MADE FOR PROTECTION, AND I REMEMBER YUKI LEI SEEING WELL, I DON'T SEE HOW THIS GIVES PROTECTION? AND WE WERE NEVER ABLE TO REALLY ADDRESS IT IN THE TIME OF THE MORATORIUM, BECAUSE THE BUDGET SESSION TOOK SO LONG. SO I WOULD JUST, UNLESS YOU HAVE A PLAN ALREADY FOR THE NEXT PERSON WITH BUDGET, BECAUSE IT'S SO IMPORTANT, AND TAKES SO MUCH TIME, UNLESS THERE'S AN ACTUAL PLAN MADE BY SOMEONE WHO KNOWS THAT IT'S GOING TO WORK BETTER?\r\n\r\nI JUST HOPE THAT YOU STAY WITH KEANI, BECAUSE IT'S REALLY A LONG TIME TO WAIT, WHILE BUDGET GOES ON TO FINISH UP WORK. SO I HAVEN'T ANALYZED IT LIKE DICK DID. I THOUGHT HE DID SUCH A GOOD JOB. I THINK THAT YOU GUYS CAN PROBABLY ANALYZE WHAT YOUR INTERESTS ARE, AND WHAT YOU WOULD SHINE AT DOING. I WOULD LIKE TO GO ON TO THE RULES. I HAVE A CONCERN, I THINK IT'S 10A, WHERE I SEE THAT YOU HAVE A COUNTY COMMUNICATION NOW, AND IT GETS LISTED, AND THEN IT GETS TALKED ABOUT IN A MEETING OF THE WHOLE. AND THEN ASSIGNED AND WITH THIS NEW ONE, IT COULD BE ASSIGNED TO A COMMITTEE WITHOUT HAVING GONE THROUGH THAT WHOLE PROCESS I THINK SOME OF THE THINGS WOULD BE GOOD, BECAUSE YOU WOULD SAVE TIME, BUT SOME WOULD NOT.\r\n\r\nHOW WOULD YOU KNOW WHAT IS BEING ASSIGNED WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF EVERYBODY ELSE? WOULD YOU EVER GET TO OBJECT TO SOMEBODY, YOU KNOW? I WOULD SEE THAT YOU WOULD SAY, IF WE SEE THESE THINGS BE SHORTCUTTED AND JUST ASSIGN THEM AND THEY WOULD GO OUT TO ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS. IF YOU HAD AN OBJECTION, IT SHOULD GO BACK TO THE REGULAR LONGER PROCESS. I'M JUST REALLY AFRAID THAT THERE WOULD BE LESS COMMUNICATION IN THIS WAY. AND I JUST HAVE A QUESTION , IN MAKING YOUR RULES, IS THERE ANYWHERE WHERE THE COUNTY COUNCIL CAN OVERRIDE AN MINISTERIAL OVERRIDE OF THE LAW? SOMETIMES DEPARTMENT HEADS CAN GIVE PERMITS THAT DO NOT NECESSARILY COMPLY WITH THE COMMUNITY PLANS, OR NECESSARILY ALL OF THE PROCEDURES THAT NEEDED TO BE DONE?\r\n\r\nBUT FROM MY OWN SELF IN TRYING TO GET THE SAND MINING PERMIT REPEALED -- >> THAT IS FOUR MINUTES. >> IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO DO. IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME, NO MATTER HOW MANY LETTERS WE WROTE, IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO GET THAT BAD PERMIT OUT. IS THERE ANY WAY THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL COULD HAVE A CHANCE TO HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING AND OVERRIDE A MINISTERIAL OVERRIDE OF THE USUAL PROCEDURES AND LAWS? THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> THANK YOU, MS. APANA.\r\n\r\nMEMBERS, QUESTIONS OF THE TESTIFIER? SEEING NONE. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH, MS. APANA. CLERK. >> PAMELA TUMPAP, FOLLOWED BY LI KO WALLACE. MS.\r\n\r\nTUMPAP, IT'S YOUR TIME TO TESTIFY. IF YOU COULD UNMUTE, PLEASE. MOVING ON TO LI KO WALLACE. IF YOU ARE ON LINE, IF YOU COULD UNMUTE. THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS ROBIN KNOX, FOLLOWED BY JENN MADER. >> ALOHA MAI KAKOU. HONORABLE CHAIR KAMA, AND COUNCIL MEMBERS.\r\n\r\nMY NAME IS JENN MATHER, AND ALTHOUGH I'M A CURRENT RESIDENT MY HEART IS ALWAYS IN LAHAINA. SO I'M TESTIFYING ON AGENDA ITEMS 23-2 AND 23-4 AND I USUALLY COME BETTER PREPARED, BUT I JOTTED THINGS DOWN AND APOLOGIES IF I READ STRAIGHT FROM MY PHONE. I'M GOING TO PRETTY MUCH TESTIFY TO COUNCIL MEMBER NAME AND THE RESPECTIVE COMMITTEES THAT I BELIEVE YOU ALL SHOULD CHAIR. I BELIEVE THESE INDIVIDUALS HAVE PROVEN CAPABILITIES IN PREVIOUS CHAIRMAN SHIP OR LIFE EXPERIENCE SPEAKS TO THE REASONS. COUNCIL MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ FOR BUDGET CHAIR AND

VICE-CHAIR. SO EVERYTHING THAT YOU HAVE BEEN DOING MOST EXCELLENTLY OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS. COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON, I THINK OH, SPEAKING TO WHAT LUCIENNE WAS SAYING WITH MOVING THINGS AROUND AND DICK MAYER AS WELL.\r\n\r\nI COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON SHOULD HAVE HUMAN CONCERNS, HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE, AND TAKE THE LAND USE OUT OF THE HOUSING. AND COUNCIL MEMBER PALTIN, THIS IS A LONG ONE, SORRY, DISASTER, RESILIENCE, AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, AND PLANNING AND LAND USE. DRIP LU. COUNCIL MEMBER SINENCI, I HAVE GIVEN YOU TWO, AND I'M SO SORRY, IT'S A LOT OF WORK FOR YOU. BECAUSE YOU GUYS ARE GOING TO TOTALLY VOTE ON ALL OF THE COMMITTEES I'M GIVING YOU RIGHT NOW. 'OIIWI RESOURCES AND PARKS AND THE WATER AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE AS WELL. AND THEN COUNCIL MEMBER SUGIMURA, WITH YOU BEING PRESIDENT OF MPO, CORRECT, IS THAT RIGHT?\r\n\r\nTRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT, YOU HAVE BEEN DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB. ALL JOKING ASIDE, YOU PROBABLY NOT GOING TO TAKE ME UP ON THESE COMMITTEES, I JUST STRONGLY URGE YOU TO THOUGHTFULLY DELIBERATE ON WHO YOU THINK WILL BE THE BEST SUITED TO CHAIR THESE COMMITTEES, REGARDLESS OF WHAT THEY ARE? JUST BASED ON THE SUBJECT-MATTER THAT YOU CHOOSE TO PUT IN THEM AND THE EXPERIENCE RATHER THAN JUST THE NAMES OF THE COMMITTEES. BECAUSE AS YOU ALL KNOW, EVERYTHING THAT IS IMPLEMENTED OR TALKED ABOUT OR DISCUSSED ABOUT IN EACH OF THOSE THINGS GO THE BEYOND THE SCOPE OF THOSE ACRONYMS. THAT IS IT. MAHALO. >> MEMBERS, QUESTIONS FOR THE TESTIFIER?\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS LI KO WALLACE, FOLLOWED BY ZHANTELL LINDO. . GOOD EVENING COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU. IT'S REALLY LATE. BEEN UP REALLY EARLY. I JUST WANTED TO TESTIFY ON RESO 23-2. AND I WANTED TO ENCOURAGE THE COUNCIL TO KEEP KEANI AS BUDGET CHAIR. SHE DID A WONDERFUL JOB THIS PAST TWO YEARS.\r\n\r\nSHE STUDIED IT REALLY HARD KIND OF AT A LOSS FOR WORDS RIGHT NOW, I'M SO DISTRACTED. ANYWAY, THAT IS MY SUPPORT, IF YOU COULD KEEP HER AS BUDGET CHAIR FOR THIS COMING TERM. THANK YOU. >> MEMBERS, ANY QUESTIONS FOR OUR TESTIFIER? THANK YOU, MS. WALLACE. >> THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS KEANI WILLIAMS, FOLLOWED BY FAITH CHASE.\r\n\r\nALOHA I'M TESTIFYING AS A KULEANA LANDOWNER SPECIFICALLY AS A KALO FARMER AND SOMEONE CONTINUING TO FIGHT FOR THE RETURN OF WATER INTO MY STREAM. I JUST READ MY NOTES. THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR POSITIONS FOR EACH COMMITTEE, NOT JUST TITLES, BUT THIS COUNCIL REALLY NEEDS TO DELIBERATE ON WHO SITS IN THOSE POSITIONS AND WHO IS QUALIFIED FOR THOSE POSITIONS. AND WHO IS BEST SUITED FOR THEM? AS FAR AS THE BUDGET, FINANCE, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, KEANI SHOULD REMAIN IN THAT SEAT. SO THERE'S THAT. I WILL SPEAK MOSTLY ON THE WATER AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE.\r\n\r\nBECAUSE TO BE HONEST, IT DOES SOUND LIKE A WATER DIVERSION COMMITTEE, WHEN THE TWO WORDS COME TOGETHER. I WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR, WATER IS NOT JUST A NATURAL RESOURCE, BUT CULTURAL RESOURCE, NATIVE HAWAIIAN WATER RIGHTS PART OF THE STATE CODE CLEARLY OUTLINES THE RIGHTS FOR TARA AND KULEANA LANDS FOR CULTURAL A RELIGIOUS PRACTICES AND SHOULD BE UNDER THE 'OIIWI COMMITTEE BECAUSE OF STATE LAW, INCLUDING UPCOMING WATER LEASES FOR ALEXANDER & BALDWIN, REGARDING EAST MAUI WATER. I WANT TO MAKE THIS ENTIRE COUNCIL AWARE THAT IN MY WORK OVER THE PAST YEAR, I DID ATTEND COUNTLESS MEETINGS WITH THE APT COMMITTEE LAST YEAR, THAT IS NO LONGER OFFICIALLY THAT TITLE HERE. AND CONSTANTLY DOCUMENTING MY RIVER IN THE WEST IRRIGATION AND ALEXANDER & BALDWIN. SINCE THAT TIME A 45-PAGE COMPLAINT WAS SENT TO CWRM IN OCTOBER. SO THE STATE OF DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES -- WORKERS VIOLATING MY WATER RIGHTS ON THE TOP. IT'S OWN BY ALEXANDER & BALDWIN AND PART OF THE RESOLUTIONS GIVEN TO CWRM INCLUDED A SITE VISIT FROM THEM, OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION ON THOSE CORPORATIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT, CWRM'S COMMUNICATIONS TO THOSE CORPORATIONS AND BE BEING CC'D IN THOSE COMMUNICATIONS.\r\n\r\nI HAVE A COPY OF THE LETTER I WILL FORWARD TO THIS COUNCIL SO YOU FOLKS KNOW I'M NOT JUST BLUFFING, BECAUSE I DON'T BLUFF. AND ALSO THAT EMI'S

WATER PERMITS AND LEASES BEING SANCTIONED AGAINST FUTURE -- THESE THREE COMPLETED AND IN PROCESS, AND THEY ARE UNDER INVESTIGATION BY DNL. SO THAT IS SOMETHING THAT THIS COUNCIL NEEDS TO BE AWARE OF AS FAR AS THIS COMMITTEE. SO ANY DECISIONS MADE BY THE COMMITTEE -- IF THERE'S ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST WITH THAT. MAHALO. THIS COUNCIL SHOULD BE REMINDED OF CHARTER AMENDMENT THAT PASSED THIS PAST ELECTION. REMOVING THE MANAGEMENT OF WATER FROM PRIVATE CORPORATION AND PUTTING BACK INTO COMMUNITY DECISION-MAKING, NOT JUST COUNCIL DECISION-MAKING, BUT COMMUNITY DECISION-MAKING.\r\n\r\nSO THAT IS ALL I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT WITH THIS. THIS IS A SIDE NOTE UNRELATED, BUT I NEED TO SAY THIS IN THIS MEETING RIGHT NOW. I WANT TO CONGRATULATE CHAIR KAMA AND WANT TO REINFORCE ACCOUNTABILITY MOVING FORWARD. THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME I VOTED IN MAUI COUNTY, AND SO MYSELF ALONG WITH MY COLLEAGUES CONTRIBUTED NOT FINANCIALLY, BUT THROUGH OUR TIME AND SUPPORT TO A PLATFORM THAT PUT YOU INTO THE SEAT, THAT GOT YOU INTO THAT SEAT. MY VOTE MATTERS. MY CONTRIBUTION THAT WAY MATTERS AND MANY OF OUR CONTRIBUTIONS LIKE THAT MATTER. WERE NOT FOR THAT, YOU WOULDN'T OVER THERE IN THE CHAIR SEAT, CORRECT, AND LITERALLY JUST INAUGURATED THIS MORNING AND HAVE THE PRIVILEGE TO SIT IN THAT SEAT OVER THERE.\r\n\r\nTO SUGGEST A RECESS IN ORDER TO ATTEND WHAT IS REALLY JUST A PARTY TO AVOID BUSINESS THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE AND TAKEN CARE OF TODAY, NO MATTER HOW LONG IT TAKES, THAT NEEDS TO GET DONE, BECAUSE THAT IS THE JOB THAT MANY OF US MIGHT WANT TO DO OURSELVES. IT'S UNACCEPTABLE TO ME. ESPECIALLY THE FIRST DAY MANY OFFICE. SO I WANT TO REMIND THIS ENTIRE COUNCIL AND EVERYBODY WITH POSITIONS HERE TO MALAMA YOUR KULEANA FIRST, AND THEN YOU GET TO GO PLAY. BECAUSE I WAITED TODAY TO GIVE THIS TESTIMONY. SO THAT IS ALL I HAVE TO SAY. MAHALO NUI.\r\n\r\nANY QUESTIONS? >> ANY QUESTIONS FOR THE TESTIFIER? SEEING NONE, THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH, MR. WILLIAMS. >> MAHALO. HUI HOU. ALOHA.\r\n\r\n>> THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS FAITH CHASE, FOLLOWED BY KEISA LIU. >> ALOHA AGAIN, CHAIR TASHA KAMA AND ALOHA COUNCIL MEMBERS. THIS IS INTERESTING, BECAUSE I SEE THAT THINGS MIGHT CHANGE AS WE MOVE FORWARD. FIRST OF ALL, I REALLY ADMIRE AND RESPECT ALL TESTIMONY BY THE PREVIOUS TESTIFIER DICK MAYER. IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU HAVE EMAILS OF SUGGESTIONS FROM HIM. SO I DO WOULD LIKE YOU TO CONSIDER THOSE SUGGESTIONS THAT HE HAS MADE. FROM MY OWN REVIEW OF THE COMMITTEES TO-DATE RIGHT NOW, I WOULD DEFINITELY LIKE TO SUPPORT KEANI RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ TO CHAIR THE BUDGET, FINANCE, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.\r\n\r\nI STRONGLY SUPPORT COUNCIL MEMBER TAMARA PALTIN, OF COURSE, IN DISASTER, RESILIENCE, AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE PERHAPS THE GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS MOVED INTO THEY ARE COMMITTEE BECAUSE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS WORKS IN TANDEM WITH GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS. SO IT'S WORK TO BE DONE BY WHOEVER MIGHT HOLD THAT COMMITTEE OFFICE. I KNOW WEHAVE TWO NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS THAT MIGHT HIT THE BILL FOR THESE TWO COMMITTEES. SECOND ONE, 'OIWI RESOURCES AND PARKS COMMITTEE AND WHILE IT WAS UNDER PURVIEW OF TASHA KAMA AND I CAN'T MAKE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THAT. BUT I DEFINITELY WOULD LIKE TO SEE GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS PUT INTO THE COMMITTEE THAT I'M SUGGESTING COUNCIL MEMBER TAMARA PALTIN TO CHAIR, BECAUSE SHE HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MOST ADAMANT SPEAKERS IN THAT REALM OF COUNTRY OF HAWAI'I ABORIGINAL HAWAIIAN RIGHTS AND THEY WORK WELL TOGETHER. HOUSING COMMITTEE, GABE JOHNSON. THERE'S TOO MUCH BODY OF WORK.\r\n\r\nTRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL AND AG COMMITTEE, OBVIOUSLY, COUNCIL MEMBER YUKI LEI SUGIMURA PUT WORK IN THERE. I WOULD HAVE TO SAY THAT THE TRANSPORTATION PART OF IT, IT'S A LITTLE -- IT'S KIND OF A -- I WOULD LIKE TO SEE TRANSPORTATION ACTUALLY SOMEHOW BRIDGE WITH THE PARKS COMMITTEE. THAT SECTION. BECAUSE WE HAVE AS YOU ALL KNOW, AND OUR TWO NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS NEED TO KNOW THAT I ADVOCATE FOR THE HOUSELESS AND HOMELESS, STRUGGLING WITH SAFE SLEEPING PLACES. SO THE TRANSPORTATION AND PARKS COMMITTEE REALLY WORK HAND IN HAND.

SO MAYBE THERE'S A LITTLE LOMI LOMI MASSAGING THERE, AND NO OFFENSE TO THE WORK THAT TRANSPORTATION -- THE WORK THAT COUNCIL MEMBER SUGIMURA TO-DATE IN THAT AREA, BUT I DON'T FEEL ENOUGH HAS BEEN DONE. IF THEY WORK TOGETHER STRONGLY AND MOVE AROUND.\r\n\r\nTHE WATER AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE, I STRONGLY SUPPORT COUNCIL MEMBER SHANE SINENCI KEEPING THAT COMMITTEE. I LOOK FORWARD TO FOLLOWING HOW THESE MAY MORPH OVER TIME AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE SETTLING THE BUSINESS TO-DATE AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND LISTENING. >> MEMBERS, ANY QUESTIONS FOR THE TESTIFIER? SEEING NONE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MS. CHASE. >> THE NEXT TESTIFIER IS KEISA LIU, FOLLOWED BY JUNYA NAKOA. >> IT'S TAKING ME A SECOND.\r\n\r\nI HAD TO SWITCH MAKING MY WAY HOME -- [INAUDIBLE] FOUR TO FIVE HOURS TO WAIT TO BE ABLE TO TESTIFY JUST SEEMED A LITTLE DIFFICULT. MY NAME IS KEISA LIU TESTIFYING ON MY OWN BEHALF. WHEN IT COMES TO THE DRIP AND GREAT COMMITTEE, I HONESTLY FEEL MAYBE WE SHOULD SWITCH THOSE CHAIRS A LITTLE BIT? THE GREAT COMMITTEE IS KIND OF A BIG DEAL. IT'S A BIG JOB. AND COUNCIL MEMBER, I'M NOT ENTIRELY SURE IF THAT COUNCIL MEMBER IS READY TO TAKE ON, BUT YOU KNOW, IT IS WHAT IT IS. I HONESTLY THINK THAT SHE WOULD ACTUALLY DO PRETTY GREAT IN DRIP AND MAYBE EVEN BETTER THERE.\r\n\r\nI FEEL THERE'S A LOT TO BE DONE IN THAT SPACE. I'M JUST GOING TO LEAVE THAT WITH IT IS. MY BIGGEST CONCERN IS ACTUALLY WITH WATER AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE. TOM COOK AND YUKI LEI SUGIMURA, I'M NOT SURE IF [INAUDIBLE] I'M TRYING REALLY HARD TO BE NICE. OH, MY GOD, TO BE COURTEOUS TO EVERYBODY AND WE NEED TO PUT OUR WATER IN THE HANDS OF DEVELOPMENT? DO WE STILL NEED TO BE DOING THAT? I'M CONFUSED HONESTLY.\r\n\r\nI'M SO CONFUSED. BECAUSE I KNOW THE A&B LEASE IS COMING UP; RIGHT? AND NOW WE HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION IF WE PUT IT IN THE HANDS OF A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OR FOREIGN BUSINESS? AND I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE'RE DOING THAT IN THE FIRST PLACE AND IT SHOULD BE IN THE HANDS OF KANAKA MAOLI AND IN THE HANDS THE PEOPLE THAT KNOW HOW TO CARE AND STEWARD THE WATER AND NOT USE IT AS A COMMODITY TO BE MONETIZED IN THAT WAY. SO MY BIGGEST CONCERN, IF YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE THOSE TWO COUNCIL MEMBERS THERE, THAT YOU AT LEAST PULL THE LEASE. AND I THINK GIVING A LITTLE BIT MORE TIME JUST TO REALLY VET, IF WE HAVE THE RIGHT COUNCIL MEMBERS IN THE RIGHT SPOTS? I DON'T KNOW.\r\n\r\nI REALLY THINK THAT THERE COULD BE A LITTLE BIT MORE TIME DEDICATED TO FIGURING OUT IF THAT IS THE BEST SPACE FOR EVERYBODY? AND I'M NOT EVEN SURE AT THIS POINT WITH OUR NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS IS THAT SOMETHING THAT THEY ARE SUPER INTERESTED IN? I CAN'T REALLY TELL. MY TIME IS ALMOST UP. GOOD LUCK. ALSO, AGAIN, I HAVE TO ADMIT, LIKE THE WHOLE HOW WE DID THIS WHOLE SITUATION OF TESTIMONY, YOU GUYS C'MON? LIKE, I FEEL ALMOST AT THIS POINT, THAT IT'S JUST TO DISCOURAGE PEOPLE FROM COMING IN AND SPEAKING.\r\n\r\nTHAT IS HOW I FEEL. IT TOOK SO LONG JUST TO BE ABLE TO TALK AND I HAVE TO SIT AND WAIT FOR EACH ONE. I HAVE THE PRIVILEGE TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT, BUT THERE'S SO MANY OTHER IMPORTANT VOICES THAT DON'T HAVE THAT PRIVILEGE. THIS NEEDS TO BE CORRECTED. THIS IS REALLY, REALLY AWFUL AND YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO BE ENCOURAGING THE PUBLIC TO COME AND BE PART OF THIS, AND YET, YOU CONTINUE TO DO THINGS LIKE THIS, TO STIFLE OUR VOICES. IT'S NOT OKAY. AND I'M SPEAKING NOT REALLY FOR MYSELF, AS MUCH AS SPEAKING FOR EVERYONE THAT COULDN'T SHOW UP, BECAUSE OF THE RIDICULOUS WAYS YOU ARE DOING THINGS HERE.\r\n\r\nI'M SORRY, I WANT TO BE KIND AND SMILE AT YOU GUYS, BUT I CAN'T RIGHT NOW, BECAUSE IT'S SO FRUSTRATING. MAHALO FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION. >> MEMBERS, ANY QUESTIONS FOR OUR TESTIFIER? MR. COOK. >> I WANT TO COMMEND YOU. I WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND PASSION TODAY IS NOTED.\r\n\r\nTODAY WAS A VERY FRUSTRATING TODAY AND YOU STUCK IN THERE. YOU DON'T KNOW ME. OVER TIME EVERYBODY WILL GET TO KNOW ME. FOR YEARS, I HAVE GIVEN TESTIMONY. I HAVE WRITTEN WHAT YOU ARE SEEING, I FEEL THAT. IT'S BEEN FRUSTRATING IN THE PAST. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE IDEAL SOLUTION IS?, BUT I JUST WANT TO SAY, I RESPECT YOU, AND I APPRECIATE

YOU, AND YOU HAVEN'T WASTED YOUR TIME TODAY.\r\n\r\nMAHALO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MS. LIU >> THE LAST SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY IS JUNYA NAKOA. IT'S YOUR TIME TO TESTIFY. PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF. CHAIR, THERE'S NO ONE ELSE SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY, OTHER THAN MR. NAKOA.\r\n\r\nIF THERE'S ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY ON ANY OTHER MATTERS BEFORE THE COUNCIL TODAY, PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF OR LET YOURSELF BE KNOWN. CHAIR, I SEE NO ONE INDICATING THAT THEY WISH TO TESTIFY AT THIS TIME. >> THANK YOU. SO MEMBERS, ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS TO RECEIVING WRITTEN TESTIMONY? >> NO OBJECTIONS. >> NO OBJECTIONS, CHAIR. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\nCHAIR? >> YES. >> ARE WE ALSO CLOSING PUBLIC TESTIMONY? >> YES. THANK YOU. >> OKAY. >> THAT IS WHAT I WANTED TO SAY.\r\n\r\nACCEPTING WRITTEN AND CLOSING PUBLIC TESTIMONY. THANK YOU. MS. CLERK. >> CHAIR, THERE'S NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL. >> THE AGENDA IS DONE FOR THE DAY. OKAY.\r\n\r\n>> MEETING ADJOURNED. >> YES. >> SO WITHOUT ANY FURTHER BUSINESS. >> CHAIR? >> YES. >> I'M SORRY, WILL YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN YOURSELF A LITTLE BETTER AS FAR AS THERE NOT BEING ANY BUSINESS? SO ARE YOU SAYING THAT WE HAVE SATISFIED THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER SUNSHINE LAW TO ACCEPT ALL TESTIMONY?\r\n\r\n>> YES. >> OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP. >> YES. >> AND THAT WE DON'T INTEND TO TAKE ACTION ON ANY OF THE RESOLUTIONS NOW? >> YES, BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO BE DEFERRED. >> OKAY. THAT WASN'T, I GUESS THAT WASN'T CLEAR.\r\n\r\nBECAUSE I OBJECT TO THAT. >> CHAIR? >> YES. >> RECESS, PLEASE. >> RECESS UNTIL 7:22. RECESS [GAVEL] WILL THE MAUI COUNTY ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF JANUARY 2ND, 2023, PLEASE RECONVENE AND I WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> MAHALO, CHAIR. SO I WOULD LIKE CONSIDERATION ON RESOLUTION 23-5, WHICH IS ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL.\r\n\r\n>> YES . >> CHAIR WOULD YOU ME TO STATE THE INTENTION FIRST OR MAKE THE MOTION FIRST? >> WE CAN DO THINGS BACKWARDS. >> WE HAVE NO RULES RIGHT NOW >> CORRECT. >> ALL RIGHT. THE INTENTION, MEMBERS, IS TO TAKE UP THIS ITEM, AND SUBSTITUTE THE COUNCIL RULES THAT WE HAD USED ALL THE WAY UP UNTIL NOON TODAY. SO THE 2022 COUNCIL RULES, I'M NOT SURE IF THE RESOLUTION IS 22-NUMBER OR IF IT'S 21-NUMBER. MR.\r\n\r\nRAATZ, IS LOOKING THAT UP FOR ME. AND SO IN CONSIDERING THAT, I SUGGEST AND IF EVERYONE IS OPEN TO IT, THAT WE, I THINK THE RESOLUTION IS 21-178. SO THE MOTION WOULD BE TO SUBSTITUTE THAT RESOLUTION 21-178, WHICH AGAIN IS THE RULES THAT WE HAD USED UP UNTIL NOON TODAY, FORMER COUNCIL. AND WE ADOPT IT BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT WITHOUT MAKING ANY AMENDMENTS, AND THAT WAY WE HAVE RULES IN PLACE. SO THAT -- AT FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS WE CAN FURTHER AMEND AND WE CAN EVEN DO IT THROUGH SUBSTITUTION. THIS WAY, WE'LL HAVE RULES IN PLACE, AND WE WON'T, YOU KNOW, THE MEETING WON'T LAST FOR ANOTHER HOUR OR TWO IN DELIBERATING DIFFERENT AMENDMENTS THAT COUNCIL MEMBERS MAY MAKE ON THE RESOLUTION THAT IS POSTED. MAHALO. CHAIR, IF YOU WOULD LIKE US TO DISCUSS BEFORE THE MOTION.\r\n\r\n>> LET'S DO THE MOTION. >> OKAY. I MOVE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 23-5. >> IS THERE A SECOND? THANK YOU, MR. JOHNSON. >> SECOND. >> GO AHEAD.\r\n\r\n>> MAHALO, CHAIR. I MOVE TO SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION 23-5 FOR RESOLUTION 21-178. >> SECOND. >> THANK YOU. DISCUSSION? >> MAHALO, CHAIR. SO THAT WAS THE DISCUSSION. AND I WILL YIELD TO QUESTIONS THAT I THINK MEMBER SUGIMURA HAD.\r\n\r\n>> YES, MS. SUGIMURA. >> THANK YOU. I THINK THAT THIS BODY THERE WAS A MOTION, WHICH FAILED TO OVERRIDE YOUR PREVIOUS DISCUSSION. WE WENT THROUGH THE PORTION OF YOUR AGENDA, WHICH THEN WE AGREED -- WELL, BECAUSE THE MOTION TO OVERRIDE FAILED, WE DID THOSE ITEMS K, L, M, N AND O ON THE AGENDA. >> CORRECT. >> NOW WE'RE TRYING TO GO INTO A PART WHICH IS NOT WHAT YOU WANTED.\r\n\r\nSO I OBJECT TO THIS, BECAUSE THIS COUNCIL IS TRYING TO PUSH SOMETHING THAT YOU DIDN'T WANT, AND THAT I DON'T THINK THAT IT'S FAIR TO TALK ABOUT RULES THAT WERE FROM LAST TERM, THAT THE TWO NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS HAVE NO IDEA WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. IT'S NOT TRANSPARENT. IT'S NOT WHAT WE SHOULD BE DOING AND I BELIEVE

THAT WE'LL TAKE THIS UP AT THE NEXT MEETING, WHEN YOU MUST BE THINKING THAT WE'RE GOING TO DO THAT. >> YES. >> WE'RE TRYING TO SLIDE SOMETHING IN HERE THAT I THINK IS WRONG. YOUR OVERRIDE DID NOT PASS. SO THEREFORE, I SUPPORT YOUR INITIAL DECISION, AND IT'S WRONG THAT WE START TRYING TO DO THIS AND THE NEXT THING WE'RE TRYING TO DO IS PASS ALL COMMITTEES OR WHATEVER.\r\n\r\nNO, LET US KEEP TO WHAT YOU WANT AS A CHAIR, AND THAT IS ALL I NEED TO SAY. >> THANK YOU. MR. JOHNSON. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. IF I CAN ADD TO THIS DISCUSSION? I RESPECT MEMBER SUGIMURA AND I AGREE WITH THE POINT, BECAUSE WE WAITED ALL DAY, BECAUSE IT'S POSTED ON THE AGENDA.\r\n\r\nFOR US TO SAY, OH, WE'RE GOING TO CHERRY PICK THE ONES. THEN WHAT DID WE LEAVE HERE? WE LEFT HERE WITH UNFINISHED BUSINESS. THERE'S A VERY TIMELY TOPICS IN ALL OF THESE COMMITTEES. I WILL GIVE YOU SPECIFIC EXAMPLE THE LANA'I AG PARK TIME IS TICKING. THAT IS JUST AN EXAMPLE, BUT SPECIFICALLY FOR THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL. A SIMPLE CHANGE I SUPPORT THIS IDEA, BECAUSE IF WE'RE GOING TO TAKE THIS UP, IT'S GOING TO TAKE HOURS.\r\n\r\nSO A SUBSTITUTION FOR THE TIME BEING, HAS IT SAY, IS KIND OF A GOOD MIDDLE GROUND; RIGHT? IT'S NOT WHAT EVERYBODY WANTS, BUT IT'S DEFINITELY SOMETHING THAT WE CAN ALL COME TOGETHER AND SAY, IT'S A COMPROMISE. SO WHY CAN'T WE COMPROMISE ON THE VERY FIRST DAY, WHEN WE'RE ALL SITTING HERE WITH ALL THE FOLKS WHO GAVE US ALL THE VOTES TO LEAD BY COMPROMISE. IT'S GETTING LATE AND I THINK IT'S TIME FOR US TO STAND UP AND DO THE WORK AND GET IT DONE TODAY. THANK YOU. >> CHAIR, MAY I? >> YES. >> ADVICE TO THE CHAIR OVER THE BREAK THAT I WANTED TO SHARE WITH ALL OF YOU.\r\n\r\nI THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE RULES TO OPERATE UNDER AND WE'VE BEEN RESUMING THAT YOU ARE OPERATING UNDER ROBERT'S RULES FOR EXAMPLE, BUT YOU NEED TO ADOPT ROBERT'S RULES THROUGH YOUR RULES AND THIS KEEPS THE OLD RULES FOR THE TIME BEING AND THAT YOU ARE OPERATING UNDER ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDERS. >> WHAT HE SAID. >> MR. SINENCI. THAT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING, CHAIR, WE WERE JUST ADOPTING OUR CURRENT RULES UNTIL WE CAN ADDRESS THE CHANGES BEFORE WE ADJOURN, CHAIR. BECAUSE IF NOT, WE WOULDN'T HAVE ANY RULES IN PLACE. WE HAVE BEEN OPERATING WITH THESE RULES FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS, AND SO IT'S JUST A CONTINUATION FOR ANOTHER MONTH OR SO, WHEN WE COME BACK, AND THEN YOU CAN COME BACK WITH ALL YOUR AMENDMENTS FOR THIS ONE.\r\n\r\nSO I'M IN SUPPORT, CHAIR. >> THANK YOU. MS. PALTIN. >> THANK YOU, CHAIR. I SUPPORT EITHER WAY. BUT I JUST WOULD ASK THAT ONCE WE START TO DISCUSS I THINK 23-4, THAT WE SUSPEND THE TIME KEEP, BECAUSE WE GOT TO DO A DEEP-DIVE DISCUSSION ON THAT.\r\n\r\nSO THAT WOULD BE MY REQUEST. OTHER THAN THAT, I DON'T REALLY CARE. THANK YOU. >> OKAY. MS. YUKI LEI SUGIMURA, YOUR HAND IS UP. >> SO MY QUESTION IS THEN WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF WE DON'T DO THIS?\r\n\r\nBECAUSE IT WASN'T PART OF THE INITIAL DISCUSSIONS? AND WE ARE CHANGING IT. I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S CORP. COUNSEL OR OCS? IF WE ADJOURN RIGHT NOW AND TAKE CARE OF THE BUSINESS WE SAID WE WERE GOING TO TAKE CARE OF AND MAKE SOME CHANGES WITH THE CLERK AND DEPUTY CLERK TO ACCOMMODATE WHATEVER THE COUNCIL MEMBERS WANTED. SO THEREFORE, WITHOUT THE RULES FOR THE COUNCIL, WHAT WOULD HAPPEN? >> I'LL JUST SPEAK TO ROBERT'S RULES.\r\n\r\nSO TECHNICALLY OPERATE UNDER IT UNLESS YOUR RULES SAY SO. IT'S IMPORTANT TO ADOPT THAT. THERE MAY BE OTHER RULES, FOR EXAMPLE, THERE'S CERTAIN ITEMS THAT REQUIRE TWO-THIRDS VOTES UNDER YOUR RULES, BUT THAT IS NOT THE CASE UNTIL THE RULES ARE ADOPTED. SO THERE MAY BE THINGS THAT COME UP, IN PERHAPS OCS HAS FURTHER EXAMPLES? BUT WITHOUT THOSE RULES, THEN YOU ARE OPERATING JUST SORT OF WITHOUT ANY RULES, AND IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF HOW THIS BODY OPERATES. >> SO THE INTENT DURING THE BREAK WAS TO ADOPT THIS BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT. IT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE WE'RE GOING TO GET UNANIMOUS CONSENT.\r\n\r\nSO IN THAT SITUATION, WHAT IS NEXT. >> CHAIR, THERE'S A MOTION ON THE FLOOR. SO YOU WOULD TAKE THE VOTE. >> THANK YOU. MS. UU-HODGINS? >> CAN WE BE PROVIDED WITH THE RULES THAT WE'RE TO VOTE ON?\r\n\r\nCAN

SOMEBODY PUT IT IN THE CHAT? >> IT'S LONG. >> CHAIR? >> MS. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> THEY ARE ON OUR COUNCIL WEBSITE, AND IT'S IN THE CHAT NOW. I WOULD BE HAPPY TO -- I WOULD SUPPORT TAKING A RECESS, CHAIR, TO ENABLE MEMBER COOK AND MEMBER UU-HODGINS TO REVIEW IT.\r\n\r\nAND I WOULD LIKE TO ECHO THE SENTIMENTS OF MR. WHITTAKER, THAT WE HAVE BEEN OPERATING WITHOUT ANY ROBERT'S RULES AS WELL. SO I WANTED TO ASK FOR CLARIFICATION ON THE EARLIER RULING WHEN THERE WAS A MOTION TO APPEAL THE RULING OF THE CHAIR AND IT WOULD REQUIRE FIVE VOTES. WHAT RULE IS THAT BASED ON ORDINANCE >> THAT IS BASED UNDER ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDERS. >> WHICH WE'RE NOT OPERATING UNDER NOW. >> I THINK THE PRESUMPTION IS THAT WE WERE OPERATING UNDER IT, BUT TECHNICALLY THE RULINGS OF THE COUNCIL. >> WE CURRENTLY HAVE NO RULES.\r\n\r\nCHAIR, I'M NOT GOING TO DO THAT. I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE RULES, BECAUSE IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO HAVE RULES ESTABLISHED. >> CHAIR? >> THE LAST THING I WOULD LIKE TO SAY IS THAT THIS IS NOT AN UNDERHANDED SNEAKY ATTEMPT. THESE RULES WERE ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY. THERE ANYTHING SNEAKY ABOUT IT. OH, THAT WAS BECAUSE OF THE CLERK THING.\r\n\r\nTHE POINT IS MEMBER SUGIMURA IS INSINUATING THERE WAS SOME KIND OF SNEAKY MALICIOUS INTENT, BUT WE HAVE BEEN OPERATING USING THESE RULES. THEY ARE FAIR. I'M NOT TRYING TO DO ANYTHING UNDERHANDED AT THIS MOMENT. AND IF I WANTED TO, I COULD, AND I COULD SAY THERE'S NO RULES IN PLACE, AND WE DECIDE WE'RE GOING TO OVERRULE YOUR DECISION, AND TAKE UP ALL OF THE RESOLUTIONS TODAY, BECAUSE THERE IS NO RULES THAT SAY WE CAN'T. SO I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE RULES, CHAIR. MAHALO. >> MEMBER JOHNSON. >> CHAIR, COULD I REQUEST A FIVE-MINUTE BREAK.\r\n\r\nIT SEEMS THAT THE INTERNET IS GOING OUT AND WE LOST RECEPTION FOR A BIT. AM I FROZEN? I DON'T KNOW. BUT A LITTLE RECESS, IF POSSIBLE? >> FIVE MINUTES. 7:46. NOW IT'S 7:47. RECESS UNTIL 7:47. [GAVEL] THE MAUI COUNTY ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF JANUARY 2ND, 2023 WILL NOW COME TO ORDER. MEMBER RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ MAHALO, CHAIR.\r\n\r\nI WOULD LIKE TO RESTATE WHAT MY MOTION WILL BE, AND IF THE SECONDER SUPPORTS THAT, THEN THAT WILL BE THE NEW MOTION ON THE FLOOR. AND THE MOTION IS TO ADD A SUNSET DATE TO THE SUBSTITUTED RESOLUTION 21-178. SO IT WOULD STATE THAT IS ENACTED UPON ADOPTION, AND THAT IT WOULD STOP BEING IN EFFECT ON THE FIRST COUNCIL MEETING IN FEBRUARY 2023. >> CHAIR, AS THE SECONDER, I APPROVE THAT. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU, MR. JOHNSON. >> CHAIR, ONE CLARIFICATION, THROUGH THE FIRST COUNCIL MEETING. >> MAHALO, MS.\r\n\r\nTHOMSON, TO THE END OF THE FIRST COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2023 AND IF MEMBERS COOK AND UU-HODGINS ARE SUPPORTIVE, HOPEFULLY THAT ADDRESSES THEIR CONCERNS. MAHALO, CHAIR. >> THANK YOU. DISCUSSION? >> AM I CORRECT THIS ALSO ENABLES US TO MOVE FORWARD TONIGHT; RIGHT? SO THIS IS SUBSTANTIVE AND BE ABLE TO ADDRESS IT BEING BETTER INFORMED AT THE NEXT MEETING. >> CORRECT.\r\n\r\n>> SOUNDS GOOD TO ME. >> THANK YOU. >> OKAY. MEMBERS, ARE YOU READY FOR THE VOTE? MS. CLERK. >> COUNCIL MEMBER SHANE SINENCI?\r\n\r\n>> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER NOHELANI UU-HODGINS? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER TOM COOK? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER KEANI RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ? >> AYE.\r\n\r\n>> COUNCIL MEMBER GABE JOHNSON? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER TAMARA PALTIN? >> NO. >> COUNCIL MEMBER YUKI LEI SUGIMURA. >> NO. >> CHAIR TASHA KAMA?\r\n\r\n>> YES. >> CHAIR, YOU HAVE SIX AYES, TWO NOS MOTION CARRIES. >> THANK YOU. CLERK. IS THERE ANY OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BODY? >> MAHALO, CHAIR. THAT WAS A MOTION TO AMEND THE MAIN MOTION AND WE COULD CALL FOR THE QUESTION ON THE MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED.\r\n\r\nMAHALO, CHAIR. >> CLERK. >> COUNCIL MEMBER SHANE SINENCI? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER NOHELANI UU-HODGINS? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER TOM COOK?\r\n\r\n>> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER KEANI RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER GABE JOHNSON >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER TAMARA PALTIN? >> AYE. >> COUNCIL MEMBER YUKI LEI SUGIMURA?\r\n\r\n>> NO. >> CHAIR TASHA KAMA. >> YES. >> CHAIR, YOU HAVE SEVEN AYES, ONE NO. MOTION CARRIES. >> THANK YOU. CLERK.\r\n\r\n>> CHAIR, THERE IS NO FURTHER

BUSINESS BEFORE COUNCIL. >> THANK YOU. YES, MS. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ. >> I'M SORRY, MS. FUJITA. CHAIR, MAHALO, FOR ENABLING US TO VOTE ON RULES, THE RULES RESOLUTION TONIGHT.\r\n\r\nAND FOR THE OTHER RESOLUTIONS THAT WE HAVE NOT TAKEN ACTION ON, WILL YOU PLEASE SHARE WITH US WHEN WE WILL BE READY TO TAKE ACTION, WHEN THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE? >> I HAVE SCHEDULED THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 20TH, 2023, 9:00, HERE IN THE CHAMBERS AND HOPEFULLY YOU WILL ALL COME TO THE CHAMBERS AND HOPEFULLY YOU WILL FEEL THE NICE VIBE HERE AND WANT TO COME HERE, OR YOU CAN DO IT ON BLUEJEANS. BUT HOPEFULLY YOU ALL WANT TO COME AND RUB SHOULDERS. SO THAT IS THE NEXT COUNCIL DAY, 9:00 A.M. IN THE MORNING. CLERK. >> MAHALO, CHAIR. >> THANK YOU.\r\n\r\n>> THIRD TIME, CHAIR, THERE'S NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL. >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH EVERYONE. THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE. THE MEETING OF THE MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF JANUARY 2ND, 2023 IS NOW ADJOURNED AT 7:55.
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