

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
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CONVENE: 6:03 p.m.

PRESENT: VOTING MEMBERS:

Councilmember Joseph Pontanilla, Chair
Councilmember G. Riki Hokama, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Michelle Anderson
Councilmember Bill Kauakea Medeiros
Councilmember Michael J. Molina
Councilmember Michael P. Victorino

EXCUSED: Councilmember Gladys C. Baisa
Councilmember Jo Anne Johnson
Councilmember Danny A. Mateo

STAFF: Kimberley Willenbrink, Substitute Legislative Analyst
Tammy M. Frias, Substitute Committee Secretary
Pearl Ah Ho, Council Aide, Lanai Council Office
Lisa Kaniho, Council Aide, Lanai Council Office

OTHERS: Roy Pinette, President, Lanai Area Council Senior Club
Kristin Hera, Vice President, Board of Directors, E Malama I Na Keiki O
Lanai Preschool
Diane Irons, Executive Director, Lanai Youth Center
Edwin Magaoay, Coalition for a Drug Free Lanai
Ron McOmber
Joelle Aoki, Executive Director/Program Specialist IV for Kumpang Lanai
(d.b.a. Coalition for a Drug Free Lanai) and Alu Like, Inc.
Sharie Liden, Coalition for a Drug Free Lanai
Stacey Moniz, Executive Director, Women Helping Women
Phyllis McOmber, Board President, Lanai Women's Center (d.b.a. Lanai
Community Health Center)
Stacey M. Purdy, President, E Malama I Na Keiki O Lanai Preschool
Rose Ling Simon, Board Member, E Malama I Na Keiki O Lanai
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Beverly Zigmond, Lanai Domestic Violence Coordinator, Women
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Jeanne Mitchell, Maui Arts and Cultural Center
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Lisa Kaniho
Joycelyn Victorino
Additional attendees (15)

**ITEM NO. 1: PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009 FOR
THE COUNTY OF MAUI (C.C. No. 08-55)**

CHAIR PONTANILLA: . . .(*gavel*). . . The Council on Budget Finance Committee meeting is now in session for March 20, 2008, at the Lanai High and Elementary School Cafeteria. Good evening, everyone. Thank you for having us here this evening. At this time I'd like to yield the floor to our Council Chairman Riki Hokama to introduce the rest of the Council that are here tonight.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you, Chairman Pontanilla. Good evening, Lanai. From my, from your left we have Tammy Frias, the Committee Secretary; we have Kim Willenbrink, who is the Committee Analyst. They are the staff people that work even after we get done, work hours after we do to get the, the Committee's work done for us to enter the next session.

Next is Mr. Bill Medeiros, he is your Council Member from the East Hana, East Maui-Hana District, and Mr. Medeiros is one of the Co-Chairs of the Public Works and Facilities Committee. It has jurisdiction of all our Parks and Recreation programs as well as the facilities and departments of Public Works and the Department of Environmental Management, which is your sewer and your solid waste programs.

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Then we have Mr. Molina. He's your Council Member from the Paia-Haiku-Makawao region. Mr. Molina is, honors us by chairing a very difficult major Committee, it is the Land Use Committee which handles zoning for all of the requests in the County of Maui. And Mr. Molina has done a great job for us, and I can tell you, though, it is a difficult Committee, and he spends countless hours preparing for all of the Members to do our work.

Then we have Mr. Pontanilla from the Kahului District. He is your Member, he is our Budget and Finance Chair which is what we are here for tonight. And he has the responsibility of helping the Committee put together a budget document that needs to pass Council before the end of May by Charter requirements. So he's tasked with this major responsibility.

Then we have your Council Member from the South Maui District, Michelle Anderson.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Aloha. Thank you for coming.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: She is responsible for the Council to represent us and lead us in our Water Resources Committee. And as many of you know, although Lanai is under the Lanai Water Company, the Water Use and Development Plan that Mr. McOmber and others of the island have been working on goes back to Ms. Anderson's Committee for review, and then final adoption by the Council. And, of course, she's been working hard on the water situation on the island of Maui.

Finally this evening for those that are present, I'd like to introduce your Council Member from the Wailuku District, Mr. Mike Victorino.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Good evening, everybody.

VICE CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Victorino is also one of the two Co-Chairs of the Public Works and Facilities Committee. And for Mr. Medeiros and Mr. Victorino, they have split this very big Committee's jurisdiction in half so that for us it is a balance of work load.

But these are the Members that have graced us this evening on Lanai. I give you the best regards of Ms. Baisa who was unable to join us. She's your Member from Upcountry-Kula, and she heads our Planning

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Committee. Also who could not be here with us is the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Mateo of Molokai. He is in charge with heading our key Committee called Policy, and that we deal with Police matters, Fire Department matters, lawsuits, all those fun things, and also the critical area of housing. And Mr. Mateo was our father of our housing order [*sic*], affordable housing ordinance. And then finally also who is not present, but I give you her regards also is your West Maui Member, Ms. Jo Anne Johnson. So those three Members are not able to join us this evening, but I give you their regards. So, Lanai, thank you for being here, and then I will let Mr. Pontanilla run the rest of the Committee meeting.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Chairman Hokama. Tonight it is your opportunity to present to us your comments on the Mayor's proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2009. Just a few ground rules before we start. For those of you that have cell phones, if you could put it on the vibration or silent mode so that whoever is testifying is not interrupted. When you come up to the microphone up there if you can state your name and the organization that you represent, and speak directly into the mic so that our recorder here can record your testimony. Upon completion of your testimony, the Members of this Committee may ask you some questions. So once you're completed, don't turn around and go sit down. Stay up there for maybe a couple of seconds until somebody speaks up to ask you a question, if there's any. The Chairman will provide you three minutes to testify with one minute to conclude. And once you conclude your testimony, again, just a reminder, take a few seconds before you turn around and go back to your seats. So at this time I'd like to have our Staff person Kim to provide the first person that's going to be testifying tonight. Kim?

MS. WILLENBRINK: Thank you, Chair. Our first testifier is Roy Pinette followed by Kristin Hera.

...BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY...

MR. PINETTE: Is it on now? Yeah. Okay. Yeah. Okay. Okay. Thanks for coming to hear us speak tonight. My name is Roy Pinette. I'm the President of the Lanai, the Lanai Area Council Senior Club. And tonight I want to thank you for giving us the new bus which is very needed on Lanai for transportation. And I thank you for that, and my members also thank you for that because a lot of them don't drive no more. And they also ask for a second shopping trip to Maui to help the economy in Maui. Okay. And, and they ask to have it in the middle of the week, in the

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middle of the month. . .if it's possible for you guys to okay that. And that's about it, I have right now.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Pinette. Questions for the testifier? Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, Mr. Pinette, why the middle of the week in the middle of the month?

MR. PINETTE: Well, the members when they go on a Saturday the lines are too long in the -- in the stores --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

MR. PINETTE: --and the bus runs on a schedule --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Right.

MR. PINETTE: --that a lot of times, I've seen it myself when we went to Wal-Mart on a Saturday, and it was very busy, and we had, like, five people that had basketfuls of merchandise, but the line was long at the cashier, and they were afraid to miss that bus. So they left the merchandise there and walked out.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Now, you, when you catch the bus on the weekend, do you guys go via Lahaina or Maalaea?

MR. PINETTE: Lahaina.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Lahaina. You guys don't use the Maalaea boat?

MR. PINETTE: Not yet.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. That was, you know, that was why I was thinking Saturday it'd be so much more convenient to go to Maalaea than have to drive all the way in to Kahului.

MR. PINETTE: Yeah. We are, we are in the process of working something out, but on the--

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. Thank you.

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MR. PINETTE: --to take that trip.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you for your information. I truly appreciate it.

MR. PINETTE: Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Victorino. Mr. Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Chair. Mr. Pinette, thank you for your testimony. You said you would like to request a second trip. So you already make one trip a month?

MR. PINETTE: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And, and when is that trip during the week and during the month?

MR. PINETTE: Well, originally we would like to have it in the middle of the month, because the first Saturday of every month we have a shopping trip.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: That's when you do the first trip?

MR. PINETTE: That's right.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, and you want that one...

MR. PINETTE: And the second one we'd like to have it in the middle of the week and in the middle of the month --

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Right.

MR. PINETTE: --because if we have it on the Wednesday of the week, and then Saturday we go shopping again --

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

MR. PINETTE: --there's no sense to it, to us.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Right. So one during the weekend and one during the middle of the week.

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MR. PINETTE: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And, and the bus that you use here, who operates that bus for you?

MR. PINETTE: The MEO.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: MEO. Okay. And so that bus is used by the seniors to go to doctor appointments, and how, how do you use that bus?

MR. PINETTE: It's only used for shopping on the, on the shopping trips.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Yeah. And so MEO picks you up on Maui and takes you to your shopping?

MR. PINETTE: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Pinette. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Pinette. Members, any more questions for the testifier? If not, thank you again.

MR. PINETTE: Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you very much. At this time the Chair would like to recognize Pearl Ah Ho. Pearl, please stand to be recognized. Pearl is the Council Services Staff here on Maui--oh, Lanai. Sorry, wrong island. I want to thank you for assisting the Budget and Finance Committee meeting here tonight. Thank you. Kim?

MS. WILLENBRINK: Kristin Hera followed by Diane Irons.

MS. HERA: Good evening, I'm Kristin Hera. I am here on behalf of E Malama I Na Keiki O Lanai Preschool. I sit as the Vice President of the Board of Directors, and I just wanted to first thank you for the support that we've counted on over the years, and I'm just simply requesting continued financial support with our line item budget for this next year. It's really important to us as a preschool to maintain a level of quality, and with different financial changes that we've had over the past year, year or two,

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we really need to count every penny, and we're just really counting on your support, and I just want to thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Christine. Members, any questions for the testifier tonight?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Chair. Ms. Hera, thank you for testifying. I just wanted to find out do, does your organization have any representative on the early childhood organization committees on Maui that gather, like, once a month to discuss early childhood development?

MS. HERA: I'm sorry, I'm taking, taking prompts from the President over there.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Oh.

MS. PURDY (from the audience): ...*(Inaudible)*...

MS. HERA: Lisa Shin, I believe, is on the...

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Lisa.

MS. HERA: Lisa Shin.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Shin.

MS. PURDY (from the audience): She's a board member.

MS. HERA: She is a board member.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, and...

MS. PURDY (from the audience): ...*(Inaudible)*...

MS. HERA: Yeah, our program administrator.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

MS. HERA: They do go over for conferences and things like that.

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COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay, and, and does that organization or the Kamehameha Preschool organization come here to assist in any way?

MS. HERA: We have, we had just recently held a financial aid workshop for parents and board members--I went as the parent of a future preschooler--and Kamehameha was there, Head Start was there, Child Care Connection was there.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

MS. HERA: And so we had quite a few that came from Maui, and it was really helpful, a lot of parents attended, and it was really informative.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Excuse me, Stacy, would you come up to this mic and identify yourself.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Yeah.

MS. PURDY: Stacy Purdy, President of E Malama I Na Keiki O Lanai Preschool. Those organizations, Kamehameha, Head Start and, like, Keiki Open Doors, Child Care Connection, they are all, they partner with us only in a sense of fund, funding the tuition for the children --

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Correct.

MS. PURDY: --and our organization is independent from their programs in that sense.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Right. Are you an accredited preschool?

MS. PURDY: Yes, we are.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Yeah, because my wife represents Kamehameha in preschools, so I know she's come here to work with your preschool. So thank you for the work that you do for the young children on Lanai.

MS. PURDY: Well, thank you.

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yes, quick, couple quick questions. How many children do you have in this preschool?

MS. HERA: Thirty...

MS. PURDY: Because of the size of the preschool, the most we can take at this time is 36.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thirty-six. So how many do you have now, 36?

MS. PURDY: We have enrolled up to 30 because of a shortage. We had to cut a teacher position, and due to the ratio of. . .you need one to five for two year olds and four to five you need one to seven, we needed to cap --

MS. HERA: Cap the...*(inaudible)*...

MS. PURDY: --the tuition --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Oh, okay.

MS. PURDY: --the enrollment this year.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: And the last question. Is there an income level or income requirement? Is it directed for middle, low, or is it just wide open to anybody?

MS. PURDY: The preschool is open to anyone.

MS. HERA: Anybody. But--

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Anybody. Okay.

MS. PURDY: The programs that give subsidies or, you know, they have their guidelines that you need to...

MS. HERA: Most of the scholarships are income based.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

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MS. HERA: But the preschool itself is open to anyone.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. Thank you very much. I appreciate it.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Victorino. Okay. Member Medeiros again?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Yeah, I just wanted to ask if you folks take advantage of the Pauahi Scholarship Assistance Program through Kamehameha?

MS. HERA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: You do. Okay.

MS. HERA: Yes, it's available, I mean you have to qualify but, yeah, there will be people applying for it this coming school year.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Mahalo.

MS. HERA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Ms. Hera and Ms. Purdy. Next testifier, Kim?

MS. WILLENBRINK: Diane Irons followed by Edwin Magaoay.

MS. IRONS: My name is Diane Irons. I'm the Executive Director of the Lanai Youth Center. First of all, I want to thank all of you for continuing to support the youth programs throughout Maui County. And secondly, I'd like to thank you, last year I asked for \$31,000 to purchase a new van to replace our old van, and we were able to do that. So I thank you very much for that.

Every year I stand up here, and I tell you that we're in this little, tiny 20 by 40 foot building. Well, we do a lot of activities, but I just want to highlight on some of the things we've done. Because we're in such a small building, in order to reach more children we've developed this partnership with the high school where we offer after school programs to the kids. We do after school homework tutoring on the elementary level, we have a robotics class at the high school level, and at the middle school

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level we offer 16 different academic and non-academic classes. One of the classes, Sharie Liden is here, is a beading class. It's Sharie and Phyllis. And what they have done is to become more self-sufficient they've started to sell their crafts to the local vendors to help continue to sustain them. Another class we have is a silk screening class. And some of the children, their hope is to some day actually do all the silk screening for the people on Lanai. So hopefully this, like, entrepreneurship will develop.

We also partner with a lot of the non-school sponsored sports, such as menehune Kau`ulala`au wrestling team, the girls middle school volleyball, and we're currently working with some community members to organize a Pop Warner team, and we also support the Little League. I had heard there were rumors that the menehune team was going to be discontinued, and I want thank each and every one of you who were, who was instrumental in continuing that program. And I invite you guys to come and watch these kids. They're kindergarteners to eighth grade playing basketball. And just to watch these kids it's such a thrill. And right now, I know you all know that the, the NCAA is going on, and if you watch these kids, I went to a game Wednesday, and it was the little kindergarten and first graders, and if you watch them, the parents actually act like they are playing in the NCAA. I mean it's just, it's just such a joy. So you can't discontinue any of these programs.

We have a lot of different partnerships throughout the community which I have listed, but I'm not going to name, I'll turn this in in a minute, but this year the youth center is asking for \$150,000 to continue to run our programs and to support our operating costs. We're also continuing with our expansion project where we're adding another portable unit. We got \$150,000 of CDBG funds in 2006. We got 198,000 earmarked from Senator Inouye, and we got \$80,000 from the community. And right now Castle & Cooke has been a tremendous help. They've done a lot of in-kind work for us. And we're at the stage where we're actually finalizing the contract, and we'll be ready to go for permits soon.

So if any of you can kind of help our permit process along, I hear it's like six months long, and if there's any hope. Also, there's \$150,000 --

MS. WILLENBRINK: Three minutes.

MS. IRONS: --in the capital improvement budget, and I just want to thank you for that and ask you to continue to support that. And one last thing. Can

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you guys look at that TSA requirement, the new ID requirement, because we're required to go to a, a class on the neighbor, neighboring islands. And the class is \$156, and for us to go to the class we'll have to pay for an airfare, boat tickets, rent-a-car, hotels. So if there's anyway they can offer the class here on the island, it will just kind of relieve us of some funds. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Excuse me.

MS. IRONS: Oh, sorry.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: You gotta stay there at least five to ten seconds. Okay. Member Hokama followed by Member Anderson.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Well, I have some good news for you. Because Molokai has the same concerns and issues with the TSA travel requirements, what the State is planning to do is to provide on island for Molokai and Lanai --

MS. IRONS: Oh, okay.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: --efforts to take care of those issues that you just brought up with us.

MS. IRONS: Oh, good. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Yeah, it's nothing within the County, but we, we've made sure that they, they will address our needs on island.

MS. IRONS: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So someone will be coming here to take care of those requirements.

MS. IRONS: Thank you. Mahalo.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Anderson?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Thank you, Chair. Hi, Diane.

MS. IRONS: Hi.

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COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: You mentioned that you needed help with the permit process. What kind of permits are you seeking and where, where are you in the process?

MS. IRONS: We haven't applied for the permits yet. We're just working on finalizing our contract with the people who will be supplying and installing the building. It's a modular building.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: So, do you know if you needed a zoning change?

MS. IRONS: No.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Just a building permit?

MS. IRONS: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Oh, okay. Thank you.

MS. IRONS: It's just been such a long process, and they said that the permit process was again a minimum of six months, and I don't know what the process is, but I just thought for a modular unit if somehow we didn't have to go through the whole six months.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Chair. Thank you, Ms. Irons, for your testimony. You did mention the age range in your youth program is from kindergarten to eighth grade?

MS. IRONS: No. No. No. It's...

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Oh.

MS. IRONS: At our membership it's seven year --

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: What's the youth center?

MS. IRONS: --seven years old to 18.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Seven to 18. And about how many youth do you have in the program throughout the year?

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MS. IRONS: We have 197 kids registered right now.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: One hundred ninety-seven?

MS. IRONS: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And finally, in your permit process is somebody representing the organization in seeing the permit through the process?

MS. IRONS: The, not from our organization, but the people who are actually constructing the building will be applying for the permits.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And, and who's that?

MS. IRONS: It's Hawaii Modular Space, Inc.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Oh, okay. Mahalo, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Members, any more questions for the testifier? Thank you very much.

MS. IRONS: Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Kim, next testifier?

MS. WILLENBRINK: Edwin Magaoay followed by Ron McOmber.

MR. MAGAOAY: Aloha, County, County Council. My name is Edwin Magaoay, and I'm here as one of the volunteer coaches for the Lanai Menehune Basketball League which serves over 120 kids ages 6 to 14 annually in support of the Coalition for a Drug Free Lanai. The Coalition for a Drug Free Lanai has supported the Lanai Menehune Basketball League and has made an impact in the Lanai community by providing alcohol and drug free activities for the youths of all ages. That helped to bring many organizations and groups together by teaming up with and partnering in many community projects. Their efforts have had significant impact on our community. Without their assistance many community activities would not be able to get what is needed in order to provide services to our youth.

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We request the support of the Maui County Council by approving the Mayor's Budget Line Item of \$50,000 in the 2009 Budget Fiscal Year for the Coalition for a Drug Free Lanai because they have made a difference on the Island of Lanai, and our community needs their continued support. And ditto for the Lanai Youth Center also. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Edwin. Members, questions for the testifier at this time? Thank you very much for your testimony.

MR. MAGAOAY: Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Kim?

MS. WILLENBRINK: Ron McOmber followed by Joelle Aoki.

MR. McOMBER: Aloha. Welcome to Lanai. First of all, I'd like to say much mahalo to Mr. Medeiros for meeting with the Hulopoe Park Council prior to the meeting tonight. He took time out of his dinner time and his leisure time of running around, jogging around town, or whatever he does. But I really appreciate him coming and listening to our problems and our support that we need for that. When you do the Parks and Recreation thing, some of it will tie in with Lanai. Now he has a pretty good picture of the problem that we have at Hulopoe with outside boats coming in and dumping people on our beach in commercial operations. And again much mahalo, Bill, for your, your kokua on that.

Last night we had a Planning Commission meeting and on the agenda was landfill, and we're hurting. This is a terrible situation on Lanai and there's nothing in the budgets coming up for landfill, because they're asking for a ten year extension. It's like a cat doing doo-doo on a roof, and they keep covering it, and keep covering it. It's, it's not a welcomed situation. They have no buildings over there to house their equipment. Their, the manpower takes a hell of a beating, and we told this to the committee last night. They don't have to work under those conditions. I understand they get hazard duty pay and they get paid more because they work at the landfill, but they don't have to put up with those conditions. There's no real place for them to have lunch except for a small, little trailer. Now I understand that there's a generator, and they're going to bring a cooler of ice water down for them, and they got a porta-potty. What a wonderful situation that is. It's a lot of money, folks, but we need to have our landfill upgraded. And it's down the road, I understand that, but if we start asking for this, you're gonna understand why we're doing this.

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Recycle Maui was here, and they did a heck of a job. We would like to have you support Recycle Maui again. We need more money back here to get the rest of the refrigerators, and the washing machines, and the freezers, and all the other stuff that stays around. Castle & Cooke has done a great job in helping get the old cars off the road. They've opened up a place down below, and they're crushing cars, and they're taking unbelievable amount. It looks a lot better than it did six months ago to a year ago. They've done a great job, but we also need the County's help on this stuff.

I understand there's, there's a request from the Police Department for another lieutenant position. Please acknowledge that. I think we need it. We have drug problems on Lanai, break-ins, and they're busting their butts, and we need another lieutenant, and if you can all see that, help that. Fire station's got an extension on their building going up pretty soon on this budget we got right now, budget cycle.

MS. WILLENBRINK: Three minutes.

MR. McOMBER: Oh, no, that went fast. My understanding is the company is negotiating with the County to open up a spot for taking care of batteries and, and some of the nasty stuff. If that comes before you, understand it's a real need, and the County and the company needs to work together to get another spot to do that. This is hazard, like hazardous waste stuff.

Support our youth programs, Diane Iron's programs, all the youth programs; our seniors, which I am one of, and most of you will be pretty soon. And, again, drug dogs. I, I've asked for it. It's just like a few years ago every time you came over here I asked for a four-wheel drive water wagon. We finally got that. It only took ten years. I'd like to, I would really like to see the Police Department go more into their drug dogs. They're really effective on moving drugs in and out of our islands, especially with our ferry system that we have now at Manele and now at the other location. Anyway, thank you very much for showing up tonight. I appreciate it. Michelle, you're doing a hell of a job on that show me the water thing, because you're helping us over here. Keep it up. I don't care how bad they bruise you, keep it up, sweetheart. We love it. Everybody else, thank you very much for being here. And I understand its Riki's last time in front of us, and he's done a hell of a job. He's been a--now we're going to hold our breath and see who's going to take his place. Thank you very much.

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Ron. Members, questions for the testifier?
Hang on.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: No, I'll just give you a quick update. Regarding the landfill, part of the problems was the, the County originally had a ten acre agreement with Castle & Cooke. The County uses about 25 acres. . .*(inaudible due to tape malfunction)*. . .so that's the resolution between Castle & Cooke and the County on the size of the current landfill. We are going to, the Council has preparing, we're waiting for a department transmittal of an ordinance request for funds, but we'll be doing some major storm water improvements to take care of the existing site. It is the County's intention with Castle & Cooke that we are going to move downwind of Kaunalapau Highway in the near future. So it will be out of site from Kaunalapau, and it will be downwind to reduce the litter that we currently have talked about.

MR. McOMBER: Well, remember we tried to do that, Riki, and we were going to go up in that site at the crusher, and the only thing that threw the monkey wrench into that was that Castle & Cooke demanded that the County pave the road. And that was, that's a shame that we lost it because of that.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Don't worry, Mr. McOmber, we have negotiated well.

MR. McOMBER: Oh, I'm sure you have.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So that is moving forward...*(change tape, start Side 1B)*...we are planning to put funds to build the brand new Lanai Senior Center, we've worked with the seniors.

MR. McOMBER: Right.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: We have put funds forward for the Lanai Community Youth Center. We are planning to assist for this new expansion, and of course the Members know of my desire to have a new facility built in the near future. We are working on plans for a new community center. In the short term, though, we will improve the current Lanai Community Center to pass State Department of Health's requirements so that organizations and non-profits can do food preparation, and deal with non-profit sales without being concerned about health, State Health Department violations.

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So the Members have all supported the requests I have put forward for this island, just to let you know. And then we'll deal with the needs for the next fire station extension as part of, of my request to the Committee.

MR. McOMBER: Castle & Cooke held a meeting the other night and there were selected people who were to come to the meeting and listen to their proposal for the buildings that they're going to tear down around. One of the things we said when it came before the Cultural Resources Commission, and they had it before them, not to tear it down, tear those buildings down until the community plan had a chance to look at most of those buildings and see what they were going to do, because there's going to be a lot of shifting of buildings. I just hope that Castle & Cooke, now they've held a private meeting with select few, that they'll come back and tell this community what they're doing. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Ron, we, we have more questions for you. Member Molina.

MR. McOMBER: This is hard on an old man with a bad back.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: You're still young at heart, Ron. Good evening and thanks for your testimony. On the subject of the drug dogs. Up in my district up at Kalama School, I guess working in partnership with the County Police Department, they experimented with drug dogs in the school. Is that any issues with drugs in the school here as well? I know you mentioned it's a problem throughout the community.

MR. McOMBER: Well, I would imagine there is. I mean it's all throughout the community. I would imagine there's a certain--I don't know about the kids, but Pierce is here. You can ask the principal what, and that's the guy to ask.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

MR. McOMBER: I know there's plenty other stuff because we're getting house break-ins, and we're getting stuff in this community that we never had before and there's a lot of it, and 90 percent of it is probably related to drugs, because they just busted one guy just not too long ago and took him off the island, which may cut some of that down. But, but there's only so many ways you can come into Lanai and one of them, one of the big

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factors now is the boat, is the ferry boat. And it would be an ideal place to have a dog walking around. All that stuff that's piled up there on the dock, they'd know in a heartbeat. I know it stopped a lot of the aerial firecrackers and stuff like that. So. . .

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Good. All right. Thank you, Ron.

MR. McOMBER: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Ron. No more questions for Mr. McOmber? Thank you, again, you can sit down. Next testifier?

MS. WILLENBRINK: Joelle Aoki followed by Sharie Liden.

MS. AOKI: Good evening, Council Chair and Council Members. Thank you for coming to Lanai to hear our concerns once again. First of all, my name is Joelle Aoki. I am the Executive Director and Program Specialist for Coalition for a Drug Free Lanai and Alu Like, which was a partnership that was developed to support our ongoing prevention programs for youth, adults, and the general community.

First of all, I'd like to thank you very much for your continued support of our line item with the Mayor's Budget. It enabled us to, assisted us in securing Federal funds for our community support grant for the island of Lanai and has just opened up so many doors for our youth and our, our community, our adults, our families, our school, and we just can't thank you enough for all your support. We're, we're truly grateful.

CDFL is the only prevention based agency on the island of Lanai that provides, that serves the general community with a large number of programs that are executed in school during the regular school day or after school on school campus and in the community. The support of the school and its administration has allowed a very strong partnership in drug and alcohol prevention here on Lanai. Our partnership with Alu Like has helped the CDFL also increase its services to the Hawaiian community with the development of the Hawaiian Home Lands and Alu Like has assisted with matching funds for our Federal grant as well.

The CDFL recently conducted a drug and alcohol, tobacco use survey for our youth for grades six through 12. This survey was made possible through funding from the County of Maui, and the survey focused on four core measures required by the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services

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Administration. We conducted the survey as part of our needs assessment of the community, as the last survey was done by the State of Hawaii in 2003 and did not include information that we needed to provide for our Federal government and the County of Maui. Our survey that we've done, the results of that will be presented, and I'd like to invite all of you to our town hall meeting which will be hosted by Lanai High and Elementary School and the Coalition for a Drug Free Lanai on April 4th, at 6:00 p.m., here at the school cafeteria where Pierce Myers, our Principal, will be presenting the results of that survey, and I will have a copy of that survey available for your view following that date. I'll have one mailed over to the County Council Chambers.

One of the, I'll give you a little peak at what some of our results were. National surveys show the average age of first alcohol use amongst recent participants age 12 to 49 years of age was 16 years, and this is our national standard. It appears that on Lanai its 12 years old. And for tobacco the national average of first cigarette use was 17. Our survey showed that on Lanai its 11 years old. You can get, again, once you, you can get more of the results by attending our, we invite you once again to come to our town hall meeting or we will provide a copy for your review. And we thank you, again, because funding was made available through the County of Maui to conduct this survey which was needed greatly not only by the Coalition but other --

MS. WILLENBRINK: Three minutes.

MS. AOKI: --youth organizations on Lanai in securing funds. To address these upcoming problems amongst our youth we will continue our success with best practice prevention education in the school with more emphasis on ages eight through 13 years of age. And some of the accomplishments in the past years, we will continue to train the teachers for the Comprehensive Early Learning Literacy program. This program has benefited 391 students this past year alone, which is a great success. I believe the, the, the, the increase is about 62 percent from the previous year, previous two years, excuse me. We will continue to emphasize our focus on alternative prevention tools by providing free drug test kits, support and resources to parents for their children. This project is aimed at giving our youth --

MS. WILLENBRINK: Four minutes.

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MS. AOKI: --a reason to say no. In addition, the CDFL will continue to partnership and umbrella the Interquest Detection Canine of Hawaii program which is a prevention tool and is in its execution stage and will be expanded Statewide. Eventually we hope to have, to service 30 schools by the end of 2008 and 48 schools by the end of 2009. This program will assist in making environmental changes in our schools and the program goal is to create safer campuses, a safe environment more conducive to learning and, therefore, improve quality of education. I would like to ask for your support, Council Members, in providing continued funding with supporting the Mayor's Budget Line Item of \$50,000 for the Coalition for a Drug Free Lanai. Your support has provided monies to gather much needed information in our community and the development of prevention programs and education to meet the challenges of Lanai's youth and families. Your financial support is needed in order to meet the Federal requirement of matching dollars for the drug free communities support grant. And, again, I thank you for your time. And one more thing, I'd like to ask for continued support of the Lanai Youth Center, Lanai Women's Health Center, MEO, and Women Helping Women.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. That was long. Joelle, if we can have a copy of your testimony. I think it can help, you know, the Members that are here as well as the Members that are not here. You provided a lot of information which, you know, kind of hard to write, yeah. So anyway if you can leave your testimony with the Secretary.

MS. AOKI: I've done so already.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Oh, okay. Thank you. Members, any questions for the testifier?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Just one.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo for your testimony. Just one question. On your April 4th town hall meeting, you're going to be able to, did you say you're going to send us some information prior to that meeting?

MS. AOKI: I will send you the information following that date.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Following that meeting. Okay.

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MS. AOKI: Yes, we will allow the school the opportunity to present the results of the survey first.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Mahalo.

MS. AOKI: You're welcome.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Any more questions for the testifier? None. So, thank you.

MS. AOKI: Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Kim, next testifier?

MS. WILLENBRINK: Yes. Sharie Liden followed by Stacey Moniz.

MS. LIDEN: Good evening, I'm Doctor Sharie Liden representing VSA Arts of Lanai, and I'm also a sector representative for the Healthcare Professionals for the Coalition of Drug Free Lanai. CDFL programs address directly and through supported community programs the needs of children, teens, and parents on Lanai in the effort to prevent drug abuse. Thank you. As the economic environment worsens due to layoffs, it is imperative that CDFL is able to react quickly to changes in needs and delivery of services to the families in the community. The early literacy programs, art programs, and after school activities that children and parents attend give hope, develop academic skills, and provide diversion from the stress that unemployment or economic hardship brings. Now more than ever our combined efforts need the \$50,000 matching Federal grant funds.

VSA Arts, Hawaii Pacific on Lanai received \$5,000 last year from CDFL to conduct programs for youth and adult mentors. The VSA programs are a very popular means of engaging children of all ages and adult mentors in creative activities that train children to think, create, and cooperate using art and technology. These programs can lead to careers in the arts and are designed to generate income. It helps maintain the programs and provide supplies. Adult mentors are drawn from the Lanai community and include master artists and adults who want to find meaning in life by helping the upcoming generations to develop into productive citizens. The partnership of CDFL and VSA Arts combines their missions by providing and inspiring a useful alternative to the lure of drugs and alcohol here on

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Lanai. I urge you to support the \$50,000 matching Federal grant of \$125,000 for the next five years. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Dr. Liden. Members, any questions for the testifier? Member Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, don't run away.

MS. LIDEN: Okay. I'm nervous.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. First, first of all, thank you very much for being here. How many children are involved in this program?

MS. LIDEN: Okay. We have 12 after school art clubs, and we serve about 80 children a week.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: And what are the ranges of age?

MS. LIDEN: From kindergarten up to 12th grade.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: So the entire school level.

MS. LIDEN: Yeah, and our mentors go up to almost 80 years old.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: So some of them are kupunas and all that. And where is this held? Where, where...

MS. LIDEN: We have classes here at the public library and also with Lanai Art Center.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. Thank you very much. I appreciate that.

MS. LIDEN: You're welcome.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Dr. Liden. One more question. Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Chair. Yes, Doctor, I just wanted to find out your doctoral degrees in what discipline?

MS. LIDEN: In psychology.

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COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Mahalo.

MS. LIDEN: Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Thank you, Dr. Liden. Kim, next testifier?

MS. WILLENBRINK: Stacey Moniz followed by Phyllis McOmber.

MS. MONIZ: Good evening, Chair and Budget Committee. Thank you so much for having us testify. My name is Stacey Moniz, and I'm the Executive Director at Women Helping Women. And most of you are aware that we are a domestic violence program providing the whole continuum of services to people on Maui and also on Lanai. In fact, we've been, we've had an office here on Lanai for the past six years. And thanks to the, the original funding for that was through a Federal Violence Against Women's Act grant that allowed us to staff here half time. And then thanks to the County Council we've been able to staff here full time, and even after the Federal funding ended.

And, you know, over the last six years I asked Beverly to tell me how many women and families she's worked with over there, and it's well over 100 families on this island. And I think it's a big impact on this island. She's providing all the services from coordinating safe housing on an island that's hard to hide on, and so to restraining orders to--it's, it's a lot. So I just want to kind of acknowledge the work that Beverly does. She is our one staff member here. And, you know, in partnership, you know, I appreciate other agencies support of us, because we can't do this alone. So I, of course, want to support the Lanai Women Community Health Center, Coalition for a Drug Free Lanai, the Youth Center. We all partner so much together.

In the past we, we get a line item from the County, and we're really, really grateful for that. And we have got, I had put in a request for \$190,000 this year, and the Mayor put 165,000 which is what we got last year. And I just wanted to explain why we had asked for more money. In addition to growing costs, we were asked by the Lahaina community about two years ago to open a center in West Maui, and we did. And it's been operating at half time. The State funded that through a grant-in-aid. And anywhere we seem to start an office half time starts to build a business as it were. And so the days where our staff are not there we're getting a lot of calls

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wishing that we were there. So we'd like to take that to a full time center as well. So it's been operating at half time for about two years, and I've been asked, I'm also asking the State to continue their funding, but I'd like the County to kind of supplement that funding as well. So I'm still, I'm also hoping for 190,000 even though that's not what was in the budget, in the Mayor's Budget.

I also wanted to thank you very much for the Rental Assistance program. We are one of four agencies on Maui that have been able to support the community with rental subsidies, rental assistance. We've helped victims of domestic violence on all three islands in our County, Maui, Molokai and Lanai as well. One of the requests from our staff and the clients is that we be able to help with utilities through that program. I wasn't aware, but if you have your electricity turned off and then you have to get it turned back on, it is so expensive.

MS. WILLENBRINK: Three minutes.

MS. MONIZ: It costs you over \$1,000 to turn on your electricity. So I was hoping that that could be included, but I wanted to thank you for that, because that money has made such an impact for our, for our women and families. The County's been really supportive of Women Helping Women, and I really appreciate that. I'll probably write something up to submit at the next one. I wish I was more organized like some of the other people. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Stacey. Members, any questions for the testifier? Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Ms. Moniz. I just wanted to find out if you've been able to work with your State Senator and Representative of this area in trying to get funding to assist and supplement what you get from the County?

MS. MONIZ: You know, I have not. The first time we ever went for State funding was when, we get State funding to run the shelter program, the Judiciary for our restraining order program. So we do get other forms of State money, but I had never gone for a grant-in-aid until the Lahaina community asked us to open the West Maui center. So actually I have not, and that's a great idea.

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COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Yeah, I would encourage you to pursue that. That, that may be, you know, helpful to your organization.

MS. MONIZ: Absolutely.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo.

MS. MONIZ: Great. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Kim, next testifier?

MS. WILLENBRINK: Phyllis McOmber followed by Stacey M. Purdy.

MS. McOMBER: Council Chair Hokama and Council Members, I am Phyllis McOmber, Board President for the Lanai Women's Center, and we're going to be doing business as the Lanai Community Health Center. First, I would like to express our sincere appreciation for the support you've awarded us over the past several years. Your support has allowed us to renovate a building which will be our health center facility. We are expecting a second line item which will provide equipment, furniture, and supplies for the WIC or the Women and Children's Program which we are already taking patients from, but we've been awarded that grant.

The Lanai Women's Center has a 13 member board. It was incorporated in mid 2005 as a 501c3. The mission of the organization is to take care of the people of Lanai with a focus on physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual welfare to build healthy residents and families into a supportive community. In September 2007, the Lanai Community Health Center was awarded the Federally Qualified Health Center Grant. The Lanai Community Health Center is a community-governed, non-profit health center, and they provide basic primary care and preventative health services, including medical, mental health, substance abuse, and enabling services, such as outreach, case management and language interpretation. No one will be turned away because they lack money. We have been acting as the Lanai Women's Center and the community health center has not opened. It will be. . .we're hoping this month in April, not this month but April.

With the population of 3,200, 86 percent of the residents are minority, 45 percent are Filipino, 31 percent are foreign born, and nearly 40 percent have incomes below 200 percent of the Federal poverty level. The target population consists of everyone on Lanai who lives below 200 percent of

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the poverty level, or nearly 40 percent of our island's population, or 1,288 individuals. Of these, 61 percent are Filipino, 14 percent are Hawaiian or part Hawaiian, 7.3 percent are Japanese, and 7.2 are Caucasian. The major health care challenges in the area include inadequate prenatal care, women's health services, pediatric asthma, poor dental health, drug abuse, obesity, high teen birth rates, diabetes, and also an elderly population in need of community-based support.

During the Mayor's budget hearing we expressed our appreciation--

MS. WILLENBRINK: Three minutes.

MS. McOMBER: -- for the past support and requested continual assistance. We have been advised that she has included a \$50,000 line item grant in the, in her budget. Due to the fact that we only requested half a grant from the Federal program, we are, we are struggling with start up costs. A full grant would have required we serve 2,500 people each year and our purpose was not to compete with the present healthcare providers, but to supplement services which are not presently being provided. The Lanai Community Health Center requests additional funds with the provision of funding in support of basic operations. With an additional 50,000 we could fill out our staff to a complete, complete staff. This would assure that we could hire local residents who are qualified and that the necessary staff would provide timely, quality, and caring service.

MS. WILLENBRINK: Four minutes.

MS. McOMBER: Your support of the Lanai Senior Center, Keiki O Lanai, Coalition for a Drug Free Lanai, Lanai Youth Center, Lanai Arts Program, and Women Helping Women, VSA Arts is essential and greatly appreciated. Thank you so much for your concern for our community.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Ms. McOmber. Members, any questions for the testifier? Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yes, Ms. McOmber, could we have a copy of that please?

MS. McOMBER: You have.

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Oh, you did. Okay. Thank you, because you brought some very interesting statistics, and I'd really like to go over them. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you.

MS. McOMBER: Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: You have another question. Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Chair. Ms. McOmber, thank you for your testimony. You did say you were doing some renovations and trying to purchase some equipment. Do you receive funds from CDBG?

MS. McOMBER: We have, we, we got, we were awarded a \$500,000 grant from the Grant-in-Aid, but we haven't received it yet. But it's for a permanent facility. We used a \$75,000 County grant to renovate the facility that will be opening in April, and we have applied for a CDBG fund to support, to go with the Grant-in-Aid. So we're, we've gotten Federal grants. Well, we gotten Federal, I guess it's not a grant, but Senator Inouye has certainly supported us, so we've had lots of help.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. I, I'm glad you're aware of that. You know, funding through the CDBG is a good program for you.

MS. McOMBER: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: So mahalo for your testimony.

MS. McOMBER: Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any more questions for the testifier? Seeing none, Kim, next testifier?

MS. WILLENBRINK: Yes, Chair. Stacey M. Purdy will be testifying on behalf of a group and following that will be Pierce Myers.

MS. PURDY: We have board members and parents from E Malama I Na Keiki O Lanai Preschool who is here to also show their support. Introduce yourselves.

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MS. SIMON: My name is Rose Ling Simon and this is Christian and Coby, right here. Sorry, I knocked your head. This is Coby. He attended Keiki O Lanai, and he's attending right now.

MS. NOLAN: Good evening, I'm Annica Nolan. I'm here as a parent to Anna to support the preschool.

MS. HOFFMAN: And hi, I'm Meredith Hoffman, and I'm a board member and, sorry. . .Meredith Hoffman, I'm a board member and a parent of a previous student at Keiki O Lanai. Thank you.

MS. PURDY: And my two are home with daddy. Good evening, Council Budget Chair Pontanilla and fellow Council Members. Aloha and welcome to Lanai. My name is Stacey Purdy, and I'm here tonight to testify as President for E Malama I Na Keiki O Lanai Preschool. I would like to extend our appreciation for your past and current support of this crucial early childhood education program. As you know, Keiki O Lanai is our only preschool here on the island. Funding from the County of Maui has helped to keep this program sustainable and thriving. I have personally seen the progress of my own children and their playmates that have benefited from the selfless dedication of its staff and program enrichment.

Once again we come before you to ask for your continued support to give the littlest of our Lanai citizens a great head start in life. We are asking for your support to secure the line item amount of 125,000 for the Fiscal Year Budget 2009. This, these funds are approximately a dollar for dollar match to our tuition. We are also receiving funds from Department of Education via the USDA Food Program and monies from the hard work of our parents through fundraising initiatives.

Due to being an accredited school, it comes with the cost of requirements that needs to be met. Recently new insurance requirements, cost of operations, and the ability to recruit and maintain qualified staff is a challenge for public, private, and non-profit sectors. This year due to the added costs we needed to cut a teacher position which has caused us to reduce the amount of enrollment due to early childhood education standards. Three to four year olds is a one to seven ratio, and two year olds is a one to five ratio. Currently we have six employees and need to reinstate the lost teacher position for the next year.

The increase in our budget are for 36,000 to reinstate the teacher position and 4,000 for cost of operation increase. In total this is an 18 percent

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increase to our total program budget. We do believe that we need to work together to be frugal and make every penny count for the betterment of the children. We are so honored parents have entrusted us to enrich. I would like to acknowledge the hard working staff, parents, and our volunteer board of which some are here with me tonight. Without the dedication and hard work of these individuals we could not accomplish the goals and the mission of E Malama I Na Keiki O Lanai Preschool, to care for the children of Lanai in whom we are, we know we would not have a future without.

I would like to also submit our program administrator's written testimony. She was unable to attend tonight. I also have two letters of support; one from the parents of the children who attend E Malama I Na Keiki O Lanai and a letter from, of support from Lanai High and Elementary School educators. Thank you for your time and consideration for our 2009 grant request. Okay. Aloha.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Stacey. Members, any questions for the testifier? Thank you very much. Seeing none, again, thank you for your testimony this evening.

MS. PURDY: And thank you for your time here tonight.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Kim?

MS. WILLENBRINK: Pierce Myers followed by Butch Gima.

MR. MYERS: Members of the Council, good evening. Welcome. Thanks for coming tonight. My name is Pierce Myers. I'm the Principal at Lanai High and Elementary School. Requests tonight to please look into helping us resolve a situation in our drainage ditch directly in back of me between our cafeteria and what we call the County parking lot. For years the drainage ditch has been a, a place where rubbish collects, and recently because of the rains that we had at the beginning part of December it's heavily eroded now to the extent that the fence footings on either side of the ditch are exposed. I'm concerned that the footings and the fence is going to fall into the ditch.

I think the resolution is to put a culvert in there, to cover it over, and let us remove one of the two fences that are there. I'm hoping that as you walked to the cafeteria through, from the parking lot you noticed the ditch. It drains this third of the city or so. All of the ground rubbish that's there

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gets caught up in the surface flow and ends up right here in our ditch. Request please to help us address that. It's unsightly, it's unsanitary, and aesthetically it just is not working for us. I think we need to have that closed in so people coming on campus it's a pleasant experience for them now. There was some conversation earlier about the drug situation on campus. Any questions about that, I'd be happy to entertain those.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any questions for the testifier? Member Molina followed by Member Victorino.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Good evening, Mr. Myers. Thank you for coming here tonight. I brought up the issue of the drug dogs on campus, because over at my old school, I used to teach up at Kalama and Makawao, I guess the DOE and the police were trying some type of experimentation. Because of what we had heard earlier about testimony with the drug issue in the community, anything that you can share as far as what has...*(change tape, start Side 2A)*...into the drug matter.

MR. MYERS: Yeah, the, the latest survey data that we have is not a surprise to us. There is drug use here on campus. The difficulty we face is that our data is not at the same extent that it is on larger schools. We were part of the pilot to do the drug dog program here. The Attorney General's Office did not okay our participation based on our data because of the ACLU's involvement, because of the search and seizure, the vagueness in the search and seizure laws, they did not feel that we had sufficient data to warrant the dogs being here. For us it's a preventative measure. It's a deterrent, and it helps us prevent the problem from getting worse. The Attorney General's Office did not see it that way. I continue the conversation with them trying to get them to allow us to have their project here.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, it's too bad because they, they should come to the school and observe themselves. That's too bad. But anyway, well, keep trying. Thank you, Mr. Myers.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yes, I'm, I'm curious what kind of data were provided to them to, to come up with these kinds of judgment calls?

MR. MYERS: What they asked us for was our suspension rates for use, possession, and sale on campus, and any other anecdotal information that

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we had. We provided them with lots of anecdotal information, and they said that they needed the, the hard data on our discipline rates.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: So when you say suspensions just for possession, that was it? They don't, they don't consider other disciplinary problems as important?

MR. MYERS: In this case they did not. It was possession, use and sale that they were looking at.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: That was it?

MR. MYERS: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. Changing the subject. On this ditch issue out here, this ditch is, what, a County ditch, or is it a State ditch, or is it Lanai Company? Because, you know, that always seems to come up every time we get into these issues.

MR. MYERS: It is a question. And my history with the, the, the parcel, eight or ten years, is that it has always been a question. And then some conversation with Chair Hokama's office in the last couple of weeks, and he has asked some staff to look into it and try to clarify that.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. I will be waiting to hear from Chair Hokama on this, because this will come to Public Works and if it's our ditch, and we need to do something about it, then maybe we can look at it. But at this point I'll await Mr., Chair Hokama's response to your, your inquiries.

MR. MYERS: Thanks.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Chair?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Victorino. Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Mr. Chair. Thank you for testifying tonight. But I, I just wanted to also ask about the ditch, and I know we're going to work with Chair Hokama on this. But who maintains the ditch currently?

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MR. MYERS: I'm trying to remember when the last time any maintenance was done on the ditch, and I can't recall.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. So we don't know who maintains it, and we're not sure about the ownership jurisdiction, and you said there's fencing on both sides? I see. Okay. Yeah, my, my suggestion, once we figure out, you know, who has jurisdiction over this, is as you mentioned in Lahaina when I was in charge of Public Works Highways there we took an open ditch and we made a concrete box culvert where it's covered, and then you no longer worry about it. So once, you know, we hear from our Chair as far as, you know, jurisdiction, and I'm sure he knows the history of it, we'll see what can be done as far as the Council.

MR. MYERS: Thanks very much.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Yeah.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any more questions for Mr. Myers? Again, thank you very much for testifying.

MR. MYERS: Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Oh, Mr. Myers. Oh, sorry, no questions for you.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Just for those that may not have been here during Dole Plantation...*(inaudible)*...for the Committee, the County's highways crew from Public Works always maintains the road system and the drainage at the beginning of the school property. Dole, has in the past, always maintained the ditch from the school toward the old sewage, sewage pump, pump station point when we had cesspools and what not. So that was at the bottom side of the school system or south of us. But Dole always exercised maintenance control in the past. Castle & Cooke built the parking lot, and my understanding is it's still under their ownership. This is State of. . .this was County, now it's State of Hawaii. So, again, we, we need to, we need to resolve the ownership jurisdiction issue, and then we can address Mr. Myers requests.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you for the information, Chairman Hokama. Next testifier?

MS. WILLENBRINK: Butch Gima followed by Lorraine Dyer.

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MR. GIMA: Good evening, Council Members. My name is Butch Gima. I have several thank yous and then several requests. First, thank you to the County for supporting Lanai because I know that the expenses the County has for Lanai is very disproportionate to the amount of revenues that's generated on Lanai. So thank you for continuing to, you know, take care of Lanai.

Secondly, thank you for the 1.5 million appropriation for the new senior center. I was at the senior center the other week when Director Medeiros came over, Riki came over, and we saw the plans. And we're real excited about that. The senior center as you well know is not only used for seniors, the community uses it all the time for a variety of functions. So it's a well used facility, and we're looking forward to the, the new senior center.

Third, Riki, thank you for the appropriation for and the increase for the entitlement process for the remaining 65 acres below the Hawaiian Home Lands. I understand that you are pursuing a 201H for that parcel, and it's very timely because the Lanai Planning Commission has been interested in trying to rezone that, that area so that when the time comes that affordable houses are built there it's, it's ready to go. In addition to that, Pierce and I just had a meeting prior to this meeting with people from the DOE facilities branch, because we're working on the 50 acres that the County so generously donated to the school, and they are wanting to work cooperatively with the County and specifically with Riki and John so that we're, we're not duplicating efforts. So we're, we're interested, I mean I know the Planning Commission was very interested about the 201H process because it was our understanding that as part of the application you have to demonstrate the need and that's what the Planning Commission was interested in is, you know, what should go down there? How many multi-family, how many single-family, how much kupuna housing, how much open space? So we look forward to getting more information about that 201H process.

In terms of, of supporting the preschool, in addition to what all the testifiers have said, I request that in years to come that you keep the needs of the preschool in mind because as part of the master plan process for this school we're, we have the P-20 concept working for our master plan which involves having on the footprint of this school educational services from preschool all the way up through MCC. So as part of the planning process we have had representatives from the preschool and MCC

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discussing master plan with our school. So down the line the preschool will have land near the new kindergarten. So they're going to probably be coming back for, you know, asking for some kokua.

MS. WILLENBRINK: Three minutes.

MR. GIMA: Thank you, thank you very much for the appropriation for the drainage for the city. I was hoping it would be in this year's budget, but I see it's for the next five years. The company already has taken care, or, taken care of Manele, and they will do so for Koele. Milton Arakawa has indicated that the County will be responsible for the master drainage plan for the city.

Lastly, as part of the Lanai Water Advisory Committee I want to request your support for the Department of Water Supply and for their staffing needs because that has been I think a contributing factor for our Water Use and Development Plan taking so long. We had the draft completed in 1997, and we're in 2008 still waiting to finalize it, so we can get it to the Board of Water Supply, so it can come to you. And in part the representations from the Department of Water Supply has been that they don't have the staffing to adequately support the needs of our Lanai Water Advisory Committee. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Gima. Question? Member Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Not a question. Just to, to give some responses to Mr. Gima's questions and areas of concern. Regarding the affordable housing you, you and many others, I see John Ornellas, Pierce, others that have participated in the school master planning. We had always assumed that that was going to be moving at a pace that was quite reasonable. You guys have worked on it for years. I remember ten years ago we were in the senior center talking about master planning with Debbie Delacruz, a whole bunch of them, Martha Evans, and we had hoped that the school would have moved forward then to help us with the subdivision of this 115 acres. I got impatient.

And so we are moving forward, and I think that's helping to spur the State now, because they, they know we're not waiting anymore, because we're going to subdivide, Butch, you know, that for the 65. Just so the people of Lanai can understand, we are going to go to the Land Use Commission because it's greater than 15 acres to reclassify from Agriculture to Urban.

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And the Council is looking at a fast tracking 201H zoning mechanism to provide the appropriate zoning for us to build houses.

Let me tell you where we are. With the Council's support, and each Member here this evening has supported my request for additional monies, just to get past the Land Use Commission to get reclassification for an affordable housing unit that we already own the land, it's going to take us \$850,000. Okay. Just to do governmental, State requirements in processing. And the Members here and of course those other three that are not here, Ms. Baisa, Ms. Johnson, and Mr. Mateo, has also voted and supported Lanai. Just to get that portion done, and, and most of those will be surveying requirements, and the need for us to present to the Commission a master plan of what we would like to hope and, and see in, in the development of Lanai affordables is \$850,000. That is not even pushing dirt for construction, Members, I mean community members.

So I just wanted to let you know that these Members that you see before you have supported you, but part of that \$850,000 is also for a master consultant agreement. And what Mr. Gima brought up about the Planning Commission's interest, the consultant is then required, Butch, to come to Lanai. He will be doing community workshop meetings to get a sense of what the community wants to see in the development, the type of mix, single-family with multi-families, whether you want a small community park in there, whether you want some other amenities such as for non-profit use, and then that will help us in the development. Because I see this as a multi-stage, more than like a four stage development to build out the 65 acres. So that is part of the requirement of this consultant. He needs to come to Lanai, have meetings with all of the stakeholders to help us develop then what we are going to actually build on the, on the property.

So the Commission will be, and the Commission gets involved in the 201H, because it needs to come to you before it will come to the Council. But that's just a clock that would help expedite the process. So I'm just letting you know regarding that issue that it is moving along, and the Mayor has the, the budget bill to sign off, and then she's ready to execute this master consultant agreement. So I just wanted to give you that status and let everyone know that is where this project is currently.

MR. GIMA: So sounds like they're going to do like a charette process like what they did for our, for our master plan.

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VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Just like for the school. The same process. The community gets totally involved, and they have, will be helping us to say how they want it done and what they want done within the project area.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Chairman. Members, any more questions? Member Anderson followed by Member Medeiros.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Mr. Gima, thank you for the information you shared with us tonight. What specifically, you, you said that DWS has told you they don't have the staffing to meet the needs of the Advisory Committee? What needs are they not meeting specifically if you could share that?

MR. GIMA: Well, I know, I know Ellen has, I mean Ellen pretty much has been DWS. And our understanding is because of either staffing shortages and/or requests of her and her staff she may not be able to devote as much time to our Water Use and Development Plan as she would like to. I mean quite typically she is working at two, three o'clock in the morning finishing up our stuff maybe the day before our, our meeting. And there are times when she cannot make our meeting because the Board needs her at a meeting or Council needs her at the meeting. I mean that, that's why I said in part. I mean there, there are other factors that have delayed our Water Use and Development Plan in addition to that.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: I think I need to get your phone number so we can have a discussion.

MR. GIMA: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Thank you very much.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Anderson. Mr. Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Butch, just so that you and the community know. For the last eight years, from the time I became Budget Chairman eight years ago, for four years, and as your, as the Council Chair for four years, I can tell you the majority of these Members here who sat with me and from the time I was Budget Chairman, we gave the Department of Water Supply their full CIP request, and we gave them the resources to hire. So from the Council's standpoint funding for positions and funding for projects was a top priority and the Council provided those funds.

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I think the question needs to be what has the Administration done with all the resources we have provided them. Okay. They take care the hiring, the firing, and you know that Ms. Kraftsow is a control addict. She will not allow others to help her get the work product done. You know that and I know that, Mr. Gima. We are waiting for this Water Use Development Plan update, because only Lanai has the approved one. The rest of the County, Ms., Ms. Anderson is bitching that Maui for decades is still waiting for the Maui Plan, Molokai is still yet, and we're the only island that's not under a County water system program. So I'm telling the, the community that it is my understanding and my experience, it is not a legislative issue. We have supported, the Members here have supported the Department. I think we need to look at the Mayors and the Administrations for not getting the appropriate personnel and getting the resources done within the Department.

MR. GIMA: Thank you for that information. And, and I think it's to be noted too that when the Administration has brought over his or her staff, very rarely has the Director come over.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member, oh, Member Anderson?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: If I could just add a little to that. First of all, this body added an additional \$250,000 towards accelerating the completion of the Water Use and Development Plan of which your plan is the first component, and it's the most important component because you have a single aquifer. And even though it's not under our control it is a public source, and it does serve the public. And, and we have regulatory control over it to a certain degree. And your Water Use and Development Plan, once it is adopted, will be that regulatory framework over how that water is going to be parceled out, and used, and protected into the future so that aquifer is safe.

Now, that additional funding has gone to a consultant who is focusing his efforts on other regions in the County in trying to get those water use and development plan portions done, but that isn't to say that some of that money couldn't be used towards getting the Lanai plan to the point where it can be adopted by this body. I'm sorry Ron's not here, but he must have told you. He came to our last Water Resources Committee Meeting and gave us a thorough update. He feels that the plan, you know, and, and this is what I'm waiting to hear, he feels that the plan should just come

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forward. Stop waiting for the Department to cross the Ts, dot the Is. It will never be a perfect plan. It's not meant to be a static plan. It's meant to be dynamic. And, and that isn't to say that once it goes to the Board of Water Supply, it comes to the Council Water Committee and the body as a whole, that there is still an opportunity to fine tune it, make changes, listen to the community and, and, and see what it is that you think needs to be done to make it a better document.

So it's my understanding from the discussion we had at the last meeting with Mr. McOmber that what we're waiting for is for the Advisory Committee to vote to pass it on. And, and you guys have that authority. So if you guys think it's ready to move forward, that's what you should do. Don't let the Department hold you back because, you know, Ms. Kraftsow is a very academically oriented thinker, and, you know, I appreciate her thoroughness, but I don't think we need, you know, a doctorate dissertation. What we need is a working document that you guys can depend on and, and it needs to start moving forward. So, you know, if you would work on the Advisory Committee in getting that done that, that would help us move it pass the Department. And, and I think once that happens anything that needs to be done, any Ts that need to be crossed, any Is that need to be dotted, it will happen. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Gima, judging from your testimony, and thank you for your testimony and information, are you a member of the Lanai Planning Commission?

MR. GIMA: I used to be. Last night was my last meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Oh, okay. Okay. You sound like, you know, you're very up-to-date with your perspectives on, you know, what's going on with the different programs, I mean different projects here. So thank you for, well, thank you for your service on the Lanai Planning Commission. But I just wanted to make a comment. And Lanai is similar to Hana. When people come to testify, they'll give their testimony, then they support all the other organizations. That's what happens in Hana too. But I, I just wanted to say it's admirable that you do that. And especially for the preschool program here, I want to say the appreciation goes to the preschool leadership because to be accredited is not an easy process in Hawaii. And if you're not accredited, you don't receive as much benefits or potential funding if you're not. And Maui has a lot of non-accredited

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preschools. So I think the kudos and the applause, you know, go to the leadership, but thank you for bringing that up. Mahalo.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Member Molina followed by Chairman Hokama.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Chair. Good evening, Mr. Gima. You are a popular guy. Just very briefly, you touched upon the senior center and the uses, the other uses that are currently going on with the old center. For the proposed new one, what would you suggest as far as amenities or equipment? And, you know, I'm not educated in terms of what's being proposed for the center with the appropriation. Anything else you can suggest to us that you would recommend that could be added?

MR. GIMA: I can't think of anything off the top of my head. I mean looking, looking at the, at the plans and the, the increased amount of storage needed, the increased amount of floor space and the accessibility to, to and from the kitchen. So I took, I think they, they did a good job in the design utilizing, you know, what footprint they already have. So I was, I was, I was pretty pleased. I can't think of anything else to add at this point.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. So the current design is fine--

MR. GIMA: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --and it should meet the needs of the community overall?

MR. GIMA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Mr. Hokama?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Because you're part of the Water Committee too and there's people here that are concerned about our, our one aquifer, all these Members that are before you this evening also supported a budget amendment, part of a condition of approval for one of the Manele multi-family projects that came before us about three, four years ago, Butch, was the requirement that the County with the company's assistance and agreement would do a water, an assessment of the Lanai water system.

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And so we have put in that additional funds that the Department needed, and they're currently executing the contract to do a domestic water system assessment for the island of Lanai which would also, again, help the Water Advisory Committee and the Council when we go through the update review and finally approval of the updated Water Use Development Plan for the island of Lanai. So I just wanted to give you that update.

MR. GIMA: Yes, that would be very, very helpful for us.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Chair. One question, please.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Thank you. Mr. Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, Butch, you know on the 50 acres, the DOE, that you guys are discussing, is that the conceptual plan that we had put out back in 2000 when I was on the board or is this an updated plan, or where, where are we, what and where are we with that 50 acres?

MR. GIMA: The first phase is the six classroom building which the school has received appropriation for that, and we have met with the facilities branch in terms of setting up the design. So that, that first phase is in motion.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

MR. GIMA: The, the master plan, the school received a, a separate appropriation for the overall master plan process similar to what Riki was talking about dealing with all the entitlements; zoning changes, EA, surveying, community plan amendment. That has been really slow and like Riki was saying, and that's why we're trying to have him, they, they wanted to have a meeting to update the, the community and the school in August, but we're thinking about having one at the end of the school year and inviting the preschool, MCC, County, CDS which is an architectural firm, and the facilities branch of, of the DOE just so we can kind of see where we all are at, because right now all of our communications are either by phone or by email.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: So we're on our way, but the process has never gotten any faster?

MR. GIMA: No, it hasn't gotten any faster unfortunately.

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. Yeah, thanks, Butch, appreciate it. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Victorino. Any more questions for Mr. Gima? Thank you, again, Butch.

MR. GIMA: Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Kim?

MS. WILLENBRINK: Yes, Chair. Lorraine Dyer followed by Fairfax Pat Reilly.

MS. DYER: Good evening, I'm Lorraine Dyer, and I'm representing the Community Work Day Program. The leaders, the leader on Lanai, Reverend Bob Alpers who has a, he has a church service this evening and could not be here.

In June of 2007, a long awaited cleanup for Lanai City occurred. The three day plus, three week follow-up resulted in the removal of 2,832 tires, 389 appliances, and 990 batteries which was collected and shipped to Oahu to be recycled. Community Work Day Program enlisted high school seniors, local business, government and community members to fulfill the requirements of the small grant from the Solid Waste Division of Public Works. Community members have since suggested regularly scheduled bulk pickup, e-cycling and more convenient ways to be green and pono. Canoe clubs, Lions Club, and volunteers from all age groups continue to do litter control.

For '09 a Keep Lanai Beautiful Committee is organizing to seek precertification to become a KAB affiliate in good standing. Currently we are operating under CWD's 501c3 and will continue to partner with the Community Work Day as our County and State leadership office. I am asking the support of the County Administration and County Council in our efforts to make this next step of capacity building, increasing and diversifying our committee membership, and forming a closer alliance with the statewide and national network for technical and valuable resource support, sustainability through more Lanai island leadership, volunteer recruitment and education.

Lanai is a beautiful place to live and work. Community Work Day Program on Lanai requests your continued funding support as we grow

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stronger. Lanai will lead the way in demonstrations of best practices and measurable results because of the economical, social, and government service potential. It will be laulima, working together, that will keep Lanai beautiful. Thank you very much.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Ms. Dyer. Members, any questions for the testifier?

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Just one comment. Just one comment.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Just a comment from Mr. Hokama.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: Lorraine, just to let you know, again, I cannot tell you enough how much I appreciate all the Members here this evening. In the current budget they have supported this island by granting, just for Lanai specifically, a quarter of a million dollars to assist us with Community Work Day requirements just for Lanai. \$250,000 is what all of these Members have supported this island to take care of this type of request. So I just wanted to make you aware of that.

MS. DYER: Okay. I'll see that they get that information. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you again. Mr. Pat Reilly?

MS. WILLENBRINK: Fairfax Pat Reilly followed by Beverly Zigmond.

MR. REILLY: Good evening, Chair Pontanilla and Council Chair Hokama, and other Members. My name is Pat Reilly. I'm a 30 year resident of Lanai and a school counselor here at the Department of Education. I think just listening to all this after being here for 30 years and been through a process of coming to many community meetings, serving on the Planning Commission, you can take great pride yourselves, and sometimes it's deer in the headlight look as everybody asks for all this money, but I'd like to reverse it, and I hope you take pride in your part of what you see in this community, because you have, I see a very...*(change tape, start Side 2B)*...people in this room have a dream about what this community should be in terms of human development from birth to us old guys. They have a very strong sense that they can improve this community and make it a healthy community, and you play a significant part. And I hope that you can see your part in this process. And I know Chair Hokama keeps reminding, but it's more than money. It's the heart, the mana`o that you

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bring by sitting here and listening to us testify, and I think this is a tremendous team.

I want to only make one point. I mean I can say, well, I support everything that everybody said before me, but appreciate the capital improvement funds. I know funds are limited, and I'm quite concerned about the future of Council revenues, where we're going to go in the next few years given the economic situation.

I'd like to just say one thing that maybe people, you have a police program called the School Resource Officer. Excellent program. Excellent personnel. In the 30 years I've been here, I don't know exactly when it started, but for most of my 30 years there's been a school resource officer here, and that program has improved. And I think if you talk to Pierce and the people at the school how that individual works with students and is alert to what's going in the community and how that comes in the school, personally much better than dogs. I mean that's my own opinion. You have a human being that's highly trained that can relate to children and can relate to adults. Boy you can't beat that. You're getting your monies worth out of school resource officers. So if that's an issue in funding, I would say put a little money there.

The last thing I'm going to talk about is planning. Since we're trying to put this plan together, I've been a member of the Advisory Group for the General Plan for Maui. As you may be aware the --

MS. WILLENBRINK: Three minutes.

MR. REILLY: --there are many projects on line for Lanai from the corporation. Windmills, 100 windmills. The issue I think is we've got to move ahead with a plan, with a community plan, so that all of these projects, whether it's from the corporation or from individuals or private landowners in this community can be put in within a concept division. I think we need to get ahead with the community plan. I'm not sure exactly where the Maui County Plan is before the Council, but please continue to fund the planning process. And just one aspect of that planning, I've always been a pusher for disaster planning. We've met several times with Gen, we've had the State people over, but as we all agree if it hits Lanai, we're on our own. . .they're telling us at least 14 days. We do have some FEMA vans, here but --

MS. WILLENBRINK: Four minutes.

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MR. REILLY: --I think community planning is essential and with all these projects coming down I think a special district for downtown Lanai, and I know you guys, there's some instances where fast track permitting is useful, but we don't want to cut out the local input into that process. I think it needs to happen here. Thank you very much. Appreciate it.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Reilly. Questions from Member Anderson?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Hi, Mr. Reilly. Thank you for being here and thank you for serving on the General Plan Advisory Committee. You piqued my interest when you said a special district in downtown Lanai is needed. What do you mean by that? Could you clarify?

MR. REILLY: Well, I'm not sure it's needed. The corporation has, had a meeting last week, and they have discussed this for a period of a year of perhaps the Business-Country Town zoned area which is about six blocks in this general area to rezone it as a Special District in, in order to be able to revamp the downtown. These buildings are 1929, 1930 buildings. Every building that has to be destroyed becomes a historic building. So if the corporation wants to redesign downtown Lanai and invest the money to rebuild buildings, change the leases, one way to do that is similar to a 201H, right. You create a special district, and you don't, you apply different zoning criteria to changing and building that infrastructure. So that's the proposal. The, the corporation has that proposal on the table and is starting to present that to the community. Does that make sense?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Yes, thank you very much.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Reilly. Member Medeiros?

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Chair. Thank you, Mr. Reilly, for your testimony. More comments than a question, but thank you for everything you brought up. It's very good to know things that maybe we didn't hear tonight. But, you know, you did put some emphasis in saying how good the Police Resource Officer Program is here, and I agree with you. And I think too many times we don't have enough people, you know, writing to say positive things to the Administration about what are good things that are happening in their community. And I think, you know, something like this would be deserving of letters to the Police administration, the Mayor, and even the Council, you know, because then

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it encourages and motivates, you know, more support and funding. Too many times, you know, we, we see in the paper just the negative stuff.

MR. REILLY: I agree.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Right, and then, and, you know, communities like Lanai that, you know, something like this is really important to this small community. So for other members of the community Countywide to see that, would be encouraging. Thank you for your testimony.

MR. REILLY: You're welcome.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Medeiros. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Chairman. Good evening, Pat, and thank you for those really kind words towards us. It's very, it's nice. We like to hear some positive things upon us as well.

MR. REILLY: You know, school counselors we have, you know, we know how to, you know, you gotta be positive, man.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: You do, you do a very--

MR. REILLY: We're going to win this game. We're going to win.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: That's right. Thank you. Just to follow-up on Member Medeiros' questions about the SRO. Can you tell us in terms of the, the police officer is on campus pretty much every day of the year, and what specifically would you like to see as far as in increase and how the SRO is used?

MR. REILLY: Well, I'm not saying anything about an increase. She's a regular police officer, Officer Masse, who happens to be the officer at this point, is a regular assigned police officer. She has her duties off campus and on campus. However, she does have an office. She's assigned an office on campus, and I don't know how she or the lieutenant adjudicates her time, but she spends, every day I see her on campus maybe in the morning, and then she may have to go off campus in the afternoon. But the administration has constant access to her. And this is my own personal view.

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You are aware as an educator that the State Department of Education has Chapter 19, which is a student discipline code. As you read about in the paper recently, maybe on Oahu, actually it's a community, you, things do not stop at the school campus boundary. We're a total community, and if you don't learn, if you see anything tonight, anything that happens on Lanai affects all of us. We are so tight. We are so small that positive or negative we all feel it. So in terms of the school resource officer she has a lot of information about things going on outside in the community, and they know when maybe kids in the evening are having some problems, and that may come into school the next day, who, who is best alert on that intelligence and can immediately notify, so and so might have had a problem and if somebody's coming into school looking for trouble, that can be addressed immediately. That's what I see, the prevention part of that keeps this school a safe school.

I have to say that the administration and the SRO program along with the teachers make me feel that this is a safe place to work, and it's a safe place for kids. That's not to whitewash it and say there are no problems, but that kind of immediate attention, immediate attention to the little signals going to save you a whole lot of problem later on, and it saves you a whole lot of money, and it saves you a whole lot of time that can be allocated for education. If you're spending all your time doing discipline, you're not educating children, and it's important to have that environment.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Right. Thank you, Pat. And as someone who's very experienced in the education field I know, we know what you're talking about, that's for sure. And, you know, and, and to follow-up on what Member Medeiros said about if, you know, maybe dropping a line to the Police Department and just, you know, expressing your thoughts on the SRO program I think would go a long way --

MR. REILLY: I have no problem...

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: --for the Police Department's morale. Because just today I saw in the *Star Bulletin*, headlines on the front page, police killed man at Pearlridge Shopping Center. And it kind of gives readers maybe a possibly wrong impression of the police, and they have a tough job. So sometimes it's the media that they tend to print only the negative side of things. So whatever you can do I think would be really helpful.

MR. REILLY: I agree with you. Life is complicated, but you got to always got to look for people, the positive aspects that they're contributing to the

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team process, to a healthy life, to helping people grow up, and be happy, and be healthy.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: That's right. Thank you.

MR. REILLY: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Molina. Mr. Reilly, got one more question from Member Victorino.

MR. REILLY: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah. You know, you ain't going to slide out of that, Pat. Pat, you know, you mentioned about the company talking about this new plan and just for my clarification, and I'm sorry, are they talking about Lanai City, the old buildings?

MR. REILLY: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: None of them are historical buildings at this time; right? None of them have been designated; is that correct?

MR. REILLY: Well, my understanding is that, I'm not sure it's a State Code or a County Code, that any building over 50 years old has to go through a Cultural Resources Commission to get approval for destruction.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

MR. REILLY: Those permits, those applications to destroy some of these buildings have already been put forth --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

MR. REILLY: --to that council. Now, my understanding from Mr. McOmber who attended that meeting is that they deferred on that. But what you're talking about is the corporation's vision to rebuild Lanai City.

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, and, and, and maybe Chair Hokama can, can help me with this one, and, and you too, Pat. This has never been designated as a small town as far as that, Chair Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: The mainstream.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Mainstream, yeah.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: The Island is basically completely zoned. The properties in Dole Park and around Dole Park comes under Lanai Country Town zoning.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: So we already have zoning protections. And also we have architectural and height limitations as designated by ordinance in the Lanai Community Plan. So whatever they need to do is they need to still comply with two current laws of the County. The, the 50 year of age or older requirement of a historic assessment is by State statute.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: State statute. Okay.

VICE-CHAIR HOKAMA: And that it needs to be documented. It goes before SHPD in Department of Land and Natural Resources for review and approval prior to any demolition or construction.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. Thank you. And thank you, Pat, I appreciate it.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you Member, Chairman Hokama. Thank you, Mr. Reilly. Kim?

MS. WILLENBRINK: Beverly Zigmond followed by Marylou Kaukeano.

MS. ZIGMOND: Good evening, Chair and Budget Members. Thank you, first of all, for coming to Lanai and for listening to us and our needs. And thank you for your continued support for all of the agencies and programs that have come before you tonight, and I say specifically for the Lanai Community Health Center. But specifically, more specifically I'm speaking here to you for Women Helping Women, thanking you for the rental assistance program which my clients partake of, and for the line item budget, and your continuing support. What this does in part is help

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me to do my job. And I can see you all asking why would you want to do that job?

Well, I don't do it for the money. Despite Stacey's creative budgeting, it's not a high paying job. I don't do it because it's a nine to five, Monday through Friday, holidays, State and Federal Holidays included, because that doesn't work. I get calls day and night. Two Fridays ago I thought pau hana, cool, I'm ready for the weekend, and I worked with three women all weekend. So it's not about that. It's not about the glamour, it's not about the perks. I don't get a trip to Disneyland if I do the most restraining orders in the County. Negative perks, however--you know, I was thinking about that today, all the companies that come to the hotels, you know, the insurance companies and stuff--so but the negative perks, okay, the threats that I get from the abusers, the stink eye when I walk across the park makes me start changing when I go home for lunch, what time I leave my house in the morning, which route I'm going to take, okay, from home to the office. But again this is not about me. I want to tell you why I do this job, and I'm going to use three examples.

I don't have the support behind me. I had one woman come last year and testify, and she was mortified to find that all these proceedings were on the Internet then, you know, because it's public record. I'm going to tell you a story, a quick story about Annie. I've been working with her for about five years now and about a year ago she decided she had enough, and she left her abuser. About, a few days after that I ran into her, and I saw life in her eyes which I had not seen before. A few weeks after that she came to me, and she said, Bev, you know what, I've got more energy now. And I'm thinking to myself it's probably because she's not walking on eggshells all the time, and she's not having to protect herself and her children. Annie has now come to me and said, Bev, you know what, I know you don't have any paid positions in your office, but I'd like to volunteer. I'd like to, to learn more, I'd like to be able to help others. At my work place I have women coming to me and talking, maybe they know about my past, but I'd like to know more. And I'm so proud of her, and so delighted, and so happy for her that she has a life now. She's found her power.

There's Rosy who left her abusive husband after about 20 years, and I connected with her about three years ago. And I remember her sitting in my office, and I'm saying, so, what do you like to do? Where do you like to go? And she said, I don't know. I have never been able to have my own opinion, I've never been able to say what I want to do, where I want

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to go. And she really had a hard time with that. I worked with her over the past few years and now she's in a healthy relationship. And she says, you know what, I can say, yeah, I want to go to the beach today or, you know what, I'd rather da, da, da. And so to see that transformation and the healing on all levels beside the physical is just really another reason why I do the job.

MS. WILLENBRINK: Four minutes.

MS. ZIGMOND: And then there's Lizzie, and she came from the Philippines on a fiancé visa. And of course once she got here and, and she married her husband the abuse started. She was away from her support, from her family, from her friends. She didn't know anybody, and he burned all her documents. He burned her green card, her Social Security card, her passport. And she was mortified that she was going to be deported, didn't know what to do, where to go, and fortunately we connected. And through collaboration with other agencies I've been able to help her get her documents back, file for her self-petition, and she's, she has hope for a life again. So, again, these are reasons why I do the job, and I can't do it without your continued support. And I thank you as Mr. Reilly did for everything that you do. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any questions for the testifier?
Member Anderson?

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Thank you so much for the work that you do, and it's obvious it...is a work of love. Is there anything on the other side of the coin that can help men here who have anger management problems?

MS. ZIGMOND: I just really don't like that word anger management, but that's what everybody uses.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Well, I mean --

MS. ZIGMOND: Yes, I know what you mean.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: --is there a program for abusers?

MS. ZIGMOND: There is an anger management program. It comes from Maui. I think they meet twice a month, but I'm not really impressed with it, because I understand now they have some women in the program. They

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have to do them separately. And so instead of doing the hour and a half, which actually should be more than that, it is now 45 minutes for the men and 45 minutes for the women, and you can't learn to manage your anger in that amount of time.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: So it's just not enough to be effective?

MS. ZIGMOND: No, it's not.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you very much.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Anderson. Members, any more questions for the testifier? Seeing none, again, thank you very much. Next testifier?

MS. WILLENBRINK: Marylou Kaukeano followed by John Ornellas.

MS. KAUKEANO: Hello everyone. How are you doing? I was up here last year. I coach the high school tennis team. I looked in the budget, nothing for the tennis courts this year. Maybe we could look at that again. When it rains, we get big rains, the sand starts to come out of the courts. So that's pretty much a sign that they're starting to deteriorate up here. I've got 25 kids again, and we do a school program now with the sixth, seventh, and eighth graders, and they take, took 40 kids this year. And on Friday afternoons they teach them tennis.

Besides other things that we have, like, 15 to 20 volunteers that come to school now and take the middle school kids. I do basketball. We have archery, things like that. So there's a lot of programs that are being done that's not really, you know, in the Parks and Recreation that we could use some more help with. Little League baseball, we have over 120 kids involved right now. We have four T-ball teams, two coach pitch, four minor, combination of minor and major, and we have a junior team. And next year starting back on Lanai is high school baseball after, like, 17 years.

So we are starting to do a lot more for the kids on the island, so more into the Parks and Recreation would help a lot for the kids, especially tennis courts right now. Twenty-five kids on two courts, and they're, they're starting to deteriorate before somebody, you know--we don't want them closed, but, you know, we could use some help with them.
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CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Victorino, you had a question?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you. On these tennis courts when was, when was the last time that you can remember any work being done?

MS. KAUKANO: I have no idea to tell you the truth. We pretty much, the firemen come in and help us hose them down. They, they, they don't get power washed. We power wash them ourselves. I mean the maintenance that's done on them is pretty much what, you know, the community does. . .part of, a couple of my friends that play tennis and things like that. That's pretty much it. I have no idea. I think the last time they had the, they were like rubber mats on there, and then I don't know originally when they put the courts in themselves.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay, and then this problem with spacing as far as the Little League and, and...

MS. KAUKANO: Yeah, we have problems. We're all over the place.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, because you just don't have enough fields to...

MS. KAUKANO: Like we run the T-ball and everything in September.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah.

MS. KAUKANO: We, we have no space, and right now they switched softball for girls, so --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Softball and baseball run --

MS. KAUKANO: Well, they'll be running --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: --concurrent.

MS. KAUKANO: --baseball next year, so we're going to be even. . .we have the one field, and we're scattered all over the place with Dole Park. We

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practice at a soccer field, the old baseball field at the school here. We don't have a pitcher's mound right now because softball takes the pitcher's mound out. And so we have to, we just had to, we're still trying to figure out how we're going to get the monies for it, but we had to buy a pitcher's mound, a portable pitcher's mound to put in the field because now the season's the same time.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Right.

MS. KAUKANO: And we have to bring that out with softball. We're playing on Sundays. We're kind of rearranging everybody's time here.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: How many kids in Little League, approximately?

MS. KAUKANO: Right now we probably got close to 60 kids --

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Sixty.

MS. KAUKANO: --60 kids on the 9 to 12s, and the junior's team is another 15 kids. So at this time of the year we have probably about 75 kids involved with that from 8 to 14.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. We'll keep looking at this and see what we can do to help you.

MS. KAUKANO: Okay. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Member Victorino. One question. How many courts you have; two?

MS. KAUKANO: We have two. When the teams from the other high schools come in the, the hotels are nice enough to let us use the courts. So what I do is I split up the kids. I take the girls up to Koele and the boys stay over here at the County courts so we can get the teams in and out in one day, which is kind of nice for them.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Okay. Thank you. You had a question, Member Medeiros?

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COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Mahalo, Mr. Chairman. Yeah, thank you for your testimony. I remember you very much last year about the tennis courts. The two tennis courts here are public courts?

MS. KAUKANO: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And do you know are those Layco surfaces? Do you know what kind of surface they are?

MS. KAUKANO: John, do you know? I have no idea what they are.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. But you said it's getting sandy like, yeah.

MS. KAUKANO: What happens is when you get heavy rains --

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Right.

MS. KAUKANO: --the sand comes back up.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay. Do you know if anyone has made an assessment of what it will cost and what would need to be done? Because a lot of times you can just do, do, just reseal it, right.

MS. KAUKANO: Well, nobody comes and looks at them.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

MS. KAUKANO: You know, I'm the only one that, you know, because I know after the big rains the kids are sliding all over. We're pushing it, you know, it off and everything like that.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: And one of my questions which you already answered was if you were able to get the cooperation of the resorts --

MS. KAUKANO: Oh, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: --to use their courts. That's good.

MS. KAUKANO: I, I go, go talk to anybody.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Manele, Manele doesn't have any courts?

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MS. KAUKANO: Oh, Manele, what happened was last year we played at Manele because the courts were being resurfaced up here.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Oh, okay. Okay.

MS. KAUKANO: So logistically it was a little hard nine miles apart with the coaches and everything like that, but they've been great to us.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Okay.

MS. KAUKANO: They, they help us out all the time.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: Good. Good. Okay. Thank you for your continued efforts in trying to --

MS. KAUKANO: Trying. Keep trying.

COUNCILMEMBER MEDEIROS: -- get something done. Thank you.

MS. KAUKANO: Thanks.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Marylou. Kim, next testifier?

MR. ORNELLAS: Chair Pontanilla, Council Chair Hokama, welcome, Council Members. The tennis courts, four years ago we were here asking for those courts to be resealed because that's all it required then. Now you're going to have to retake the, the surface off and resurface it, because we, instead of just spending a dime to, to resurface the thing, I mean to reseat the thing, now you're going to have to spend a dollar to redo the courts. Plus the netting is, is bad also. Our, our County gym I don't think anything has been done since Linda Lingle was Mayor. It's really starting to look raggedy. It needs to be, be power washed and painted again.

Thank you for your continued support for the school expansion. I'm, I'm going to probably be dead and buried by the time our new school gets built, but we'll keep trying. I'm also a Police Commissioner here for, for Lanai. SRO is Officer Kim Masse, and I think she was the '07 top cop of Maui County. So that's how good she is. We've got some great cops here on Lanai. We're short-handed. We're short one, one sergeant and one patrolman, but we, they still do a great job going back and forth for courts, going back and forth for training and that kind of stuff.

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One thing that just frustrates the heck out of me when I go to my Police Commission meetings is our Police Department here on Lanai is the dog warden, the dog catcher. We're short-handed and, and our cops actually have to go out and go catch stray dogs when it's not part of their regular duties. They don't actually go out. It's usually when they get a call this dog is barking at my kid and is off the leash, and they actually have to go out there and go do that. Now I've been fighting for three years now on the commission trying to get the, you know, get this thing off the, off the Lanai Police Department's agenda here. If the Humane Society wants to have a presence here in Maui County, we pay taxes here, and they take money from the County, then they should be here. They should be here and take care of this, this dog control problem and not the Maui County Police Department.

I'm also a board member--Joelle would kill me if I forgot this--I'm also a board member for the, the Coalition for a Drug Free Lanai. Of course she went on and on and on telling, telling you what the CDFL does. And I tell you, she is a pit bull. She definitely goes, and she's one of the best executive directors that this group has ever had. Some of the things that she didn't mention, and she left, left it to me was what we support here on Lanai and what we provide money and support for: menehune basketball, Little League, girls softball, judo, the health fairs, the youth health fairs, Pineapple Festival, Aloha Festivals and Christmas Festivals. So it's a two-man office over there, and she runs all this stuff. And also, you know, she runs out and tries to get every nickel and dime for, for the CDFL. And without her, without the CDFL, Lanai will be definitely hurting. So if you could please continue your support to the CDFL we would greatly appreciate it.

MS. WILLENBRINK: Three minutes.

MR. ORNELLAS: Thank you. I'm done.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Ornellas. Questions for the testifier? Member Anderson? Oh, I'm sorry, Member Victorino?

MR. ORNELLAS: Oh, before I forget, when I was listening to Marylou, next time Shane comes home bring him to Lanai for the day. Our kids would just love it, our Little League kids.

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COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Well, you know what, I have something even better than that for right now.

MR. ORNELLAS: Oh, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Your Little League opening is April 5th; right?

MS. KAUKANO (from the audience): Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, April 5th; right? I'm going to bring over and if my wife will come with me, we're going to bring dolls, his little bobble head dolls for every player from Lanai Little League.

MR. ORNELLAS: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay. So that will be coming over, okay.

MR. ORNELLAS: Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Mr. Ornellas.

MR. ORNELLAS: St. Anthony go.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Next testifier?

MS. WILLENBRINK: Jeanne Mitchell followed by Gerald G. Rabaino.

MS. MITCHELL: Hi, I'm Jeanne, and I'm a second grade teacher here. And I just want, I'm here in support of, of what you do for Maui, Maui Arts and Cultural Center. Am I talking good enough for him? Okay. Sorry. What, what has happened here as teachers is we have to continue our education. Like a doctor we have to keep on learning and do things. All, because of the crunch in the DOE all the professional development funds have been cut. We have no money to go anywhere to get credits, and it's mandated we get credits, more credits every year.

Maui County, no Maui Arts and Cultural Center just this last weekend sponsored the most fantastic course ever--I get three credits for it, it's not done until June--but they have the guru of arts and drama and teaching

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classroom management here, and he would, I've never seen 40 teachers in a room not talk, you know. I mean they were totally quiet and mesmerized. He was the most amazing...*(change tape, start Side 3A)*...in June on Oahu, Maui, Maui Arts and Cultural is going to pay for our airfare, our car, and our hotel. And this would have cost us \$500 apiece. Three of us went and it would have cost \$500 apiece for us to do it, because there is no way we can get this kind of credits, you know, or this kind of exposure. We can do it online, you know, which is good, but this, I mean this guy, I mean you couldn't that online. He was amazing. And it was, it was a terrific thing, so I'm really, really glad you support Maui, MACC, I guess they call it. I'm glad you support them. Thank you very much, because it gives us a lot.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Jeanne. Members...

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, Mr. Chair?

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Member Victorino?

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Yeah, just because I don't know who this guru is, can you tell me what the name is?

MS. MITCHELL: Sean Layne and his wife.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Sean Layne.

MS. MITCHELL: They're from Washington, D.C., and they do these all, in fact they're booked out until two, 2010, you know, because they're so good at what they do.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: So they were able to come in, you guys came in, the Art, Arts and Cultural Center sponsored you folks, and you were able to get the credits and have this great class?

MS. MITCHELL: Oh, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Okay.

MS. MITCHELL: It's heaven and earth.

COUNCILMEMBER VICTORINO: Thank you.

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MS. MITCHELL: Also, I wanted to add to it. It is, is that Officer Masse on campus is just the most wonderful thing in the world. I mean you don't know what Lanai is. Lanai is, like, one time somebody stole a car and rolled it over, you know, and they didn't know who it was. And the police go, oh, it's so and so, and they picked him up. There's only one person--Officer Masse, you don't know how important it is to have her here in the school. She knows what happens in the community. One time she walked into my room and she says, this child's father was arrested last night, I'd like to talk to him. You know, and what a great thing.

And one more thank you. Over ten years ago I spearheaded the effort for the playgrounds here, all three playgrounds, and I wanted to thank you because you did matching funds of \$35,000 and now as a teacher, just new teacher, I'm seeing this and how great it is for the kids. And it's the only playground in Hawaii, Mr. Myers told me, that was able to stay up. When they went through and looked at all the safety things, it was the only one to stay up. So thanks, this is \$35,000 of your money.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any more--oh, question by Member Anderson.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: No, I just want to thank you, Jeanne, for coming and telling us about how important the MACC was in helping you with your continuing education because, you know, we don't get to see that kind of thing. We might get some kind of paperwork telling us what they're doing, but to hear you explain what an impact it is, is really important to us, because we give them a lot of money.

MS. MITCHELL: Well, you know what, I wish Mr. Myers was still here, because after watching this guy and being gone all weekend over there, I am so inspired, you know, to do such a great job with my second graders. I mean I just can't wait to go to the next one in June, and they're paying for all this. And also they're, they're dropping the price. See otherwise it would cost us 500 to \$1,000 or more to see somebody in person.

COUNCILMEMBER ANDERSON: Well, that's wonderful because then that enthusiasm goes back down to your children. Thank you.

MS. MITCHELL: Exactly. Plus it spreads throughout the school because there's three of us that went.

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CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Any more questions for the testifier? If not, thank you very much. Kim, next?

MS. WILLENBRINK: Yes, Chair, Gerald G. Rabaino, and then the final testifier we have signed up this evening is Lisa Kaniho.

MR. RABAINO: Good evening, Council. Thank you for being here, and I'd like to thank Medeiros, through Riki Hokama, for meeting with the Beach Park Council. Okay. I have three items of concern, yeah, that needs to be, needs your attention. Okay. I know it's not part of the County, but then again it needs to be thrown at you folks.

Being that we have the Expedition coming in, the security down there, because I do work down there, we need a dog down there. I know the construction guys have slowed down, but there are other means of drugs entering into Lanai, and to have a dog there and one person that would be perfect. So if you can muster something through the proper agency. I know it's not part of your jurisdiction, maybe the State, even though we have funding and pretty soon we going have that harbor grand opening with the facility near completion. Okay.

Secondly, I'm glad to see the Kaupili Road improvement is on hand. I remember about five years ago when we had the fire at Palawai Basin, some of our tourists couldn't meet their flights because of the smoke and the police stopping. So this Kaupili Road will make a difference, but I think you should also look at Miki Road which is a faster route to transport both the tourism and Lanai people as another alternative for bypass, okay, and if there's any funding in that area, whether the road belongs to the State, County, or company.

The other, third one would be the landfill which was talked about at last night's meeting at the Planning Commission. I was there speaking on behalf on certain issues. The number one issue would be the recycle center for plastics and bottles. There, right now they only take certain plastics that is acceptable by them and there's other containers that don't have the H5 cents or 10 cents on it that should be taken into consideration.

Lastly, the County housing, and I know I told Riki in the past before, and Riki and I, Riki and I go way back. Before he became Councilman we used to work together. So Riki kind of knows me quite well. So those are the areas of interest, and I would like to thank you for all the support, but basically the bypass and the landfill should be a priority. And lastly, the

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County housing would be a must for the island of Lanai for the non-employees of Castle & Cooke and other government agencies still searching for housing, especially teachers, policemen and other entities that are already coming into this community as the community grows.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. Members, any questions for the testifier at this time? Thank you very much for being here.

MS. WILLENBRINK: Lisa Kaniho.

MS. KANIHO: Hi, my name is Lisa Kaniho and, first of all, I would like to thank you all for being here. I'm here because I think we need a need for more senior housing. Right now we have 23 units at Hale Kupuna and I have on my waiting list more than 30 applicants. Majority of these applicants are from Lanai, and I feel so bad because I got to keep telling them I'm sorry, there's no openings, you know, and they want to live at Hale Kupuna because it's flat, there's no stairs, and it's easy and accessible for them to walk around. And I think that's such an awesome place for them to live, because over there there's a lot of community things.

I mean there's other people that come in. They bring, like in the morning in our hall we have early preschool that come in. A group of parents come in to teach their children before they're able to go to regular preschool. And I think that's a good mixture with our seniors, because it keeps them lively and healthy by having them there. And I think that there's so many people who want to come back to Lanai, and I only tell them, well, I only have openings when someone pass away, or they move away, or they can no longer take care of themselves. And it's really hard for me to say, sorry, you got to go someplace else, you can't come back home.

The second thing I'd like to say is I heard other people talk about the wonderful parks we have. First of all, I guess it's called, they call it the Rainbow Park. I guess it's a County park outside on Fifth Street. To me, I live at that area, that park is horrible. It's a danger to the kids. The sand is not filled to the right level, and I think the last time when Geri Onaga came here it was more than five years ago when they refilled it to put it to the right level because of, I don't know what's underneath, but it's dangerous because it's really hard and there's not enough sand for the children to play. And a lot of those, a lot of people in that area they let go their dogs and cats and that's where they're using the bathroom.

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You know, I mean even if we had a place where even the tourists could go to the bathroom, you know, during community time, I mean during regular business hours. Now the stores are putting up signs saying there's no restroom and when we tell them that they can go to the County gym because we have, I guess, Winter Pals, or Summer Pals, or whatever happening at that time, we're no longer able to let them in to the gym to use restroom. And they look at us, like, so where are we supposed to go? You know, I mean to have someplace that we can send them.

You know, I also feel bad because I also work for the County on my other hours, and I have to tell them, sorry, go look at Blue Ginger, go to Café 565. And I know they get angry with me, but there's no other place for me to tell them that they can go to the bathroom. You know, we want the tourists to come, but what do you say, sorry, no restroom provided. You know, if we had one in the community, it would be nice for them. Thank you.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you, Lisa. Members, any questions for the testifier? Seeing none, thank you very much.

...END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY...

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Kim, any more signed up?

MS. WILLENBRINK: No, Chair.

CHAIR PONTANILLA: Thank you. If there's anyone out there that want to provide public testimony at this time, the Chair is open for you to come up and testify. Seeing none, again, the Chair would like to thank everybody here tonight for coming out to testify on the 2009 Fiscal Year Budget presented by the Mayor. Again, we are here to listen to your concerns and to your needs, and in the next couple of weeks, in fact the next two months we'll be deliberating in regards to coming out with a 2009 County Budget. So, again, on behalf of all the Council Members that are here tonight, we thank you for your testimony. Thank you very much. So at this time if there's no more business, this meeting is adjourned. . . .(gavel). . .

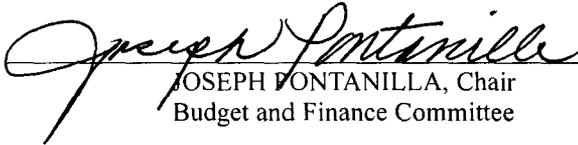
ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.

ADJOURN: 8:18 p.m.

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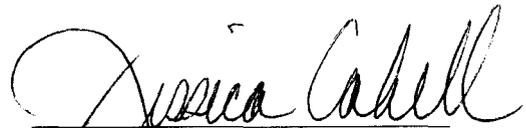
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CERTIFICATE

I, Jessica Cahill, hereby certify that the foregoing represents to the best of my ability, a true and correct transcript of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not in any way concerned with the cause.

DATED this 14th day of April, 2008, in Wailuku, Hawaii



Jessica Cahill