

## BF Committee

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**From:** Mike White  
**Sent:** Friday, April 20, 2018 3:30 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** FW: Opposition and concerns to Pickle ball on tennis courts

**From:** Apolonio P. Rulona [mailto:arulona@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 20, 2018 12:47 PM  
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**Subject:** Opposition and concerns to Pickle ball on tennis courts

Aloha,

My families and I are opposed to adding pickle ball on tennis courts. I have nothing against pickle ball or the players, but adding a lot of extra lines to the tennis courts have been very confusing, not only to myself, but to a lot of young and older players. A tennis court uses a much larger area to play compared to pickle ball. It's such a waste of space to have pickle ball on an existed tennis court, their courts should be in areas to accommodate their courts. It also seems that they are altering the nets, seems like tennis players are always adjusting the net heights and adjusting the straps when playing on a court with the confusing lines of pickle ball that was adding on a tennis court. The tennis courts has a lot of players that keeps the courts crowded as is and shouldn't be shared with pickle ball to make it harder to get to use the courts as is. Separate courts should be made for them, but maybe for now, couldn't the gyms accommodate the game? It seems that pickle ball was made to play indoors which also contains the loud sounds of the ball hitting the racquets. This is very much a concern for all tennis players.

Thank you, A.P. Rulona

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**From:** Wailea Palms Association <waileapalms@hawaii.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 20, 2018 11:31 AM  
**To:** Budget.office@co.maui.hi.us  
**Cc:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Wailea Palms, Letter to Maui County Council  
**Attachments:** Proposed Tax, Maui County Council, 2018-04-20.pdf

Aloha,

Attached please find a letter to the Maui County Council voicing concerns over proposed budget and possible tax increase.

Sincerely,

Bob Wood  
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April 12, 2018



To: Maui County Council

From: Wailea Palms Association

Re: Maui County Council Meeting, April 25, 2018

Subject: Mayor's Proposed Budget and 50% Tax Penalty on Non-Resident Homeowners

Dear Council Members,

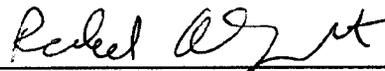
The Wailea Palms Association, representing 120 residential properties in Wailea, including resident and nonresident owners, **OPPOSES the mayor's proposed tax penalty of 50% on properties owned by nonresidents with an assessed value above \$1.5 million.**

While passage of this new tax would not at this time directly affect Wailea Palms owners, on principle we oppose it for the following reasons:

- It imposes an unfair tax burden on nonresidents who spend only part of the year on Maui (in some cases only a few weeks or months) and who therefore use far fewer county services than full time residents;
- It present an immediate and unplanned financial burden on nonresident homeowners;
- It will impact the real estate market in ways unknown but clearly negative;
- It will degrade the marketability and price of existing homes when viewed by potential non-resident buyers;
- It most certainly will have a negative impact on potential new construction; and
- It will have negative consequences on the overall economy which has just recently recovered from the recession beginning in 2008.

To single out a minority of citizens to bear the burden for services enjoyed by all residents is unethical and punitive. Our Association urges the council to reject the mayor's proposed real property tax structure and to approve operating expenses in line with reasonable revenue expectations consistent with necessary governmental services and elimination of unnecessary wasteful spending.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Richard Albright, Board president  
Wailea Palms Association

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**From:** Carolyn Loeffler <cloeffler@interpac.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 20, 2018 10:55 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** BF-1

It is extremely hard for anyone to digest that Maui County is contemplating taxing/treating biodiesel the same as petroleum diesel and gasoline!! Isn't our State aiming at reducing emissions and reliance on imported petroleum fuels? Isn't our State about creating local jobs and supporting the diversified sustainable agriculture?

Have you not looked at the positive effects of the waste oils being diverted from the landfills? Have you not looked at the positive that it has on other businesses saving costs that they do not have to pass on to our economy by not paying for the waste oils being removed from their restaurants/businesses?

Have you really thought this out as it is exactly the opposite thing that needs to be done!?!?! If anything is done, there should be more of an incentive to use biodiesels and strive towards the goal of being 100% renewable with our ground transportation by 2045 as agreed and committed to !!.

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**From:** renwicktech <renwicktech@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 20, 2018 12:33 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Fwd: NO to the Biodiesel tax

Aloha,

I am writing you to voice my opposition to the proposed increase in the tax on biodiesel on Maui. In 2016 Maui County decided to roll back the taxes on biodiesel because they realized that they needed to send a strong message of support for renewables and locally sourced fuel on Maui. If the county decided to increase the tax now, they would be showing that they are NOT serious about supporting efforts to become sustainable with renewable fuels grown on our now empty cane fields. I urge the county to review the budget and compare the amount of biodiesel sold vs the amount of petroleum fuel sold. An increase in biodiesel tax will probably bring in a tiny amount of revenue, while hurting efforts in becoming sustainable. Many legislatures across the US have proposed taxing sugary beverages in order to curb the amount of consumption... using this logic, your proposed tax would curb the consumption of biodiesel and hurt a budding renewable and sustainable industry. If the county is truly committed to supporting renewable energy, but cannot reconcile budget shortfalls without additional taxes, I propose the county to look to taxing petroleum fuels, which sell at many multiples of volume than biodiesel. I fill up my vehicle with 100% biodiesel for my 60 mile round trip commute and feel good knowing I am supporting a local business growing fuel on failed cane fields, while getting 45 MPG and emitting significantly less pollution than other cars on the road. Maui County needs to step it up when it comes to supporting renewable fuels, the local businesses that provide and service these fuels, and the customers who are voting with their money for a more sustainable Maui. I strongly urge the county to decide NOT to increase the tax on biodiesel.

Christopher Renwick  
Wailuku, HI

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**From:** David Colden <dc@coldenlaw.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 20, 2018 8:16 AM  
**To:** Mike White; Robert Carroll; Stacy S. Crivello; Alike A. Atay; Elle Cochran; Donald S. Guzman; Kelly King; Riki Hokama; Yukilei Sugimura; Budget.office@co.maui.hi.us; BF Committee  
**Subject:** Opposition to proposed 50% real property tax increase

Dear Maui County Council Members and Maui County Budget Office—

I write to object to the proposed 50% increase in real property tax for non-resident condominium owners with assessed valuations in excess of \$1.5 million. This proposed increase is a discriminatory application of the tax code resulting in an unlawful unequal protection under the law, is confiscatory in nature, and is economic suicide for the County of Maui.

I currently own a condominium at 4000 Wailea Alanui, Unit 2504, Wailea 96753. I have owned condominiums in Maui with assessed valuations in excess of \$1.5M since May, 2013.

This proposed tax increase is discriminatory of wealthy taxpayers, discriminatory of non-residents, and results in an unequal protection under the law. The rate of property tax is differentiated in some United States jurisdictions based on the class of use of the property itself (e.g. agriculture, residential, commercial, industrial). To my knowledge, in United States jurisdictions other than Hawaii, however, the rate of property tax within each class is not differentiated based on the value of the property (or the income or wealth of the taxpayer). The concept of graduated tax rates in other United States jurisdictions applies only in the context to income tax rates, not property tax rates. Even worse, in this instance, the County proposes to discriminate not only based on valuation, but also to discriminate against a specific class (in this case, non-residents). That discrimination clearly is unequal protection under the law and, under both the U.S. Constitution and Hawaiian Constitution, legally impermissible. The County's proposed action is even more legally suspect when one recognizes that the very class that the County proposes to discriminate against has no voting rights in the matter because, perforce, the class is comprised of non-residents.

This proposed tax increase is confiscatory in nature meant to "soak it to the rich." Yet, the paradox is that non-resident owners, by the very nature of their non-residency, underutilize County services as compared to residents.

Finally, the County's proposed tax increase will discourage the building (and renovations) of luxury condominiums (dampening work in the building trades which the Country so painfully has been trying to promote since the 2009 recession, causing a decrease in spending which will correlatively decrease general excise tax revenues, and continuing to lessen the availability of much needed housing stock), will discourage new buyers from entering the Maui County condominium market (thereby reducing prices for luxury condominiums which, in spite of the proposed tax rate increase, could result in lower tax revenues as the assessed valuations decline), and will incentivize existing owners to sell their existing condominiums (driving out the very owners who underutilize County services that the County should be encouraging to buy Maui property). None of this unintended consequences are beneficial to the Maui economy. Bear in mind, property owners do have alternatives. Even short of looking at property in other states, Maui property owners and potential property owners could just as easily own condominiums in the luxury resorts of Mauna Kea, Waikoloa and Hualalai on the Big Island or in Honolulu as they could in Makena, Wailea and Kaanapali. Encouraging wealthy owners not to own property in Maui is economic suicide.

For all these reasons, I strongly urge that the proposed increase in the property tax rate for non-residents on condominiums valued in excess of \$1.5 million not be enacted.

David Colden

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**From:** david mollena <mollena.david@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 20, 2018 7:09 AM  
**To:** BF Committee

My name is David Mollena,

Born and raised on the Island of Moloka'i, My families are all farmers and fishermen. I live on maui now and work for pacific biodiesel. I am strongly against the mayor's 23-cent per gallon on road tax for biodiesel proposed in the 2019 FY budget. Pacific biodiesel's mission has remained constant to promote a clean and sustainable energy future through the community – based production of renewable fuel.

The company is also involved in many sustainable agriculture related projects. Sunflowers as a potential year round feedstock for producing biodiesel. And hopefully it will create more jobs Island wide.

Electric vehicles are charged no on road tax. All of the state's mayors-including maui county's mayor-committed earlier this year to shared goal of 100% renewable ground transportation by 2045.

Biodiesel provides a ripple effect of benefits for maui county and the entire state.

1-locally made, keeping revenues in the local economy.

2-100% renewable biodegradable and non-toxic

3-reduces emissions by 86% compared to petroleum diesel.

4-reduces the state's reliance on imported petroleum fuel.

In closing I ask that you all look closely at the mayor's proposal on a 23-cent per gallon on road tax for biodiesel. Mahalo for your time.

ALOHA  
DAVID MOLLENA

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

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**From:** Margarita Viramontes <mviramontes@biodiesel.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 20, 2018 12:29 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** FW: BF-1

Correction FY 2019 budget

**From:** Margarita Viramontes  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 11:24 AM  
**To:** bf.committee@mauicounty.us  
**Subject:** BF-1

Aloha,

As a concerned citizen I am asking the county to approve a 100% tax exemption for biodiesel in the FY 2018 budget.

- Pacific Biodiesel collects UCO at no charge saving the local restaurants at least \$285,000 in 2017 and over 1.5 million in the past 8 years
- Our environment matters and climate change is real. Why tax something that reduces emissions by 85%
- Adding 23 cents tax on biodiesel would hurt our mission, we want 100% renewable energy by 2045
- Locally made, keeping revenues in the local economy

Please support renewables and approve a 100% exemption

Mahalo

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**From:** gaelaprice <gaelaprice@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 20, 2018 12:42 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Tennis courts usage for other sports

Hello,

As an avid tennis player on Maui, I am concerned about the increase of usage of tennis courts for other sports, mainly pickleball as the hot topic now.

The courts are currently so busy that many players are turned away. It is great they're so busy, keeping up the health of Maui residents!

But the harder balls and different lines will cause greater maintenance on the courts.

Please consider building some pickleball courts for those players. This will keep all players in harmony, promoting exercise and accommodate likely larger numbers of both sports players each year.

Many visitors come to Maui to play tennis and the marking up of the courts is not attractive to draw them here.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Gaela Prince

**BEST (BEING EMPOWERED & SAFE TOGETHER) - \$100,000**

BEST Reintegration provides a service model that addresses the challenges that individuals face as they return to the Maui community from incarceration. The goal is to provide support by increasing opportunities for the successful reintegration while promoting public safety.

**HIGHLIGHTS –**

- **110 unduplicated served/58 (annual goal) or 190%**
- **24/58 Pre-Employment Training** (syllabus from the National Institute of Corrections, 6 classes/2-hours. Prepare clients for suitable employment – career vs. job and to maintain work status. Fair and equitable wage, contributes to the community.
- **47/22 214% – Secured employment**, most with health insurance ✓
- **4/4 – Enrolled Adult Education**
- **106/25- 424% – Supportive services** (identification – birth certificate, State, driver's license, mitigate traffic fines). Clients are assisted to either remove and/or mitigate their obstacles to employment.
- **27/14 – Substance abuse assessment** referred by either parole or probation. Through this referral process, the successful treatment will assist the client to be better prepared to reenter the community.
- **14/14 – Completed substance abuse treatment** at Aloha House.
- **10/4 or 143% – Secured housing** through COM Rental Assistance Program.
- ✓ 1 F/T, 1 part-time and with a 6% reduction from the previous year. Able to leverage resources (Federal CSBG, Charity Walk, bonus/incentive from LIHEAP)

**ENLACE HISPANO – \$95,464**

Assist the Hispanic/Latino population to achieve self-reliance by providing them with education, outreach, intervention, referrals, and other direct services. Through this the quality of life for the Hispanic community and the general population on Maui will also be improved by fostering opportunities for inter-cultural experiences.

**HIGHLIGHTS –**

- **2,023 unduplicated served/2,000 (annual goal) or 105%**
- **Education/health information** – 388/245 or 63%
- **Translation/interpretation** – 311/400 or 78%
- **Community resources awareness** – 1218/882 or 138% (i.e. immigration update, limited purpose driver's license)
- **Children's education/activities** – 249/265 or 94% (IEP – Individual Educational Plan)
- ✓ Former client paying it forward

RECEIVED AT BF1 MEETING ON 4/20/18

PLANNING & COORDINATING COUNCIL – \$82,925

*over 200 seniors / over 55 clubs*

Program provides a Senior Coordinators to promote, coordinate, organize, and support the sixty (60) Senior Clubs throughout Maui County by assisting clubs with recruitment and membership enrollment, advocacy, education and social activities and events. One of the most important advantages of the Senior Coordinator is their role as a “gatekeeper”, listening to the problems seniors encounter, both individually and collectively. The services that are provided maximizes the opportunities for seniors to age well as it increases their socialization skills thereby remaining active in their respective communities.

- Aloha Kupana Luncheon -675; Senior Fair- 200; Maui Hotel & Lodging - 475

RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (RAP) – \$355,330

This aid allows clients the opportunity to stabilize their living situation (homeless, at risk of homelessness or in a dangerous situation). A maximum of six months, at declining amounts for each month or a cumulative total of \$5000 whichever is first is provided and the ability to pay the required percentage of each month’s rent, and the ability to sustain their rent after the last subsidized assistance has been provided.

In Maui County, the living wage estimator, calculated by Poverty in America Living Wage Calculator, (<http://livingwage.mit.edu/counties/15009>) shows that a family of two adults (one working) and two children must have income equivalent to **\$30.24 per hour** to support their family, if they are the sole provider and are working full-time (2080 hours per year).

**HIGHLIGHTS –**

- 84 unduplicated households served/ 73 (annual goal) or 115%  
✓ 240 individuals =127 adults / 115 children

- Homeless –3 households placed (2-Molokai)
- HUD –26
- Subsidized –7
- Utility deposit –11 (7 Molokai)
- BEST – 10 clients placed

- 31 ~~individuals~~ retained unit 6 months
- Credit report
- Monthly mtg. (bank statement, receipts)

*restore their hope :  
reach their potential*

- 31 have remained in unit 6 months or more
- Credit report
- Signed Client Agreement to follow through on all program requirements
- Monthly review of budget (bank statements, receipts)
- Follow-up for one-year



**Gerry Lum**  
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**From:** barbara.krahn@shaw.ca  
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**To:** Budget.office@co.maui.hi.us; BF Committee  
**Cc:** Mike White; Robert Carroll; Stacy S. Crivello; Alike A. Atay; Elle Cochran; Donald S. Guzman; Kelly King; Riki Hokama; Yukilei Sugimura  
**Subject:** Proposed Tiered Property Tax Rates

Dear Budget Director Sandy Baz and County Council Members:

We have reviewed the proposed tiered property tax rates and are providing some comments for your consideration. We do appreciate that costs for infrastructure development and maintenance generally increase, rather than decrease, and that these costs are usually covered through municipal taxes. Therefore, periodic increases in taxes are to be expected; however, the tax increase proposed for our property classification does seem to us to be excessive.

We own a property in the Wailea Beach Villas and consider it a great privilege to be able to spend time in our Maui winter home. As a consequence, we acknowledge and appreciate that we benefit from the County infrastructure and fully expect to contribute our fair share to the development and maintenance of that infrastructure and to the maintenance of other County services.

Consideration should be given to the fact that we contribute to the County economy during our stay on Maui and, in fact, for the entire year even when we are not living on Island. We do not rent our property when we are not in residence and, accordingly, earn no income in relation to our property. We endeavor to purchase goods and services from local merchants, vendors, and tradespeople, preferring to deal with local entrepreneurs whenever possible. As an example, over this past winter when we were on Island for approximately four months, our financial contribution for goods and services, including County taxes (in February), totalled slightly over \$100,000.00.

Maui has such a vibrant arts and cultural scene which we enjoy, and we patronize and support local artists, the MACC, the Maui Pops, Maui OnStage, Iao Theatre events, and local charity fundraising events, etc. Contributing to, and being part of, the Maui community is important to us.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

John and Barbara Krahn

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**From:** Joy Nelson <joy7maui@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 20, 2018 1:44 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** BF-1

Please reject the 23 cent per gallon fuel tax for biodiesel. That is the same rate proposed for fossil fuel, and double that of other more sustainable fuels. Biodiesel promotes clean, 100% renewable energy, which is a goal of Hawaii. It is locally made, creates local jobs, and keeps revenue here.

Biodiesel diverts grease trap waste from our landfills, recycling it for use in producing biodiesel. It uses used cooking oil and saves restaurants dollars by them not having to pay to remove the oil.

If this tax is left in the budget, biodiesel fuel sales will be reduced and jobs may be lost.

Joy & Don Nelson

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**From:** KeKai Kaleleiki <kkaleleiki@biodiesel.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 20, 2018 2:03 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** BF-1

My name is Ke Kai Kaleleiki

I have 13+ years of industrial welding and fabrication experience in the petroleum industry based in Honolulu, Hawaii. I have had the priveledges of servicing all major military facilities as well as multiple outer island post and training facilities, both Petroleum refineries, all major power plants, and The International Airport of Honolulu. I have extensive experiences and knowledge of the state's dependency on Petroleum Fuel. It comes as great concern to me to have to send this email about such a topic as to why it would not be a sound decision for the county of Maui to raise the tax on Bio-Diesel. I will address all the issues in the next few paragraphs.

In a time when the state of Hawaii is looking to be a model for our Nation in creating a sustainable, renewable, independent place. The county of Maui threatens to negatively impact these efforts by raising the taxes on Bio-Diesel for on-road use. The state of Hawaii as pledged to be 100% renewable fuels for ground transportation by 2045. By increasing the tax you would jeopardize that goal for the State by putting the States only Bio-Diesel refinery at risk by crippling their ability to sale the fuel made here in Hawaii on the county of Maui at a reasonable price to the consumer.

Pacific Bio-Diesel as been an integral part of the renewable fuels movement not just in the State of Hawaii but throughout the world. The Founders of Pacific Bio-Diesel Bob King and his wife Kelly King set out founding the company with the intention of trying to help solve the problem of pollution being placed in landfills on the Island of Maui in the form of Used Cooking Oil (U.C.O.). In undertaking this daunting task they were able to work through various obstacles and proved to be tenacious enough to push to be one of the first Biodiesel producers to have a pump for the general public in the nation. They also were able to address the concern of pollution from U.C.O. in other states and parts of the world by providing the knowledge and expertise learned in the design, build, installation, and operation of other Biodiesel facilities.

I don't fully understand why the county of Maui would place Biodiesel made here in the state of Hawaii in the same tax bracket as Petroleum-based fuels while other renewable fuels that are transported into the state are at half the tax rate of petroleum-based fuels, for the following reasons.

- Biodiesel made in the state of Hawaii helps reduce pollution in the form of U.C.O. getting into our landfills and waterways.
- Biodiesel sold at the pump as a much lower emissions rate than Petroleum-based fuel (85%)
- Biodiesel provides better lubricity for diesel engines than Petroleum diesel
- Biodiesel does not need additives to help lubricity that Petroleum fuel needs which in turn raises emissions
- Biodiesel in its finished form is a Biodegradable and environmentally friendly form of fuel while compared to Petroleum-based fuel is a known pollutant and environmental hazard

Through the continued development and expansion of Pacific Biodiesel, they have been able to make a positive impact on the state of Hawaii's economy through employing now of up to 100 local people. Giving fair competitive wages for the various positions for that wich Pacific Biodiesel provides intense job-specific training. They also provide multiple streams of revenue through the various projects that they choose to undertake to advance the field of renewable fuels in the hope to assist the State of Hawaii in the pursuit of

reaching our goal of being 100% ground transportation renewable. By Maui county pushing forward with the on-road tax increase, they would be jeopardizing multiple local jobs and increasing the state of Hawaii's unemployment rates and negatively be impacting revenue streams that multiple businesses benefit through the Biodiesel industry in the state Hawaii.

By Maui county leading the assault on locally made renewable and sustainable on-road biodiesel, this would just open the opportunity to debate the increased taxation for non-road use Biodiesel. Whether in on-road vehicles, off-road vehicles, construction equipment, or major utilities all these consumers of diesel could greatly benefit from the use of Biodiesel. However, if Maui county's proposed tax increase sees fit to be passed a good portion of the state of Hawaii may never see the true benefits of BIODIESEL.

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony

**Ke Kai Kaleleiki**

Operations Team Manager

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**From:** Lana Coryell <lane.coryell@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 20, 2018 2:08 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Please protect tennis courts

Dear Chair Hokama and members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

As a member of the tennis playing community who was born and raised on Maui, I would like to express my concern for Maui's public tennis courts:

Please do not support painting non-tennis lines on tennis courts, for any sport, especially the high-use tennis facilities: War Memorial, Wells Park, Kahului Community Center, Kula. Tennis players are already waiting to play at these facilities.

Tennis courts should not be designated as "multi purpose." Tennis courts are for tennis, as baseball fields are for baseball and golf courses are for golf. Tennis and pickle ball are NOT compatible due to distracting noise, court and net damage, perception of different rules of court use, etc.

Pickle ball players should have their own courts, so that they, too, can enjoy their sport to the fullest. I would like for us all to have a place to enjoy our sport. Instead of using tennis courts for pickle ball, please consider supporting the use of underutilized courts, such as Makawao and Haliimaile that could be repurposed for pickle ball and would have minimal impact on the existing and active tennis community.

This weekend, while playing on the courts at war memorial, I was again reminded how confusing it is to have multiple lines on the court. These lines are vital to the integrity of our sport. Tennis players make their own line calls; we do not have referees or officials to make judgements like other sports do. Additional lines add confusion. Every tennis player on Maui (and there are a LOT of us) wants a clean court. Confusing pickle ball lines actively make it harder for us to play our sport.

Fortunately, there is way for both tennis players and pickle ball players to be happy, but it is NOT adding pickle ball lines to existing high-use tennis facilities. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Lana Coryell

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**From:** Liz Buchter <lizbuchter@gmail.com>  
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**Cc:** prlcommittee@mauicounty.us; Mike White; Stacy S. Crivello; Alike A. Atay; Kelly King; Riki Hokama; Yukilei Sugimura; Robert Carroll; Donald S. Guzman; Elle Cochran; BF Committee  
**Subject:** Re: Today's testimony regarding Pickleball

Pickleball players are asking to have courts built for their sport. My tennis friends and I support this, however not at the expense of other sports.

Tennis courts are for tennis (county code 10-2). Tennis courts at multi-court facilities should not be converted to pickleball. These sports are incompatible.

Upcountry, pickleball courts could be built at Pukalani (next to the new skate park), Pukalani (adjacent to the football field), Hali'imaile (re-purposing one tennis court). Pickleball can also be played at the Kula gym which has room for three indoor pickleball courts.

Thank you,

Liz Buchter  
Kula

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**From:** Maria Bews <mariabews@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 20, 2018 7:28 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** More tennis courts

Aloha,

My name is Maria Bews and I am an avid tennis player from Kihei.

I would like to bring to your attention that on this side of the island as it is we don't have enough tennis courts. At Kalama park we only have 4, and at North Kihei most of the courts if not all are in terrible condition.

Depending on the time, we can have long waits to use a court at Kalama, many times I have seen people getting in heated discussions because the games are taking too long.

Please do not convert this courts into pickle courts.

Thanks,

Maria Bews

Sent from my iPhone

## BF Committee

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**From:** Mike White  
**Sent:** Friday, April 20, 2018 3:30 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** FW: Conversion of Tennis Courts to Pickle Ball Courts

**From:** Michael Kinoshita [mailto:mikekinos@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 20, 2018 10:23 AM  
**To:** Mike White <Mike.White@mauicounty.us>; Yukilei Sugimura <Yukilei.Sugimura@mauicounty.us>; Robert Carroll <Robert.Carroll@mauicounty.us>; Elle Cochran <Elle.Cochran@mauicounty.us>; Kelly King <Kelly.King@mauicounty.us>; Stacy S. Crivello <Stacy.Crivello@mauicounty.us>; Donald S. Guzman <Donald.Guzman@mauicounty.us>; Riki Hokama <Riki.Hokama@mauicounty.us>; Alika A. Atay <Alika.Atay@mauicounty.us>  
**Cc:** alan.arakawa@co.maui.hi.us  
**Subject:** Conversion of Tennis Courts to Pickle Ball Courts

To All Council Members,

I have been playing tennis on Maui for 61 years and have never had to write to the Council to voice my concerns about anything, but there is a 1<sup>st</sup> time for everything. I have coached MIL tennis, Wailuku Junior Tennis Club members and have been a public courts tennis for many years. When I 1<sup>st</sup> started playing there were only 3 courts at Wells Park, 2 asphalt courts at the Salvation Army and several courts in Puunene.

There was no junior tennis and no league tennis, only free play. Since then, tennis, as well as other sports, has grown tremendously.

I am also the Tournament Director for all USTA sponsored junior tennis tournaments on Maui. The Wailuku Junior Tennis Club sponsors the only USTA sponsored tournaments on Maui. We have, in the past, co-sponsored these tournaments at Wells Park, War Memorial, Kahului Community Center, Kalama Park and Waipuilani Park. We have also been fortunate that the Royal Lahaina Tennis Ranch and the Wailea Tennis Center have donated court time for our tournaments, since there aren't enough public courts for a couple of our tournaments.

To get to my concern, tennis courts which have pickle ball lines painted on them are very distracting to the tennis players trying to determine which lines belong to which sport. Sometimes it is difficult to determine if a hit ball is in or out because of the multiple lines. This is more important in Sanctioned Junior tournaments than in public play because of the State and National points awarded to the winning junior player.

Please keep the tennis playing public in the loop when decisions are to be made concerning conversion of tennis courts to pickle ball courts.

Thank you,  
Michael Kinoshita

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**From:** Mike White  
**Sent:** Friday, April 20, 2018 5:59 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** FW: Mayor's Proposed Tiered Property Tax Increase

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael Schneider [mailto:michaeldschneider@live.com]  
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 12:07 PM  
To: Mike White <Mike.White@mauicounty.us>; Riki Hokama  
<Riki.Hokama@mauicounty.us>  
Subject: Mayor's Proposed Tiered Property Tax Increase

I read with dismay in the Maui News the Mayor's proposed tiered property tax increase. My wife and I have been fortunate to have been part time residents and property owners for over 15 years. We already pay almost double (94%) in property tax what our neighbors pay (\$5.54 per \$1,000 valuation vs. \$2.86) who are full time residents with similar valued properties, even though we have no children in the school system, use the county's services as well as it's infrastructure less than full time residents do since we are only on island part of the time. The proposed tax rates would in effect increase our property tax an additional 31%. The Mayor is quoted as saying this will result in "paying a little extra"- a typical politicians response when spending other people's money! This is a big increase not a little extra. I understand that since we are not permitted to vote we are likely targets. When the first tiered property tax was introduced in Maui part of the justification was that taxpayers could write the tax off of their Federal tax returns thus reducing the effect of the increased property tax. Unfortunately the Federal tax law was changed by Congress effective January 1 of this year that limits the total dollar amount for property tax deduction to \$10,000. I suspect that for most property owners with second properties in Maui have totally lost being able to deduct any amount of their Maui property tax, thus raising the after tax cost by 35% ( tax rate). So in effect their taxes already just got a big increase. Now the Mayor proposes yet more taxes- enough is enough! I believe that this draconian tax will result in lower home values for everyone, with some folks selling their properties and well as discourage prospective buyers from purchasing properties here. We know from basic economics that an increase in sellers with a reduction of buyers will causes prices to decline. This will result in lower tax revenue for the county which will negate the increase the Mayor wants for proposed projects and in fact over time cause the budget to contract. There are a couple of proverbs that come to mind- "don't bite the hand that feeds you" and "don't kill the goose that lays the golden eggs! I find this proposed tax an insult with the Mayor telling us to go home which we will. The irony is if the purchaser of our home turns out to be a full time resident the property tax from our home would plummet- how does that help anything! I do believe that Maui is facing a serious problem and that is the lack of good paying jobs and careers. Most sources of income come from Tourism ( flourishing), Agriculture ( declining), and Real Estate/Construction (under attack by the Mayor)- this combination doesn't bode well for the future. I sincerely doubt that salaries in the service sector (tourism) and agriculture will ever be high enough to allow for

the purchase of a home- something that the hard working citizens of Maui deserve. What is needed and should be focused on is bringing good paying jobs to the island. The most recent annual CNBC report on the best and worst states for business ranks Hawaii as 49th- only 1 state with a worst business climate. What political should focus on is improving that climate, and encourage companies to bring better paying jobs to the islands. Better wages would result in more people being able to qualify for a home and increase the property tax base.

Michael Schneider

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**From:** Mike White  
**Sent:** Friday, April 20, 2018 6:00 PM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** FW: Real Property Division Travel Budget

**From:** Mitch Anderson [mailto:Concerned\_Maui@protonmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 19, 2018 7:54 AM  
**To:** Mike White <Mike.White@mauicounty.us>  
**Subject:** Real Property Division Travel Budget

Mr. White,

I really think the Real Property Tax Division travel budget should be scrutinized. There is a lot of frivolous travel--just check the records and see for yourself. There should really been an audit done of their travel and all other expenses for that matter. It seems they're only sheltered because the administrator is friends with the Council Budget Chair. Also, from what I hear the assistant administrator has traveled with his wife and paid with the P-Card just like the previous Director of Finance, and nothing was done about that. This same person bought a tax sale property after the department paid the the title search and flipped it for a \$90,000 profit. This administration has been playing the taxpayers for too long. Thanks for your concern and action on the matter.

Mahalo

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**From:** Pamela Dolin <pam@duwattselectric.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 20, 2018 8:13 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** pamela.torres@gmail.com  
**Subject:** TENNIS PLAYERS vs PICKLE BALL PLAYERS {WELLS TENNIS COURT CONCERN}

To Whom This May Concern,

I am Pamela Dolin, a tennis player, a captain for some tennis league, a mother of two kids that play for WJTC and a person who volunteers and coaches Wells Junior Tennis Club. I understand that pickle ball players want more courts. That would be nice but, Wells Tennis Courts are year round used by Juniors, High School Kids, League Players, and is the Main Tennis Courts used for Tournaments. We have players coming from the Big Island, Kauai, and Oahu and sometimes out of state. My concern is, if you put those pickle ball line it will confuse/distract the tennis players. We have enough frustrations and anger when a players calls the ball out. This will make us more frustrated and angry when we cannot figure out if the ball lands in the correct lines. {VERY DISTRACTING}

Other observations, I've seen with pickle ball players is that they leave their trash behind without throwing them in the garbage.

On day, when I was about to have my lesson, I saw one father who's usually friendly and likes to smile and say hello. I tried saying hello but he was so busy and unhappy cleaning the court at War Memorial. There where tons of pickle ball tapes and other trash left behind. I played at War Memorial many times and the court are usually clean, until the pickle ball players came. I basically, stop using the upper courts.

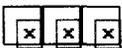
Now for Wells Tennis Courts. Upper courts at Wells have regular players that shows more than twice



a night. I don't believe they ever missed a day except rainy day. I might not like them taking over the courts at night, but kudos for them for playing and enjoying the company of friends. Also, I've seen Elderly playing at Wells on Saturday and Sunday morning and you don't want them to be confused and distracted with other lines.

The WJTC kids and parents take their time to clean Wells Tennis Courts, War Memorial Courts and KCC Courts just so, we can sponsor Tournaments and invite players from different islands. We Trim Trees, Sweep, Change Court Nets, making sure the net on the fence are tied properly, etc. No one gets paid and we just put our time to make sure our Kids and all Tennis Players have safe and clean place to play.

In conclusion, Pickle Ball lines will CONFUSE and DISTRACT the Tennis Players when calling if the ball lands in the correct lines. {Especially for the Elderly and Kids}

KEEP WELLS COURTS THE WAY IT IS...

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**Pamela Torres Dolin**

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**From:** Paul Albares <pwa\_easy@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 20, 2018 8:29 AM  
**To:** prlcommittee@mauicounty.us; BF Committee  
**Cc:** Mike White; Stacy S. Crivello; Alike A. Atay; Elle Cochran; Donald S. Guzman; Kelly King; Riki Hokama; Yukilei Sugimura; Robert Carroll  
**Subject:** Today's testimony regarding Pickleball

Pickleball players are asking to have courts built for their sport. I and many people support this, but not at the expense of other sports.

Tennis courts are for tennis (county code 10-2). Tennis courts at multi-court facilities should not be converted to pickleball. These sports are incompatible.

Upcountry, pickleball courts could be built at Pukalani (next to the new skate park), Pukalani (adjacent to the football field), Hali'imaile (re-purposing one tennis court). Pickleball can also be played at the Kula gym which has room for three indoor pickleball courts.

Thank you,

Paul Albares  
Kula

# BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH OF MOLOKAI



April 20, 2018

**Honorable Riki Hokama, The Budget Chair, and the  
Members of the budget & Finance Committee**  
Maui County Council  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, HI 96793

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*Aloha Chair and Members,*

My name is Kahu Ram-Japeth Olanday, Pastor of Bible Baptist Church of Molokai in Maunaloa, Hawaii. Thank you for taking time to read our petition. I was privileged to start Bible Baptist Church in January of 2017 with a few families. We are about twenty-five people attending regularly and our church is located south of the Maunaloa Elementary school.

Our mission statement is to evangelize the lost, educate Christians, and encourage people to grow. The Church has the unique ability to minister to so many that are emotionally overwhelmed, physically broken, spiritually confused, and mentally unstable. We work with the community through outreach ministries of the church to provide support to those who do not have the will to help themselves. Through Biblical based programs and preaching, we are able to accomplish this task.

In order to continue our desire to support the community (in specifics our young people), we need fifteen thousand dollars to build an extension to our Sunday School Building and do minor repairs to the others ones. This will allow us to start after school programs for the Maunaloa Elementary students, youth programs, music classes, addiction support, and more community development. We desire to teach the young people to abstain from harm and develop the mental discipline to choose live right.

Mahalo for the opportunity and for your time in considering Bible Baptist Church's proposal which will make a difference in our communities, island, county, state, and nation.

Because of Christ

Pastor RamJapeth Olanday & Bible Baptist Church of Molokai

Contact: PO box 45 Maunaloa Hawaii 96770 (808) 463-5758 [missionmolokai@gmail.com](mailto:missionmolokai@gmail.com)

## BF Committee

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**From:** Richard Dulcich <rdulcich@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 20, 2018 11:36 AM  
**To:** Budget.office@co.maui.hi.us; BF Committee; Mayors.Office@mauicounty.gov  
**Subject:** Proposed "Progressive" Tiered Tax Rate

To those who are proposing the new "progressive" tiered tax rate:

The new proposed "progressive" tiered tax rate is just another way to penalize upper end out of state buyers, investors and second home buyers and discouraging such buyers from purchasing. Result, hit on the economy.

It is unfair to create a new tax that discriminates against one class/group of taxpayers to pay for the \$820 million fiscal budget.

Mayor Arakawa said, "We're doing this to protect the working class residents who are having such a hard time out there." On Friday in his budget address he said it was a way to pay for the projects being proposed in the \$820 million fiscal 2019 budget. He's talking out of both sides of his mouth, one side saying to protect the working class residents and the other saying as a way to pay for projects being proposed in the 2019 fiscal budget. What is it Mayor? Do you really know what you are doing? Are you trying to make Maui County a Socialistic County? He also went on to say, "The group that we're planning to increase taxes for can afford to pay a little extra to help the local economy out."

I believe the tiered tax does the exact opposite. It will discourage out of state, investor and second home buyers from purchasing in the "Aloha" state. It will be harmful to the economy. The out of state, investor and second home buyers add a lot to the local economy. They support local businesses as well as national chain stores who employ local and collect and pay General Excise Taxes. They employ local as property managers, realtors, contractors, plumbers, electricians, house cleaners, landscapers, gardeners, etc.

Instead of more taxes, get more efficient on how the county is run. Make sure County workers are doing their work and be vigilant of bids and awarding contracts.

I encourage you to review the budget and eliminate wasteful spending. A balanced budget doesn't mean create a new tax to balance it.

Signed a resident of Maui County who this proposed tiered tax rate does not affect,  
Richard Dulcich

Sent from my iPad

## BF Committee

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**From:** Robin Hagen <rkh@ihmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 20, 2018 6:02 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Cc:** Robin Hagen  
**Subject:** Proposed tiered property tax

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> Budget Committee,

> As a residential property owner, and a widow on a fixed income, I am writing to express my concern with the massive tax rate hike proposed for owners of homes over 1.5 million dollars. Because of my home's value, I already have a high tax bill in relationship to home owners with homes of lesser value. A 50% tax increase in the value over \$1.5 million is massive and the 4.5% reduction in the tax rate for the first \$500 thousand does little to lessen that burden. I live in my home, it is not a vacation rental property. Myself and many others like me, are not the ones making housing prices high or the availability of affordable housing scarce on Maui. My house is over 25 years old, it or myself are not new additions to Maui. I did not come to Maui and buy up multiple properties to rent out legally or otherwise, reducing the number of affordable homes for working residents. I live here, I love it here, I support the economy with taxes, purchases and financial investments in the community. I do not think I should be treated any differently than any other Maui home owner. I don't want special treatment, I want fair treatment.

> Your assessment that, "only 2,177 would end up paying an increased rate" sounds like a small percentage is being unreasonably targeted to come up with more tax dollars. Trust me, it does matter to those, "only" home owners that their tax bill will be hugely impacted. Mayor Arakawa's statement that, "The group we're planning to increase taxes for can afford to pay a little extra to help the local economy out", is very presumptive and uninformed. Obviously, this will be bigger than, "a little extra". How does he know how his increase with financial affect people? Why does he think that our already higher tax bill is not paying our fair share? Does he not think that we don't spend and do and contribute in many other ways to our local economy? I find this reasoning very offensive.

> I understand the need to generate income so that our local government can provide needed services. I ask that you look at other more equitable alternatives to increase that revenue as well as taking a careful look at how and where the current tax dollars that are being collected are being spent.

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> Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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> Robin Hagen  
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> Sent from my iPad

Good afternoon. My name is Sonni Mark. I have loved Maui since my first of many visits in 1986. I'm thrilled to say my husband and I are now permanent Kihei residents since November 2017.

I became interested in and playing pickleball about 4 years ago and am very happy to be able to play it here too. It seems I have lots of company who share my interest in such a fun and very rapidly growing sport. In fact, there are many times when many of us are "warming the bench" waiting for room to play. This phenomenon is not exclusive to Maui. We see clubs and cities and counties all over the U.S. scrambling to meet the demands of their constituents and consumers.

Most recently, our previous home town converted one of their public tennis court venues (Jastro Park) into a pickleball venue in a progression of transitions:

1. Initially, they relieved us of having to draw chalk lines and painted one tennis court with pickleball lines which converted that one tennis court into two pickleball courts; which has also been done at Waipulani Park.
2. Very quickly, demand became so great that all 6 tennis courts were painted which created 12 public pickleball courts.

3. Concurrently, our (private) Bakersfield Racquet Club (2 blocks down the same street) converted our Championship Tennis Court into four permanent pickleball courts. Note: The tennis net was left in place to divide the pickleball courts.
4. All of the city courts and the racquet club courts are also lighted and used day and night.

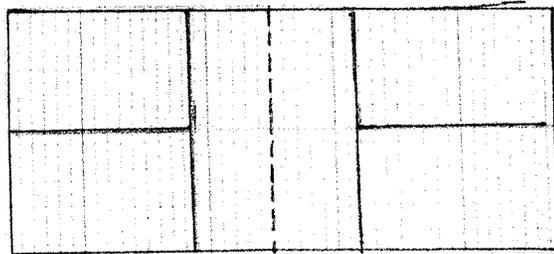
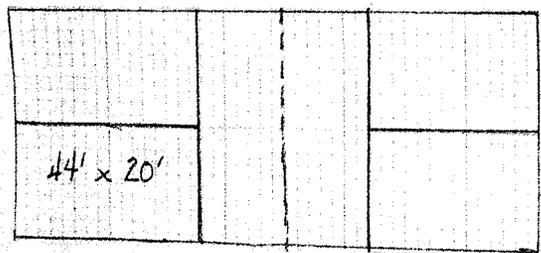
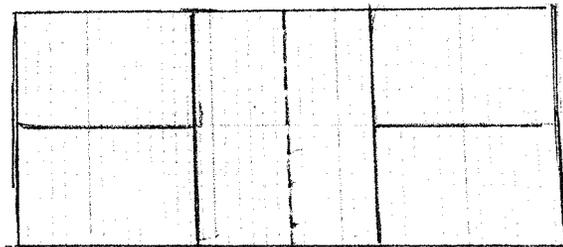
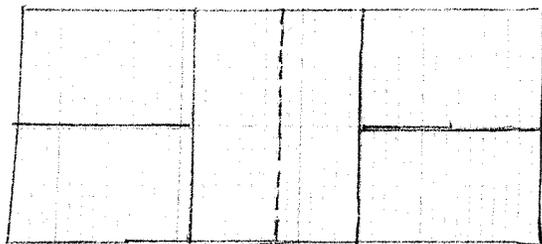
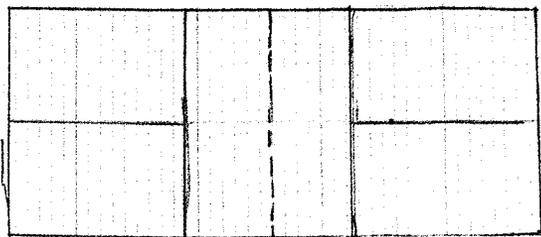
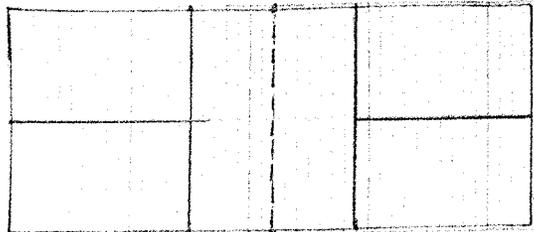
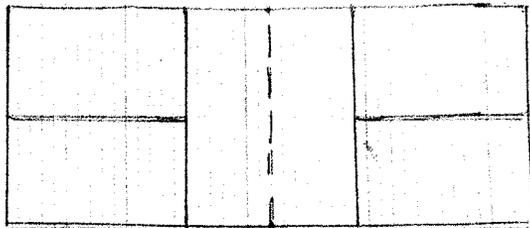
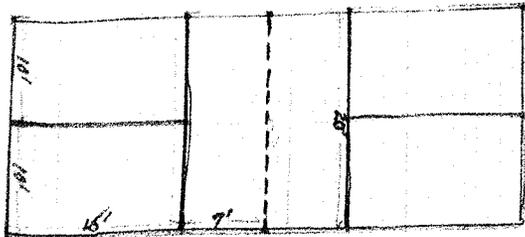
The courts at Waipulani where my husband and I most frequently play are similar to the public and private courts I just mentioned. I took the liberty of sketching (nearly to scale) a similar conversion proposal which was done in our previous hometown in California. The conversion of one tennis court into 4 pickleball courts at our racquet club cost about \$7000. Based on that information, we estimate the conversion of the two tennis courts at Waipulani would cost about \$14,000.

Thank you for considering making a permanent conversion of some of the tennis courts in Kihei and thank you for your kind attention and service to our community.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sondra "Sonni" Mark  
32 Lolupe Ln., Q204  
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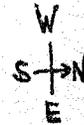
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## BF Committee

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**From:** Stephen Blessman <blessmans@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 20, 2018 6:05 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** BF-1

Dear Maui County Council members-

As a former resident of Maui County from 1987-1996 and a regular return visitor annually every year since then I urge you not to pass the additional 23 cents per gallon tax on bio-diesel fuel.

We rent and drive only bio-diesel, hybrid or electric cars from Bio-beetle when we are on Maui. Shaun and Pam operate Bio-beetle, a Green America national sustainability award winning car rental company, and all of Maui County should be proud of that recognition.

When we rent their bio-diesel vehicles we buy our fuel from Pacific Bio-diesel. This past winter school break our ten year old son researched sustainability initiatives on Maui to present to his 4th grade class. He interviewed employees of both Pacific Bio-Diesel and Bio-Beetle, took pictures of their operations, visited electric charging stations in Kihei and documented them, as well as the impressive windmill farm, and shared the photographs and stories with his class.

His teacher, whose grandparents live in Hana where she regularly visits, was beaming with pride at the impressive initiatives promoting a sustainable economy on Maui. For her, it was personal.

And it is for me and my Ohana too. My mother loved Maui and sent me and my family there as a graduation gift when I earned my Master's degree in Business Administration in 1987. We were welcomed by our hometown friends from central Illinois Doc & Ruth Ainsworth, Wayne & Royenne Hankins, John Barker & Barbara Exton, Gary & Loretta Meyers and George Brinner.

It was the Ainsworth family that brought the corn to Kihei and Wayne Hankins was Doc Ainsworth's farm manager. They were all close friends of my parents. Back in our little town of Mason City, IL (population 2000) I rode the country bus with the Hankins children.

John Barker worked for Wayne on the Ainsworth farm and did double duty at Mama's Fish House back in the early days and later became a master landscaper with many high end upcountry clients. His wife Barb Exton was a flight attendant for United until she retired.

Loretta Meyers was the CFO at a couple of semi-large local businesses and Gary sold shoes, as he had done back in our hometown, at the Ka'ahumanu Mall.

George Brinner owned and operated the Maui Outrigger, which is now Sarrento's on the Beach, Squeaky's Sandwich Shop in Wailuku and Kahale's. He is a well regarded painter

who has been featured in Art Maui and whose work has been purchased by the State of Hawai'i for display in public buildings.

Those of us who moved to Maui from our little farm town of Mason City, Illinois did what we could to contribute to the people and the aina.

My first job on Maui was as the assistant manager at Luigi's in Kihei. Later I ran Squeaky's sandwich shop for George Brinner in Wailuku. Then I got the job that truly brought me into the community- the Director of a small non-profit named the Mental Health Association in Maui County. That is where I began to meet, know and work with some of the people who work to make Maui the best it can be.

Being based at Cameron Center I talked with Audrey Rocha Reed on a regular basis. She saw something in me and took me under her wing. Stan Franco and I met when I spoke about community organizing to his MSW class taught by Dr. Susan Chandler at MCC. Later Stan was the best man at my Maui wedding in 1999 and is one of my best friends who I talk with regularly. Tony Taketani and I served together on the Maui United Way Campaign Fund Distribution Committee and he also did some legal work for my family. Lillian Koller and I were business partners in a real estate hui with Dano & Wendy Sayles and I also became friends with her husband Jeff Schmidt.

When Bob Johnson was the Economic Development Coordinator for the County of Maui he asked me to moderate a meeting involving the Maui Arts and Cultural Center, the Maui Hotel Association and other stakeholders to discuss populating events at the MACC. Running a meeting that included the participation of Mike Lyons and Pundy Yokouchi was one of my all time community service highlights.

At the state wide level I spoke with Senator Yamasaki about the funding needed to rebuild Children's Place mental health unit after it burned down in Pu'unene and was in the room when the \$600,000 was awarded. It is one of my greatest regrets that DOE and DOH couldn't resolve their differences and get the job done. As a trainer for the Hawai'ian Community Services Council on Oahu I was able to meet and work with legends such as Puanani Burgess & Poka Laenui in Waianae and participate in a statewide social services organizational planning series at the Hawai'i Supreme Court building.

And so I will stop there to say the opportunity to do the right thing presents itself again. It makes absolutely no sense to levy an increased tax on bio-diesel fuel. That would only serve to reduce the incentive to continue to develop the use of bio-diesel. As a farm boy I have to say that it is just common sense to take a waste product and turn it into something useful as well as save the expense and the space of disposing it as waste. The use of bio-diesel fuel is a win/win for the people of Maui as well as the environment. Please do the right thing and reject the unreasonable, unwarranted and unwise surcharge on bio-diesel fuel.

With great aloha and hope for your kokua- Stephen W. Blessman  
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Chicago, IL 60505  
312-846-1253

## BF Committee

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**From:** Susan Gianlorenzo <sue@kulalaniranch.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 20, 2018 11:28 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Please do not convert tennis courts to pickle ball courts

Aloha I am writing to request that you do not convert our already over utilized tennis courts to pickle ball courts. There is a very large community of tennis players in Maui and it is already difficult to get on courts that are available. I often play at all locations KCC, War Memorial, Kula, Wells and sometimes in Kihei and Lahaina. I often find that we have to wait to get on a court to play. Pickle ball requires a smaller court and can be set up in a parking lot. When lines are placed on the tennis courts it is very distracting. Please leave our existing courts to tennis only.

Mahalo,  
Sue Gianlorenzo

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## BF Committee

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**From:** Susan Miller <tututmaui@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 20, 2018 9:49 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose Public Tennis Courts converted to multipurpose usage

April 20, 2018

Honorable County Council Members,

Mahalo for the opportunity to voice my opposition to changing public tennis courts into multi use facilities.

I'm opposed to popular public tennis courts being converted to multi-use facilities. The county needs to solve pickleballers needs another way! There are plenty of solutions in the works in other states they can be easily researched.

Tennis courts by design are expensive investments and are not multipurpose surfaces. It's why the county puts fences around them, and signage prohibiting multiuser: roller skating, skate boards, baby carriages basketball, badminton, bouncing on the nets. Why change these rules?!

Utilizing tennis courts for pickleball is disruptive. The plastic ball clanks, and overtime, marks the tennis court surface which is made for tennis balls not designed for plastics.

Net heights are different and pickleballers routinely adjust the height using a "crutch" that pulls and stretches the nets - more wear and tear on expensive nets.

Another point of friction. Currently, the only lines that are supposed to be on tennis courts are tennis lines. Lines for 36- and 60-foot play can be added to tennis courts, but they must adhere to certain standards concerning color, spacing and width.

We do not want our public tennis courts marked with permanent pickleball lines. It is visually disruptive. And create a dangerous slick surface within the tennis playing area when taped.

With 68% of pickleballers we over 60, could the county be courting higher insurance costs or possible lawsuits due to injuries from falls?

If pickleball is fast growing across this ur country and Maui, the county needs to build pickleball courts — not ruin tennis courts trying to accommodate a healthy and growing tennis community.

Susan Miller, Makawao, Upcountry Public Tennis Court User

## BF Committee

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**From:** ted sheppard <shepsted49@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 20, 2018 9:05 AM  
**To:** BF Committee  
**Subject:** Property tax

I fully support the Mayor's property rates for second homes and investment homes. Policy action is needed to local residents.

Ted sheppard  
Kihei Hi

Sent from my iPad

## BF Committee

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**From:** Yuriko Rodriguez <adassist@jntmgt.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 20, 2018 2:14 PM  
**To:** Budget.office@co.maui.hi.us; BF Committee  
**Cc:** Jack Kofdarali  
**Subject:** Tiered property tax rates  
**Attachments:** maui.pdf

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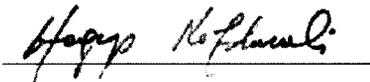
Thank you,  
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April 20, 2018

Dear Sandy Baz,

My name is Hagop Kofdarali, and I am writing this letter to express my firm opposition to the proposed substantial increase in property taxes for the fiscal year of 2019. I do not believe that it is just to penalize with more taxes for those of us who use our properties as a second home or as an investment property. On the other hand, I truly believe that we bring more value to the region by providing jobs, and more tourism. I urge you to reconsider this penalization.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Hagop Kofdarali", is written over a horizontal line.

Hagop Kofdarali