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TO: Mayor Rick Blangiardi

CC: Managing Director Mike Formby
Deputy Managing Director Krishna Jayaram

FROM: Council Chair Tommy Waters

RE: Response to Letter Dated April 4, 2022

This letter is in response to your letter dated April 4, 2022 filed as Mayor's Message 49. I continue to have concerns about the legality of the State and Local Federal Recovery Fund Awards Committee (SLFRF), but the intent of this letter is merely to request that your Administration allow the people access to important information and ensure the public a forum to be heard on any expenditures. My goal is that the residents of O'ahu have input into how the City is spending the entire $386 million from ARPA.

We respectfully request that you provide the public with the following:

- An updated dashboard with data rich information to include:
  - Project names, descriptions, departments, and ARPA funding justification for all approved, encumbered and expended funds
  - Detailed proposals that will be considered at the following week's SLFRF meeting
  - A publication of the proposals that have already been considered, including those that have been approved, postponed and not approved
- An explanation of the authority by which the SLFRF was created
- A justification as to why the public is not allowed to participate in the weekly SLFRF meetings and why there is no livestream of the meeting available for public viewing
- A list of all members on the SLFRF
- A list of meeting dates and times of the SLFRF, including any past meetings and upcoming meetings

Above all, I hope your Administration will consider these requests in the interest of public transparency. Mahalo for everything you do, and I look forward to working together to serve the people of the City and County of Honolulu.

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