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April 20, 2022

TO: DARCIE NAGO
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

FROM: COUNCILMEMBER ESTHER KIA'ĀINA

RE: PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENTS

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Esther Kia'aina", is written over the "FROM:" line of the letter.

Attached please find my proposed amendments to the following budget bills for consideration by the Budget Committee:

Bill 14 (2022): Executive Operating Budget – Proposed CD 2 Amendments

Bill 15 (2022): Executive Capital Budget – Proposed CD 2 Amendments

Mahalo for your assistance.

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EXECUTIVE OPERATING BUDGET

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BILL 14 (2022)

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DATE:	Wednesday, April 20, 2022
COUNCILMEMBER:	Esther Kia'aina
STAFF & PHONE EXT:	Patrick Cordova x85018
FUNCTION:	General Government
PROGRAM:	Executive
DEPARTMENT:	Managing Director
ACTIVITY:	City Management

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT	AMENDMENT				ADDITIONAL EXPLANATION
	POSITION COUNT (+/-)	AMOUNT (+/-)	CHARACTER OF EXPENDITURE	FUND CODE	
Add funding for current expenses. Amend proviso to read: "At least \$2,000,000 out of current expenses from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. 117-2) shall be appropriated to establish a death benefits program for Honolulu residents who are citizens of the Freely Associated States who were not eligible for the Federal Emergency Management Administration death benefits reimbursement program."		\$1,999,000	CE	FG	<p>This amendment increases the CD1 approved amendment by \$1,999,000.</p> <p>Though only 4% of the State population, Pacific Islanders have the third most deaths from COVID-19, making up roughly 17% of the entire death count. Due to Federal Law, citizens of Freely Associated States are unable to benefit from FEMA's COVID-19 Funeral Assistance program that is open to US citizens, non-citizen nationals, and qualified non-citizens. If accepted, this amendment would right a wrong that was created at the Federal level and provide an invaluable assistance and support to our Micronesian residents.</p>

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DATE: Wednesday, April 20, 2022

COUNCILMEMBER: Esther Kia'aina

STAFF & PHONE EXT: Patrick Cordova x85018

FUNCTION: General Government

PROGRAM: Executive

DEPARTMENT: Customer Services

ACTIVITY: Motor Vehicle, Licensing and Permits

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT	AMENDMENT				ADDITIONAL EXPLANATION
	POSITION COUNT (+/-)	AMOUNT (+/-)	CHARACTER OF EXPENDITURE	FUND CODE	
Add funding for current expenses. Add proviso: "At least \$75,000 out of current expenses shall be appropriated for a feral chicken control contract."		\$75,000	CE	GN	

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COUNCILMEMBER:	Esther Kia'aina
STAFF & PHONE EXT:	Patrick Cordova x85018
FUNCTION:	General Government
PROGRAM:	Planning and Zoning
DEPARTMENT:	Planning and Permitting
ACTIVITY:	Administration

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT	AMENDMENT				ADDITIONAL EXPLANATION
	POSITION COUNT (+/-)	AMOUNT (+/-)	CHARACTER OF EXPENDITURE	FUND CODE	
Add position and funding for salaries. Add proviso: "At least \$107,106 out of salaries shall be appropriated for one position to conduct archaeological work related to historic preservation issues and the permitting process."	1.00	\$107,106	S	GN	Given the breadth and type of permits the Department has oversight for, the projects they review often risk encountering 'iwi kupuna, historic properties, and other archaeological sites. In the past, lack of sufficient communication and coordination between the City and the State Historic Preservation Division have resulted in the desecration and demolition of 'iwi kupuna and valuable properties. Having an informed archaeologist on staff would provide in-house expertise for the Department to assist with identifying when actions may warrant further or additional review, communicating with SHPD, and making informed decisions so that DPP can efficiently execute their kuleana.

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COUNCILMEMBER:	Esther Kia'aina
STAFF & PHONE EXT:	Patrick Cordova x85018
FUNCTION:	General Government
PROGRAM:	General Government Facilities and Infrastructure
DEPARTMENT:	Land Management
ACTIVITY:	Administration

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT	AMENDMENT				ADDITIONAL EXPLANATION
	POSITION COUNT (+/-)	AMOUNT (+/-)	CHARACTER OF EXPENDITURE	FUND CODE	
Add position and funding for salaries. Add proviso: "At least \$107,106 out of salaries from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. 117-2) shall be appropriated for one position to focus on the acquisition of affordable housing for individuals and communities impacted and/or disproportionately impacted by the coronavirus pandemic."	1.00	\$107,106	S	FG	Planner V, SR24 at Step F plus 53.28% fringe for 12 months.
Add position and funding for salaries. Add proviso: "At least \$115,862 out of salaries shall be from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. 117-2) appropriated for one position to focus on improvements to vacant or abandoned parcels to support households or communities that have been disproportionately impacted by the coronavirus pandemic."	1.00	\$115,862	S	FG	Planner VI, SR26 at Step F plus 53.28% fringe for 12 months.

Restore \$100,000 in salaries that was reduced through the CD1.		\$100,000	S	GN	
Restore \$100,000 in current expenses that was reduced through the CD1.		\$100,000	CE	GN	

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COUNCILMEMBER:	Esther Kia'aina
STAFF & PHONE EXT:	Patrick Cordova x85018
FUNCTION:	Human Services
PROGRAM:	Human Services
DEPARTMENT:	Community Services
ACTIVITY:	Community Assistance

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT	AMENDMENT				ADDITIONAL EXPLANATION
	POSITION COUNT (+/-)	AMOUNT (+/-)	CHARACTER OF EXPENDITURE	FUND CODE	
Add two positions and funding for salaries. Add proviso: "At least \$222,968 out of salaries from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. 117-2) shall be appropriated for two positions to focus on the Home Ownership Assistance Program to support households and communities impacted and/or disproportionately impacted by the coronavirus pandemic."	2.00	\$222,968	S	FG	Planner V, SR 24 at Step F plus 53.28% fringe, for 12 months. Planner VI, SR 26 at Step F plus 53.28% fringe, for 12 months

Add funds for current expenses. Add proviso: "At least \$10,000,000 out of current expenses from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. 117-2) shall be appropriated to establish a Home Ownership Assistance Grant Program to support households and communities impacted or disproportionately impacted by the coronavirus pandemic."		\$10,000,000	CE	FG	Final Treasury Rule allows use of ARPA FRF "to further support sustainable and durable homeownership," and allows recipients to offer "down payment assistance, such as through contributions to a homeowner's equity at origination or that establish a post-closing, mortgage reserve account on behalf of the borrower that may be utilized to make a missed or partial mortgage payment at any point during the life of the loan[.]" "Homeownership assistance that would be eligible under the Community Development Block Grant (at 24 CFR 507.201(n)) is also an eligible use of SLFRF funds." If average award is \$20,000, it would serve approx. 500 households; or 1,000 households if average award is \$10,000. This program is different from the City's existing Down Payment Loan Program as these funds will be disbursed in the manner of grants not loans.

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STAFF & PHONE EXT:	Patrick Cordova x85018
FUNCTION:	Human Services
PROGRAM:	Human Services
DEPARTMENT:	Community Services
ACTIVITY:	Community Based Development

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT	AMENDMENT				ADDITIONAL EXPLANATION
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Add position and funding for salaries. Add proviso: "At least \$115,862 out of salaries shall be appropriated from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. 117-2) for a position to focus on the rehabilitation and maintenance of special needs housing."	1.00	\$115,862	S	FG	Planner VI, SR 26 at Step F plus 53.28% fringe, for 12 months I understand that CBDD administers almost all the City's homeless services, numerous programs that provide funding for affordable housing that serve populations earning 80% AMI and lower, and a 65 special needs property portfolio with properties across the City, many of which are decades old and have not been maintained well. Given CBDD's diverse programs and high vacancy rate, additional staffing, training, and administrative support is critical to stabilizing operations.

Add position and funding for salaries. Add proviso: "At least \$115,862 out of salaries shall be appropriated from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. 117-2) for a position to support the division's compliance with the various regulations and requirements of its nine current funding sources (Community Development Block Grant, CDBG Cares Act, Housing Trust Fund, HOME investment partnerships fund, HOME Consolidated Appropriations Act, Emergency Solutions Fund, ESG Cares Act, Affordable Housing Fund, State funds)."	1.00	\$115,862	S	FG	Planner VI, SR 26 at Step F plus 53.28% fringe, for 12 months I understand that CBDD administers almost all the City's homeless services, numerous programs that provide funding for affordable housing that serve populations earning 80% AMI and lower, and a 65 special needs property portfolio with properties across the City, many of which are decades old and have not been maintained well. Given CBDD's diverse programs and high vacancy rate, additional staffing, training, and administrative support is critical to stabilizing operations.
Add funds for current expenses. Add proviso: "At least \$300,000 out of current expenses shall be appropriated from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. 117-2) to 1) Assist with a division reorganization, update of position descriptions, and recruit; 2) Create standard operating procedures, and policies and procedures for managing, administering and monitoring federal and state awarded, housing and homelessness-related funds; and, 3) Train staff."		\$300,000	CE	FG	I understand that CBDD administers almost all the City's homeless services, numerous programs that provide funding for affordable housing that serve populations earning 80% AMI and lower, and a 65 special needs property portfolio with properties across the City, many of which are decades old and have not been maintained well. Given CBDD's diverse programs and high vacancy rate, additional staffing, training, and administrative support is critical to stabilizing operations.

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 COUNCILMEMBER: Esther Kia'aina
 STAFF & PHONE EXT: Patrick Cordova x85018
 FUNCTION: Miscellaneous
 PROGRAM: Other Miscellaneous
 DEPARTMENT:
 ACTIVITY: Provision for Judgments, Settlements and Losses

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT	AMENDMENT				ADDITIONAL EXPLANATION
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Reduce funding for current expenses.		(\$382,106)	CE	GN	

Date: 4/22/2022

Councilmember: Esther Kia'āina

Summary of Amendments Executive Capital Budget Bill 15 (2022)

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EXECUTIVE CAPITAL BUDGET

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BILL 15 (2022)

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PROGRAM:	HUMAN SERVICES	DATE:	Wednesday, April 20, 2022		
DEPARTMENT:	LAND MANAGEMENT	COUNCILMEMBER:	Esther Kia'aina		
PROJECT NUMBER:		STAFF & PHONE EXT:	Patrick Cordova x85018		
PROJECT TITLE:	AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR PANDEMIC IMPACTED COMMUNITIES				

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AMENDMENTS (Use if adding new language): Use Ramseyer formatting to show description amendments.

Utilization of funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. 117-2) to acquire land, plan, design, construct, rehabilitate, and/or provide funds for other miscellaneous costs for the development of low income affordable housing, including the development of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU), and any necessary related infrastructure improvement to respond to individuals and communities impacted by and disproportionately impacted by the pandemic including, but not limited to, populations below 30% and 50% AML; survivors of domestic violence; and those at-risk of or currently experiencing homelessness.

EXISTING PROJECT AMOUNT				AMENDMENT				PROPOSED NEW TOTAL			
AMOUNT	WORK PHASE	AMOUNT	FUND CODE	AMOUNT	WORK PHASE	AMOUNT	FUND CODE	AMOUNT	WORK PHASE	AMOUNT	FUND CODE
	L			\$25,000,000	L	\$34,003,000	FG	\$25,000,000	L	\$34,003,000	FG
	P			\$1,000	P			\$1,000	P	\$0	
	D			\$1,000	D			\$1,000	D	\$0	
	C			\$6,000,000	C			\$6,000,000	C	\$0	
	I			\$3,000,000	I			\$3,000,000	I	\$0	
	E				E			\$0	E	\$0	
	R				R			\$0	R	\$0	
	X			\$1,000	X			\$1,000	X	\$0	
	A				A			\$0	A	\$0	
\$0		\$0		\$34,003,000		\$34,003,000		\$34,003,000		\$34,003,000	

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PROGRAM:	HUMAN SERVICES	DATE:	Wednesday, April 20, 2022		
DEPARTMENT:	LAND MANAGEMENT	COUNCILMEMBER:	Esther Kia'aina		
PROJECT NUMBER:		STAFF & PHONE EXT:	Patrick Cordova x85018		
PROJECT TITLE:	VACANT OR ABANDONED PROPERTIES IMPROVEMENTS				

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AMENDMENTS (Use if adding new language): Use Ramseyer formatting to show description amendments.

Utilization of funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. 117-2) for addressing the impacts of the pandemic on disproportionately impacted households or communities through 1) rehabilitation, renovation, maintenance or costs to secure vacant or abandoned properties to reduce their negative impact; 2) costs associated with acquiring and securing legal title of vacant or abandoned properties and other costs to position the property for current or future productive use; 3) removal and remediation of environmental contaminants or hazards from vacant or abandoned properties; 4) demolition or deconstruction of abandoned buildings (including residential, commercial, or industrial buildings) paired with greening or other lot improvement as a part of strategy for neighborhood revitalization; 5) conversion of vacant or abandoned properties to affordable housing, greening or cleanup of vacant lots, as well as other efforts to make vacant lots safer for surrounding community; 6) or inspection fees and other administrative costs incurred to ensure compliance with applicable environmental laws and regulations for demolition, greening, or other remediation activities.

EXISTING PROJECT AMOUNT				AMENDMENT				PROPOSED NEW TOTAL			
AMOUNT	WORK PHASE	AMOUNT	FUND CODE	AMOUNT	WORK PHASE	AMOUNT	FUND CODE	AMOUNT	WORK PHASE	AMOUNT	FUND CODE
\$12,500,000	L	\$12,502,000	FG		L	\$4,501,000	FG	\$12,500,000	L	\$17,003,000	FG
\$1,000	P				P			\$1,000	P	\$0	
	D			\$1,000	D			\$1,000	D	\$0	
	C			\$3,000,000	C			\$3,000,000	C	\$0	
	I			\$1,500,000	I			\$1,500,000	I	\$0	
	E				E			\$0	E	\$0	
	R				R			\$0	R	\$0	
\$1,000	X				X			\$1,000	X	\$0	
	A				A			\$0	A	\$0	
\$12,502,000		\$12,502,000		\$4,501,000		\$4,501,000		\$17,003,000		\$17,003,000	