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Testimony:
Dear City Council: I hope you read and take my opinion into consideration. I oppose the huge increases to the directors. Especially when the hard working people below them never seem to get similar types of raises or pay. It's always been like that at the city, but it is getting way out of hand now with the huge increases.

One that jumped out at me was the Mayor's Office of Culture and Arts, MOCA. The lady, Kaila Trask Odonald at the last meeting said she deserves \$150,000. For what? \$150,000????

She couldn't even answer who, what, where when why or how she deserves that. She seemed to not know what was going on. I don't know how big her office is but I hope all the workers get more too if this type of woman gets what she asks for.

I not only OPPOSE Trask's huge salary, but also the other ones making \$200,000 as well or near it. I think all the city workers need a raise, not just the bosses making huge salaries.

Is she related to Mililani and Haunani? Maybe that's why she's asking.

Thank you for listening to my opinion.

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Testimony:
Add on for City Council testimony I submitted earlier. I also forgot to say, I also think the lady doing the mayor's Housing Office, Denise Matsubara I think her name was. I oppose her huge salary too because what housing do we have for the residents that she actually made since being there? Housing. Is so expensive and only if you get her raise of I think was also about \$150,000 like the arts office, can you afford to live where you want. What did she do to earn that kind of raise?

The last one I have to say is the band director. \$180,000 they said he's going to make. This is the weirdest one. How can the band leader make that much when we have teachers that can't even make near that and they reach band at schools for years!

Thank you for listening. Sorry for my two cents and my two testimonies but I forgot some in my first testimony and I hope you now know what people like me think when we are watching this stuff. Probably won't matter but thanks for listening. First time, but I will try call and testify if I can or if I get a ride I will try come down to. .

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Testimony:
Aloha Chair Waters and City Council,

Every year we go through this ritual.
Every year the Mayor has increased the budget.
When is there going to be a mindset to cut the pork and trim the fat?
It's also concerning to see the city allocating projected revenues with most of it from rising property taxes.

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