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Aloha,

A Notice of Public Hearing (Notice) will be published in newspapers in all counties, informing interested parties of public hearings to be held statewide on affordable housing needs in the State of Hawaii. This letter is being sent to you because you have attended a previous public hearing or you have previously expressed an interest in Hawaii's affordable housing needs. The hearings will describe certain federal funds available to the Counties of Hawaii, Kauai and Maui and to the State of Hawaii. These funds are the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds that the State administers through the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) and the Homeless Programs Office of the Department of Human Services. These HUD programs provide funding to expand the supply of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income families, restrict increases in homelessness, and provide preventative programs and activities for the homeless in the State. In PY2016, HUD expects to launch its new Housing Trust Fund (HTF) program, intended to complement existing federal, state and local efforts to increase and preserve the supply of decent, safe, and sanitary affordable housing for extremely low- and very low-income households, including homeless families.

The purpose of the public hearings is to collect input from the public on the housing needs to be considered in the Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2016-2017. The Annual Action Plan will describe the State's housing needs, funding plans, and certify program compliance of the HOME, ESG, and HOPWA programs, as well as the HTF program, if applicable. The hearings are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, October 14, 2015, 10:00 a.m.
West Hawaii Civic Center
Mayor's Conference Room, 2nd Floor
74-5044 Ane Keohokalole Highway, Kona, Hawaii

Friday, October 16, 2015, 10:00 a.m.
Office of Housing and Community Development
Existing Housing Conference Room
1990 Kinoole Street, Hilo, Hawaii

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Monday, October 19, 2015, 10:00 a.m.
County of Maui, Office of Planning Conference Room
Kalana Pakui Building, 1st Floor
250 South High Street, Wailuku, Maui

Friday, October 30, 2015, 10:00 a.m.
Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation
677 Queen Street, Suite 300, Boardroom, Honolulu, Oahu

Monday, November 9, 2015, 4:30 p.m.
Kauai County Housing Agency
Piikoi Building, Suite 330, Conference Room A
4444 Rice Street, Lihue, Kauai

We invite you to participate in this planning process and share your views on the housing and community development needs in your areas. Written comments may be submitted via fax to (808) 587-0600 by 4:30 p.m. on the day before the public hearing, or by mail to HHFDC, Attn: Planning, 677 Queen Street, Suite 300, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813. All comments received by the deadline will be considered in preparing the final Consolidated Plan.

Thank you for your interest in the consolidated planning process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Wond', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lisa Wond
Planner