



AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: September 12, 2023

Subject Maui Wildfire Relief

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Attachment(s):

1. City of Palo Alto Donation Staff Report

Initiated by:

City Council

Previous Council Consideration:

None

Fiscal Impact:

The fiscal impact will depend upon the donation.

Environmental Review:

The recommended action is not a project for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act.

Policy Question(s) for Council Consideration:

- Does the City Council wish to provide a donation to an organization in the wake of the wildfires in Maui?

Summary:

- On August 8, 2023, Maui experienced devastating wildfires that resulted in significant damage, loss of property, and displacement of residents and visitors, which has been recognized as one of the deadliest natural disasters in Hawaii's history.
- City Council directed staff to bring this item back for discussion.

Purpose

Discuss whether City should donate funds to an organization in the wake of the wildfires in Maui.

Reviewed By:

City Manager

GE

City Attorney

JH

Finance Director

JD



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Background

The wildfires that swept through the Island of Maui in the State of Hawai'i on August 8, 2023, resulted in a significant humanitarian crisis, with widespread devastation and displacement. In response to this emergency, multiple organizations have been actively working to provide immediate relief, support affected families, and address the long-term recovery needs of the community.

Discussion/Analysis

The Palo Alto City Council is currently planning to review a proposed donation to three organizations participating in the cross-sector Maui Nui Strong initiative, the Hawai'i Community Foundation Maui Strong Fund, Maui United Way, and Maui Humane Society, at their meeting on September 5, 2023. More information regarding their donation can be found in Attachment #1.