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MEMORANDUM

November 1, 2013

TO:

Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr., Mayor

FROM:

Gary L. Hooser, Councilmember

VIA:

Jay Furfaro, Council Chair

RE:

BILL NO. 2491, DRAFT 2, RELATING TO PESTICIDES AND

GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISM (GMO'S)

It has been brought to my attention and is being asserted by credible members of the community that members of the Kaua'i County Administration may have been communicating directly with a member or members of the Kaua'i County Council via numerous text messages during the active deliberation of Bill No. 2491, Draft 2 and while the Council meeting was officially in session on October 15 and 16, 2013.

Further, it is alleged that the nature of the text conversations demonstrated an intent of the County administration to influence the vote and actions of members of the Council on Bill No. 2491, Draft 2.

Please respond to the following:

- 1. During the October 15, 2013 Special Council Meeting in which Bill 2491, Draft 1 was being discussed, were members of the Administration who were present in the Council Chambers engaged in texting, or E-mailing Councilmembers while the meeting was in progress?
- 2. If the answer to #1 is "yes," was the nature of their communications such that they were intended to influence the direction of Councilmembers actions or the outcome of the deliberations?
- 3. Did members of the Administrative text then Council Vice Chair Nakamura, during the Council Meeting and discuss or encourage her to encourage other Councilmembers to support a deferral of Bill No. 2491, Draft 1?

A response by November 7, 2013 is requested. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Council Services Staff at 241-4188.

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