

EDB Committee

From: Ilima Smallwood <ilimasmallwood@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2019 12:04 AM
To: EDB Committee
Subject: Wailuku Civic Hub

Council Members,

I am writing to urge you to think deeply about what the residents of Maui really need. Do we really need a large parking garage structure with retail shops in the center of our civic town? I go to Wailuku ALL the time for work as I work in architecture and permitting. I have NEVER been unable to find a parking spot, regardless of the time of day and I am almost always able to find one within of a block of my destination. This civic center is not what the community of Maui needs nor wants. As our elected officials I urge you to listen to the testimony of the people of Maui and defund the Wailuku civic center project. Do you have any idea how much affordable housing could be built with the moneys slated for this useless project? We need to invest in our future smartly and this is NOT at all smart nor sustainable use of our tax payer dollars. We are presently, at this very moment in desperate need of so many things that this doesn't even come close to making the list. On the top of this list are: New technologically advanced wastewater facilities throughout the county to protect our reefs and our environment (one of the greatest assets to our tourist based economy), A new and improved two lane road to the west side, Elder housing and care (babyboomers!), Affordable housing both for purchase and for rent, additions/remodels to our schools so that they can continue to handle our growing population, updated/remodelled prison, dedicated bike paths for the thousands of tourists who come here for biking, new bridges and roads all over but especially north & east Maui, early childhood support for single and working parents, new and/or relocated parking at many of our county beaches and beach parks to protect the environment from people parking all over the often sensitive shoulders (makena, hookipa, baby beach, Paia Bay, etc.

Please think about the responsibilities bestowed onto you by the tax paying citizens of this county and don't waste our money on things we don't need when there are so many things which we do desperately need. Please vote to cease this project and re-appropriate the funds to address the housing crisis we are in the midst of, as well as those things mentioned above.

Thank you for taking this into consideration, I trust you will do the right thing.

Mahalo, 'Ilima

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