

EDB Committee

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Aloha Council Members:

I am writing to express my concern about the new proposed civic center in Wailuku.

Our island has reached some kind of tipping point. In the last 1-2 years we have become over ridden with tourists. The Aloha gets harder and harder to find. So many cars. No place nice for our locals to live and afford. Local people leaving the island to survive. Rich people buying up all the houses and land and building sterile monuments to \$\$\$ which they visit once a year.

Wailuku and that part of the island is one of the few places left where local people can feel at home and afford to live. Gentrification happens in big cities and works because there is somewhere for "the people" to go. Here there is not.

I do not think that the proposed design benefits the local people, the existing shops, or the culture and aloha of Wailuku. I agree it needs "sprucing up" but not to be turned into a suburb of the mainland.

Thank you
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