

EDB Committee

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To: EDB Committee
Subject: Testimony for Wailuku Civic Hub

Hello,

My name is Lindsey Gomez and I have been living on Maui for the past 20 years. I am writing to oppose the proposal of the Wailuku Civic Hub, which is estimated to cost around \$80 million to the taxpayers.

Though I see the necessity of revitalizing Wailuku Town and working on much-needed infrastructure updates, I cannot agree with a massive commercial development that will end up either gentrifying the town or massively failing and wasting tax-payer money. Either way, this structure does not serve to benefit the average resident of Maui and is a blatant misuse of county money, especially with the current housing crisis we are having. Mayor Victorino's support of this project only serves to show that he is out of touch with what Maui residents truly need. A structure like this is an outright shameful use of county money that is badly needed in other areas.

Also, having the one and only opportunity to testify in person on a MONDAY morning at 9am is not fair to the majority of residents who have to work during that time to make a living. Why is this project being pushed without giving the citizens of Maui a chance to actually participate in the planning process. It just goes to show that this is not a development being made to benefit Maui citizens.

Mahalo for your consideration on this very important issue.

Lindsey Gomez