

## EDB Committee

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**From:** Yvette Celiz <yceliz@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 21, 2019 11:35 AM  
**To:** EDB Committee  
**Subject:** RE: Wailuku Civic Complex

Aloha Chair Rawlins-Fernandez and Members of the Committee,

My name is Yvette Celiz from Lahaina, Maui. I oppose the building of the Wailuku Civic Complex and strongly urge you to pull funding from this project. It is not an absolute necessity to create more shops and offices, and to have a paid parking garage. This should not be a priority to spend \$84 million of taxpayer dollars, plus \$6 million annually. I urge you to prioritize funding for more urgent issues, especially affordable housing. West Maui generates millions in revenue from tourism and the hotel room tax, while our local workers are struggling to get by with the exorbitant cost of housing. I would also like to see improved infrastructure for our residents and visitors to benefit from, such as improved transportation, highways, and wastewater systems. All I am saying is that there are a LOT more issues that are a bigger priority and we should focus our funding on these urgent issues rather than spending \$84 million on more shops and offices.

Mahalo for your consideration,  
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