

EDB Committee

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Dear Council Members,

I do not believe that the proposed Wailuku urbanization structure is in the best interest of our community.

I was stunned when the former council passed the funding in December 2018 when 95% of the testimony was against the funding. Local folks took days off of work to testify and the council turns around and quickly passes the funding. How could they have had the time to digest the testimony? It looked like a done deal.

I have many friends who own property in Wailuku and they had not heard of the proposed renovations. Which leads me to think that not many informational meetings were held in Wailuku. I live Upcountry but frequent Wailuku town and I had not heard of any meetings except after the funding was passed and planning department was meeting with the property owners in Wailuku. It is a if the public had no input into the process.

I love the feel and architecture of old Wailuku town. I think there is a more creative approach to the county employee parking issues rather than building a huge parking structure. The building of the proposed structure will run small businesses out of town, if fact, a few have already left.

Look at the the problems that Kaahumanu Center has with their parking structure and keeping the customers safe in lieu of a recent armed robbery. I don't feel safe parking there. Who is going to pay to police the new structure?

Maui has many pressing issues with affordable housing, homelessness, inadequate infrastructure and the list is growing. My property taxes jumped 30% last year, rubbish went up, again, water bill increased, car registration increased and I am a retired State employee and my retirement income did not increase. I think we as a community can make better use of our taxes than building this structure. After all, the developers are the ones who are going to benefit.

Thank you for your time in this matter

Yours,

Patricia Goff-Williams