

EDB Committee

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Aloha committee members,

I am emailing to support the idea of significantly reducing the funding of the Wailuku Civic Complex to include only what is necessary (infrastructure improvements) to keep the community running smoothly. The amount of money proposed for this project previously is exorbitant and is not an expedient use of county funds.

Instead of developing Wailuku Town in ways that will invite more tourism and gentrification to our precious historic areas, it would be great to use the funding to provide much-needed supports to elements that improve quality of life for residents - including our most vulnerable, at-risk populations. This could include supports and incentives for small, local businesses to operate in some of the empty storefronts, acquiring and renovating a building to offer showers and services to the homeless (as O'ahu has recently begun to do), and continuing to support the arts and events that bring our community out to enjoy Wailuku Town.

With so many people in crisis on Maui right now, spending \$84M or more on a parking structure and plan that would most likely gentrify yet another neighborhood and displace small, local businesses and residents by pricing them out of the area would be a terrible waste of money that could cause damage to the community for the foreseeable future. Mahalo for taking time to review and rethink this project!

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