

EDB Committee

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Aloha,

I am Gabe Johnson a Lana'i City Resident and I am here to state my opposition of the Wailuku Civic Hub. First, the sheer cost makes it prohibitive. \$84 million is just too high for a project that doesn't focus on the needs of the community. I understand that construction brings a big boom of good paying jobs. I also support our union construction workers from electricians to carpenters who stand to make a decent wage during construction. But then what? Retail Jobs? Parking lot attendants? These jobs will cost County hidden fees when people who work such low paying jobs must ask for assistance from the State and local government agencies.

Secondly, I don't like the way it was done. It seems that this project was rammed through the County without proper discourse. A large project like this must leave no stone unturned, and all involved must feel that they have had a say. This is why I support the new resolution by Council member Keani Rawlins-Fernandez that defunds this project.
Mahalo

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