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I support defunding the Wailuku civic complex and parking structure projects. The amount of Maui county residents and businesses that will benefit from this type of structure will be limited. Developers always do a good job at marketing new projects that will benefit the whole community. Nice poster boards and pamphlets make it an easy sell when shown in the wrong context. If the information pamphlet said that the budget breakdown would say we will budget \$84 million for a Wailuku complex, and then have \$2.6 million for environmental protection programs and only \$1 million for Affordable rental housing, it might raise more questions from the beginning. Only the developers and contractors will benefit. Words like “revitalize”, “reinvent”, “recreate” Wailuku town is just words to confuse us. The county residents will then have to take into account the maintenance and operating cost of this type of facility. I heard of estimates of \$6 million annually, which would then have to be added to the budget. There will not be enough people and events to attract that kind of income to even pay for the operational and maintenance cost. A good example is the Hawaii Convention Center. Back in October 2018, they were seeking \$53 million for maintenance and upgrades. The county representatives should really put a stop to these types of so called projects that sounds exciting, but will end up as a huge burden for the residents. This type of burden will be thrust upon our future tax payers, and county council members will then have to add this to the list of budget items to address. Once again, I support defunding the Wailuku civic complex and parking structure projects.

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