EDB Committee EDB-76

From: Kelly King

Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 9:35 AM

To: EDB Committee

Subject: FW: Please vote NO Part 1B downtown Wailuku improvements

With Aloha,



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Subject: Please vote NO Part 1B downtown Wailuku improvements

Dear Councilmember King:

I respectfully urge you to vote NO on defunding the parking structure that is Part 1B of improvements to the downtown Wailuku area.

My business neighbor Terri Erwin testified to the importance of this project at last week's hearing—for a second time in six months, closing her business during work hours in order to speak on behalf of herself and other small business owners (including myself) we've spoken with who know from hard experience the struggle it is to earn a living in Wailuku. We've lost count of the small businesses we've seen come and go since we first opened in 2012 & 2015 on Central Avenue.

A vote to defund may very well be the nail in the coffin on hopes for Wailuku's "comeback," which has been the tantalizing vision, just over the horizon, for the entire 5 years of my business life. Defunding is UNPRECEDENTED. It is also a clear STATEMENT against the dreams and plans and groundwork laid by so many community members who have held out such hope for a thriving Wailuku.

Please vote NO to defunding critical parking infrastructure in Wailuku.

Thank you, Dr. Deborah McMenemy, L.Ac., DAOM

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