

Resolution 21-127, Proposed CD1 Testimony

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July 2, 2021

The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair & Presiding Officer
Honolulu City Council
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530 S. King Street
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RE: Resolution 21-127 Proposed CD1 - Approving an Application for a Major Modification to Plan Review Use Permit No. 2009/PRU-3 to Allow for the Expansion of the University of Hawaii Manoa Campus Boundaries and Construction of the Atherton Mixed-Use Student Housing Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center – In Support

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127 Proposed CD1.

As a long time Manoa resident and former Director of Capital Improvements of the University of Hawaii system, I'm pleased that the University is executing their Hawaii Innovation Initiative to build a thriving innovation, research, education and training enterprise in Hawaii that will develop a third major economic sector for the state, create high-quality living-wage jobs and address the challenges and opportunities faced by Hawaii and the world. The project also incorporates much needed student housing. This integrated live, learn, work innovation center is an exciting project which will provide local students an educational opportunity found in very few global universities.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask that you approve this resolution.

Sincerely,



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Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127 Proposed CD1.

As an alumni of the PACE program, I support this because the project offers the opportunity for local students from multiple disciplines to engage in entrepreneurial education in an integrated live, learn, work innovation center

For these reasons, I urge you to approve this resolution.

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Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony The RISE building will provide a space for students of diverse backgrounds and disciplines to gather and collaborate on their entrepreneurial endeavors. This new building also addresses the need for a student housing space close to campus. The space will foster a more walking/biking reliant student body which will ease the parking situation. All in all, RISE will house a new generation of student entrepreneurs that will diversify our stagnant economy.

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As a born and raised local boy, I went to the Shidler School of Business, eventually leaving for Silicon Valley when I was 40. I have had a career in technology with both start-ups and very large companies, mostly in senior executive roles either as the CEO or working directly for the CEO. I am on the Board of Directors of the UH Shidler Pacific Asian Center for Entrepreneurship.

Written Testimony

I am a strong supporter of RISE and highly recommend the City Council's support of this mission-critical program. As my home state struggles with a very narrow economy, alternative industries are difficult to enable in a global economy where markets search out the best-in-class at a world level, often leaving Hawaii with its best-in-class tourism industry. There might be many small ideas but to feed our expansive employment and tax base needs, Hawaii needs something with more horsepower.

Small business has always been the backbone of our country. Plus, in Hawaii, it is very much a part of our immigrant culture to run a small business. It creates jobs, allows citizens to manage their destiny which in turn creates a more satisfied community, and is a big enough tax base to matter in our state's economy. Most importantly, individually, a small company can be best-in-class for the market it seeks to serve but all the small businesses in amalgamation, are an economic force.

This is what RISE is envisioned to create for our local economy. I encourage you to see it for what it promises to be and support its mission.

You're truly,
Eric Tom

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Dear Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'āina, and Members of the Committee:

I was born and raised in Mānoa within short walk from the Atherton House. As a student of UH Mānoa for undergrad and now law student at the William S. Richardson School of Law, I have been a beneficiary of programs aimed to train and empower the next generation of leaders in Hawai'i. The emerging cadre of leaders in Hawai'i are tasked with building a more resilient and sustainable future as we tackle a climate crisis.

Written Testimony

I write in strong support of the expansion of the perimeter of the UH Mānoa campus to include the new center for entrepreneurship. Although opinions may differ on this issue, I strongly believe that young entrepreneurs will be a catalyst for needed change in our community. This facility aims to serve to train and empower those agents of change.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mahalo,
Keoni Williams

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July 7, 2021

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Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and Members of the Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127. As a Shidler alumni, 2017 Shidler Hall of Honor recipient, member of the Pacific Asian Center for Entrepreneurship Board of Advisors and having established an endowed scholarship in entrepreneurship at the Shidler College of Business, I fully support this project.

This project will create an internationally ranked hub for student entrepreneurs and innovators and further establish the University of Hawaii as a world-class educational experience through:

- Developing students to learn how to become a founder, creator or change-maker
- Creating an intersection where Hawaii's business community, students faculty and state officials collaborate on new industries, products, services and technology for the state of Hawaii and the world
- Attracting innovative and talented students from our islands and around the world to UH to pursue their passions

Structured as a public-private partnership, it provides a win-win solution for UH and Hawai'i taxpayers. While creating a valuable, long-term asset for UH.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask for your strong support of this project and Hawaii's next generation of leaders.



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July 4, 2021

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Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127 Proposed CD1.

As an alum of the PACE program, I support this because I support this because I believe that PACE provides students with the necessary skills, mentorship, and networking to have successful careers in our business community. I have experienced first-hand how the PACE program prepares students from all disciplines to think and act like an entrepreneur and how this is an integral skill in today's fast changing business environment. It was the most valuable part of my higher education experience and the expansion of the PACE program to include student housing near campus makes it that much more valuable and accessible for students from a wide range of disciplines.

For these reasons, I urge you to approve this resolution.

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July 4th, 2021

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Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina, and members of the Council;

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127 Proposed CD1.

As a Computer Science faculty and participant in PACE programs, I support this. The new Mixed-Use Center will provide a space to host entrepreneurial activities at UH, and the PACE team has an exciting vision for how it will invigorate the campus environment. I believe UH should be a hub for technological innovation and entrepreneurship for the state. My own research in machine learning and artificial intelligence has myriad practical applications that can be turned into new products and businesses, and I frequently encourage my students to collaborate with each other to engage with new technologies and brainstorm new applications. The Center would enable more students to live on campus and provide modern, open workspaces to facilitate interactions between students, faculty, and community members eager to change the world.

For these reasons, I encourage you to approve this resolution.

Sincerely,

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July 5, 2021

To: Chair Waters
Vice Chair Kia'āina
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RE: **STRONG SUPPORT for Resolution 21-127 CD1**

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT of Resolution 21-127**. I am a 2016 MBA graduate of the UH Shidler College of Business and an active participant of several Pacific-Asian Center for Entrepreneurship (PACE) programs. This resolution would expand the PRU permit no. 2009 to allow for the expansion of the University of Hawai'i Mānoa campus boundaries and construction of the Atherton Mixed-Use Student Housing Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center. Without a doubt, this project has tremendous potential to positively impact the UH student body, the broader Mānoa community, and the entire state of Hawai'i.

Investments in student entrepreneurship generate large economic returns through job growth, business creation, and talent development, which raises wages and improves overall livelihood.^{1,2} Specific to this project, thoughtfully planned innovation hubs—where creators can live, learn, build, and collaborate under one roof—strongly encourage networking, mentorship, and rapid product and service generation. We cannot, however, only focus on financial returns and must recognize the positive benefits that innovation hubs have on equity and access, community health and well-being, environmental sustainability and resilience, and social and civic life. This project also addresses the critical need for student housing, and its proximity to campus and other local amenities encourages active transportation options over personal vehicles, which align well with our county and state climate goals to reduce carbon emissions.

PACE's wide range of resources, events, accelerator programs, and the Professionals-in-Residence currently fills an important gap in our innovation ecosystem, and this project will better connect these amazing assets with more students, alumni, community and business leaders, investors, and the general public. As we continue to rebound from the effects of COVID-19, it's clear that we must diversify our economy, and our universities are well situated to lead this charge. Other cities that made similar shifts, including Austin, Miami, and Salt Lake City, are already seeing their communities foster and attract better talent, support more minority and women business owners, and bring the necessary investments and partnerships to capitalize on an innovation ecosystem.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **strong support for Resolution 21-127 CD1**.

Sincerely,

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¹ "Why Universities Should Support More Student Entrepreneurs." *World Economic Forum*, <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/10/universities-should-support-more-student-entrepreneurs/>. Accessed 16 June 2021.

² *Demand for Skilled Workers Accelerates U.S. Wage Growth*. <https://njbja.org/demand-for-skilled-workers-accelerates-u-s-wage-growth/>. Accessed 16 June 2021.

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Written Testimony The RISE proposed by PACE will be incredibly impactful for Hawaii's entrepreneurial ecosystem through programs for a diversified economy, increased student housing, decreasing commuters which UHM has no room for, and offer opportunities to local students to progress their career.

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Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127. As a member of the Pacific Asian Center for Entrepreneurship Board of Advisors, I support this project for a number of reasons.

The construction of this state-of-the-art mixed-use student housing innovation and entrepreneurship center is an exciting step forward for the University of Hawai'i. It builds upon the promised Hawai'i Innovation Initiative—to create a thriving innovation and entrepreneurship facility that will allow the state to diversify its economy and create high-quality, high-wage jobs.

This “live-learn-work” facility will serve as a beacon, attracting innovative and talented students from our islands and around the world to UH to pursue their passions, develop leadership skills and launch ventures that solve our world's biggest problems. The project will provide local students with the opportunity to learn in an interdisciplinary environment focused on nurturing an innovative and entrepreneurial mindset—valuable skills for the 21st century workforce.

The proposed 373-bed building, structured as a public-private partnership, provides a win-win solution for UH and Hawai'i taxpayers. The construction will be funded through bond financing without the use of State funds and the associated burden to local taxpayers. Over time, the bonds will be retired through residential revenue leaving UH with a valuable, long-term asset.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask for your strong support of this project and Hawaii's next generation of leaders.



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Aloha Chair Waters and Council Members,

I appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in SUPPORT of Resolution 21-127 Proposed CD1 to approve the major modification to PRU permit no. 2009/PRU-3 and the revisions to the master plan for UH Mānoa. Community engagement is essential for the success of construction projects, especially when variances are needed in single family zoned residential neighborhoods.

Written
Testimony

While I am usually against upzoning in historic Mānoa, this project is an exception since it has served as a YMCA dorm with attached commercial space for many, many decades. It was wonderful that the UH Foundation was able to purchase the property, as it is a natural extension to the campus, considering that it's right across the street from the UH Mānoa main campus and the UH Lab School.

Since I serve on two different nonprofit boards, Mālama Mānoa and Mānoa Outdoor Circle, I can personally attest that the consultants for the UH Atherton project, Lori Lum of Watanabe Ing, and Mike Lam of Hunt Companies, as well as the UH Mānoa CFO Kalbert Young, have communicated with us effectively about the plans for the "Center of Innovation and Entrepreneurship." I also attended several Mānoa Neighborhood Board meetings in which they gave detailed presentations about the project.

I witnessed that all three of the community boards are supportive of the concept, and as residents of Mānoa, the members can envision how the UH Atherton redevelopment will enhance the University of

Hawai'i's PACE program. The boards presented a number of concerns during the EA process, including historic preservation, architectural design, density, traffic, parking, trees, impervious surfaces, and the carbon footprint. Over the last two years, the team working on the UH Atherton project has diligently tried to address our concerns and even made several revisions to the design plans to incorporate our suggestions. They compromised a lot with the community. Although some residents do still have a few concerns, I have confidence in the leadership of UH Mānoa and Hunt Companies to ameliorate those issues post haste.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mālama pono,
Vanessa Distajo

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The Pacific Asian Center for Entrepreneurship is vital for our state's economic diversification. According to data from the Department of Labor, Hawaii was the state with the highest unemployment rate in the United States during the COVID-19 pandemic. This can be a result of our economic dependence on the Hospitality & Tourism industry that was heavily impacted by the pandemic.

Entrepreneurship is also at an all-time low amongst younger individuals. Having these entrepreneurial incubators is an important resource for locals because it allows for spaces where inspiring entrepreneurs can find start-up teams and utilize resources in the learning center to conduct market research for their businesses that create jobs in our local economy.

There is also a need for better quality student housing on campus. As a recent student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, the current infrastructure for student housing gives a bad reputation to the University. The complaints are voices on social media channels such as Facebook and Reddit that deter prospective students from making UH Manoa their home. Building new quality student housing will improve student housing and campus life for the University.

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TESTIMONY OF THE HAWAII LABORERS' UNION LOCAL 368

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MEETING: Council Hearing

DATE: July 7, 2021

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

RE: RESOLUTION 21-127 (Proposed CD1) – MAJOR MODIFICATION TO PRU PERMIT NO. 2009/PRU-3 AND REVISIONS TO THE MASTER PLAN FOR University of Hawaii Manoa Campus.

Chair Waters, Vice-chair Kia'aina, and Council Members,

The Hawaii Laborers' Union Local 368 and its 5,000 working and retired men and women across the state of Hawaii **SUPPORTS** Resolution 21-127 (Proposed CD1).

The Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship at the University of Hawaii will be a mixed-use, live, work, learn innovation eco-system that will integrate academic space and student housing with co-working collaborative areas. It will house a cross-disciplinary one-stop shop for the growing number of University of Hawaii programs currently supporting research, innovation and entrepreneurship, all areas critically needed to help diversify the state's economy.

The project will also bring a much needed estimated 375 undergraduate and graduate beds to UH Manoa. According to research by real estate consultants, housing demand studies have concluded that there is an unmet housing demand for over 5,000 student beds.

As we emerge from the COVID -19 pandemic, projects such as this will help to keep residents of Honolulu County employed, earning fair wages and benefits, while supporting our economy's recovery. Therefore, the Hawaii Laborers' Union Local 368 **SUPPORTS** Resolution 21-127 (Proposed CD1) and respectfully requests that this committee take favorable action on this measure.

Respectfully,

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Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Council:


Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127. As a member of the Hawai'i business community (OR of the Pacific Asian Center for Entrepreneurship Board of Advisors), I support this project for a number of reasons.

The construction of this state-of-the-art mixed-use student housing innovation and entrepreneurship center is an exciting step forward for the University of Hawai'i. It builds upon the promised Hawai'i Innovation Initiative—to create a thriving innovation and entrepreneurship facility that will allow the state to diversify its economy and create high-quality, high-wage jobs.

This “live-learn-work” facility will serve as a beacon, attracting innovative and talented students from our islands and around the world to UH to pursue their passions, develop leadership skills and launch ventures that solve our world's biggest problems. The project will provide local students with the opportunity to learn in an interdisciplinary environment focused on nurturing an innovative and entrepreneurial mindset—valuable skills for the 21st century workforce.

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For these reasons, I respectfully ask for your strong support of this project and Hawaii's next generation of leaders.



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Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127. As President and CEO of ProService (representing 2,400 small – medium business in Hawaii) and Chairman of PACE, I support this project for a number of reasons.

The RISE Building will strengthen the learning environment at the University of Hawai'i in several ways. The development of this state-of-the-art mixed-use student housing innovation and entrepreneurship center will allow the students to thrive. The project will provide local students with the opportunity to learn in an interdisciplinary environment focused on nurturing an innovative and entrepreneurial mindset—valuable skills for the 21st century workforce.

The proposed 373- bed building will attract innovative and talented students from other islands and all around the world who are dedicated to develop entrepreneurial and leadership skills. This will result in a diversified community creating high quality high pay jobs that will benefit all of Hawai'i.

Construction of this “live-learn-work” facility will eventually create long term assets through bond financing. This will avoid any financial burden on the State and Hawai'i taxpayers.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask for your strong support of this project and Hawaii's next generation of leaders.



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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Aloha, my name is Tate Castillo, and I'm providing testimony in support of Resolution 21-127.

As a local tech entrepreneur born and raised in Hawai'i and a proud graduate of the Shidler College of Business and Pacific Asian Center for Entrepreneurship, it is my firm belief that allowing the University of Hawai'i to empower home-grown entrepreneurs is invaluable for the future of our island home.

Written Testimony The pandemic has underscored, if not truly revealed, both Hawai'i's dangerous dependence on tourism and our critical need to diversify our economy. Hawai'i's path to environmental and economic resiliency and sustainability begins with leveraging innovation in clean energy, agriculture, aquaculture, and more. To accomplish this, Hawai'i will need to foster generations of globally-minded and locally-focused entrepreneurs of various disciplines coming together to solve our greatest challenges.

That is the value and the hope in this project, so please vote in support, and thank you for your time - mahalo.

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July 6, 2021

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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and Members of the Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127. As a member of the Pacific Asian Center for Entrepreneurship Board of Advisors, I support Resolution 21-127, Proposed CD1 approving an application for a major modification to Plan Review Use Permit No. 2009/PRU-3 to allow for the expansion of the University of Hawai'i Manoa campus boundaries and construction of the Atherton Mixed-Use Student Housing Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center – In Support.

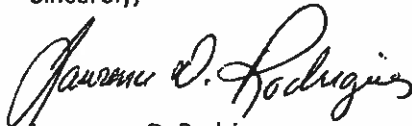
The construction of this state-of-the-art mixed-use student housing innovation and entrepreneurship center is an exciting step forward to the University of Hawai'i. It builds upon the promised Hawai'i Innovation Initiative – to create a thriving innovation and entrepreneurship environment in Hawai'i.

This "live-learn-work" facility will serve as a beacon and will attract innovative and talented students from our islands and around the world to UH to pursue their passions, develop leadership skills and launch ventures that solve our world's biggest problems.

The proposed 373-bed building, structured as a public-private partnership, provides a win-win solution for UH and Hawai'i taxpayers. The construction will be funded through State of Hawai'i bond financing without the associated burden to local taxpayers. Over time, the bonds will be retired through residential revenue leaving UH with a valuable, long-term asset.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask for your strong support of this project and Hawai'i's next generation of leaders.

Sincerely,



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Testimony of
Pacific Resource Partnership

City Council
City & County of Honolulu
Councilmember Tommy Waters, Chair
Councilmember Esther Kiaʻāina, Vice Chair

Resolution 21-127—Approving an Application for Major Modification to the PRU Permit No. 2009/PRU-3 to
Expand the Boundaries of the UH Manoa Campus and Construct the Atherton Mixed Use Project

Wednesday, July 7, 2021
10:00 A.M.
City Council Chamber

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kiaʻāina, and Members of the Committee.

Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) writes its strong support of Resolution 21-127, to expand the boundaries of the University of Hawaii Manoa (UHM) Campus to construct the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship at UHM. This project is a mixed-use live/work/learn innovation eco-system that will integrate academic space and student housing with co-working/collaborative areas.

This project will not only re-purpose an old dorm building into an academic, co-working and commercial space, but will also complement it with an additional six-story building that will provide student housing and support functions. The project will house a cross-disciplinary one-stop shop for the growing number of University of Hawaii programs currently supporting research, innovation and entrepreneurship—all areas critically needed to help diversify the state's economy.

Developing this mixed-use live/work/learn environment at UHM makes sense, especially in areas where businesses, restaurants, and multimodal transportation options are available. This project will also increase on-campus housing for about 375 students, who would otherwise occupy units in other communities, and help to curb their dependence on automobile use, which should result in less cars circulating in adjacent neighborhoods.

Given the above, PRP respectfully requests your favorable decision on this measure. Thank you for this opportunity to submit written testimony.

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July 6, 2021

The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair & Presiding Officer
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RE: Resolution 21-127, Proposed CD1 Approving an Application for a Major Modification to Plan Review Use Permit No. 2009/PRU-3 to Allow for the Expansion of the University of Hawai'i Mānoa Campus Boundaries and Construction of the Atherton Mixed-Use Student Housing Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center – In Support

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127. As a long-time member of the Hawai'i business community, I wholeheartedly support this project.

Over the last fifty years working in Banking and Commerce, I have had the privilege of serving on many committees and task forces regarding the diversification of Hawaii's economy. I think this project is one of the best examples of how we can breakthrough this puzzle. Unleashing three hundred plus University-trained entrepreneurs annually into our community to create new businesses will go a long way. I have always believed that the goal of a major fourth leg to our economy was probably not realistic. I believe that many new businesses will be a more realistic and long-lasting solution.

The construction of this state-of-the-art mixed-use student housing innovation and entrepreneurship center is a long overdue effort. It promises to diversity and grow the local economy by creating new startup businesses and high-quality, high-wage jobs.

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This "live-learn-work" facility will provide local students with the opportunity to learn in an interdisciplinary environment surrounded by like-minded students and supported by business professionals. Skills learned here will benefit existing local businesses too.

The proposed 373-bed building, structured as a public-private partnership, provides our community with needed infrastructure without additional burdens on Hawai'i taxpayers. These sorts of creative ventures should be encouraged and supported.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask for your strong support of this project and Hawai'i's next generation of leaders.

Sincerely,

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July 6, 2021

The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair & Presiding Officer
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RE: Resolution 21-127, Proposed CD1

Dear Council Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127. As a member of the Hawaii business community, I am strongly in favor of this project.

In my view, the University of Hawaii is the local institution with the greatest potential to improve economic opportunities in the State through innovation and entrepreneurship. The proposed facility is a major positive step in that direction. There are excellent models in other states that demonstrate the real-world effectiveness of such mixed-use facilities.

It is my strong hope that the Council will approve the Resolution in support of this important project.

Sincerely,

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Your position on the matter Support
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Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127 Proposed CD1.

Written Testimony

As an alumni of UH Manoa and former participant in programs put together by the Pacific Asian Center for Entrepreneurship (PACE), I support this resolution because it will allow for students to grow far beyond the academic spectrum. UH prepares students to become competent employees to join the local workforce, whereas PACE better prepares students to become contributors of local economy expansion. PACE does this by helping students be able to identify needs in society, and how to come up with sustainable solutions (aka, a Business).

Allowing for UH campus boundary expansion to the Atherton property in an effort to create a residential innovation and entrepreneurship center would act as a catalyst to the benefits PACE programs already bring. This would allow PACE programs to be more than just something students temporarily attend, but rather provide an environment for them to constantly live in an entrepreneurial ecosystem. This facility would also undoubtedly help

bridge the gap between
commercial industry and UH research/talent by becoming an iconic
hub whose sole purpose is
towards fostering business creation and development.

This program would not only come to the benefit of
Business/Entrepreneur students of UH, but
also to those from other disciplines. As a Mechanical Engineering
student alumni, I can safely
say this program would allow for students in various disciplines to
come together and potentially
meet their future business partners or learn how to take their unique
knowledge in the field and
come up with a sustainable business. Through PACE programs I
have met people from other
disciplines similar to my own, of whom have the same like-minded
passion to create things to
help others. I have also met people more on the business side, who
have great insight into how
to manage and grow businesses, with that same passion.

Allowing a residential innovation and entrepreneur center at UH
would allow like-minded
passionate students a place to come together, live together, learn
together, and grow together.
All to the benefit of Hawaii's economy.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask that you approve this resolution.

-Raymond Andrade

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July 7, 2021

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RE: Resolution 21-127 Proposed CD1 Approving an Application for a Major Modification to Plan Review Use Permit No. 2009/PRU-3 to Allow for the Expansion of the University of Hawaii Manoa Campus Boundaries and Construction of the Atherton Mixed-Use Student Housing Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center – In Support

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127 Proposed CD1.

As an alumni of the PACE program, I support this because my involvement at PACE has been nothing but amazing and educational. I think this building would have a huge positive impact on the progress and education of students of Hawaii for many years to come and would overall make a positive impact on Hawaii. The team at PACE are dedicated and loving people that really care for the future of their students and would make sure the building is maintained to its full potential.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask that you approve this resolution.

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Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127 Proposed CD1.

As a previous PACE student worker and program alumni, I support this because there's a serious need for student housing options in the Manoa area, and this is a great opportunity to fulfill that demand, and much more. The facility will enable students to live, learn, and work in the UH campus vicinity, and allow for cross-collaboration and idea building amongst the student population. Ultimately, the facility can contribute to creating a sustainable future for the state by empowering students to become entrepreneurs and providing them the tools to succeed in their careers.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask that you approve this resolution.

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**TESTIMONY OF DYLAN P. ARMSTRONG, INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY
TO THE HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL'S ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE**

6 July 2021

MEASURE: **RESOLUTION 21-127, COUNCIL DRAFT 1**

TITLE: *APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A MAJOR MODIFICATION TO THE PLAN REVIEW
USE (PRU) PERMIT NO. 2009 PRU-3 AND REVISIONS TO THE MASTER PLAN TO
EXPAND THE BOUNDARIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I—MĀNOA CAMPUS AND
CONSTRUCT THE ATHERTON MIXED-USE STUDENT HOUSING, INNOVATION, AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTER.*

POSITION: I support this resolution, as amended in council draft form.

The Atherton YMCA parcels have so long been apart of the University of Hawai'i—Mānoa (UHM) community that it has been widely forgotten that their most famous occupant, the 89-year old Charles H. Atherton building (AKA "the Pink Building"), predates most of the UHM campus, and was privately-owned by the YMCA for 95 years until UHM and the University of Hawai'i Foundation purchased the property in 2016.

This resolution allows for UHM, as current parcels owner and Applicant, "to expand the UHM Campus boundary and construct the Atherton Mixed-Use Student Housing Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center on land zoned R-5 Residential District," per the language in 21-127.

I appreciate the Applicant having come before the Mānoa Neighborhood Board No. 7, City and County of Honolulu, in late 2019, iteratively into 2020, to present their proposed *Atherton Mixed-Use Student Housing, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship Center* project, to answer questions, and to receive feedback. The Applicant responded to aesthetics-based feedback when this project was first presented. At that time, there was less (setback) articulation in the new building's retained Charles H. Atherton building facade, as depicted in the project renderings. This has been ameliorated in current renderings, stipulated as a condition of the PRU's approval (Resolution 21-127 Condition 3.b). This articulation will help preserve the distinct profile of the Charles H. Atherton building as one of the historic resources in the University neighborhood, where it formed a 'quad' with Hawai'i Hall, Crawford Hall, Gartley Hall, George Hall, and the building at 2450 Campus Road, though separated by University Avenue. (Historically, there was no building where the School of Architecture is today, and landscaping was sparser, so the view-shed across the quad was far more open.)

The UHM Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) calls for gradually reducing the campus buildings' footprint and allocated interior space. This will provide cost-savings from reduced energy use, and promote a more spacious and pastoral character that is reminiscent of the UHM, a historic land-grant institution that specializes in tropical agriculture, over one century prior. I observe that this resolution is in keeping with the LRDP. It does stretch the campus profile northwest across both Metcalf Street and University Avenue, but only to these parcels which were commonly conflated with UHM over many years and are now in its ownership.

Thank you,

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Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127 Proposed CD1.

As a current student of the PACE program, I support this proposal because as a Biology major graduate, I had the pivotal opportunity to learn and engage in entrepreneurial education, a field I have never explored throughout my undergraduate trajectory. Through PACE, I was fortunate enough to gain new knowledge and insights into entrepreneurship, a skill that I will take with me as I continue to pursue my educational and career goals. With the expansion of new RISE live-learn-work entrepreneurship facility, I know that it will open a plethora of new doors for students in a multidisciplinary manner. Whether that is working on a new project such as building a startup to tackle a healthcare problem, or determining if a company is worth investing in, PACE offers such a wide variety of opportunities for students to take on that will broaden their experiences and skills instrumental to their success in the real world. More importantly, these programs will help to shape the economy into a more diversified one, bringing equity and diversity to the table.

In addition to the educational and scholarly reasons, there is an ever-greater need for student housing near campus as more students are choosing to live on-campus. With a live-learn-work entrepreneurship facility, this will allow students to live in the same space that they also work in, increasing convenience and workflow. With this in mind, students also have better access to transportation such as with bike-sharing, and the city bus due to the facility's location near these services. I am extremely grateful to have been a part of multiple PACE programs to

develop my business and entrepreneurship knowledge that will without a doubt serve a purpose for my future endeavors.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask that you approve this resolution.

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

I contribute much of my personal success to PACE, their programs, office, mentorship, and networking events.

As a participant in the 2017 "Summer LaunchPad" program, I had the opportunity to meet business leaders, learn valuable lessons and feedback, while building a business.

PACE also provided a home for the Hawaii Student Entrepreneurs Club. PACE has consistently provided counseling and mentorship to the club and has developed truly great leaders in the community.

Written Testimony PACE and their team have shown that they truly care about students by engaging with their students and providing an abundance of business opportunities.

Having a dedicated center for entrepreneurs will benefit Hawaii for decades to come. This center could be a great opportunity for entrepreneurs from all backgrounds to get resources, mentorship, and develop lasting relationships.

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Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127 Proposed CD1.

As an alumni of the PACE program, I support this because the project will offer new opportunities for students of all studies to more efficiently take advantage of the entrepreneurial education. When I was a student at Shidler, PACE always provided amazing networking opportunities, which connected me both to advisors and work colleagues. For two years, I was the President of the Hawaii Student Entrepreneurs (HSE) club and PACE was a critical partner in building the student entrepreneurship community both in and outside of the UH campuses. PACE's vast network connected with my first two startup teams out of college and three of my business partners today. I wish I had known about PACE earlier in my college career like some of my peers, who have been able to utilize its resources even more so than I was.

I was very fortunate to live at the on-campus dorms, so it was fairly easy for me to make my way to PACE consistently throughout the week. I know many of my peers did not have that luxury. Developing this new student housing location will open up the chance for even more young, hungry students in the community to do the same. I strongly believe that adding this new housing option will further help cultivate the young minds who will take over and continue to build Hawaii's community.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask that you approve this resolution.



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Your position on the matter Support
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Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127 Proposed CD1.

As a former participant of a PACE program, I support this resolution because the proposed facility that would be built as a result of the boundary expansion would greatly benefit many UHM students and the entire community.

Written Testimony UHM is in need of new/more on campus housing as the condition of the current housing facilities are worsening and students are becoming less reliant on cars for transportation. Students are transitioning to using alternative methods of transportation (bicycle, bus, rideshare) and having more on campus housing would greatly help students of many demographics who are attending or considering attending UHM. Additionally, creating more on campus housing would greatly contribute to a reduction in traffic around the university campus.

More importantly, the approval of this resolution and, consequently, the proposed facility is important because of the resources that could be provided to students of UHM. PACE has provided me and many other students with wonderful experiences and the chance to work with a diverse group of students. Although PACE focuses on nurturing business and entrepreneurship skills in students, it greatly benefits students of many different fields of studies and backgrounds. I attended UHM as an engineering student but gained so much

experience and knowledge in entrepreneurship that I will be able to utilize in the future.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask that you approve this resolution.

Mahalo,
Ryan T Matsumoto

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Written Testimony

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina, and members of the Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127 Proposed CD1.

Written Testimony

As an alumni of UH's College of Engineering and the PACE Program, I've gone on to start my own business and win multiple NSF SBIR grant awards which have resulted in creating valuable tech jobs within the State of Hawaii. None of the successes that my business have achieved would have been possible without the training and support of PACE. Further, I believe their vision for a mixed-use student housing innovation and entrepreneurship center will become a catalyst for additional successful entrepreneurship ventures in the future; I know that I could have benefited greatly from this initiative in my journey as a student entrepreneur.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to approve this resolution.

Mahalo,
Monica

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Written Testimony

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Status:
Alumni

Diversity:

Entrepreneurship is a vital role in any economy. The future we are facing today is automation-based, and new jobs need to be created to fit the future. Entrepreneurs are the economic providers of such jobs.

Near Campus:

I don't even own a car myself today as it is more economically reasonable for me to rely on ride sharing apps/bikes/etc, so having housing nearby campus is crucial for modern student housing.

Written Testimony

My Opinion:

From my experience, UH Manoa students from across disciplines hardly knew about the entrepreneurship center at UH.

I think if PACE (ie entrepreneurship as a discipline) had a dedicated building, then it would increase awareness and impact dramatically.

I will say, though, to many students, often times, "startups" are just "resume builders", and students aren't serious about actually starting businesses, but rather, are using "startups" for just looking good for future job applications.

This is great for the student. But, it's not the economic purpose of entrepreneurs. Entrepreneurs should not be taking jobs. Entrepreneurs should be creating jobs.

There needs to be a shift in paradigm about this in the PACE program. Less emphasis on theory, and more real-world emphasis. Less "lean startup" theory and more "business", more "innovation", etc.

With that said, however, PACE is a remarkable program. I am very grateful that it was available to me and hope for many other students to benefit from it moving forward.

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Written Testimony

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony

I am a 1982 BBA and 1985 JD graduate of UH. I am currently practicing law in CA. I have had the pleasure of serving on the board of PACE at UH for the past five years, returning to the islands at least three times a year (including trips to be a guest speaker at UH). I support the innovative programs at PACE that are proving successful in training the next generation of entrepreneurs, which will lead to spurring the economy in Hawaii and beyond. Project RISE at the Atherton House location will significantly increase UH's ability to incubate entrepreneurship and innovation by giving student entrepreneurs access to other like-minded individuals who together can work on creative business ventures. This will help to grow UH's national reputation for entrepreneurship programs. As a mainland alum who continues to financially support UH, The Shidler College of Business and PACE, I urge you to support Resolution 21-127 Proposed CD1. Thank you.

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

The Honorable Tommy Waters,

Written Testimony I strongly support this project which will help create and support an entrepreneurial center - which will greatly assist in diversifying our economy.

Thank you for your consideration,

John Dean

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July 6, 2021,

Honorable, Tommy Waters, Honolulu City Council, Chair
Honorable, Esther Kiaaina, Honolulu City Council, Vice Chair
Honorable Members of the Honolulu City Council

RE: Resolution 21-127- Approving an application for a major modification to the Plan Review Use (PRU) Permit No. 2009/PRU-3 and revisions to the Master Plan to expand the boundaries of the University of Hawaii Manoa (UHM) campus and construct the Atherton Mixed-Use Student Housing Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center. (Applicant: University of Hawaii) (Deadline: 7/19/21 + 90 days)

Honolulu City Council Chair Tommy Waters:

My name is Pane Meatoga III and I am the Community Liaison representing the Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund (HOEISF). We are a labor management fund representing 3000 unionized members in heavy engineering site work and 500 general contractors specializing in heavy site and vertical construction. Our organization would like to offer our written testimony in **support of Resolution 21-127, Proposed CD1.**

This project will provide a space for students of diverse backgrounds and disciplines to gather and collaborate on their entrepreneurial endeavors. This new building also addresses the need for a student housing space close to campus. The space will foster a more walking/biking reliant student body which will ease the parking situation. This project will provide the needed support for a new generation of student entrepreneurs that will diversify and grow Hawaii's economy into the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this written testimony in **support** of approving the application for a major modification to the Plan Review Use (PRU) Permit No. 2009/PRU-3 and revisions to the Master Plan to expand the boundaries of the University of Hawaii Manoa (UHM) campus and construct the Atherton Mixed-Use Student Housing Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center.

Sincerely,

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RE: Resolution 21-127 Approving an Application for a Major Modification to Plan Review Use Permit No. 2009/PRU-3 to Allow for the Expansion of the University of Hawai'i Mānoa Campus Boundaries and Construction of the Atherton Mixed-Use Student Housing Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center – **In Support**

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'āina and members of the Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Proposed Resolution 21-127 CD1. On behalf of the University of Hawai'i Foundation Board of Trustees, I strongly support this project and urge you to approve this application.

The UH Foundation board is comprised of business and community leaders working to raise private support for UH programs, students and research, and facilitate opportunities like this vital P3 project. Our overarching goal is to accelerate excellence and opportunities at UH, and advance the quality of life for Hawai'i's residents.

The construction of this state-of-the-art mixed-use student housing innovation and entrepreneurship center is an important step forward for the University of Hawai'i. Through this P3 framework, we are excited to be part of this project that will bring myriad benefits to our students, and build diversity and resilience in our local economy.

As a P3, we are transferring risk (e.g., operating, maintenance, design, construction and rehabilitation costs, financing rates, and timing) away from our university, expanding access to needed capital and making a strategic investment in bringing an immersive, interdisciplinary entrepreneurship experience to our Hawai'i students – all without public taxpayer funding.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask for your strong support of this project and Hawai'i's next generation of leaders and problem-solvers.



Rich Wacker
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July 6, 2021

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RE: Resolution 21-127 Major Modification to PRU Permit No. 2009/PRU-3 and Revisions to the Master Plan for UHM (2021/PRU-1) – In Support

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127, approving an application for a major modification to the plan review use permit No. 2009/PRU-3 to allow for the expansion of the University of Hawaii Mānoa campus boundaries and construction of the Atherton mixed-use student housing innovation and entrepreneurship center.

As a current undergraduate student at UH, and a resident living on Metcalf, I believe that building such a residency for students will help support young entrepreneurship at our university. Living so close to campus has pushed my involvement with my school. Looking back, I would have loved an alternative living arrangement as an incoming freshman.

I would have jumped at the opportunity to live with other artists or journalists, while being able to expand our connections beyond the classroom. Not to mention, being able to work late hours without the worry of having to walk, or drive home, at odd, possibly less-safe hours of the night really puts your mind at ease.

With their classes only being a few minutes away from campus, many students will choose to walk or use other forms of micro-mobility options, like scooters or bikes.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to approve this resolution.

Alyssa Rodello

July 06, 2021

The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair & Presiding Officer
Honolulu City Council
City & County of Honolulu
530 S. King Street
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RE: Resolution 21-127 Proposed CD1 Approving an Application for a Major Modification to Plan Review Use Permit No. 2009/PRU-3 to Allow for the Expansion of the University of Hawaii Manoa Campus Boundaries and Construction of the Atherton Mixed-Use Student Housing Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center – In Support

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127 Proposed CD1.

As an alumnus of the PACE program, I support this because creating a Mixed-Use Student Housing Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center is an opportunity to do something bold and meaningful that will contribute to new economic sectors for generations to come. If there is any desire to position the State of Hawai'i for future relevance in high-tech, biopharmaceutical, computer science, and bioengineering industries then this facility is the gateway.

There are several programs at the University of Hawai'i in various schools, departments, and offices that focus on innovation and entrepreneurship. Together these programs create an innovation ecosystem that will help Hawai'i remain relevant in the future. Programs like the Summer Launchpad, UH Venture Competition, MIND Hawaii, iLAB, and others all strive to teach students how to work in teams to solve real-world problems in a way that will be meaningful to students and the community after they graduate. The problem is that these programs do not have sufficient space to meet and work.

The Mixed-Use Student Housing Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center can be the keystone to the innovation ecosystem. It will be a landmark that will place the University of Hawai'i with other top innovation universities in the nation. There is no doubt that ideas discussed at the Innovation Center will become local businesses that contribute to our economy. Without this facility we are missing out on an opportunity to guide economic stability in the future.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask that you approve this resolution.

Sincerely,
Micah Hansen

M-402

July 7, 2021

The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair & Presiding Officer
Honolulu City Council
City & County of Honolulu
530 S. King Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Resolution 21-127 Proposed CD1 Approving an Application for a Major Modification to Plan Review Use Permit No. 2009/PRU-3 to Allow for the Expansion of the University of Hawaii Manoa Campus Boundaries and Construction of the Atherton Mixed-Use Student Housing Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center – In Support

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'aina and members of the Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-127 Proposed CD1.

As an alumni of the PACE program, I support this because PACE has helped me personally start 2 technology companies in Hawaii that have provided technical jobs to local tech talent. I participated in over 10 PACE program events and all of them have been impactful to my current entrepreneurial career. Due to COVID-19, Hawaii's economy is at a low because of our high dependence on the tourism industry. The solution to diversifying the economy is to support local entrepreneurs through the PACE program that ultimately leads to more new businesses, more local jobs and a thriving economy.

As a former student who lived in the dorms, I understand the need for more student housing near campus. The dorms are already on a "lottery system" where getting the dorm of your choice is only by pure luck. Students that live on campus also are less reliant on cars. I believe that if there was more student housing near campus, there would be less traffic as it would mean less people are driving to and from campus. I personally walked, took the bus, or used car-sharing, bike sharing options to get around while living in the dorms.

When I hear about the opportunity for local students from multiple disciplines to engage in entrepreneurial education in an integrated live, learn, work innovation center it makes me wish I was still a part of the college to leverage these resources. I am excited to see the new businesses that come out of these powerful programs that PACE provides.

For these reasons, I urge you to (or respectfully ask that you) approve this

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