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Testimony

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Support: 1

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

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Councilmember Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, Chair
Councilmember Radiant Cordero, Vice Chair
Committee on Transportation

RE: Resolution 24 – 203 Proposed CD1 Designating DTS as the Primary Governmental
Authority over Fort Street Mall and Union Mall – In Support
Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Aloha Chair Dos Santos-Tam, Vice Chair Cordero and members of the committee:

On behalf of Douglas Emmett, Inc. (“Douglas Emmett”), we appreciate this opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 24 – 203 Proposed CD1, which requests the City administration to designate the Department of Transportation Services as the primary governmental authority having jurisdiction over Fort Street Mall and Union Mall.

Douglas Emmett currently owns over 2,500 workforce rental apartment units on Oahu and recently invested over \$100 million to build approximately 500 more rental apartments in downtown Honolulu by converting one of our office properties into workforce housing. The Residences at Bishop Place is located in between Fort Street Mall and Union Mall. Currently, these malls are subject to restrictions on use, such as limitations on outdoor dining and events. We believe this resolution would help activate and revitalize downtown Honolulu and ask for the committee’s favorable consideration in passing it. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Kevin Crummy
Chief Investment Officer