

RES24-203
Testimony

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Meeting Date: Oct 9, 2024 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 1

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

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Councilmember Tommy Waters, Chair
Councilmember Esther Kiaʻāina, Vice Chair
Honolulu City Council

RE: Resolution 24–203 CD1 Designating DTS as the Primary Governmental Authority over
Fort Street Mall and Union Mall – In Support
Wednesday, October 9, 2024

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kiaʻāina and members of the Council:

On behalf of Douglas Emmett, Inc. (“Douglas Emmett”), we appreciate this opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 24–203 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 Council’s favorable consideration in passing it. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Kevin Crummy
Chief Investment Officer