# BILL056(24)
# Testimony

**MISC. COMM. 498**

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**COUNCIL  Meeting**

Meeting Date: Nov 7, 2024 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 2

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

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Testimony:

I was a member of what was then known as the Downtown Neighborhood Board for 27 years. This is a great step forward. Given that these two malls do not allow vehicular traffic, they would be a great place for outdoor year round dining. They would attract visitors in non business hours, when downtown shuts down tight. Mordant nighttime downtowns do not make sense. Please pass this bill. Greatly needed.

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Douglas Emmett

November 4, 2024

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

**RE: Bill 56 Relating to the Use of Malls – In Support**
**Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.**

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 Bill 56, which provides that the Department of Transportation Services, instead of the Department of Parks and Recreation, shall control and coordinate the use of Union Mall and Fort Street 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 between Fort Street Mall and Union Mall. Currently, these malls are subject to restrictions on use, such as limitations on outdoor dining and events. Bill 56 would help activate and revitalize downtown Honolulu. We ask for the council's favorable consideration.

Respectfully,

Kevin Crummy
Chief Investment Officer