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Meeting Date: Jan 16, 2025 @ 02:30 PM

Support: 2

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

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With the addition of other malls you need to change the description to say Downtown/Chinatown malls. Most, if not all of the added malls, are in Chinatown, not Downtown. Perhaps a reading of the Chinatown Special Design District boundaries would prove educational.

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January 13, 2025

Councilmember Radiant Cordero, Chair
Councilmember Val Okimoto, Vice Chair
Committee on Planning, Infrastructure & Transportation

RE: Bill 56 (2024) Proposed CD1 Relating to the Use of Malls – In Support
Thursday, January 16, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.

Aloha Chair Cordero, Vice Chair Okimoto and members of the committee:

On behalf of Douglas Emmett, Inc. ("Douglas Emmett"), we appreciate this opportunity to submit testimony in support of the Proposed CD1 to Bill 56 which, among other things, amends the bill to propose that the Department of Transportation Services control and coordinate permitted usage over seven Downtown malls, extending beyond the original proposal which included only 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 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 Committee's favorable consideration.

Respectfully,

Kevin Crummy
Chief Investment Officer