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Testimony

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Meeting Date: Jan 29, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 3

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

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Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Douglas Emmett, Inc.	Support	Jan 28, 2025 @ 08:03 AM

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YiFang Fruit Tea	Support	Jan 28, 2025 @ 08:40 AM

Testimony:

As a small business owner in Chinatown/Downtown, I support Bill 56 to help revitalizing our downtown community.

Since opening our tea shop in 2022 on Fort Street Mall, we have seen the hard work of our City Council and our local Real Estate Development community to change the narrative and transform these areas.

The leadership by WKF. Inc and Avalon Development to provide security to make this area safer has been vital to our success and we believe giving the right department the opportunity to host community events will increase our overall success and decrease the constant turnover you see in downtown.

As a business owner, I applaud the efforts by our local leaders to improve this area and I can confidently say that we are making progress. We have had far less incidents in downtown that most people can imagine and we are slowly seeing more customers returning to the area to support our small businesses.

Thank you for your consideration!

Manuel Tony Wong Cam

YiFang Fruit Tea

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Scarlet Honolulu Inc	Support	Jan 28, 2025 @ 11:47 AM

Testimony:

Robbie Baldwin

Scarlet Honolulu Inc

Strongly Support Bill 56

Scarlet Honolulu strongly supports Bill 56 as a business that fronts Fort Street Mall. We have previously sought to utilize Fort Street Mall and have been unsuccessful in getting through the current levels of bureaucracy to get the permits from the various agencies.

We hope this bill will streamline the process to we can partner with our non profit organizations and LGBT groups to utilize Fort Street Mall for community events that only benefit the downtown / chinatown area but also our LGBT community.

Thank you for you consideration

Douglas Emmett

January 27, 2025

Councilmember Tommy Waters, Chair
Councilmember Matt Weyer, Vice Chair
Honolulu City Council

RE: Bill 56 (2024) CD1 Relating to the Use of Malls – In Support
Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Weyer 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 CD1 which, provides that the Department of Transportation Services, instead of the Department of Parks and Recreation, shall control and coordinate the use of seven pedestrian malls located in downtown Honolulu.

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 CD1 would help activate and revitalize downtown Honolulu. We ask for the council's favorable consideration.

Respectfully,

Kevin Crummy
Chief Investment Officer