

Subject: Yes , amending Bill 13, CD2 with a FD1 for Planning Funds to Implement Resolution 15-94

Aloha Chair Martin and Councilmembers,

Thank you for considering a Floor Draft Amendment to Bill 13 (2015). Last month, your Honolulu City Council adopted Resolution 15-94 Urging a Chinese Garden within the Foster Botanical Garden with groundbreaking for the 150th Birthday of Dr Sun Yatsen. An FD1 for planning funds to implement your newly adopted Resolution is needed now.

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The Planning Funds are timely.

1. the improvement of Foster botanical garden is long overdue making obsolete its decade old master plan.
2. Transit Oriented Development will occur with the new Chinatown HART station, area impacts and improvements , including anchor attractions , are now to be designated and planned.
3. Foster Botanical Garden would likely qualify for grant funding as an improvement of a depressed urban area, chinatown.
4. Some of Foster Botanical Garden today is on land that included the old Chinatown which was condemned by government for the creation of Vineyard Highway with promises of Chinese themed building/ landscape in some areas of today's Foster Gardens; this was debated at length in Honolulu's Board of Supervisors/ Council but never implemented.
5. Sun Yat Sen surely walked across parts of now Foster Gardens which in the 1870's Was part of Chinatown; Teenage Sun Yatsen went to Iolani School which was then on Bates Street in lower Nuuanu with Foster's home between school and Chinatown.
5. Honolulu and Hawaii kanaka pakes, haoles, and Hawaiians were among Important supporters that " rocked the cradle " of the Chinese democratic revolution of 1911 and who unified a China divided among warlords.
6. A Chinese garden named appropriately after Dr. Sun Yat-sen and his Hawaii supporters would be an anchor attraction at the top of Chinatown; it could be the highlight of an educational, walking tour of the footsteps of Dr. Sun Yat-sen as a boy and later revolutionary tormenting the overthrow of 3000 years of monarchy and the establishment of Asia's first republic.
7. Invigorated economic development would likely occur in the Chinatown restaurants, curio antique shops, lei stands, and Art galleries as people Do the Sun Yat sen walking tour.

8. the Chinese garden could be a focal point for Honolulu's seven Chinese sister cities to contribute ideas, plants, rocks and resources.

9. It would be a significant visitor attraction leading to greater awareness of all the wonderful trees and plants of the Foster botanical garden, some approximately 150 years old brought back by Dr. Hildebrand when he returned from China to recruit Chinese people to Hawaii commissioned by the Kingdom of Hawaii.

10. The above was well received years ago by the friends of the Foster botanical garden. It's President then was Grace Dixon.

11. Groundbreaking of the updated Foster Garden MasterPlan could be a wonderful focal point of Honolulu to celebrate the 150th birthday anniversary of Dr. Sun Yat-sen Birthday on November 12, 2016 with All of China, Asia and perhaps the world which might then be celebrating Dr Sun as the father of modern China and the first republic in Asia.

12. The first step should be to appropriate funds to plan for the the Chinese garden with a target date for groundbreaking on November 12, 2016 to educate and engage as

Dr. Sun wrote "The World is to be Shared Equally by All" and
"Aim High to Reach Heaven"

13. The roots of modern Chinese history, modern Hawaiian history and

The History of American interaction with China are uniquely here. It's story needs you.

We hope that you like the idea. There are many long-term activities and impacts that this garden will stimulate, including peace as wide as the Pacific Ocean.

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