

Aloha Chair Martin and Honolulu Council Members

I enthusiastically support FD1 to Bill 13 funding adopted Resolution 15-94 providing conceptual planning funds for a Dr. Sun Yat-Sen & his Hawaii Supporters Memorial Garden at Foster Botanical Gardens. This Garden would honor the historic role Hawaii and many of its people played in the creation of modern China by Dr. Sun who is called the Father of Modern China for his critical part in leading to the overthrow of the last emperor. For more information on this important Hawaii history please go to: <http://sunyatsenhawaii.org/>

With China becoming an ever more important visitor market for Hawaii this Garden would give it a unique competitive edge over the competition since no other state can claim such an important historical & political link to Dr. Sun. The economic benefits to the state but especially to Chinatown, Waikiki and Honolulu will be considerable as even now visitors from China outspend all others including Japanese. As an example of what others US cities have done please see: <http://www.lansugarden.org/about-the-garden/virtual-tour/> in Portland, Oregon.

Kudos to the Honolulu City Council for finally recognizing the importance of this part of Hawaii's history and its huge potential economic benefits especially to Honolulu by adopting Resolution 15-94.

Mahalo

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