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Testimony in support of Bill 14 an inventory of historic sites along the transit line, particularly Chinatown - The Gateway of Hawaii's Kamaaina.

An inventory focused not just on buildings but on concepts would be unique and true to the heart of Hawaii, it's people and culture. The peopling of Hawaii is historical fact and a fabulous story for the world, our own identity, and tourists.

Throughout the 19th and 20th century , the first landing of The ancestors of Hawaii's diverse multicultural , multi ethnic, multiracial population was Chinatown upon arriving in Honolulu Harbor. While The Chinatown historic district buildings reflect the diverse architectural periods , today Hawaii's people live that diverse multicultural, racial potpourri for which Hawaii had become renowned along with Hawaiian hospitality, Aloha. Shared here are thoughts, concepts to begin the planning.

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**Envision the Spirit of Chinatown Honolulu!**

Aloha Mai Kakou, Yat Loy!

May I encourage that our revitalized Chinatown be built with a renewed spirit, brought to Hawaii by the waves of new immigrants all arriving by ship , integrated with Hawaiian Kamaaina and welcomed by Aloha.

the spirit of Chinatown is the peoples' history of Hawaii, the peopling of Hawaii, america's early integration of races, nationalities, cultures and customs, marriage and respect.

Chinatown is Hawaii's historic roots for all of the 19th century and twentieth century. and has the deepest continuously thriving roots of Hawaii's history.

Chinatown lives today, alive day and night.

It's core began at Honolulu Harbor , just as the HART Station will , and spans mauka to the home of Dr. Hildebrand and his garden along Nuuanu Stream , just as today's foster botanical garden .

Every major racial group of Hawaii's people arrived there over the past two centuries –Western sailors, new England missionaries, Chinese ,French ,German ,British ,American, PortuguesePuerto Rican Japanese Russians from Siberia, Irish ,Scottish ,Filipinos ,today's Southeast Asians - and many others.

Along with the waves of immigrants came their old country good values of hard work, integrity, respect, tolerance, compassion, selfhelp by ethnic and regional groupings as financial pooling, banks, ethnic foods, regional meeting halls,socializing, disaster relief fund raising, and reform movements to help the people in the old country ; as did many founding leaders including Sun Yat-sen.

"Without his Hawaii experience , there would not be the great career of Sun Yat-sen" , as stated by one of China's leading scholars, Lin Jia Yu.. "This is my Hawaii this is where I was educated and learned what modern civilized government is like" said the revolutionary Sun Yat-sen now called the father of modern China. It was in Hawaii that he started the first Revolutionary party, raised funds, escaped from having his head chopped off, and recruited followers that provided the basis of the first democratic revolution in all Asia.

The timing to revitalize Chinatown is now given the HART stations' development on the bottom and an anchor draw of the Sun Yat-sen supporters garden at the top of Chinatown in the foster botanical garden. This should be the planning of a Chinese Garden, memorializing Hawaii's Sun Yatsen and his supporters, updating the Foster Botanical Garden master plan update as art of the Historic site survey. Further said planning would implement the 2015 Hawaii state legislature resolution urging attractions to draw Chinese tourists to Hawaii. The Sen Yatsen Supporters memorial garden would be a principal catalyst and focal point for the revitalized vision of Chinatown .

The spirit of Chinatown would then be filled with positive values for tourists and kamaaina alike. Clean ,healthy , bright and safe with diverse ethnic foods and shopping. A fun mixed use transportation oriented residential/shopping/eating and entertainment district , night and day, based on a history of the people of Hawaii.

The spirit of Chinatown, Honolulu is not just a historic quadrant of buildings but is the values and harmonious living, working and playing of Hawaii's people. It is the first landing of the many waves of diverse people that were welcomed by the kanakas of Hawaii with aloha. welcome. Come join us. Have fun with a full belly in an atmosphere of sincere historic aloha.

Me Ke Aloha, Leigh - Wai Doo