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The Chinatown Community Center Association (CCCA) supports the proposed amendment to Bill 14 and amendment to Resolution 15-252, Downtown Neighborhood TOD Plan.

The CCCA has representatives from a cross section of Chinatown organizations to include the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, United Chinese Society, Neighborhood 13, Lum Sai Ho Tong, Kwan Yin Temple, Izumo Taisha, Mun Lun School, and the Chinatown Cultural Plaza. We strongly support the funding of the historic resource survey to identify the historic, scenic and cultural landmarks in Chinatown, especially the mauka area surrounding upper River Street. Through the identification, we hope to ensure the preservation of these historical and cultural places for future generations to appreciate their rich multi-ethnic cultural heritage.

Chinatown is a vibrant place to visit, shop and live and will hopefully become a thriving mecca for residents and tourists alike. The name of the mall along River Street - Sun Yat Sen Mall — evokes pride and a link to an important historical figure in modern China. Dr Sun Yat Sen was educated in Honolulu graduating from Iolani School and attending Oahu College (now Punahou). It was in Honolulu where he gained his support for China's revolution. Over 70% of the Chinese in Hawaii find their roots in Zhongshan City, where Dr. Sen was born in the See Dai Doo (now Nanlong) district.

For the above reasons, we support the amendments to Bill 14 and Resolution 15-252.

Mahalo,



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