

Bill 16, CD1
Additional Testimony

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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Bill #16 (2018), CD1
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization
Organization Teruya's Andagi
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Honorable Members of the City Council,

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My name is Albert Teruya, owner of Teruya's Andagi located at 1104 Pensacola St. It has just come to my attention by a neighboring business that there are plans of a bike lane being put in place which would rid 6 or 7 metered stalls along Pensacola st. These stalls are essential to our business as they are part of a handful of stalls that serve as parking for customers of businesses in the area. Taking these away would negatively effect such businesses which are already having a difficult time as customers always comment on the lack of parking. Therefore I ask that you Please reconsider such plans so that small, family owned businesses in the area, can have a fighting chance of surviving. We are all in this together with ultimate goal of serving our communities. Thank you very much for your time,

Albert Teruya
Teruya's Andagi

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Attachment

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April 25, 2018

Honorable Ernest Martin, Chair and Presiding Officer
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Dear Chair Martin, Vice Chair Pine and members of the Council,

Subject: Testimony on Bill No. 18, Relating to fees for certain permits and services administered by the Department of Planning and Permitting. (Amending the fees or fee schedules contained in Chapters 18, 21, and 22, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, as amended, with the intent to recover a greater share of the costs related to the processing and administering of building permits, nonconforming use certificates, subdivision applications, including various technical and non-substantive amendments.)

My name is Gladys Quinto-Marrone, CEO of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii). Chartered in 1955, the Building Industry Association of Hawaii is a professional trade organization affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders, representing the building industry and its associates. BIA-Hawaii takes a leadership role in unifying and promoting the interests of the industry to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii.

BIA Hawaii is **opposed** to Bill No. 18. While we understand the need to adjust fees to reflect the need to capture the cost of processing permits, we cannot support an increase in fees without some proportional improvement in the time it takes for agencies to process permits. There has been absolutely no accountability from agencies on what steps are being taken to improve the permit processing time.

It seems illogical to allow agencies to delay the issuance of building permits and approvals as these new projects will generate increased revenues to the City through real properties taxes. The faster these projects are approved the sooner the City will realize more revenue from the new real property taxes.

Before randomly increasing fees for agencies, perhaps the Council should assess how these fees are being used and whether or not there is any improvement to the processing time as a result of the increase. If not, fees could increase dramatically with no improvement in services being provided to the public.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide our comments on this bill.

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 Agenda Item Bill 16
 Your position on the matter Oppose
 Representing Self
 Organization
 Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Second attempt to submit this testimony.

Council Members

I would like to give testimony regarding the unfairness of the overbearing Honolulu Complete Streets program has been to businesses and residents that are directly impacted by a bike lane on Pensacola St.

I heard about this about this program's plans for my neighborhood by word of mouth . . . neighborhood input/feedback was finally mentioned to be discussed at our neighborhood board meeting on March 22nd. It seemed merely a discussion of a plan that has been in the works for several years - a fait accompli.

Parking is a big issue in my neighborhood, yet the plans are to remove 70 metered parking spaces on Pensacola - THIS IS NOT PONO!

Bike lanes are a positive, but until people stop having cars, the city should only consider removing parking spaces when there is a replacement planned.

Please reconsider your plans to institute bike lanes without public input and without offering replacement parking.

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