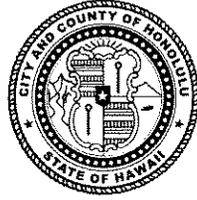


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Dear Chair Marshall and Councilmembers:

Subject: Culture and Arts Trade Center at the Neal S. Blaisdell Center

Bill 18 (2008) CD1 eliminates funding for consultant services for "Phase 2 of the World Trade Development Center at the Blaisdell site". While the Department of Enterprise Services (DES) agrees that the description for the funds should be changed, we respectfully request your reconsideration and restoration of the feasibility study funding which should more appropriately be titled, "Phase 2 of a Culture and Arts Trade Center".

The City and County of Honolulu must make every effort to optimally utilize the assets entrusted to it. With that goal, the feasibility study will evaluate the merits of developing a Culture and Arts Trade Center at the site of the current Blaisdell Center Exhibition Hall and adjoining parking structure. The Exhibition Hall and parking structure are outdated and can no longer meet our customer needs. Repair and maintenance costs continue to escalate along with customer complaints about the inadequacy of the Exhibition Hall facility and parking accommodations.

The feasibility study will evaluate the viability of a public/private partnership to expeditiously improve and optimally utilize the site with the construction of a new Culture and Arts Trade Center Tower, a multi-level parking structure, and possibly an executive hotel or other living accommodation. The City's investment would be the property. The City and its partner would share in the resulting revenue streams.

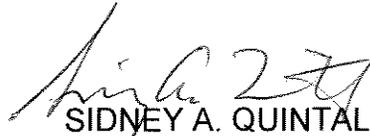
In a time of limited resources, it is envisioned that such a public/private partnership project could substantially improve the level of services provided to the public with the least amount of cost to Honolulu's taxpayers.

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Your favorable consideration of this request is appreciated. Should you have any questions or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to call me at 527-5415.

Sincerely,


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