

Honorable Councilmember Ann Kobayashi
Executive Matters Committee Chair
and Members of the Committee

RE: Bill 10 (08) proposed CD2 version – relating to Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Projects for Oahu in conjunction with the High Capacity Mass Transit System, which includes building of Hotels, decreasing and eliminating On-Street Parking Spaces
IN STRONG OPPOSITION

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Good Afternoon Chair Kobayashi and Committee Members:

I'm Daisy Murai, a Community member and resident of Kapahulu, which is located in the Primary Urban Center. I grew-up predominately in residential Communities/Neighborhoods of Lower Nuuanu, McCully and Kapahulu, all within the Primary Urban Center (PUC). I feel building and developing Transit Oriented Developments (TOD) within the PUC, the same time with the High Capacity Mass Transit System would be a huge mistake – especially if huge chunks of properties will be bought by the City via Eminent Domain and developed to increase population density in areas lacking space. It should be built in areas outside the PUC, where land is not as scarce and the infrastructure will not need to be up-graded like the PUC, a costly factor for both the City and the Tax Payers.

I feel decreasing On-Street Parking spaces specifically for the TOD's and Mass Transit System would not serve enough of the General Public's dependency for additional parking spaces for their private vehicles, since not all rentals have parking spaces at work or at home. This would also cause many more traffic problems with people parking on streets, which allows On-Street Parking. It would be a disadvantage to those that depend on others for private modes of transportation, such as the elderly, handicapped or sickly person who are not able to use Public Transportation (such as those with incontinence or mental problems).

I also feel that trying to make Oahu a destination with Hotels for the visitors, especially during these harsh economic times throughout the State of Hawaii with major Layoffs, bankruptcy protection filings by many Companies and vacancies in our Hotels in Waikiki, is not the best thing to do now.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak in **STRONG OPPOSITION** to Bill 10 (2008) proposed CD2 version.

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