



December 6, 2006

Donovan Dela Cruz, Council Chair
Honolulu City Council
Honolulu Hale
530 So. King Street
Honolulu HI 96813

Re: Bill 79, CD1

Dear Chair Dela Cruz & City Council Members:

On behalf of the Sand Island Business Association (SIBA) and its 110 small businesses, we strongly support passage of Bill 79, CD1.

We believe that the city must address the growing traffic congestion now. We understand that it will take years to break ground and begin construction. For that reason, approval and funding must begin now. If not, the delay will only prolong the project and increase the cost.

We also are aware there are still other issues to be resolved. Such issues like improving bus service; staggering work hours; limiting parking in central areas (Downtown, Waikiki, University of Hawaii - Manoa); generating ridership. These issues and others can be addressed and resolved in the time it will take to being construction.

But to delay the project now will only increase cost and prolong the traffic congestion.

Let's be pro-active.

Aloha,

Rodney Kim
Executive Director/Secretary