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Subject: RE: HCR 20 HEARING IN SENATE PSM COMMITTEE
Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 6:05:16 PM

Dear Sirs,

As the manager of a bank operating in Chinatown that was recently robbed, I would be very grateful if we can have increased police presence in the area.

In the last year or so, we also have a whole gamut of unsavory visitors that come into our branch. Some are highly intoxicated (which we have had to call 911 to help get them out of the branch), while some are mentally unstable, and some are high on substance. There were also a couple of instances where a black male came into the branch and used our phones without permission. When asked to leave, he got rowdy. We feel so vulnerable as we are an all women team. We've called 911 for assistance but sometimes we have to wait as there are other cases that the police have to attend to first.

We also have our share of transient people who defecate or urinate in front and at the side of our premise. The smell of urine is so strong all around. When walking in Chinatown, one also has to be mindful of where we step because the black spots on the ground are dried, flattened fecal pellets and not gum.

There was also an occasion when there was a homeless couple making out at my front door. When asked to leave, the female had the audacity to tell me that I am not security.

All these unsavory and/or rowdy characters affect our business as they scare away our customers. It also makes our workplace very unpleasant to work at and that makes it hard to hire new employees. Our office is staffed by an all-female team and we would feel more secured if there is more police presence in Chinatown to deter these people from loitering and defecating/urinating on the streets of Chinatown. With so many homeless people loitering in the area also creates more rubbish. Every morning, we find trash around the branch. Just the presence of police makes a difference.

About 1.5 years ago, there was a group of police officers that would patrol the area by foot and make it a point to come in at different times during the day or week. Just that presence made a difference as there were less unsavory characters visiting the branch during that period and the place did not stink that much.

Chinatown is becoming more popular place as there are several popular restaurants that have been established in the area. We'd like to make Chinatown a safe area to work and visit, and also the Chinatown businesses to thrive.

In view of the above, please increase the presence of police in our area.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

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Victor Lim	Testifying for United Chinese Society of Hawaii	Support	Yes

Comments:

We fully support HCR 20, HD1. Our communities in Chinatown and Downtown needs more police presence to push back the increase in crimies against the general public and the citizens. Thank You.

Victor Lim, President, the United Chinese Society of Hawaii/President, the Forst Street Mall BID.

From: [Roland Louie](#)
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Subject: increase police presence in Chinatown
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I am in support increase police presence in Chinatown. Chinatown have many theft and purse snatch, many tourist come to visit Chinatown, we want people to be safe.

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lynne matusow	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please accept this as testimony in full support. As a Downtown/Chinatown resident I have seen the worsening conditions in the area because of a lack of police resources. It appears that the Mayor is focusing on Waikiki to the detriment of other areas of the island.

Lynne Matusow