

To: The Chairwoman
The Hawaii Board of Land and Natural Resources

From: Paul Skellon
Event Chair Hawaii Invitational of Polo; local resident of Kahala

Subject: **The Kahala Hotel and Resort**

August 29, 2018

Dear Ms. Case,

As a resident of Kahala, I have been a frequent visitor to the Kahala Hotel and Resort where I have always been welcomed warmly and genuinely. This beautiful 'old world' resort is very much part of the rich history and tapestry of this wonderful seaside neighborhood where residents from all over the island, and guests from all corners of the world, come and mix effortlessly.

I was not here when the resort was built but some years ago after a conversation with a neighbor, I learned the fascinating story of the creation of this gem and how the vision of its developers transformed a muddy tidal part of Oahu's south shore into the beautifully, cared for resort that islanders and visitors enjoy today and return to time and again.

Almost daily I walk my dog along the beautiful Kahala neighborhood beaches and love the fact that, while not a resort guest, I have always been welcomed by the staff and am able to use the resort's bathroom, get fresh water for my dog or pull up a beach lounge and enjoy a coffee. I may not have been a registered guest, but I was certainly always welcomed as one and was reminded by staff many times that the beach belonged to everyone.

The evenings are also a special time on the hotel's Verandah where guests and residents come to relax, enjoy a sunset drink and listen to beautiful music. I usually bump into someone I haven't seen in a while, and I love that about this magical venue, and visitors love this interaction with the local community.

Perhaps the highlight of the year for me is when the hotel graciously hosts its Oahu O'hana for the annual lighting of the Christmas Tree. Families from across the island come and inevitably recount the stories of when they first came with their parents and grandparents, and how that tradition has endured and grown. Food, beverages, music, fun, laughter and generous hospitality are served up lovingly for this 'all hands-on deck' annual event that the resort's staff, and we locals, wouldn't miss for anything. It's a wonderful sense of community that exemplifies the spirit of Christmas and the very essence of what the Kahala resort represents – the genuine spirit of aloha and community.

Just ask the firefighters and first responders in the neighborhood who for four decades have enjoyed a strong bond with the resort, and whose service to the community is recognized by the resort and its staff who prepare and deliver hundreds of delicious complimentary meals every Thanksgiving.

There are many other examples of the resort's giving and being an integral part of our community, and I am glad to have this opportunity to share my gratitude and appreciation for all they do, day after day, decade after decade.

Most sincerely,

Paul K Skellon

Board of Land and Natural Resources

Kalanimoku Building

1511 Punchbowl Street

Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Madam Chair and Members of the Board:

I am writing in support of the Kahala Hotel's application to renew its existing Revocable Permit allowing the resort to continue using the beach in front of the hotel

As a Hawaiian and a long-time resident of East O'ahu I have come to know and appreciate the care and aloha the Kahala has shown of the beach fronting their hotel. They have always cared for the beach and have been good neighbors in being supportive of public use of the beach. The hotel has in the past allowed public use of their beach furniture and has provided a shower for public use.

This indicates where the hotel's heart and actions are and have been. They care for the property and are happy to share it with the public, which is of great importance to me. The beach and ocean are for everyone to enjoy. The hotel has shown they are of a like mind.

The hotel is a good neighbor and a good employer.

I appreciate this opportunity to share my mana'o with the board. Please renew their Revocable Permit.

Respectfully,

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From: aloha stephen <alohastephen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 24, 2018 5:41 PM
To: DLNR.BLNR.Testimony
Subject: The Kahala Hotel & Resort

August 23rd, 2018

Suzanne Case

Board of Land & Natural Resources
Chairwoman
Blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov
Dear Suzanne Case,

Re: Commendation – The Kahala Hotel & Resort

The purpose of this letter is to formally and publicly commend The Kahala Hotel & their staff for the excellent service they provide to myself, my family, and ultimately, the State of Hawaii.

As a child, I remember bicycling over to the Kahala (Hilton) to enjoy the beach and the fishing off of both of the outcrops surrounding the bay area. The evening oceanside music made for a special place where we were able to enjoy the same world-class entertainment that visitors from around the world came to experience.

This is a place where I can be confident that my kids can enjoy some of the best that Hawaii has to offer in a safe beach environment.

As a father, I am able to relive my youth vicariously through my own children as they play in the well-maintained area fronting the Kahala and using the ocean platform to jump in and out of the water all day long. Here, there are always showers that are operational and up until recently, there were even lounge chairs on the beach for us to sit in. Our family has always felt welcomed amongst the resort area even when using their private restroom facilities in an area where no such public offerings exist.

I have never before written a letter like this on an entirely unsolicited basis. However, in this case, I felt compelled to go on record with my praise. These people, this hotel, truly deserve it.

In an era where homeless encampments, drug activity, and basic access to safe, well-maintained facilities has virtually disappeared from many of the beach parks, the area around the Kahala Hotel and Resort should be held up as an example for others to try to emulate. They are true custodians who both protect and enhance this very special place.

Throughout the decades, The Kahala has been a respite of tranquility and an icon of local tradition. If they were not allowed to maintain this for us, who will expend the costs necessary to protect it for future generations?

Very sincerely,

Stephen Mendenhall

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August 20, 201

Suzanne D. Case, Chairperson
Board of Land and Natural Resources
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**Re: Application for Amendment to Revocable Permit for Use of State Land in Waialae,
Honolulu, Oahu, Tax Map Key No. (1) 3-5-023:041**

Dear Chairperson Case and Members of the Board:

This letter is written in **support** of Resorttrust Hawaii, LLC, 's application which is before the Board of Land and Natural Resources. While I have no present affiliation and/ or business interest with the Kahala Hotel and Resort, this hotel is very dear to my heart.

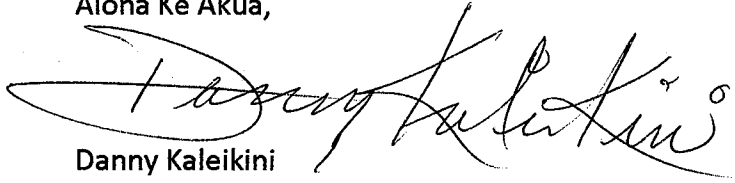
In 1967, I was hired by Robert Burns to be the headline entertainer at the Kahala Hilton Hotel (as it was known in those days) and stayed there for 30 years. In effect, the Kahala was my second home. During all the years I was at the hotel, guests both visitors and locals enjoyed the use of beach chairs, cabanas and recreational activities that were allowed , and there was never any problem with the public using the beach fronting the hotel. In fact, my good friend, the late Tom Moffatt, use to swim in front of the Kahala almost every Sunday and use the public shower provided by the Hotel to wash off. Many locals I know, still use the the public shower today.

I believe the present owners and management are committed to keeping the state owned land and beach cleaned and maintained as well as having liability insurance in place should someone be injured. At a time when Hawaii needs to provide hotels and facilities that share Aloha with visitors as well as locals who want a "staycation", what the owners are requesting is something which has been in place for a long time without major issues over the years and seems like a reasonable request.

As I write this letter, I am reminded of all of the celebrities who came to the Kahala with their families and became part of our Hawaii Ohana – ie. Connie Francis, Sylvester Stallone, Don Rickles, Paul Anka, Wayne Newton, Dolly Parton, David Copperfield, Donnie and Marie Osmond and countless others, some of whom are still friends today. Hawaii is still a special place with special people and staff at the Kahala Hotel and Resort continue to share their Aloha.

Your support of this Application is appreciated. I believe if this permit is approved, the positives will outweigh the negatives.

Aloha Ke Akua,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Danny Kaleikini". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a stylized "K".

Danny Kaleikini
Ambassador of Aloha

From: John Michael White, PO Box 10, Honolulu, HI 96810

17 August 2018, via Email and U.S. Mail

To: Suzanne D. Case, Chairperson and Board members
State of Hawaii, Board of Land and Natural Resources
c/o Darlene S. Ferreira, State Land Board Secretary,
Office of The Chairperson [REDACTED]
1151 Punchbowl Street, Kalanimoku Building #130
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: BLNR Meeting Friday 24 August 2018 agenda items re: The Kahala Hotel & Resort:

re: #7. Issuance of Right-of-Entry Permits for Beach Activities to be held on October 16, 17, and December 29, 2018; and Issuance of Revocable Permit for Recreational and Maintenance Purposes; Resorttrust Hawaii, LLC, Applicant; Wai'alaie, Honolulu, O'ahu, Tax Map Key: (1) 3-5-023:041.

re: #10. Annual Renewal of Revocable Permits on the Island of O'ahu:
RP7849 C, Applicant: RESORTTRUST HAWAII LLC
(1) 3-5-023:041-0000 7/1/2016 Recreational 0.929 15,151.92 15,606.48

Aloha Chairperson Case and Board members:

My writing this letter is prompted by seeing the above items on the agenda received from your office today August 17, 2018 - re your scheduled Thursday August 24 BLNR meeting.

I am writing to respectfully encourage your approval of the above permit requests. I also ask that you kindly consider allowing the return of the gazebo (formerly located for decades near the shoreline at the Diamond Head side of the hotel). I proposed to my late beloved Qi Marie in that gazebo. Many people have similar special memories of that site, over many years - and like me - they return, to sadly discover that iconic legendary historic gazebo has been removed!

The Kahala Hotel has been a wonderful neighbor to the community since the 1960's. There was NO beach there before the hotel; it was muddy, swampy shore, enjoyed by none. For sure there would likely be NO beach there today; but-for The Kahala Hotel. For that, we are so thankful.

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The Kahala Hotel is the creator and the forever maintainer of that idyllic beach and beautifully landscaped shoreline area - enjoyed by all and especially the local community. My children, as they attended Kahala Elementary School - looked forward every weekend to going to/enjoying the beach at the Kahala Hotel, near our home. Over the years - my family has attended so many charitable events supported by The Kahala Hotel. The hotel is a blessing for the community.....

Please know that - from that very moment that I re-visited the gazebo site (which I've done for years) when I was shocked to discover that memorable gazebo removed, I've intended to ask IF that gazebo can hopefully be returned? That gazebo is/was a landmark - and it has such special memories for so many local folks, as well as visitors from all over the world.

Please try to find a way to return the gazebo to it's original site where it's been for many years. I am, personally, very familiar with the Kahala Hotel and environs over these past fifty+ years. I have no business connection with the hotel, nor have I been asked by anyone connected with the hotel to write this letter. That said, I do care and deeply appreciate The Kahala Hotel as a good neighbor to the community over so many years. I would express my support/concerns in- person, however I'll be off-island Thursday. I am happy to answer any questions and welcome any you and/or your staff may have. Please feel free to email me - or call/text me on my cell #927-1010 anytime. Your review/consideration of the above is sincerely appreciated.

Mahalo nui loa,



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Board of Land and Natural Resources
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DEPT OF LAND
& NATURAL RESOURCES
HONOLULU, HI

Re: Statement in Support of the Kahala Hotel's application to renew its
Revocable Permit for beachfront State property

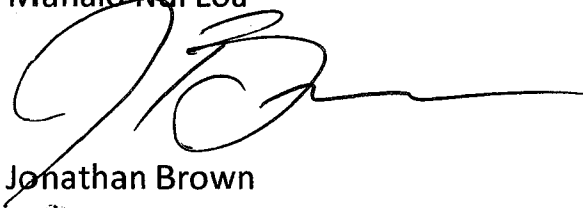
Dear Ms. Case –

Attached please find my written testimonial in support of the Kahala Hotel's
application to renew the Revocable Permit related to the beachfront area.

I would appreciate its inclusion in consideration of this matter at the conclusion of
proceedings related to the issue.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Mahalo Nui Loa –



Jonathan Brown

Michael J. Chun, PhD

August 18, 2018

Board of Land and Natural Resources
P. O. Box 621
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96809

Aloha e Members of the Board,

My name is Michael J. Chun and I am writing in support of the Kahala Hotel's application to renew its existing Revocable Permit allowing the resort to continue certain uses of state beach land fronting the Hotel.

E kala mai for not attending the Board meeting on August 24 to present my testimony in person, however, I will be traveling out of state on that date. In lieu of testimony at the meeting, this letter is submitted to affirm and explain my support of the Kahala Hotel and its application.

I have lived next door to the Kahala Hotel in the Kahala Beach Apartments since 2012. During these past six years, I have enjoyed walking along Kahala beach and swimming in its waters, especially in the area fronting the Kahala Hotel. This particular stretch of Kahala beach is a favored spot for the public, in large part because it has substantial beach sand and a swimmable lagoon for people of all ages. However, frankly speaking, another important reason for its popularity is that the Hotel has always welcomed the public, unlike other stretches of Kahala beach fronting private beachfront property. I have always enjoyed the intermingling of visitor and resident in this small stretch of land.

As one of O'ahu's premier resort properties, the Kahala Hotel offers a variety of food and beverage venues that are enjoyed by many, malihini and kamaaina alike. I include myself among those who have seen and attended a variety of activities on the lawn area fronting the hotel – from weddings to private parties to fireworks displays. In this regard, the Hotel has been, and continues to be, an important resource for the local community. Equally important, however, is that the Hotel has done it the “right” way, respecting and honoring those who call this special stretch of coastline home. The Hotel takes its responsibility to the public seriously, as evidenced by numerous accommodations made throughout the years.

The Kahala Hotel is an important economic, social and cultural asset for Hawai'i, a resort that adds greatly to the vibrancy of our community. The uses allowed under the Revocable Permit do not create a conflict with the general public; while they may be private acts, there is a public purpose because of the benefits they bring to the larger community.

Thank you for this opportunity to support the Kahala Hotel's application to renew its existing Revocable Permit. The efforts of the Hotel to be inclusive and not exclusive are genuine and authentic. That is why I encourage you to allow them to continue the activities that have been part of the Hotel for decades.

Me ka ha`a ha`a,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Chun", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael J. Chun, PhD

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August 27, 2018

Suzanne Case
The Board of Land & Natural Resources
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Re: Resorttrust Hawaii, LLC - The Kahala Hotel & Resort
Issuance of Right-of-Entry Permits for Beach Activities
Issuance of Revocable Permit for Recreational and Maintenance
Location: Oahu, Hawaii Tax Map Key: (1) 3-5-023:041

Aloha Suzanne:

I am writing in support of Resortquests Hawaii, LLC request to renew their revocable permit for The Kahala to allow the hotel entry to the grassy state parcel of land as well as the beach fronting the entire area of the resort and the other specified areas in their request for maintenance and recreational activities. The Kahala has done a remarkable job for more than 40 years maintaining the beach and lawn areas for everyone to enjoy whether it be residents or visitors. Local weddings, parties, fundraisers and so much more have taken place over the years, enjoyed by thousands. To even consider putting an end to these practices is shocking.

While we understand the process must take place, we urge you and the board to overwhelmingly approve of the Resortquest, LLC request.

The hotel is a wonderful amenity to our neighborhood, residents from all over the island and our visitor industry. Their contributions to the community-at-large have been a wonderful asset and will continue to be an asset if allowed to proceed unencumbered.

Please vote in favor of the renewal of this permit.

Respectfully,



Mary Charles

Re: Resorttrust Hawaii, LLC