

ITEM J-1

From: Michele Murakami
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Written Testimony for Item J-1
Date: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 8:59:27 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

I oppose the elimination of 125 free stalls for recreational users at Bowls/Kaiser surf breaks.

Michele Murakami

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From: bunky bakutis
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] LIVE NOTE: Testimony regarding Item J-1. PAY Parking for the Lot at Ala Moana Bowls.
Date: Thursday, January 9, 2020 6:02:26 AM

Aloha, my name is Robert Bakutis. I live at 86-098 Pokai Bay st., Waianae. Having lived here for over 40 years and surfed in Waikiki throughout that time, I would like to testify in favor of leaving the public parking at ala Moana bowls free of charge. This is a very important kamaina feature which should remain free and allows public access to the south shore. Please keep our precious ocean access open to those who have been enjoying it for so many years. Mahalo nui, Robert “bunky” Bakutis

On Wed, Jan 8, 2020 at 7:16 PM DLNR.BLNR.Testimony <blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov> wrote:

Aloha,

Your testimony will be forwarded to the Board members for their consideration.

Thank you,

Darlene S. Ferreira

Secretary

State of Hawaii

Board of Land and Natural Resources

Kalanimoku Building, Room 131

[1151 Punchbowl Street](#)

[Honolulu, Hawaii 96813](#)

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From: John Shockley <shockleyjr@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 3:10 PM

To: DLNR.BLNR.Testimony <blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Cc: Sen. Mike Gabbard <sengabbard@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Sharon Har <rephar@gmail.com>; Kymberly Pine <kmpine@honolulu.gov>; Stuart Coleman <scoleman34@gmail.com>; Rafael Bergstrom <rafael@sustainablecoastlineshawaii.org>; Robert Bunky Bakutis <bakutisb@gmail.com>; Donald Kleinschmidt <kleinschmidt.donald@gmail.com>; Linda Legrande <lindalegrande2243@gmail.com>; Linda Wong <leiahi@me.com>; Alethea Rebman <alethea@mitsuyamaandrebman.com>; Mona Wood-Sword <ikaikacommpr@gmail.com>; Defend O'ahu Coalition <defendoahucoalition@gmail.com>; SierraClubOahuGroup@gmail.com; Daysog, Rick <rdaysog@hawaiiinewsnow.com>; Ronald (FOK) Iwami <iwamih001@hawaii.rr.com>; Sharon Moriwaki <sharonymoriwaki@gmail.com>; Ann (Council) Kobayashi <akobayashi@honolulu.gov>; Kymberly Pine <pineforcouncil@gmail.com>; Mayor Caldwell <mayor@honolulu.gov>; governor@hawaii.gov

Subject: [EXTERNAL] LIVE NOTE: Testimony regarding Item J-1. PAY Parking for the Lot at Ala Moana Bowls.

Aloha!

The Free Access Coalition STRONGLY opposes this rip-off parking meter scheme that is being proposed to the BLNR. Generations of Hawaii's people have used this parking area to gain free unencumbered access to Waikiki and Ala Moana beaches and surfing spots since the State was a Territory. It would be a disaster if the BLNR approves this cut-off of public access to our most traditional beach area in the Waikiki area.

As Coordinators for Free Access Coalition, Rita and I will make every effort to attend the Friday meeting. Should we not be able to get to the meeting to testify, I'm hoping the urgency of this note will indicate the strong disapproval of the parking meter taxation idea. This is not California or the mainland. Our people have a right to free access to recreational areas that we cannot afford to let slip away for monetary gain. There is already a deep separation between rich and poor in this country. In Hawaii, we still like to think that everyone is equal as far as access to the treasures of our islands.

Please—Turn DOWN the parking meter proposal. Do the State of Hawaii the service you are paid to do.

Mahalo for your time and hopefully, your Kokua!

John & Rita Shockley Coordinators: www.freeaccesscoalition.weebly.com

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From: John Kobelansky
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Cc: [Iwami Ron](#); [Sharon Moriwaki](#); tommy.waters@honolulu.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony against parking meters
Date: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 11:29:33 PM

Hi everyone,

Here are some key points to remember:

1. It's a struggle to stay afloat financially in Hawaii. Why create more hardship than we already have.
2. They say the best things in life are free. So, keep it free.
3. Will the general public benefit from the increased revenue of these parking spaces? planting of shade trees? Re-paving roadway surfaces? Better shower facilities?
4. How can you enjoy your surf session when you have to come in and feed the meters?
5. They did that in Waikiki under the Harris administration. Now those metered spots go empty because people don't want to pay the high rate. That's kind of counterproductive to what you're trying to accomplish.
6. There is a money leak in your operation. Find it and plug it up. Our lives would be much enhanced if and when you do that.

6. Conclusion: Don't do it.

Keep those parking spaces open and available and free. We shouldn't have to pay for a "paradise" that's already here.

Mahalo A Nui,
John Kobelansky Jr.
(Owner of JJs swim and fitness)
(Citizens patrol, district one)
(Kakaako friends and Neighbors)
(Kakaako united)
(Friends of Kewalos)
(Friends of Sharon Moriwaki)

Bruce Lum

SAVE ALA MOANA BEACH PARK HUI

Protect The People's Park - with advocacy and action
savealamoanbeachpark@gmail.com

January 9, 2020

Board of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawaii
Kalanimoku Building Room 130
1151 Punchbowl St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Issuance of a Revocable Permit to Diamond Parking Services, LLC, for Management of Parking Concession Purposes, at Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor, Honolulu, Island of Oahu, Hawaii, identified by Tax Map Keys: (1) 2-6-010:003 (POR); (1) 2-3-037:012 (POR), 37 (POR), 024, 030 and 0031;

and

Approve Amendment of Existing Parking Plan for the Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor, Honolulu, Island of Oahu, Hawaii identified by Tax Map Keys: (1) 2-6-010:003 (POR); (1) 2-3-037:012 (POR); 37 (POR); 024; 030 and 0031

Aloha Chair Suzanne D. Case, Christopher Yuen, James A. Gomes, Thomas Oi, Samuel “’Ohu” Gon III, Vernon Char, Wesley “Kaiwi” Yoon,

My name is Bruce Lum and I appreciate your allowing me to testify on plans to modify the parking plan for the Ala Wai Boat Harbor. I testify today in opposition to the conversion of 42% of the 298 free public recreational spaces to paid parking. Converting 125 free public recreational parking spaces to paid parking is not in keeping with the original purpose and prior agreement with the public of establishing 300 free public parking spaces for access and recreational purposes within the Ala Wai Boat Harbor footprint described above.

Please vote NO to this request for a temporary month-to-month permit.

Mahalo,

Bruce Lum
SAVE ALA MOANA BEACH PARK HUI

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From: Marilyn Mick
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] KEEP THE FREE PARKING STATUS QUO, SAY NO TO REDUCING FREE PUBLIC PARKING
Date: Thursday, January 9, 2020 9:02:49 AM

To: DLNR Board Members

RE: Agenda item J-1

I am opposed to the proposal to eliminate 125 free recreational users parking at Ala Wai Boat Harbor (Ilikai lagoon area).

This is the only free parking in this end of Waikiki for locals to enjoy ocean activities. Over the years we have already lost so much of the free parking here.

This creates a slippery slope which eventually will take it all away, piece by piece. And this will embolden the City to create pay parking at our beach parks around the island.

Please vote against this proposal.

Mahalo, Marilyn Mick, Honolulu

From: chee mio
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Elimination of 125 Free Parking Stalls for Bowls/Kaisers
Date: Thursday, January 9, 2020 8:31:36 AM

Aloha to whom it may concern,

My name is Mio Chee and I live in Ala Moana. I strongly oppose elimination of 125 free parking stalls for Bowls and Kaisers.

Mahalo,
Mio Chee

From: Liysa Swart
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Do not take free parking for locals Item J-1
Date: Thursday, January 9, 2020 8:51:10 AM

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From: **Liysa Swart** <liysaswart@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Jan 9, 2020, 10:47 AM
Subject: Do not take free parking for locals
To: <blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha.

As you know the ocean access for all is an important aspect of living in Hawaii. For those born and raised here, already so much has been lost. It is unethical to take the free parking at Ala Wai that many locals use in order to surf swim and watch sunset. Its part of what makes living in town livable for surfers. Already we have lowest wages for higher costs of living and the increase in housing costs is due in large part to foreign investment who see Hawaii as a place to park money but who have no concept of aloha and who do not have the spiritual connection to the sea and to the aina that many locals have. Don't destroy one of the last vestiges of family gatherings and joyful surf sessions for the work ik ng poor who make up most of yhe actual residents...the people you represent.

Mahalo

Liysa Swart

From: Liysa Swart
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Do not take free parking for locals
Date: Thursday, January 9, 2020 8:40:31 AM

Aloha.

As you know the ocean access for all is an important aspect of living in Hawaii. For those born and raised here, already so much has been lost. It is unethical to take the free parking at Ala Wai that many locals use in order to surf swim and watch sunset. Its part of what makes living in town livable for surfers. Already we have lowest wages for higher costs of living and the increase in housing costs is due in large part to foreign investment who see Hawaii as a place to park money but who have no concept of aloha and who do not have the spiritual connection to the sea and to the aina that many locals have. Don't destroy one of the last vestiges of family gatherings and joyful surf sessions for the work ik ng poor who make up most of yhe actual residents...the people you represent.

Mahalo

Liysa Swart

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From: Dave Watase
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BLNR Agenda J-1 Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor - I OPPOSE the Reduction of 125 free parking stalls
Date: Thursday, January 9, 2020 9:01:29 AM

Dear BLNR Board Members,

I am a local resident who lived here my whole life, I'm 60 years old, I am a taxpayer and registered voter. I grew up on St. Louis Heights and when my father built his home there in the early 1960's we could see the surf on Waikiki Beach and only a few hotels lined Waikiki. We had easy and free access to Waikiki Beach and Hawaii had a million tourist a year. Well in the 70's a wall of concrete hotels sprouted up and lined Waikiki from one end to the other as if our island was taken over. No longer could we see the surf and our beautiful ocean sunsets views were stolen by the high rises and penthouses of the rich and tourist industry. Now, even the views of the Ewa plains are gone because of the build out of Kakaako.

BLNR needs to preserve the free parking stalls at the Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor and what little we have left in the Waikiki area for the local residents and the users of the ocean and surf. Please do not approve the Agenda Item J-1 to grant a permit to Diamond Parking Services LLC to manage and take out 125 free parking stalls. **I OPPOSE AGENDA ITEM J-1.**

Mahalo,
Dave Watase
1605 Kanalui St.
Honolulu, HI 96816
c. (808) 728-0759
Email: dwatase@hotmail.com

From: Dana Yoshimura
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Cc: info@downingsurf.com; [Chesser, Jeannie](#); [Underwood, Ed R](#); [Statts, Meghan L](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BLNR Meeting of January 10, 2020, Testimony, Item J-1
Date: Thursday, January 9, 2020 4:46:42 AM

Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR)

Attn: Board Members (Board)

1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 130

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

SUBJECT: DLNR, DIVISION OF BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION (DOBOR) REQUEST, ISSUANCE OF A REVOCABLE PERMIT (RP) TO DIAMOND PARKING SERVICES, LLC (APPLICANT) , FOR MANAGEMENT OF PARKING CONCESSION PURPOSES, AT ALA WAI SMALL BOAT HARBOR HONOLULU, ISLAND OF OAHU, HAWAII, IDENTIFIED BY TAX MAP KEY: (1)2- 6-OIO-:003 (POR), (1) 2-3-037:012 (POR), :37 (POR), :024, :030 AND :0031

AND

APPROVE AMENDMENT OF EXISTING PARKING PLAN FOR THE ALA WAI SMALL BOAT HARBOR, HONOLULU, ISLAND OF OAHU, HAWAII IDENTIFIED BY TAX MAP KEY: (1) 2-6-010-:003 (POR), (1) 2-3-037:012 (POR), :37 (POR), :024, :030 AND :0031

AND

DECLARE PROJECT EXEMPT FROM REQUIREMENTS OF CHAPTER 343, HRS AND TITLE 11, CHAPTER 200.1, HAWAII ADMINISTRATIVE RULES.

January 9, 2020, (5 AM)

Aloha Honorable Chairperson Case and Members of the Board,

My name is Dana Yoshimura, Concerned 4th Generation Honolulu Resident, 50 year Ocean Sports Enthusiast and Former Development Manager, DLNR, DOBOR, Retired.

I respectfully submit this written testimony in opposition of DLNR BOARD, Meeting of January 10, 2020, Agenda Item J-1, in the form it is published on the DLNR website.

Additionally, I respectfully request that the Board instead, consider Item J-1, amended as follows:

- 1) Approve the DOBOR request to issue an RP to the Applicant for a one year period, as an interim measure for the management of the Subject Area, and
- 2) Disapprove any alteration of current Parking Plan, and/or change in count of Recreational Stalls from that currently approved, and
- 3) Recommend that DLNR/DOBOR explore alternative management technologies such as those presented in the attached "Parking Best Practices" report, and
- 4) Based upon determination of a cohesive strategic plan as determined by best practice, issue a Request for Proposal for Management Technologies and Management of the Subject Area (RFP).

5) The RFP shall explore technologies currently successfully used in other public jurisdictions or private concerns, such as Automated License Plate Recognition and Smart Phone Web Based Parking Management Applications.

6) Any other revisions deemed necessary, reasonable and or/appropriate to address the concerns of the stakeholder constituents, while maintaining the goals and objectives consistent with the mission of DOBOR, DLNR and the Board.

Thank you for the time and attention to my testimony, I will be happy to respond to any questions from the Board with regard to the foregoing.

Dana Yoshimura



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From: Marvin Yoshizumi
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item J-4 (parking)
Date: Thursday, January 9, 2020 1:03:40 AM

Aloha Board Members,

I am opposed to converting 125 free parking stalls to paid parking at the Ala Wai Boat Harbor. These stall should remain free for public recreation use. I understand the need to generate revenue but free parking should be available for the public in this area.

Thank you for you consideration.

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Marvin Yoshizumi
845-2449

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January 9, 2020

Suzanna D. Case, Chairperson
Board of Land and Natural Resources
P.O. Box 621
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809

Re: **Strong Opposition** to Agenda Item J. 1.

Issuance of a Revocable Permit to Diamond Parking Services, LLC, for Management of Parking Concession Purposes at Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor

Aloha Chairperson Case and Members of the Board,

I am writing to express my **strong opposition** to agenda item J. 1. - Issuance of a Revocable Permit to Diamond Parking Services LLC for Management of Parking Concession Purposes at Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor. By moving away from free parking, and creating paid parking stalls, the State Land Board is essentially creating a financial barrier and preventing local residents from enjoying our once free ocean playground. It is possible the State Land Board may have good intentions in their efforts to keep a few free stalls and parking fees low, but just like all things related to the high cost of living in Hawaii, small costs add up to significant ones, especially for the resident's like myself who surf in the area five times a week or more. The ocean is for all to enjoy, not just for those that can afford to pay the parking cost.

With this in mind, I respectfully request the State Land Board **oppose** agenda item J. 1 for the Issuance of a Revocable Permit to Diamond Parking Services LLC for Management of Parking Concession Purposes at Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor.

Sincerely,

Jaren McCartney

From: peter easterling
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Item J - 2
Date: Thursday, January 9, 2020 10:00:21 AM

Do not change the Ala Wai small boat harbor to pay parking. My wife and I were regulars for decades before escaping to the Big Island. Puna is the Hawaii of our childhood (Oahu and Maui). Squeezing residents like this is exactly why we left. Perhaps boat evictions, fee collection and cleaning the squalor could generate more money than quarters in a meter.
Sent from my iPhone

BLNR meeting 9am January 10, 2020

Re: J-1

Testimony in opposition to changing 125 free recreational parking stalls to paid stalls at AlaWai Small Boat Harbor.

Aloha Board members,

I am a 64-year-old retired Fire Captain, born and raised in Hawaii and have been surfing for over 50 years. It has made me the man I am today. It keeps me healthy, sane, and happy and enables me to face the rigors of my past job and daily life. The ocean is my sanctuary that feeds my soul to find respite from the hustle and bustle of city life.

The Honolulu we live in today is very different from when I was growing up. Much more people and concrete everywhere impacting the accessibility of the ocean. These days, finding a public right of way with free parking is getting harder and harder. However, what has not changed are the waves of nature. They keep coming and nourishes the souls of thousands of people who come to the ocean for recreation. There is something about the ocean that is healing. It is this ocean lifestyle that makes Hawaii unique. Lifelong friendships have developed with our common denominator, sharing our love for the ocean.

Because of the decreased free parking and in turn accessibility of the ocean, it is imperative that we keep what we have and in fact increase it. Look at Waikiki, beautiful ocean but no parking. We need to have free and ample parking. I have traveled to California where I had to pay \$10 to enter the parking lot and enjoy the beach. I realized then how lucky we are.

Please let us not become another California and Keep Hawaii-Hawaii.

After reading the submittals, I learned that the DLNR deemed this project does not require an environmental assessment. That may be true however, I believe that it needs a Cultural Impact Assessment because what we are talking about here is a LIFESTYLE. Please consider this.

In closing, I implore you, please to do not take any more free parking away.

As owners of this public land, we have a say...

Mahalo,

Ron Iwami
President, *Friends of Kewalos*

To Protect, Preserve, and Malama Kewalo Basin Park and the surrounding shoreline and ocean to ensure that the recreational user will continue to have access and the ability to enjoy the area for future generations to come.

www.kewalo.org

