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Subject:	[EXTERNAL] Late written testimony on Item K-4
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Apologies for the late submission. It is possible that I will be at work when I am called to testify and won't be able to speak. Here is my written testimony. Please send to the Board. Thank you!
Yours,
Bianca

Testimony for 2/12/2021 meeting:

I'm Bianca. I live on Oahu and have surfed Ala Moana regularly for at least 22 years and grew up spending time there. I oppose the CDUP under Item K-4.

Under criteria 1 and 2 - this project is not consistent with sustainable management of natural resources of the area. The consultants said there have been repeated beach building projects and the sand keeps slumping into the swim lagoon, where it gets too dirty to be used for more beach building. That's why they won't use the swim lagoon sand. Instead they want to get relatively cleaner sand and haul it back to the beach, where it will slump back into the swim channel. Won't filling in the swim channel mean more wave action and exacerbating king tide impacts on the shore? That isn't sustainable.

If the goal is sustainability, then why do beach building in areas that, in the short term will still have sandy beach areas, and in the long term, will be completely under water? The consultant modeling shows areas of active natural beach restoration at the ewa and diamond head ends. There will be a healthy width and profile already and this beach restoration is only for a portion. Not everyone goes to the beach to sit on sand.

My biggest beef with the project is what it does not look at. I read the draft and final EISs for this project. They don't really look at the offshore area as habitat and as interactive with nearshore areas. I've gone diving off magic island - maybe not as far as the offshore sand dredging area - I'm not sure, but there are lots of fish, namako, and hammerheads. I'm told all of ala moana is a hammerhead breeding ground. Project proponents call this an offshore sand field, but that is not all that it is.

Sand moves around. You remove it from this area offshore and it will have impacts. In the EIS, they say it won't impact the breaks, but they only looked at swells from two angles - 90 and 270 degrees - and not at all breaks, including ones closer to magic island.
Sand moves over the reef area to create paths for people to walk to the breaks at low tides. I went to a meeting with the consultant and they were highly dismissive of everything I raised. But this is not the first project I've reviewed. The FEIS was an impenetrable recitation of data points and computer modeling. Unexpected changes in the bottom profile can increase accidents where surfers expect waves to act a certain way under certain conditions, but they don't because the sand changed. This is something that caused accidents in Waikiki. So, the applicant hasn't shown that this project is not materially detrimental to public health, welfare, and safety under criteria 8.
I don't think this is a lack of information issue. They should just say that it is possible that this will change the breaks, the ocean paths, and the habitat over several acres and then weigh

that against the benefits. But as I've said - those are minimal and might be detrimental by filling in the swim channel.
What I see as the unspoken agenda is the project and all the other improvements are motivated by multimillion dollar condos across the street - the ones that were selling concierge services with beach chairs and umbrellas to their owners. The risks are not worth the city's desire to make this public park into a condo amenity for developers. Thanks.

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On Thu, Feb 11, 2021 at 9:00 AM DLNR.BLNR.Testimony <blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov> wrote:

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> I'd like to testify on item K-4 tomorrow. Thanks!

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