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I am a regular visitor to Ala Moana Park Beach. I enjoy being outdoors as well as in the ocean with my paddle board.

I submit this testimony in opposition to CDUP under item K-4: Conservation District Use Application OA-3858 for the Ala Moana Park Beach Nourishment Project Located in Honolulu, Oahu.

This application and project proposed does not address important considerations nor provide complete study of the impact on the environment and the natural resources of the area they propose to replenish.

The application proposes offshore sand be used for the beach restoration but does not specify which locations as the source for the sand nor the analysis of the sand for contaminants in the sand which may pose public health concerns.

There is limited mention of the ecosystems impacted at the shoreline and near the project path but no mention of the benthic ecosystem impacted at the sand source site and the sand replenishment sites.

This project mentions in the beginning is in response to natural erosion of sand from the shore to the canal and that the Ala Moana Park is susceptible to high tides and sea level rise where erosion will continue and would require additional replenishment activities in the future.

Additional considerations are for the funding of the projects which are only temporary and would require revisiting sand replenishment every five to ten years.

This proposed application is incomplete and does not address the criteria for sustainable management of natural resources for this area.

For these reasons I oppose this application and request that further evaluations be considered to ensure the sustainable management of our natural resources and the public safety of individuals visiting the beach park.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my opposition to this application.

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