
[EXTERNAL] OPPOSE J-5, and grant Kate Thompson a Contested Case Hearing

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[EXTERNAL] Parking at the Ala Wai small boat Harbor

From heidi bornhorst <heidibornhorst@gmail.com>

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Aloha Chair Kanaka'ole and Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Heidi Bornhorst, I live in Palolo, Honolulu and I use the free recreational parking at Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor to surf, swim, snorkel, and beach walk. My sister and ohana sail. We take family to the beach.

I have been towed before, or I know someone who was. This goes against Hawaii laws for free and open Beach access.

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Kate Thompson can bring this topic to a Contested Case Hearing on my behalf. Mahalo.

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From Jeannie Chesser <jeanniechesser@gmail.com>

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Aloha Board members

Jeannie Chesser here. I am a lifelong surfer and use the parking area in the Ala Wai Small Boat harbor to surf. I also owned a boat in 1973 docked at slip 711.

Many surfers and beach goers oppose the use of the Camera Car to regulate parking by towing and prefer to have tickets issued. Towing is problematic and not the aloha way to enforce parking regulations. It is a great way to generate money for the state harbors division instead of to a towing company!!! I would say that if a car gets a couple tickets, then it is proper to tow that vehicle. But CITATION FIRST!!! I've seen the current MR. TOW in action like a shark circling the parking lot to make his quota. I sure hope you folks do not use this company as a deterrent.

Please let Kate Thompson bring this topic to a Contested Case Hearing on my behalf and on behalf of many others who enjoy the ocean recreation we all love.

much mahalo
Jeannie Chesser

[EXTERNAL] Opposition to J-5 please grant a contested case hearing!

From Angela Huntmer <angelahuntemer@gmail.com>
Date Wed 6/24/2026 11:39 AM
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Dear Board Members,

I am writing to lodge my strong opposition to agenda item J-5. Please grant a contested case hearing on this matter to Katie Thompson.

Why won't DOBAR not reform their parking policies to comply with the statutes designed to protect the public with incremental increases in penalties? A private parking company, operating on State land by towing before any other penalty has been issued, is unacceptable. Something is amiss here. Please make sure our contractors are operating legally. mahalo.

Angela Huntmer, Kahuku, O'ahu.

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From Larry Jennetta <ljrooster@yahoo.com>

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Aloha BLNR,

Making public parking for surfing and recreation more difficult and expensive should not be done by fiat without a public hearing.

Ms. Katie Thompson has standing to be heard on this issue, and the public is lucky that she is willing to pursue it so tirelessly on behalf of everyone - other than Secure Parking, of course. Granting her Contested Case hearing does not harm DLNR, who should be looking to help the public as well as just manage the harbor in the most hands-off way possible. The beach and harbor are vital to Honolulu being a livable place and a place that perpetuates ocean activities.

Mahalo for considering all points of view and doing the hard work to hear from Ms. Thompson as a community representative.

Regards, Alethea

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Aloha Chair Kanaka'ole and Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

My name is Adam White. I surf and fish near the Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor here in Waikiki.

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Please let me know if additional information is needed.

Mahalo.

Adam