

# Resolution 21-175, CD1 Testimony

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Testimony of Safe Leahi LLC – Mary Jones

City Council  
City & County of Honolulu  
Councilmember Tommy Waters, Chair  
Councilmember Esther Kia’aina, Vice Chair

Resolution 21-175 CD1 – Requesting the City Administration to take the steps necessary to acquire that section of Leahi Avenue between Monsarrat Avenue and Noela Street, including, if necessary, the preparation of a Resolution to initiate proceedings in eminent domain.

Wednesday, October 6th, 2021

10:00 A.M.

City Council Chamber

I support the intent of Resolution 21-175 CD1 requesting the City administration acquire Leahi Avenue between Monsarrat Avenue and Noela Street with the stipulations that the City continues uninterrupted the improvements that have been made to this section of Leahi Avenue, brings the roadway and sidewalk to City design standards and fairly compensates Safe Leahi LLC for the value of the property, including the completed improvements. If the Resolution is adopted, these stipulations should be incorporated in the Resolution.

This testimony is submitted as both the owner of Safe Leahi LLC and a nearby resident whose family includes five children, two of whom currently attend Waikiki Elementary School. Members of my family walk, bike and drive this section of Leahi Avenue multiple times every day. Advocating for traffic safety is deeply personal to me and extends far beyond the responsibilities required of a private road owner.

Safe Leahi LLC was founded in 2020 with the sole intent of acquiring Leahi Avenue to improve traffic safety in our neighborhood. This action came about after years and countless unsuccessful attempts with both the City and State to secure traffic safety improvements to the street, especially for children. I personally served on the Leahi Avenue Permitted Interaction Group of our Neighborhood Board, chaired the Waikiki School Traffic Safety Committee, organized and submitted petitions, engaged numerous leaders at both the City and State level, wrote letters and made appeals for improvements, such as school zone signage and speed limit reductions, to the Department of Facilities Maintenance and Department of Transportation Services. Lunalilo Trust, the previous owner, made several unsuccessful attempts to dedicate Leahi Avenue to the City. It ultimately became evident that neither the City nor the State would intervene, and the private road owner would be the only party able to initiate any improvements.

Over the last ten months, Safe Leahi LLC has completed the following traffic safety improvements:

- Reduced speed limit from 25 mph to 15 mph
- Installed "School Zone" signage in both directions near Waikiki Elementary School
- Installed outer-edge striping along the entire length of both sides of Leahi Avenue to visually delineate sidewalk from roadway and narrow lane width.
- Installed reflective pavement markers every 20' along the outer edge of the Diamond Head side of Leahi Avenue.
- Installed reflective pavement markers along the crosswalk area fronting the community garden.
- Repaired 163 ft of badly damaged asphalt sidewalk in the busiest walkway linking Pualei Circle to Waikiki Elementary School.
- Installed flexible delineators to protect unimproved sidewalks along Kapiolani Park, the community garden, two condominiums and other areas with heavy pedestrian traffic and exposed sidewalks (unimproved).
- Instituted yield movement with striped on-street parking spaces along the 'Ewa side of Leahi Avenue to slow vehicle speeds and create vital neighborhood parking.
- Established a paid parking system to manage parking with options for monthly, daily and hourly users.
- Dedicated two parking stalls for emergency vehicle use on either side of the City and County of Honolulu Ocean Safety and Lifeguard Services driveway.
- Planted twenty street trees to protect the sidewalks (unimproved) fronting Waikiki Elementary School and City and County of Honolulu Ocean Safety and Lifeguard Services headquarters. All street trees are registered in the 100K trees Oahu initiative.

Before undertaking these improvements, Safe Leahi had extensive discussions. Discussions with the City have continued since the improvements began.

The implementation of yield-movement has resulted in an overall decrease in vehicle traffic by approximately 30% and an overall reduction in average vehicle speed of 15 mph. The installation of delineators and street trees has kept most sidewalk areas (unimproved) clear on both sides of the street for pedestrians.

The City's acquisition of this area of Leahi Avenue would make available extensive resources necessary to bring Leahi Avenue fully up to City design standards. The long overdue and priority improvements should include raised and improved sidewalks on both sides of the street consistent with requirements for high pedestrian traffic areas near parks and schools, additional traffic calming measures and storm drains installed and interconnected to the City system for the entirety of the street.

Our neighborhood has realized the traffic safety benefits of already completed improvements. It would be a huge disservice for the City to acquire Leahi Avenue and fail to continue

improvements, manage parking or, worse, allow Leahi Avenue to revert back to its previous state--a 0.3 mile stretch with no traffic calming measures and a high volume of speeding cut through traffic, sidewalks that were unimproved and blocked by vehicles, many of them abandoned or stored long term. Pedestrians were forced to share the roadway with vehicles traveling at speeds ranging from 25 to 40 mph. It was extremely dangerous, particularly for pedestrians, in an area with high density residential, parks, a community garden and an elementary school.

In the event this Resolution is not adopted, Safe Leahi LLC will continue operating and improving Leahi Avenue on its current trajectory. We will remain agreeable to a City acquisition subject to the stipulations noted above.

Thank you for your consideration,

Mary Jones  
Safe Leahi LLC

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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# Written Testimony

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Agenda Item 21-175  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Written Testimony This is an extremely busy street!  
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## Written Testimony

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Agenda Item resolution 21-175  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Written Testimony driving is more dangerous I don t use road . I use Paki and return via Kapahulu to Monsarrat.' People are driving faster. No Aloha Please dont wait until an accident occurs. Speed bumps will slow traffic Make asphalt side walk om Mauka side of road Thank you , Stephen  
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## Written Testimony

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Agenda Item 21-175  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Written  
Testimony

This email is in support of Reso 21-175, which was brought up in City Council last week, in which Tommy Waters recommended that the reso be passed. It recommends that the city should purchase Leahi Ave. It was voted to be passed by the council but I understand that now it comes to your office. This is re: the purchase of Leahi Ave by a private citizen. The purchase of the street for \$10 has had such a deleterious effect on the citizens lives who live in the area on Leahi Ave and Pua Lei Circle. I'm not sure that the new owner really comprehends the deep and negative effects this has had on the neighborhood.

We have had street parking on Leahi Ave since 1959, since the area was developed. All of a sudden, one day, last spring, we all woke up to a completely changed neighborhood in which ALL parking was erased and the street took on a look that was completely foreign to us and all of a sudden became unsafe to navigate. I live and own at the Diamond Head Surf condos on Leahi. Some units here don't have parking stalls and as a result they all of a sudden had nowhere to park. All the neighboring streets, being next to Kapiolani Park are all taken. Can you imagine all of a sudden not having anywhere to park? This has been hard on the families with young children who live in the bldg. This has affected our bldg in several ways. 1. It has caused property values to drop in my bldg and owners have had to do price reductions. 2. It has decreased rental Apts available to people. If you cannot offer parking, people don't want the units. This will also affect the owners bottom line, especially if they rely on rental income to pay for their mortgage. Our bldg used to be a huge source of rental Apts. Can you imagine sinking your life savings into a condo, then losing

your parking and then having the value of your condo plummet overnight? And the worst part is, none of the owners had any say on this. It was inflicted upon them by one individual. Another issue that a lot of us feel strongly about is the fact that we the people who live in this neighborhood had absolutely no say in what happened. As we all know, a democracy works when everybody has a voice and a vote. This huge change was brought about without any input from any of us. And if we did have any input we were made to feel shame about that. In any democracy there should be input from all affected, a vote and unanimity. The new owner has had no consideration for how her Purchase of the street has affected all of us. This neighborhood belongs to ALL of us, not just one person. This was not democracy. It is OUR neighborhood.

What used to be a beautiful scenic and peaceful Street fronting kapiolani park, is now full of pavement markings, signage, white posts, and also food trucks. Allegedly, the new owner has purposely placed the food trucks in strategic spots along Leahi to help slow down traffic. This has created a terrible eyesore to a once lovely neighbourhood and also created a safety hazard. Now, when I drive on Leahi I have to crane my neck out and peer around food trucks to make sure I am not going to collide with an oncoming vehicle. I think anytime a motorist has to stick ones neck out and peer around objects, it is unsafe. Making the street one way has definitely created a safety issue. Also, when I turn into my driveway it also requires "craning of my neck and peering".

I'm sure you have heard a lot from other constituents so I'll stop now. I just wanted to add my opinion.

In a true democracy, our common welfare should come first. In this situation, the needs/wants of ONE person have prevailed against the common welfare of the neighbourhood. The new owner doesn't even live on Leahi so of course is not affected by any of these changes. She is not interested in hearing any of our input. This disregard for the people living in the neighborhood has caused a lot of disharmony.

I would ask you, Mayor, to actually take a drive along Leahi Ave. You will be able to see for yourself. As far as strategic placement of the food trucks, it should be residents and park users parking there, not empty food trucks.

I believe the primary concern is that the private owner has created new safety issues and shown inability to engineer and control a public road.

Please help us to restore Leahi Ave to the people.

Thank you.

Anna Kerr

Property owner and concerned citizen of Leahi Ave.



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## Written Testimony

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Committee  
Agenda Item Resolution 21-175  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
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Safe Leahi LLC, is NOT making Leahi Ave safe. It is actually making it more unsafe than before Mary Jones bought it.

It's amazing that one person can disrupt a whole community and the lives of so many people for her personal gain, and continues to do so.

We who live here on and around Leahi Ave (20 years for me) are very disappointed with her and the City for not doing what is right. This should never have happened, she has taken a two way street and has turned it into a parking lot for her personal profit and in the process making it a oneway, which at times becomes more dangerous than before because it backs up traffic not only on Leahi, but on Monsarrat and Paki Ave. Another major problem is Emergency vehicle access in and out of Pualei Cir, and Noela St.

### Written Testimony

There are two and some times three lunch trucks always parked directly across the Waikiki elementary school driveways, which makes it incredibly dangerous during school hours because drivers become very heated and impatient when traffic comes to a stand still. And this rage bleeds off into other roadways.

The City should have taken it over years ago. There are two fronts of City parks, the City Community Garden, the City Lifeguard Headquarters, a State elementary school and a back entrance to the City Urban Forestry Facility.

Ho'oponopono, Make it right  
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I support Resolution 21-175.

The city needs to take ownership of a road that it has been maintaining for years. It is a primary access road to Waikiki Elementary School, Honolulu Ocean Safety Headquarters, Diamond Head Community Garden, and a large neighborhood community.

Safe Leahi LLC acquired the deed to the road and made some minor improvements for pedestrians. However, it also turned what was a two-lane road into one-lane road with parking on the other half. This scheme created an unsafe driving situation with blind spots for drivers and sometime aggressive maneuvering to get around parked vehicles as an oncoming vehicle approaches from the opposite direction. This is especially dangerous during morning school drop off and afternoon pick up hours.

The only reason for this on-the-street parking is to generate income so that Safe Leahi LLC can pay for future road maintenance. Leahi Avenue should not be privately owned. Even Safe Leahi LLC wants the city to take ownership. As a taxpaying resident, I expect safe street access to my home. The obstacle course created by Safe Leahi LLC is unsafe and the city needs to take ownership to rectify the situation.

Thank you for your consideration.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Written Testimony

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**Council/PH Committee** Council  
**Agenda Item** CR-270 Resolution 21-175  
**Your position on the matter** Support  
**Representing Organization** Self

### Written Testimony

Through the ill-conceived actions of a single individual, Leahi Avenue has been turned into an unsafe, traffic quagmire. We have lived on Leahi Avenue for eleven years and have never had any issues with the street or concerns for our safety when walking or driving along the street until now. We were shocked to learn that someone could claim ownership of a street that provides ingress and egress to hundreds of residents as well as access to parks, Waikiki Elementary School and Honolulu Ocean Safety Services. And, more shocking than just claiming ownership, is the fact that this person was allowed to make changes to that street according to her own whims with no public input or accountability for her actions. These changes have not only negatively impacted residents of Leahi Ave and the streets leading into it, but also parents dropping their kids off at Waikiki Elementary School, people with plots in the community garden and people using the city parks at either end of Leahi Ave. Additionally, Fire Station 07 is located at the end of Leahi Ave along Kapahulu Avenue and the congestion created by Leahi effectively being turned into a single lane street could impact the ability of emergency vehicles to quickly reach their destination.

If I want to make changes to my house, something that impacts no one but my family, I have to get a permit from the City. But, all these changes to our street, changes that affect hundreds, were done without a permit; no public comment process; no plan prepared by a qualified traffic engineer; and no traffic study that studied the impacts of the proposed changes. We now have a single lane street with traffic attempting to go two ways and multiple blind spots have been created for both drivers and pedestrians. While the new "owner's" intent may

have been to make the street "safer", she has done the complete opposite. I strongly support Resolution 21-175 and urge the City Council to purchase Leahi Ave and reverse all the changes that this person has implemented.

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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Council  
Committee  
Agenda Item reso21-175  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Written Testimony the street has become a real danger to the 500 students, the 105 gardners, all the residents in the area and those passing thru everyday

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Written Testimony

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**Council/PH Committee** Council  
**Agenda Item** Resolution 21-175 and resolved paragraph  
**Your position on the matter** Support  
**Representing Organization** Self

Aloha Mayor and Councilmembers! I SUPPORT Resolution 21-175 for the City to take over ownership Leahi Ave. and take out the paid parking, returning it to a 2 lane street which is how it has been the over 20 years I have lived in Pualei Circle, with no problems.

The City has fronting on Leahi Ave. of 2 City Parks, the City Community Garden, the City Lifeguard Baseyard, Waikiki Elementary School, and at the end of Leahi Ave. is the City Baseyard for Urban Forestry. The City has resurfaced the street in the past, put in crosswalks, and it should NOT be privately owned by Mary Jones for profit and the total endangerment of pedestrians and drivers.

**Written Testimony** Ms. Jones parking stall have added extreme danger to Leahi Ave. turning it into a one lane road where people have to pull over to let autos move forward, yet often there is no safe space to pull over. She has allowed 2-3 large food trucks to remain parked across from driveways of Waikiki Elementary School causing blind spots and difficulty for the school to have garbage trucks or deliveries. There is no room for bicycles which are always on Leahi Ave. which is not safe. Safe Leahi LLC has NOT made Leahi Ave safe but caused so many problems.

There are other City roads such as Tantalus, which are similar in condition but not driven on as often Leahi Ave. by residents, Emergency vehicles, buses, parents dropping and picking up children.

Mary Jones obtained Leahi Ave. for \$10 but continues to put in unnecessary improvements which is obviously a plan to charge the

City a ridiculous amount for ownership. This has to stop and bring harmony back to our neighborhood.

Based on 2017 Hawaii ACT 208 -HB115 HD1 SD1 CD1 Was this purchase even legal?

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Written Testimony

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**Council/PH Committee** Council  
**Agenda Item** Resolution 21-175  
**Your position on the matter** Support  
**Representing Organization** Self

**Written Testimony**

I strongly support the City and County of Honolulu acquiring the privately owned section of Leahi Avenue between Monsarrat Avenue and Noela Street in the interest of safety for all those using the street. The paid parking area now takes up half the street, making the rest of the roadway a one way street. Driving can be quite hazardous if you also add those on bicycles and skateboards. There's also a blind spot at the slight curve in the road just before the home next to the park for those coming onto Leahi from Monsarrat. You can't see an oncoming car if you've pulled over to yield to a car and then try to get back on the road if there's a large car parked in front of you.

A big concern, of course, is that portion of Leahi is used by the many parents dropping off or picking up their Keiki from Waikiki School. The roadway is now so narrow and it's frustrating for parents navigating the traffic.

Please help bring safety and sanity back to our neighborhood. I live on Holei Street and Leahi is the closest street that most of us use to go most anywhere. Again, please City and County of Honolulu wake up and do what is right and acquire that portion of Leahi Avenue.

Aloha,  
Maureen Marx

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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**Subject:** Council Testimony

## Written Testimony

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**Council/PH Committee** Council  
**Agenda Item** Reso21-175  
**Your position on the matter** Support  
**Representing Organization** Self

**Written Testimony** I visit family who live on Leahi Ave usually once a year for an extended period of time and it has become a very unsafe street with all the school students, parents, employees; the community gardeners; the Water Safety employees; and all the residents; plus people just driving through.

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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	Resolution 21-175
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	I support Resolution 21-175 to make Leahi Avenue safer.
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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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**Subject:** Council Testimony

## Written Testimony

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**Council/PH Committee** Council  
**Agenda Item** Resolution 21-175  
**Your position on the matter** Support  
**Representing Organization** Self

I support Resolution 21-175.

**Written Testimony** It is incredibly unsafe with parked cars taking up half of the street. There are areas with no sidewalk where I am having to yield to oncoming traffic coming in both directions while walking my baby in the stroller.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Written Testimony

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**Council/PH Committee** Council  
**Agenda Item** Res 21-175  
**Your position on the matter** Support  
**Representing Organization** Self

Aloha Council members.

I am writing to voice my support for Resolution 21-175 and strongly urge you to pass it. As you know the Resolution was unanimously adopted by the Transportation committee on September 21.

I have lived in Pualei Circle for 13 years and am also a long time gardener at DH Community Garden. Never have I witnessed the entire community come together as has happened over the take over of Leahi Ave by Safe Leahi LLC. We are outraged. And all this for \$10!

**Written Testimony**

In every Neighborhood Board meeting over the past year the community has repeatedly spoken to the increased dangers of navigating the road since Safe Leahi LLC turned it into a dangerous one lane road with her paid parking lane. Speeding has also gotten much worse and many near accidents have been witnessed. We are joined in this outrage by the Principal of Waikiki School as well as many parents who have now been caught up in this dangerous situation.

At the Sept 21st Transportation committee meeting Roger Morton repeated the same old line we keep hearing that the City cannot take over the road until the owner brings it up to City standards. He has also stated at past Neighborhood Board meetings that there are over 800 miles of private roads on Oahu and many of them would like the City to take them over and we just might need to wait our turn.

However, at the Transportation meeting he also admitted that Leahi Ave is a unique case. This road is used by over 500 students at Waikiki Elementary and their parents, many hundreds of Pualei Circle residents as well as those who live DH of Leahi Ave, over 150 DH Community Gardeners, Ocean Safety headquarters and many many park users. It has been a public road for over a century.

He also admitted that many City owned streets also do not meet City standards. So, we feel there is precedent for the City to own Leahi too. And why are City streets not brought up to City standards?

Morton also mentioned that he felt that the unpaved shoulder area on the makai side of Leahi belonged to the Park, for Park users. So, how is it that Safe Leahi is able to block all parking here?

We see cars being towed every day, totally unaware that the makai lane of Leahi has become a paid parking lot.

As Council Chair Waters stated at the Sept 21 meeting "To me, the simplest way is for us to simply condemn it now. It's our road and we are required to make it safe. We have to worry about stuff like that, we can't just take it for granted, that's what's been happening for years — Leahi Avenue been taken for granted."

We who live in this neighborhood concur. Please pass Resolution 21-175 and let us work together with the City to begin the process of taking over Leahi Avenue for the benefit of all.

Mahalo, Marilyn Mick  
Pualei Circle resident and Diamond Head Community Garden  
member  
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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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**Subject:** Transportation, Sustainability and Health Testimony

## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item 21-175  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Aloha city council members,

Thank you for considering the matter of Leahi Avenue. My wife and I have lived at the Gregg Apartments since 2015. I have an unobstructed (3rd floor) view of the intersection of Leahi Avenue and Pualei Circle. I walk my dog every day on Leahi Avenue. I have first hand experience observing the transition of ownership of Leahi Ave from Lunalilo Trust to Safe Leahi LLC. I can say without any hesitation that Leahi Ave is FAR WORSE now than it was before Safe Leahi took over.

Even as I write this testimony, I have seen five cars go by at at least DOUBLE the 15mph speed limit. In fact, as a direct result of the changes Safe Leahi has made I can say that double the speed limit is now the average speed of most cars on Leahi Ave. Safe Leahi has made the issues on Leahi Ave much worse for the entire neighborhood.

Written  
Testimony

I will also say in all fairness that there are some improvements that Safe Leahi did well. They did lower the speed limit to 15 MPH, and that was a very welcomed change, at first. They also planted additional street trees. But they failed when they turned an already narrow road into an EVEN MORE NARROW ROAD by making "paid parking" stalls managed by a private parking company (ParkLinq) on the road itself, instead of off to the side on the shoulder as it was before.

It's astonishing that anyone with any formal training in civil engineering could fail so miserably. Because of the paid parking on the street itself, there are now sections of Leahi Ave that are one lane when there are cars parked in the stalls. This causes enormous problems on MANY levels.

A prime example was just yesterday. As you likely know Pualei Circle is a multi family

apartment area. An ambulance was needing to get into the circle and was trying to head towards the entrance to Pualei Circle from Monsarat Ave. There were several cars in the way that had to stop, back up, and allow the ambulance to get through. This took nearly three minutes for the drivers and the ambulance to sort out, all the while the sirens were blaring and time was wasting. There was nothing anyone could do. There is no room on Leahi Ave now because the parking stalls ARE ON THE STREET ITSELF. It is literally the worst idea for "improving a road" we have ever seen.

At first I was pleased Safe Leahi lowered the speed limit and planted some trees. I was even ok (although not happy) about the absurd number of white stakes they installed that delineated pedestrian areas. I even wrote Safe Leahi an email thanking them for their efforts. But once I realized what they were ultimately doing I, like many others became outraged. I'm even more outraged now. It's absurd. They have undermined all of the positive changes they've made by essentially turning Leahi Ave into an undesignated one way street. I have witnessed many near miss collisions since Safe Leahi implemented these changes. Additionally, I have been nearly run over many times walking on Leahi Avenue because drivers go so much faster in an effort to get through and around the parking spots so they don't have to stop to let an oncoming car through. After many months of witnessing firsthand the results of the "traffic calming" changes Safe Leahi has made on Leahi Avenue, I can say with absolute certainty not one of their efforts has made the road any safer. In fact, there is no doubt that the road is way more dangerous now than when it was "abandoned" by the Lunalilo Trust so many years ago. The City is responsible for the situation and the city now needs to take responsibility of this street.

With both Waikiki school, and Ocean Safety HQ, Diamond Head Community Garden, and two city parks adjacent to Kapiolani Park fronting Leahi Ave; as well as hundreds of multi family apartment residences, it is absolutely imperative that the City and County acquire and maintain Leahi Avenue. Suffice to say, there are literally hundreds of stakeholders who are, in opinion, being held hostage by the absolutely ridiculously poor planning and ideas of ONE PERSON who is the landholder and Safe Leahi LLC. It's a true failure of our civic duty to continue to allow Safe Leahi LLC to control all of our lives like this.

I strongly urge all council members to consider supporting resolution 21-175. There are hundreds of residences, city properties, and a public school who are dependent on the proper care and stewardship of Leahi Ave. We implore you to vote in support of resolution 21-175.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or my wife if anyone on the council has any questions or concerns about the proper stewardship of Leahi Ave. I would be happy to give any member of the council a tour of the issues we are experiencing at any time. All one has to do is stand on the corner of Leahi Ave and Pualei Circle and observe the flow of traffic for a few minutes and it is painfully obvious just how colossal the failures of Safe Leahi are.

With respect and Aloha,

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Agenda Item Resolution 21-175  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

### Written Testimony

I support resolution 21-175. Leahi avenue is an extremely dangerous road ever since turning into a one lane road with paid street parking in the other previous lane. Children are difficult to see behind cars (they often walk to and from the park across the street). Cars either speed down the road or cause extreme back up at the stop light. I've never seen traffic so bad. Nobody knows how to navigate this road because the traffic flow is completely ruined. Mary Jones, owner of 'Safe Leahi LLC' and Leahi Avenue does not care about Leahi Avenue being safe. She continues to profit every day the city does not take over this road. Her husband owns the towing company that tows these cars parked 'illegally' in front of the park. She has even towed an ocean safety officer's vehicle parked in front of their headquarters, not in her designated paid parking stalls. This woman is out of control and money hungry. Please help us get back our lovely quiet community.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 8:39 AM  
**Subject:** Transportation, Sustainability and Health Testimony

## Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	10-06-2021
Council/PH Committee	Transportation, Sustainability and Health
Agenda Item	Resolution 21-175
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	Recently I ventured down Leahi Ave. from the DH end to the Ewa end, just to see for myself what the fuss was about. It was amazing to see what a mess had been created in the name of safety. So unfair to residents. This is a main road and should be managed and maintained by the City, not by an individual with little or no experience in doing so.
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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 11:08 AM  
**Subject:** Transportation, Sustainability and Health Testimony

## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item Resolution 21-175  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Written  
Testimony

I express support to Resolution 21-175 for the reason that the one-lane, pay-for parking street, which has been instituted by Safe Leahi, LLC, (1) creates danger navigating the road; (2) creates many vehicle blind spots; and (3) creates bottle-necks daily on Leahi and on the intersecting Monsaraat due to many cars driven by parents who need to pick up and drop off their children at Waikiki Elementary School, residents of Pualei Circle and its neighbors trying to commute by car, and service cars trying to enter and get out of the affected areas. The combination of these factors makes the driving in and around the affected areas a major challenge and a danger on a daily basis for the whole neighborhood.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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**Subject:** Council Testimony

## Written Testimony

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**Council/PH Committee** Council  
**Agenda Item** Resolution 21-175 CD1  
**Your position on the matter** Support  
**Representing Organization** Self

**Written Testimony**

Leahi Avenue from Monsarrat to Noela has quickly become a terrifically dangerous nightmare for both pedestrians and vehicles using this busy road as evidenced by previous testimony from the initial Resolution hearing. The City needs to take control of this roadway ASAP before someone gets seriously hurt or worse, killed as a result of the dangerous changes. This road has been used since at least 1883, and was likely planned to provide the best access to the "New Kapiolani Park", and perhaps longer as the Park opened in 1877. It's been improved and maintained by the City & County for generations. It has City Fire Hydrants, City Water manholes and water lines, Sanitary Sewer manholes and lines, City storm sewer with underground lines, as well as City road crews maintenance/repaving periodically for over 100 years. I urge the Council to Support this measure to resolve this untenable situation immediately. Mahalos for accepting my Testimony.

\*Note: Kalakaua Avenue appears to have ended approximately at the current Kapahulu Avenue with only walking access over a wooden bridge to Kapiolani Park!

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September 19, 2021

Honolulu City Council  
c/o Tommy Waters – Council Chair and Presiding Officer  
Honolulu Hale  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**RE: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION 21-175**

Aloha Councilmembers,

On behalf of hundreds of adversely impacted Diamond Head homeowners, thousands of Kama'āina visiting Queen Kapiolani Park, and most acutely on behalf of the innocent Waikiki Elementary School children endangered by the actions of Safe Leahi, LLC, I support Resolution 21-175 and urge you to take action to cure the public safety issues manifested by Mary Jones and Safe Leahi, LLC.

Pedestrian safety and vehicular misconduct on Leahi Avenue have been an ongoing problem for many years. Seeking a safer way to walk her children to Waikiki Elementary, Ms. Jones, a local resident, spent years trying to persuade the City & County of Honolulu ("City") to improve Leahi Avenue between Monserrat Avenue and Noela Street ("Leahi Avenue"). When it became clear that the City was unwilling to improve the roadway, Ms. Jones took matters into her own hands.

With the City unaccommodating, Ms. Jones contacted the Estate of King Lunalilo ("Lunalilo Trust"), the original landowner after the Great Mahele, convincing the trustees to convey their alleged interest in Leahi Avenue to her newly formed Safe Leahi, LLC for not more than \$10 dollars using a simple quitclaim deed. This despite the Executive Director of the Lunalilo Trust publicly admitting (including in a November 2020 Civil Beat Article) that the Trust was unaware it had any claim to Leahi Avenue. Since Safe Leahi, LLC acquired the alleged interest in Leahi Avenue, public safety conditions have descended into chaos.

Safe Leahi, LLC will almost certainly tout to the City Council the "improvements" implemented at its direction; however, this amounts to little more than a veiled attempt at justifying the disarray Safe Leahi, LLC has sewn. Ongoing discussions within our neighborhood, attendance at Diamond Head neighborhood board meetings, and the behavior of frustrated motorists reveal the nearly unanimous outrage at what Safe Leahi, LLC has done. In the interest of transparency, I originally supported Ms. Jones efforts. Disappointingly, what was believed to be a genuine effort to improve public safety has ostensibly become an enraged citizen's personal crusade and a threadbare effort to make a mockery of the State of Hawaii and the City and County of Honolulu at the expense of our neighborhood.

Among other things, by installing highway delineators (traffic poles) as a barrier Safe Leahi, LLC deliberately blocked community access to Kapiolani Park and the existing public parking attached thereto. Safe Leahi, LLC will of course boast that this created an "unimproved sidewalk" when in fact all it has done is restrict public access and force pedestrians and vehicles together onto the roadway. Simultaneously, an entire lane of vehicular traffic on Leahi Avenue has been taken out of service in favor of a for-profit parking scheme on the roadway itself. Combined, these acts have resulted in a daily game of pedestrian-vehicular chicken dangerously playing out directly in front of Waikiki Elementary School, City & County Ocean Safety Headquarters, Leahi Community Garden, and numerous private residences including my own.

Safe Leahi, LLC is also knowingly allowing derelict food trucks and other commercial vehicles – many of which are being used as transient habitations – to effectively camp on the actual roadway fronting Waikiki Elementary School thereby blocking half the roadway. This has created vehicular disarray and is putting school children in danger as frustrated drivers speed up to circumnavigate the transient habitations and gridlock. Waikiki Elementary School principal Kusuda has pleaded with Ms. Jones to remove the derelict vehicles and transient habitations fronting his school; Safe Leahi, LLC has reportedly refused.

If Safe Leahi, LLC remains true to its purpose, then it too will presumably support this resolution. However, Safe Leahi, LLC should not be allowed to profit – at taxpayer expense – because of such a transfer. If Mary Jones is as philanthropic as she claims and is genuinely motivated by improving safety for school children, then Safe Leahi LLC should dedicate the roadway to the City and the City in turn accept the roadway for not more than the \$10 paid for the roadway. It would be a disservice to the taxpayers of this City to allow Safe Leahi, LLC to turn public safety into a profit plan.

Both as a homeowner on Leahi Avenue and as a parent, I urge the City Council to unanimously pass Resolution 21-175, which will help quiet the controversy on Leahi Avenue and concurrently keep school children safe. Passage would be an important first step in reclaiming the public land currently being encumbered and adversely possessed by Safe Leahi, LLC.

Given that the process of reclaiming Leahi Avenue for the public may take time, I respectfully ask that the City Council seek immediate injunctive relief to alleviate the dangerous conditions brought by Safe Leahi, LLC, which are currently endangering school children and more broadly the public. At the very least, Leahi Avenue must be restored to two (2) vehicular lanes while the process of reclaiming the street advances.

I am grateful for the opportunity to submit this written testimony and welcome any questions you may have. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of any assistance to the City Council.

Mahalo Nui Loa,



Dana C. Bergeman  
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Cc: Tommy Waters  
Diamond Head Neighborhood Board

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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**Subject:** Council Testimony

## Written Testimony

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**Council/PH Committee** Council  
**Agenda Item** CR-270 Resolution 21-175, CD1  
**Your position on the matter** Support  
**Representing Organization** Self

**Written Testimony**

Leahi Avenue is in a current state of chaos. Navigating this street in a vehicle is dangerous not only for the driver but also for pedestrians. Food trucks and barricades cause the drive to serpentine the street entering into numerous blind spots. The current owners of the street show complete incompetence in establishing traffic flow, street maintenance, and most importantly safety. The matter of safety of the citizen's should be the City's priority. Thank you for your time.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 1:06 PM  
**Subject:** Council Testimony

## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	CR-270 Resolution 21-175, CD1
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Organization
Organization	lopono Holdings Group, LLC
Written Testimony	Please vote to SUPPORT Resolution 21-175.
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September 20, 2021

Honolulu City Council  
c/o Tommy Waters – Council Chair and Presiding Officer  
Honolulu Hale  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Testimony in Support of Resolution 21-15

Councilmembers,

I am writing in support of Resolution 21-175, or any action that that would remove Leahi Avenue from Safe Leahi LLC and return safety and normalcy to Leahi Avenue. As a homeowner on Leahi Avenue for over 7 years, I am extremely concerned by what I have witnessed and experienced since Safe Leahi has acquired and made drastic changes to the street.

The original intent of Safe Leahi LLC was to make improvements to Leahi Avenue so that Mary Jones a nearby resident, and founding member of Safe Leahi LLC, could safely walk her children to Waikiki Elementary School from Nikolo Street since her efforts to persuade the city to make these improvements were unsuccessful. Ms. Jones founded Safe Leahi LLC, which purchased the street, presumably with the intent to make safety improvements.

As parent of a young child who has regularly walked her son to Paki Park and Unity Preschool from Leahi Avenue close to Noela Street, my initial reaction to the unspecified, but proposed safety improvements, was positive. The cars on the road, particularly those cars using Leahi Avenue to bypass Paki Avenue would often drive at excessive speeds for a small neighborhood street. Given the that the elementary school, two parks, the Community Garden, Paki Hale and the City & County Ocean Safety and Lifeguard Services Headquarters are located here, along with hundreds of residents on or near Leahi Avenue, improved pedestrian safety was a worthwhile goal.

My expectation was that simple, but effective, measures would be taken to reduce speed and traffic on the road such as reduced speed limits, an additional stop sign a Pualei Circle and some speed bumps. Sadly, the changes made were significantly more drastic and far less effective. In fact, what Safe Leahi, LLC has achieved is quite the opposite. Changes made by Safe Leahi, LLC have made the street significantly less safe while inconveniencing the residents and while disfiguring the beauty of this park side neighborhood.

I am, first and foremost, extremely concerned about a pedestrian safety and the increased likelihood of a traffic incident. Despite clearing areas at the shoulders of the roads, poorly repaving an already poorly paved, small stretch sidewalk, and putting in unsightly traffic stanchions, pedestrians are now frequently walking in the middle of the street, something I rarely saw in the past. The introduction of the abovementioned items, plus the introduction of parking onto what was previously a lane of traffic has caused pedestrians to bypass the newly

designated shoulders, as well as the pre-existing sidewalks in front of Paki Hale, the Gregg Apartments and to instead walk in the middle of the street. It seems like the additional items are creating confusion for both neighborhood and visiting pedestrians alike, causing them to think they need to avoid the dirt patches around the park and once they're on the street, they stay there.

Compounding this issue is the elimination of an entire lane of traffic, which now causes the drivers to play a game of "blind frogger" with the hopes that they don't run into a car coming in the other direction. While there are several two-way streets in Honolulu that, unfortunately, are too narrow to accommodate both parking and two lanes of traffic, they are typically designed to allow for sufficient visibility and breaks in the parking for cars to more safely weave in and out and avoid oncoming traffic. This is not the case on Leahi Avenue. There is a blind curve in the road making it impossible to see any oncoming traffic, especially when a driver needs to pull in behind a parked car. Further, there are insufficient breaks in the parking to allow a driver to pull out of the way to let the car coming in the opposite direction pass. As a result, I frequently observe drivers speed up to get passed the areas that are one lane due to cars parked. The permanent parking of large food trucks near the elementary school only exacerbates the problem. While reduction of speed is a key goal of improving pedestrian safety, I am observing cars going significantly faster than the new 15 MPH speed limit and the prior 25 MPH speed limit.

With pedestrians walking in the streets, cars driving more quickly and blindly, I am extremely concerned about a pedestrian being struck. As a parent of a young child, I certainly feel less safe walking with him on Leahi Avenue at this time than I did prior to Safe Leahi LLC's changes to the street. As noted above, these changes not only make Leahi Avenue significantly less safe but have also placed a significant burden on the neighborhood by eliminating and charging for parking.

I support any effort to remove Leahi Avenue from Safe Leahi and return the street to safety and normalcy, however I do not believe that a "fair market value" is owed to Safe Leahi LLC for the city to take over the street. It is widely known that Safe Leahi, LLC purchased the street for \$10 from the Lunalilo Trust and there is a provision in that agreement that Safe Leahi LLC was not to profit from the purchase of the street. Paying anything beyond the \$10 that Safe Leahi spent on street would be a terrible precedent for the city to set given the number of disputed and supposedly private streets in Honolulu. Safe Leahi has raised funds through parking and towing that can cover any out-of-pocket expenses for the minimal addition of signs, the placement of a small stretch of repaved sidewalk and the trees added (these will likely need to be removed in the future at the city's expense as they are directly under the electrical wires). As told by Safe Leahi LLC, the traffic stanchions were donated to it by the Chun Brothers.

I appreciate the opportunity to share my written testimony with the City Council and the time that you have taken to read it. I would be happy to provide additional information, particularly regarding the safety concerns I regularly observe in front of my home.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Alyssa', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alyssa Bergeman  
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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Council  
Committee  
Agenda Item CR-270 Resolution 21-175, CD1  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Written Testimony I write in Support of Resolution 21-175.  
Please SUPPORT this Resolution. The road is dangerous in it's  
current on-way at a time set-up.  
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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	CR-270 Resolution 21-175, CD1
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	I write in support of Resolution 21-175. Please vote to SUPPORT Resolution 21-175. Leahi Avenue is unsafe.
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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	CR-270 Resolution 21-175, CD1
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	I write in support of Resolution 21-175. Please support this resolution.
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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council  
Agenda Item CR-270, resolution 21-175, CD1  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization  
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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	Resolution 21-175
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	I am writing in support of this resolution which would greatly benefit the residents in the area.
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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	CR-270 Resolution 21-175, CD1
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	The road is more unsafe than it was before and the City needs to take it over.
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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council  
Agenda Item Resolution 21-175  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Written  
Testimony

The recent handling of traffic and parking concerns on Leahi Avenue have only increased the risks to both pedestrian and vehicle safety. Imagine a fire truck stuck behind the traffic jam that happens on Leahi at the start and end of every school day, or a child struck after emerging from a blind spot created by cars parked in spots she created. The current management is clearly unqualified to safely and efficiently address the needs of this street. For the best interest of the neighborhood, please have the City Administration take the steps necessary to acquire Leahi Ave. Otherwise Mary will continue to threaten the safety of the community.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Council  
Committee  
Agenda Item CR-270 Resolution 21-175, CD1  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Written Testimony Leahi Avenue should be open to two way traffic. Making it one way has made the road more unsafe and parking cars in the street is not a way to slow down traffic.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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**Subject:** Transportation, Sustainability and Health Testimony

## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item CR 270 - Resolution 21-175, CD1  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Written Testimony I support Resolution 21-175 Currently driving and walking on the street is dangerous. Cars speed down the road and because of the parked cars - there are many blind spots. Safe Leahi has made it difficult for residents, parents and students. We do not feel safe and have encountered many close calls with accidents. Please make this road back to how it was for our community and the schools.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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**Subject:** Transportation, Sustainability and Health Testimony

## Written Testimony

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Agenda Item (3) Resolution 21-175  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Written Testimony Leahi Avenue is unsafe. I urge the City Council to pass resolution 21-175.  
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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item 21-175  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

I fully support Resolution 21-175.

Written  
Testimony

I have been a resident of Pualei Circle for over 20 years and in all my years at this location I have never seen so many near accidents on Leahi Ave since Safe Leahi LLC took over management of the road and removed a lane to install pay for parking stalls. The food trucks permanently parked across from the entrance to Waikiki Elementary create a blind spot, so you cannot see oncoming traffic as you turn on to Leahi Ave from Monserrat. They also create a backlog of traffic onto Monserrat in both directions and across the intersection during school drop off and pick up times, creating a dangerous situation for pedestrians, most of which are children, but occasionally include my dog and me. The traffic also backs up on Leahi Ave past Pualei Cir daily during school pick up times for at least 30-45 minutes, making it impassable for emergency vehicles. Since the installation of the pay for parking stalls I have seen several near miss accidents and one incident of road rage where drivers of two vehicles got out of their cars to yell at each other. Thankfully one of the drivers was outnumbered and cooler heads prevailed, but that could have turned very bad. . When cars finally get around the intermittent trucks and cars that are parked, they speed through the open area. Patience and aloha are wearing thin. The removal of shoulder parking has adversely affected users of the Diamond Head Community Garden, Ocean Safety Headquarters and this entire community. Many gardeners are elderly and cannot walk a long distance to get to their garden plot from the paid stalls. Emergency vehicles are not able to travel unobstructed. Personally, I had a friend change travel plans because she didn't want to have to deal with no parking in my neighborhood. Leahi Ave is a unique thoroughfare that has been in use by the public for over a century. The city needs to take over the street and restore street parking which will bring safety and sanity back to our neighborhood.

Mahalo nui loa,  
Karen Swann

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 9:18 AM  
**Subject:** Council Testimony

## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Council  
Committee  
Agenda Item CR-270 Resolution 21-175, CD1  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Written  
Testimony

I have many friends who have always loved living on Leahi Avenue and some who have children who attend Waikiki Elementary. Ever since the private parking stalls have been installed, there has been increased confusion as to who has right of way, leading to cases of road rage, unnecessary speeding to overtake cars while negotiating blind spots on the much-narrowed street. It is our collective fear that someone is going to get hit on a crosswalk while drivers are concentrating on negotiating the potentially dangerous traffic situation, thanks to the poorly managed and ill-conceived concept. It's truly only a matter of time that someone will get hurt on a street that was designed without considering the safety of others. Please revert the street back to its original form and put in all-way stops as needed to address speeding and have the road be managed by the City & County of Honolulu.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	CR-270 Resolution 21-175, CD1
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Self
Organization	
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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 9:14 AM  
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## Written Testimony

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**Council/PH Committee** Council  
**Agenda Item** CR-270 Resolution 21-175, CD1  
**Your position on the matter** Support  
**Representing Organization** Self

**Written Testimony** I write in support of Resolution 21-175. I ask the council vote to support Resolution 21-175. Leahi Avenue is unsafe and the issues need to be addressed.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council  
Agenda Item CR-270 Resolution 21-175, CD1  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

My name is Emily Hauck and my husband and I have been a resident of Pualei Circle for 4 years. I have also been the Vice President of the Diamond Head Community Garden located on Leahi Ave. I wanted to share with you some perspective on the chaos that is occurring on Leahi Ave since it's been purchased by the latest private citizen, Mary Jones.

Written  
Testimony

The pay-to-Park spots that were added adjacent to Waikiki Elementary are a serious hazard, since they literally block all movement of traffic from the east bound direction if west bound cars are on the road. The food trucks that are currently parked there, block all view of oncoming traffic and I have personally almost been hit head-on on multiple occasions, as has my husband, from people not yielding appropriately. With the most recent accident being this past weekend. All of the spots that were once along the park in the shoulder, were additional parking spots used by Waikiki Elementary parents, teachers, and staff, park goers, Gardeners at Diamond Head Community Garden, and residents of Pualei Circle. Now those once 20+ spots are reduced significantly, are privately owned, and dangerous. My husband and I are only designated one parking spot for our apartment. He works in Moanalua and I work in Kaneohe, so we need two vehicles. Due to limited parking on Leahi Ave, I now have to find parking on the other side of the park if my husband gets home before me, and if I get home after dark (not uncommon), I have to walk through the unlit areas of the surrounding parks to get to my apartment. Doing this feels extremely unsafe, especially with the homeless population prolific in those areas. I know I am not the only one with these safety concerns.

I understand and agree with the need for safe travel to and from the school, but multiple crosswalks and sidewalks already exist on that street. If that existing infrastructure were improved and repaved, I believe that would satisfy the need that some folks have to walk somewhere other than within the park.

I appreciate you taking time to address this issue, and stand in support of City and County taking ownership of this street before things get worse. If your goal really is to keep pedestrians and residents safe, ownership needs to change immediately.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 10:12 AM  
**Subject:** Council Testimony

## Written Testimony

Name	Rede Eder
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Meeting Date	10-06-2021
Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	CR-270 Resolution 21-175, CD1
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	I fully support resolution 12-175! PLEASE SUPPORT this resolution. The safety of many are dependent upon your support.
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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 10:30 AM  
**Subject:** Council Testimony

## Written Testimony

Name Justin Chee  
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Meeting Date 10-06-2021  
Council/PH Committee Council  
Agenda Item Resolution 21-175, CD1  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Written Testimony

I support Resolution 21-175.

- Leahi Avenue is the primary access to a public school
- Leahi Avenue is the primary access to a community of over 500 residents
- Leahi Avenue is the primary access for Ocean Safety headquarters
- Leahi Avenue is the primary access for 150 gardeners at Diamond Head Community Garden
- Leahi Avenue is unique and a main thoroughfare for the public for over a century

There are no good reasons for Leahi Avenue to not fall under City Control.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 11:24 AM  
**Subject:** Council Testimony

## Written Testimony

**Name** Ramona Ruiz  
**Phone**  
**Email** a2smona@gmail.com  
**Meeting Date** 10-06-2021  
**Council/PH Committee** Council  
**Agenda Item** CR-270 Resolution 21-175  
**Your position on the matter** Oppose  
**Representing Organization** Self

Leahi St has become even more unsafe for children and any pedestrian to walk on. Because of the parking spaces places in the street, cars now have to rush to get around each other. It is sometimes very hard to see if there are oncoming cars until it is too late. Whoever thought this would solve the issues of traffic on a Leahi should have their head checked. They clearly do not travel that road or pay attention to the movement of cars and people at all. It's is not only unsafe for kids to walk to school, it is a hazard in case emergency vehicles need to get down the street.

**Written Testimony**

When school lets out, Monsarrat, Leahi and Paki are jammed and the aggravated people trying to get around cross the street and speed to do so. How can that be safe? Is it going to take a child being killed in the street for someone to open their eyes and get this street back to what it once was?

If you have any common sense whatsoever, please take control of this street so the people of this community can go back to normal life and not worry so much when we try to leave their homes and take walk our kids to school.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 11:37 AM  
**Subject:** Council Testimony

## Written Testimony

**Name** Alex Ruiz  
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**Email** Rruiz@hitechhui.com  
**Meeting Date** 10-06-2021  
**Council/PH Committee** Council  
**Agenda Item** CR 270 Resolution 21-175  
**Your position on the matter** Oppose  
**Representing Organization** Self

**Written Testimony** The neighborhood of Leahi used to be a nice place to walk around. Now, you have to be afraid of getting hit by a car or having people doing drugstore in their vehicles parked in the spaces out front of your home. It is no longer a road you can go on evening walks or feel safe letting your kids walk themselves to school. Drivers go very fast to avoid playing "chicken" with each other to get down the street. It was barely a safe road before due to speeders and now it's 1000 times worse. How is it possible that this is taking as long as it has for people to see that? The road needs to be removed from the present owner for so many safety issues.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 11:18 AM  
**Subject:** Transportation, Sustainability and Health Testimony

## Written Testimony

Name concerned citizen  
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Meeting Date 10-06-2021  
Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item CR-270 Resolution 21-175, CD1  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Written Testimony  
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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 12:32 PM  
**Subject:** Council Testimony

## Written Testimony

Name	Gregory Dietrich
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Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	21-175
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	
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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 12:36 PM  
**Subject:** Council Testimony

## Written Testimony

Name Felix Wolf  
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Email fxwolf@gmail.com  
Meeting Date 10-06-2021  
Council/PH Council  
Committee  
Agenda Item 21-175  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Written  
Testimony

The current situation is very hazardous. The changes the current owner of Leahi Street implemented are creating a frustrating and dangerous situation. The narrowing of the street causes vehicles to speed up to circumvent cars and trucks parked in the street, endangering bicyclists, skate boarders, pedestrians, and oncoming cars. Parents dropping of their children at Waikiki Elementary blocking the street completely due to parked vehicles, forcing U-turns. Though probably well intentioned, the current management of the street is not serving the community at all and should be taken over by experts. We are using Leahi Street daily for 15 years now and are extremely frustrated with the current situation. Please take over as soon as possible before bad accidents are going to happen.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 1:12 PM  
**Subject:** Council Testimony

## Written Testimony

Name Marilyn Chee  
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Meeting Date 10-06-2021  
Council/PH Council  
Committee  
Agenda Item 21-175, CD1  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Written Testimony This issue has a long list of why this street should not be under private ownership/control with blocked off portions for pay parking. The upmost being the safety of drivers and pedestrians trying to navigate an already narrow two lane street.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 1:06 PM  
**Subject:** Council Testimony

## Written Testimony

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Meeting Date        10-05-2021  
Council/PH  
Committee            Council  
Agenda Item         CR-270 Resolution 21-175, CD1  
Your position on  
the matter            Support  
Representing         Self  
Organization

### Written Testimony

this road has gone from 2 lanes, one each way, to one lane where half the road is used for parking. this means cars must dodge each other in order to use the road, making the road much less safe in addition the parked area is being taken up by vans and food trucks that are permanently parked there right across from the school, and at least one of those vans is open for business from its parking place. the situation is much more dangerous during school opening and closing times when parents jockey for position to bring and retrieve their children.  
not a safe situation at all for anybody...except the people who are charging money to use the road.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 2:10 PM  
**Subject:** Council Testimony

## Written Testimony

Name Devin Moody  
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Meeting Date 10-06-2021  
Council/PH Council  
Committee  
Agenda Item CR-270  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Re: Resolution 21-175, CD1

### Written Testimony

As the HOA president and resident of one of the largest buildings on Leahi Ave, I strongly support this resolution. One hundred percent of the tenants, owners and neighbors that I have talked with are frustrated and upset with the hijacking of Leahi Ave.

It is the consensus that:

1. The "improvements" made have left the street more dangerous. 2. That the street was built for the public, is used by the public and should therefore have input from the public. 3. Parking should remain free in areas fronting public parks, schools and neighborhoods.

As a member of the community garden I can also attest to the similar sentiments from the gardening community.

As a participant in pick-up soccer games at Kapiolani Park, I can again attest that the park users are similarly upset.

Mahalo

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 2:22 PM  
**Subject:** Council Testimony

## Written Testimony

**Name** Tom Eisen  
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**Email** palolo.tom@gmail.com  
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**Council/PH Committee** Council  
**Agenda Item** CR-270 Resolution  
**Your position on the matter** Support  
**Representing Organization** Self

**Written Testimony**

As a resident of the impacted stretch of Leahi Avenue, I see firsthand how the street has become very unsafe after the recent traffic/parking alterations. In particular, the area immediately adjacent to Waikiki School has become a nightmare, with mauka-bound traffic sometimes driving onto the school-side shoulder to avoid on-coming traffic in this new one-lane area. This puts pedestrians in substantial danger; in complete opposition to the erst-while rationalization of the private actions that created the traffic problems. PLEASE take control of this street so it can become safe like other public roads!!

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 2:17 PM  
**Subject:** Council Testimony

## Written Testimony

Name linda Wong  
Phone  
Email leiahi@me.com  
Meeting Date 10-06-2021  
Council/PH Committee Council  
Agenda Item 125 CD1  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Dear City Council,

After 1 year of dangerous chaos on Le'ahi Av we need to consider:

Increased danger navigating the road

Increased speeding

Many near accidents

Many vehicle blind spots

### Written Testimony

Leahi Avenue is the primary access to a public school

Leahi Avenue is the primary access to a community of over 500 residents

Leahi Avenue is the primary access for Ocean Safety headquarters

Leahi Avenue is the primary access for 150 gardeners at Diamond Head Community Garden

Leahi Avenue is unique and a main thoroughfare for the public for over a century

There are many other city owned roads that are not "up to city code"

Le'ahi Av is different from other Public Roads.

Mahalo for your time and support,

Linda Wong  
3071 Pualei Circle  
Honolulu, HI  
96815  
(Diamond Head)

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 3:36 PM  
**Subject:** Council Testimony

## Written Testimony

**Name** Daisy Murai  
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**Meeting Date** 10-06-2021  
**Council/PH Committee** Council  
**Agenda Item** res. 21-175, cd1  
**Your position on the matter** Support  
**Representing Organization** Self

**Written Testimony** Traveling on Leahi Avenue from Waikiki Elementary School at Monsarrat till Noela Drive has become like playing in a Dodgeball game recently. Please have the City takeover & have DTS Traffic Engineers correct the traffic pattern to included 2 lanes for vehicles & 1 lane of parking without endangering residents going in & out of their driveway with cars parked across. Please Exclude costs to correct traffic safety from price to Safe Leahi LLC.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 6:59 PM  
**Subject:** Council Testimony

## Written Testimony

Name	Noah Rajlevsky
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Meeting Date	10-06-2021
Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	reso 21-175
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	The road is unsafe.
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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 7:35 PM  
**Subject:** Council Testimony

## Written Testimony

Name christopher wolfe  
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Meeting Date 10-06-2021  
Council/PH Council  
Committee  
Agenda Item Cr-270  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Written Testimony Leahy avenue has become significantly more dangerous since Mary jones took ownership. There is less space for cyclists and pedestrians, increased speeding by aggressive drivers attempting to pass the parked food trucks.

The city needs to take ownership of Leahy avenue before tragedy occurs.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 7:40 PM  
**Subject:** Council Testimony

## Written Testimony

**Name** Mimi Wolfe  
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**Meeting Date** 10-06-2021  
**Council/PH Committee** Council  
**Agenda Item** CR-270 Resolution 21-175, CD1  
**Your position on the matter** Support  
**Representing Organization** Self

- white poles made no room for cars to go around.  
- not able to see cars coming from front because of those ridiculous parking situations  
- I have to push my stroller outside of the white poles because the sidewalk is not stroller friendly  
**Written Testimony** - we can't even get out of the street when school is finishing. One side is street cars parked and parents cars are waiting other side. The traffic is not moving. The lady who owns the street should lead the way every day. She's creating this crazy traffic.  
- city should test for parking at all the parking spots one day and see if this meets the safety standard. It is really dangerous! We just want our street like before.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 10:08 PM  
**Subject:** Council Testimony

## Written Testimony

**Name** James Yoshimura  
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**Meeting Date** 10-06-2021  
**Council/PH Committee** Council  
**Agenda Item** CR-270 Resolution 21-175, CD1  
**Your position on the matter** Support  
**Representing Organization** Self

**Written Testimony**

It is morally bankrupt to let the road situation to persist in its current state. There are reasons, well founded in law and precedent, which testify as to why we should not have private tyrants have control of our public roads. To let this woman, Mary Jones, have unilateral control of a well-traversed road such as this, is quite frankly, stupid. She has proven herself to lack not only the legitimacy, but also the scruples required for this. Please, I implore all politicians, on behalf of their tax-paying constituents to do the right thing and make a move in support of decency, civility and common sense. Please end this lunacy here and now, I beg you. What if you lived on a street like this? Please help us now, we wonder why the conversation about this continues. END THIS, PLEASE. I AM TIRED OF GIVING TESTIMONY SUCH AS THIS.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 10:11 PM  
**Subject:** Council Testimony

## Written Testimony

**Name** Curtis Chee  
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**Meeting Date** 10-06-2021  
**Council/PH Committee** Council  
**Agenda Item** Resolution 21-175  
**Your position on the matter** Support  
**Representing Organization** Self

### Written Testimony

I strongly support Resolution 21-175.

Why? Safety.

While Safe Leahi has stated a list of "safety improvements" to Leahi Avenue, the concept of "yield movement" simply does not work here given the volume of cars that must utilize this roadway. The road provides access to nearly 500 residences in the area, as well Ocean Safety Headquarters and Waikiki Elementary School.

There are too many blind spots as a result of the two-lane road being reduced to one lane to accommodate pay-for-parking stalls. The road is not straight and too narrow for this type of traffic flow.

The Pualei Circle area was developed in the early 1960s. While the Circle itself is a public road - the only access to the neighborhood is through Leahi Avenue. So imagine a street -- that for over 60 years was the only roadway to your residence -- is taken over by a private entity that has created an unsafe and troublesome passageway to your home. There is no alternative road available to get to Pualei Circle.

To drive the road is to know the problems and feel the frustration the residents are faced with. Prior to 2020, this portion of Leahi Avenue was maintained by the City.

The resolve to the current safety issue is for the City to take ownership of the road. We are not aware of any traffic studies that were conducted prior to the changes made by the current road owner.

However, these changes occurred - including large trucks parked facing the wrong direction and blocking the line of sight for motorists. And while bringing the road up to "city standard" is desirable, the community is asking the City to simply take the first step by acquiring



ownership and bringing Leahi Avenue back to a two-way, two-lane street that will allow us to drive home safely once again.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 10:22 PM  
**Subject:** Council Testimony

## Written Testimony

Name Gregory Eng  
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Meeting Date 10-06-2021  
Council/PH Council  
Committee  
Agenda Item CR-270 Resolution 21-175, CD1  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

### Written Testimony

I live directly on Leahi and see how unsafe and inefficient the private ownership has made our street every day. I constantly see near head-on collisions, hear cars outside my window speeding down the narrowed road with many blind spots, and personally have almost been hit on my bicycle and while using the crosswalk.

During school pick up and drop off, the road is completely blocked for traffic in both directions down the entire road. It is a complete standstill. Emergency vehicles need to use Leahi to access the many residential buildings in Pualei Circle and if they came during these hours, they would literally not be able to access the Circle. Vehicles are not be able to pull over to let a vehicle through. It's a complete mess during these hours and two-way traffic is essential.

Please, we need the City to take over Leahi. It is only a matter of time before a child gets killed by a speeding car from these unsafe changes. A few stop signs and some speed humps or tables would provide a cost-effective and efficient solution. Parking food trucks on the road is not a legitimate traffic calming solution.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 10:23 PM  
**Subject:** Council Testimony

## Written Testimony

Name Erika Ching  
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Meeting Date 01-06-2021  
Council/PH Council  
Committee  
Agenda Item CR-270 Resolution 21-175, CD1  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Written Testimony The current road situation on Leah poses a great risk to both drives and pedestrians. The parked vehicles blocks the view of both drivers and pedestrians, making difficult to see the road ahead of us. Please consider taking over the road and restore the two lane roadway immediately.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 10:35 PM  
**Subject:** Council Testimony

## Written Testimony

**Name** Kori-Jo Kochi  
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**Meeting Date** 10-06-2021  
**Council/PH Committee** Council  
**Agenda Item** CR-270 Resolution 21-175, CD1  
**Your position on the matter** Support  
**Representing Organization** Self

I am a resident living in the area directly impacted by the recent changes made to Leahi Avenue by Safe Leahi LLC, and I am in support of Resolution 21-175.

As a mother of a young child, pedestrian safety is of utmost concern to me. While I support Safe Leahi's original intent to create a safe road for pedestrian safety, I am disappointed by the immense danger they have created for both pedestrians and vehicles. Not only has a safe sidewalk not been installed as promised, but paid parking has been added to the roadway. Safe Leahi LLC is profiting from this traffic nightmare, and it is just not right.

**Written Testimony** The attached photo was taken during a weekday afternoon just after school finished at Waikiki Elementary. The on-street parking has caused major traffic in which there is no flow. With no safe sidewalk, my son and I are unable to safely walk down Leahi Avenue to the park during school drop off and pick up.

I am also disappointed in the paid parking as the apartment unit I reside in does not have designated parking. This was not a problem before Safe Leahi LLC made it illegal to park on the shoulder, something that is allowed throughout the Diamond Head/Kaimuki area. With Hawaii's high cost of living, I simply cannot afford to pay for parking. I am now forced to park blocks away, and walk with my son down this dangerous street, sometimes in the rain and at night.

There is no reason to take away shoulder parking on both sides of the street. Creating a safe sidewalk on the mauka side of Leahi Avenue

would provide safe pedestrian access between Monsaratt Avenue & Noela Street, directly to Waikiki Elementary School. This also allows for ample shoulder area parking on the makai side of Leahi Avenue.

I hope the City Council does the right thing and acquire this section of Leahi Avenue. There is no reason for a private citizen to own a street, especially one that is so heavily used by residents and other members of the public. There has been no transparency and no community input/cooperation initiated by Safe Leahi LLC. It has sadly divided our quiet community, and pitted neighbor against neighbor. It is truly heartbreaking.

Please take the safety of our keiki seriously. Waikiki Elementary School is right on this street. We all deserve a safe neighborhood to walk with our children, and freely park in our own neighborhood.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 21-175. Mahalo.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 6, 2021 5:57 AM  
**Subject:** Council Testimony

## Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	10-06-2021
Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	Resolution 21-175
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	
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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 6, 2021 6:10 AM  
**Subject:** Council Testimony

## Written Testimony

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**Meeting Date** 10-06-2021  
**Council/PH Committee** Council  
**Agenda Item** Resolution 21-175  
**Your position on the matter** Support  
**Representing Organization** Self

**Written Testimony**

Dangers navigating road has increased as well as speeding. Constant honking from drivers due to frustrations of many near accidents. Numerous vehicle blind spots. Leahi Avenue is the primary access to a public school and community of over 500 residents. Leahi Avenue is the primary access for Ocean Safety headquarters. Leahi Avenue is the primary access for 150 gardeners at Diamond Head Community Garden. There are many other city owned roads that are not "up to city code"

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 6:20 PM  
**Subject:** Transportation, Sustainability and Health Testimony

## Written Testimony

Name Noela von Wiegandt  
Phone  
Email noelavonw@yahoo.com  
Meeting Date 10-06-2021  
Council/PH Committee Transportation, Sustainability and Health  
Agenda Item 21-175  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Thank you Council Members  
If a tsunami occurred, Leahi is the first Avenue north of the inundation zone, this Avenue, if not taken over by the City, could be a potential disaster for Emergency Responders, as well as the residents who live there, the ingress and egress would be a gridlock. We never know when a Tsunami could occur, so I suggest that the City do everything possible post haste to take over Leahi Avenue. It's not "if" a tsunami occurs, but "when". Please note as well, that there are a great deal of other problems that are ongoing, speeding, child safety, etc etc etc. Thank you for your time regarding this very important matter.  
Sincerely,  
Noela von Wiegandt

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 10:59 PM  
**Subject:** Transportation, Sustainability and Health Testimony

## Written Testimony

Name	Julieta Rajlevsky
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Meeting Date	10-09-2021
Council/PH Committee	Transportation, Sustainability and Health
Agenda Item	CR 270
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	As a Leahi Avenue resident I believe that this is the best for the safety of my community
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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 6, 2021 8:13 AM  
**Subject:** Council Testimony

## Written Testimony

Name Patsy Vasquez  
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Meeting Date 10-06-2021  
Council/PH Council  
Committee  
Agenda Item CR-270 Resolution 21-175, CD1  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Written Testimony Ever since the Leahi has been changed to being narrow and making it impossible for 2 way traffic, there a near misses for head on collisions and major confusion. The change has made driving on Leahi unsafe for everyone!

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 6, 2021 8:38 AM  
**Subject:** Council Testimony

## Written Testimony

Name	Seth Weber
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Meeting Date	10-06-2021
Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	CR-270 Resolution 21-175, CD1
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	I write in Support of Resolution 21-175. Please SUPPORT this Resolution
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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 6:44 PM  
**Subject:** Public Safety Testimony

## Written Testimony

Name	Jon Pennington
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Meeting Date	10-06-2021
Council/PH Committee	Public Safety
Agenda Item	Resolution 21-175
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	I support resolution 21-175. People are speeding more and there's been many near accidents.
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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 6, 2021 9:44 AM  
**Subject:** Council Testimony

## Written Testimony

Name Ashlie Bradley  
Phone  
Email Ashlie.brafkey177@gmail.com  
Meeting Date 10-06-2021  
Council/PH Committee Council  
Agenda Item Cr-270  
Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

21-175, CDI

Written Testimony We need Leahi st parking back! This whole situation is insane and dangerous. My son and I have to park blocks away now to get to our home. Cars constantly almost crash not seeing each other with parked cars in the road! It's a mess! Please help us.

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**From:** VW TAPES - Patrick von Wiegandt VW <vwtapes@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 6, 2021 10:18 AM  
**Subject:** I support Resolution 21-175

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## Written Testimony

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**Meeting Date** 10-06-2021  
**Council/PH Committee** Council  
**Agenda Item** CR-270 Resolution 21-175, CD1  
**Your position on the matter** Support  
**Representing Organization** Self

**Written Testimony** All of this could have been avoided had the City purchased this section of the street from Lunalilo Trust when originally brought to their attention. The city should step up and purchase this section of Leahi Ave and compensate Safe Leahi LLC for any expenses they have incurred. The City is able to use its resources to bring Leahi Ave up to City design standards swiftly, limiting the impact to the area.

**Testimony Attachment**

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