

Bill 38

Testimony

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 10:05 AM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 10-14-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I strongly oppose Bill 38. The DLNR data completely disproves many of the allegations being made by supporters of the Wedding ban. It will be a great disservice to the community, economy, and to small local businesses.

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
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Organization

Written Testimony

I oppose Bill 38. There is no evidence to support the claims being made by supporters of the bill, although there is a mountain of evidence that directly contradicts many of the claims made. Of the roughly 3,320 people that visit Waimanalo daily, only an average of 28-30 of those people are there for weddings. To place blame on a fraction of 1% of the total visitors for causing traffic, garbage accumulation, overcrowded beaches, and disrupting the beach ecosystem is beyond absurd. Bill 38 will not help eliminate any of those issues. The bill will only cause major issues for small business owners, many of which are residents of the Waimanalo community themselves.

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Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I am in opposition of Bill 38. As a resident of Waimanalo for nearly my entire life, I have seen no issues that have been caused by weddings. The traffic is caused by tourists and commuters from Kailua. All of the garbage is caused by the homeless that live on the beach. And there aren't that many weddings that take place, I've only noticed around 4 a day and they are gone within an hour. They respect the aina and leave no trace they were there. Waimanalo is the most beautiful place on earth, and to get married here is a blessing. I don't think couples should be denied that blessing over false claims.

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Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I strongly oppose Bill 38. Many community members will lose their livelihoods, and the state will miss out on millions of dollars worth of taxes that could have gone back into the community. There is no evidence that even remotely supports the notion that weddings have had a negative impact on Waimanalo.

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Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I strongly oppose bill 38. It will result in many members of the Waimanalo community losing their livelihoods, and the state will miss out on millions of dollars worth of taxes that could have gone back into the community. There is not a single piece of evidence to substantiate the claims made by those in support of this bill.

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I oppose Bill 38 as it is written. Weddings have had no adverse effects on Waimanalo, and there isn't a single reason (that's backed up by actual evidence) that they should be banned from taking place there. It will only be a major kick in the teeth for small businesses, and for couples who have dreamt of getting married at Waimanalo.

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Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony Bill 38 is going to be devastating for dozens of local businesses. I have not seen any problems caused by commercial activities taking place at Waimanalo, only blessings. I've seen more blessings than I can count. I've witnessed a number of businesses giving back to the Waimanalo community. I've seen donations, many homeless drives, food drives, and have even seen some wedding pastors praying over the homeless who ask for it. These businesses are vital to the community.

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Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony Weddings should absolutely not be banned at Waimanalo. It is only a very small group of people that are in support of this bill, and none of them have been impacted by weddings taking place there. Their reasonings for the ban are completely nonsensical, and the data disproves all of their claims.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony Coming from someone who will not be personally effected by this Bill, I believe it is wrong to ban commercial activity from Waimanalo and will only have ill consequences. It will negatively impact a number of local businesses that some residents of Waimanalo depend on for their livelihoods. It will negatively impact the overall economy of Hawaii. It will negatively impact the community that many of these businesses give support to. And it will negatively impact Hawaii as a whole, as bills like these dissuade many people from starting businesses on the island in general.

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Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I vehemently oppose Bill 38. It is going to negatively effect hundreds of Hawaii residents and tax payers, all over false claims that are being touted by a select few. Even an overwhelming majority of residents in Waimanalo that are aware of this bill are strongly against it.

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Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I am in strong opposition of Bill 38. The claims being made by people in support of the bill are baseless. They are supported by NO evidence, and the data that is available directly refutes their claims. The fact that hundreds of Hawaii residents' livelihoods are at risk over baseless claims is terrifying.

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Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I am writing in opposition of Bill 38. Waimanalo is public land, which means it belongs to us, the people. We have a right to get married at Waimanalo beach.

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Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I oppose Bill 38. Weddings are sacred and cherished ceremonies. Waimanalo has been a destination for those sacred ceremonies to take place for many years, and it should remain that way for many years to come. Waimanalo will forever hold a special place in the hearts of the couples who wed here.

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I don't think any evidence has been shown that would indicate commercial activity at Waimanalo has had negative effects. Every time I see a wedding they are contained to a small area of the beach, barely taking up any space, and if there is garbage in that area the people setting up the wedding will pick it up so it's actually cleaner than when they got there. This bill will damage many lives.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I am in opposition of Bill 38. Weddings taking place at Waimanalo are not responsible for any of the things supporters of the bill are claiming. It is not a commercial activity issue, it's a tourism and homelessness issue.

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Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I do not support bill 38. I think everybody should have the opportunity to get married at Waimanalo if they choose to do so. It doesn't cause any issues for the beach or the community, it benefits everyone. This bill would do a lot more harm than good.

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Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony Bill 38 should not go through as it is currently written. It will have negative impacts on hundreds of families. There is no data or evidence that shows commercial activity in Waimanalo has had a negative impact on the beach or community.

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Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I oppose bill 38. I have lived in Waimanalo my whole life and have always supported the local businesses that use the beach respectfully. It is all of our land and they are not causing any problems, only doing good things and providing blessed memories that have people fall in love with Hawaii.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony Commercial activity at Waimanalo beach has neither exasperated nor created any problems. It has only brought the community more attention, brought more business into the area, helped the economy, and brought happiness to thousands of people. The issues the beach faces is caused by the homeless people that live in the bushes and from a small percentage of tourists that disrespect the land.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I don't think Bill 38 should be passed. I got married at Waimanalo and my wife and I were absolutely blessed. There is not another place in the world we would have chosen. It would be so disheartening if other couples didn't get to have the same opportunity.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony As it is, lifelong born and raised here and can't even go to my own beach (Kailua) so we go to Waimanalo because it reminds me of Kailua Beach in the 70s. Please keep it that way. Tourists have plenty places to go, we locals just want our once-undiscovered side of the island back. Mahalo.

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I am a local, small business owner on O'ahu and I strongly OPPOSE Bill 38 as it is currently written. I support following the current City & County rules and enforcement; such as bridging the gap of what is legally allowed between the City & State entities who issue the permits for legal commercial activities. The passage of Bill 38 would have the effect of banning beach weddings along the whole Windward coast and set precedence for other public beaches on O'ahu.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item	Bill 38
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	No commercial activity at Waimanalo Beach.
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item bill 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization
Written Testimony Please see my last written testimony in full support
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From: CLK Council Info
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

Kelehua Kawai, Wedding Officiant, Kaneohe Resident

Our state belongs to all of us. It is our kuleana to respect and protect each of our communities, whether we live in them or not. A total ban on commercial activity is not the answer. I understand that there are rogue companies and individuals who do not follow the rules. However, many of us are properly licensed and permitted to operate our local businesses on this land. The wedding industry in particular makes every effort to leave no trace, promotes love and aloha during a time when the world is so divided. Small elopements on the Beach are safe and unobtrusive when done properly. On Waimanalo Bay, we can perform ceremonies in areas that do not front homes, off to the side of beach goes. We can find ways to work together, such as creating a fund for the Waimanalo community whereby every wedding performed generates a mandatory \$50 fee earmarked specifically for the community to use as determined by the board. A total ban will hurt many local businesses, not just those of us on the beach. Hair and makeup artists, cake makers, drivers, coordinators, musicians and dancers, Officiants, photographers, florists, videographers... All local people seeking to provide for our families. Hawaii is about Aloha and sharing that properly with our visitors. There is a strong movement toward educating our visitors, and my ceremony makes every effort to include Hawaiian culture from start to finish so that my couples walk away with much more knowledge than they had when we started 17 minutes prior. The Waimanalo Community belongs to all of us. As a native Hawaiian, I take my job very seriously and I am keenly aware of where I am standing. I am also passionate about love, aloha, marriage, family, reunion, healing, new beginnings, and everything else that comes with what we do on a daily basis. I am so honored to share this land with people who have but a brief moment to take it in before they head home. I hope for the same sort of hospitality when I travel around the world to visit their homes.

As shared by another officiant, "DLNR issues less than four permits for weddings per day for Waimanalo beach, including Hunananiho Bay.

The average wedding, based on permit data, has less than 11 participants including the minister, photographer, etc.

Yes, proponents of the ban falsely claim that the Waimanalo shoreline is "inundated". That the neighborhoods are "flooded" with limos and tour buses, and that garbage is "overflowing."

All because less than 50 people a day get married on a Waimanalo beach. There are GOOD causes to support when it comes to the 'aina. This is not one of them."

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony As a local Kamaaina and Photography business owner for over 30 years. I actively use the parks for recreational and business purposes all the time. We can find a balance for both. Locals and visitors wanting to get photos or married on our beaches and parks should have access. With the proper permits and mindfulness to our local community, we can work together. Banning all commercial activities will also effective other small business like myself. Ministers, videographers, hair and makeup, limousine drivers, restaurants and many others. Let us work together to find that balance.

Sincerely,

Dave Miyamoto
Dave Miyamoto & Company,LLC

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Sincerely,

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Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Organization
Organization	Weddings of Hawaii
Written Testimony	
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item OPPOSE BILL 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

I am a wedding videographer and feel my livelihood is threatened by the proposed bill to ban weddings from all Waimanalo beaches. Elopements on the beach bring business to the islands. Hotels, limo drivers, officiants, photographers/videographers, and musicians all benefit from tourists coming here to enjoy the natural beauty. This is our industry. To ban weddings on the beach sends a clear message to the tourist industry. For the past month, we have been getting harassed by activists making incessant calls to police and taking threatening photos of our cars and workers. There is a tinge of irony here; Local workers being infringed upon, while the truly seedy sights come not from us, but from the many homeless encampments scattered throughout the beach and forest.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization
Organization Waimanalo Neighborhood Board Member

Written Testimony I am writing in support of Bill 38 which bans all commercial activity in the beach parks located in Waimanalo. This community is plagued with commercial activities that have caused great anxieties of being overrun by visitors and limousines that block the entrances and access to our beaches. We want to have the freedom to go and enjoy our beaches again. We ask for support in this approval and passing of Bill 38. Thank you for your consideration.
Mabel Ann Keliioomalulu Waimanalo Neighborhood Board Member At Large.

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The Senate

STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

October 21, 2021

Chair Tulba and Members of the Committee on Parks and Community Services,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Bill 38, Relating to Commercial Activities at Public Parks.

Bill 38 is important as it will begin to finally address several growing issues at our Waimānalo parks and surrounding community. Increasing park usage and lack of meaningful enforcement has led to the proliferation of problematic activities on a daily basis. These operations have often exacerbated conflict between those seeking to use the park and those seeking to take advantage of public space for profit.

The cumulative effect this has had on the surrounding community has been a gradual degradation of quality of experience within the park, and quality of life in the community. Waimānalo is not Waikīkī. Beach parks in the community are for everyone but should not be used to generate a commercial profit at the expense of regular users.

Similar restrictions on commercial activity in Kailua have proven to be successful and popular. Limiting commercial use of public parks there has helped resolve daily conflicts and allowed the community to return to the parks in a meaningful way. Most of all, it has helped slow the trend of diminishing quality of life in the area, accelerated by the commercialization of these sacred places at the heart of daily life in the community.

I defer to our Windward Councilmember on the details of the Bill. I support the intent of this measure as a strong step in the right direction for our community and urge the adoption of Bill 38.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify,

Chris Lee
State Senator

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Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I oppose Bill 38 so as to keep beaches and parks open to wedding services and photography. Those are public spaces which present no health threat or other forms of threats to the community. Locals as well as tourists have the right to enjoy and benefit from them for these events and alike.

Thank you.

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Your position on the matter Oppose
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Organization

Written Testimony

Aloha, I am a wedding planner that was born and raised in Oahu. Over the last year and a half, the wedding industry has taken a huge hit, as new regulations and rules are constantly put into place, making it hard for our couples to have their dream day here in Hawaii. I am 100% in support of Oahu protecting its sacred lands; however, to stop weddings at the Waimanalo Bay Beach location is absurd. Weddings do not destroy or desecrate any sacred lands and our company is always respectful and mindful of following all the rules so everything we do is legal and regulated.

Waimanalo is one of the most beautiful beaches in Oahu and to think that our couples can no longer enjoy this location is devastating. I ask that you please consider a different point of view. There are so many other activities that damage our beaches much more than a small initiate wedding, yet the state allows it without a second thought.

The wedding industry is not only my livelihood but many others. With people coming to Hawaii to get married, those couples support different facets of our economy including the hotel industry, restaurants, activities, retail, the list goes on. In order for our state to survive, we need our economy to thrive and having a "wedding in paradise" is a huge asset to this state.

Please hear our sincere plea for help. I appreciate your time and consideration. Mahalo.

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Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization
Organization Weddings of Hawaii

I oppose Bill 38 as it is written. As a resident of East Oahu and a business owner of a wedding planning company. I take wedding ceremonies very seriously as by they are required by law to be legally married! Our state beaches are for everyone and a ban is not an answer.

I care for our shores just as a care for my home. Our local wedding industry strives each day to "leave no trace / footprint." In a time when there is so much divisiveness, fighting and division politically and as a result of the pandemic in our world, I am committed to standing up and fighting for our right to perform ceremonies on our shores. We are creating new beginnings, new families, new unions, love, aloha and togetherness.

Our industry employs so many locals from those who work in the hotels, to hair and makeup artists, to florists, to officiants, to drivers, musicians, photographers, videographers, designers and more.

While I understand the need to consider how commercialization impacts Hawaii, I do not believe the wedding industry is threatening to Waimanalo. It employs kind-hearted, loving, hard workers who want to work WITH and WITHIN our communities to create opportunities to continue working and marrying couples.

My recommendation would be to truly understand the issue. The beach is nearly empty when we are there. Approximately only 4.3 permits are issued each day by DLNR at Waimanalo with an average of 10 people per permit. How can weddings be such a nuisance? They aren't! I urge you to go see for yourselves.

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Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 2:29 PM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization
Organization Weddings of Hawaii

I oppose Bill 38 as it is written. I am a resident of East Oahu and a business owner of a wedding planning company that is 43 years old. Hawaii and weddings go hand in hand. How can you even think it is okay to take away a beach from locals and visitors alike? The beach is for everyone. Our locals take their family photos, on this beach. They have their vow renewals, small ceremonies, and more.

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

I strongly oppose Bill 38. I live on East Oahu and frequent Waimanalo and surrounding beaches. I see wedding and photo shoots from time to time and they bring me joy. Why on earth would one try to stop such happiness from taking place? I hope to one day have a wedding ceremony on the most beautiful beach in the world. It is my right as a resident and this right should not be taken from me.

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

I strongly oppose Bill 38. I live and work on East Oahu and love Waimanalo. I had my vow renewal on this beach and had my family and friend witness this occasion. It was affordable, beautiful and we were not in anyones way. Its my backyard! Please do not take away the right to use our beaches for our personal life joys. Photography, wedding, vow renewals are life events and moments that are our rights. I implore you to not let this move forward.

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

I am opposing Bill 38, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach, and (2) ban commercial activities including recreational stops by commercial tour companies at any time from Makapu'u point to Kapoho point (Castle Point).

Although I understand that Sherwood Forest Beach is considered sacred land in the eyes of the native Hawaiian community, I believe this is not the solution. A wedding ceremony is a joyous occasion that brings two people together to start a life together. There are so many more disruptive activities that happen on this beach that I think is more disrespectful of the land in my eyes.

Written
Testimony

Why not focus on helping the large homeless community on Waimanalo Beach? There are countless amounts of social gatherings that occur on Sherwood Forest Beach every weekend that create a large amount of litter, in addition to the large alcohol consumption.

Why should weddings be targeted when they are not the sole contributor to the disruption to the land?

It is no secret that the local community likes to drive their large trucks into the Bellows/Sherwood property and drive recklessly in the sand. Why are we allowing the community to participate in these activities, but reprimand a professional business that is trying to be as respectable as possible?

I agree that having larger ceremonies can lead to possible disruption to the area, however, I think there is at least a middle ground in which we can continue to let people celebrate a really important time in their lives at this beautiful location.

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 34 and Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization
Organization Affordable Weddings of Hawaii

Aloha,

I am an East Oahu resident and I am **STRONGLY AGAINST** both Bill 34 and Bill 38. I am writing to ask you to oppose Bill 38 in consideration of the facts of the wedding situation at Waimanalo which, in my opinion, has been completely misrepresented by proponents of this ban.

DLNR has issued an average of 4.26 permits per day for weddings from January 1 to September 30th of this year.

The average attendance for each wedding is just 10.8 people, including staff.

That means an average of just 46 people a day are attending weddings the whole day at Waimanalo beaches.

That is not "inundating" the beaches of Waimanalo as has been falsely claimed. The 46 people at Waimanalo beach gathering at the same time in the same spot would take up a total of 7,10 thousandths of 1% of Waimanalo beach. This is a FACT.

While there have been some questions about what exactly is allowed by a C&C park or DLNR permit, NO one has been cited for anything and everyone, as far as we are aware, had the proper permit.

Only about 1 out of 5 beach weddings use a limo service, so not even one a day. And yet people are hysterically claiming that the neighborhoods are "flooded" with limos and tour buses.

The real issue is tourism which is a challenge for Waimanalo as it is much for most of our state.

But according to the City Council's study on the impact of tourism in Kailua and Waimanalo, The average number of people attending weddings at Waimanalo beaches is less than 1.4%

of the daily visitors to Waimanalo. And about 1/3 of wedding attendees are local people. How can 1.4% of total daily visitors be responsible for all the terrible things being claimed by proponents of this ban?

We may not all be from Waimanalo but we believe that our local representatives have an obligation to protect the rights of residents of non beach neighborhoods from those who live in those neighborhoods and consider the beaches to be all theirs.

Hawaii's beaches are for everyone and no one should have special treatment or entitlement just because they are fortunate enough to live in a beach neighborhood. What happens when neighborhood after neighborhood claim all beach rights to themselves? We ask that these decisions be made based on facts and fairness and not false and erroneous claims and a sense of entitlement. A ban on weddings will not solve the problems of Waimanalo because weddings are not the problem.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha,

Written Testimony

I have been a florist here on Oahu for 35 years. I live and work here on East Oahu. I take care of many wedding and vow renewals flowers, simple beach decor and more! Hawaii is the most beautiful place on earth. My business relies on beach weddings. Couples order their leis, bouquets, haku's and small arrangements through my business. If you pass Bill 38, I fear my business will not survive. After COVID shutdowns, the wedding and flower industry has been nearly demolished. I am one of the lucky ones to have survived and now this. I beg of you to not pass this bill. We are a hard working industry that leaves no footprint on our beaches. We care for our beaches as we do our own homes. A ban is not an answer. Let us work on solutions that work for everyone. Thank you for listening.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha,

Written
Testimony

I OPPOSE BILL 34 and BILL 38. I live and work here on East Oahu. I have been a florist for 25 years. My business relies on beach weddings. Couples order their leis, bouquets, haku's and small arrangements through my business. If you pass Bill 38 and Bill 34, I fear my small business will not survive. After COVID shutdowns, the wedding and flower industry has been nearly demolished. I am one of the lucky ones to have survived and now this. I beg of you to not pass this bill. We are a hard working industry that leaves no footprint on our beaches. We care for our beaches as we do our own homes. A ban is not an answer. Let us work on solutions that work for everyone. I implore you to not let these bills continue.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

Aloha and thank you for your time. I OPPOSE Bill 34 and Bill 38. I am a resident born and raised here on East Oahu. Waimanalo is my beach! I have taken many family photos here and attended friends weddings here. I do not believe a ban is the answer. Let the industry and the community work together to find solutions bus listening to a loud handful or people will impact my life and hundreds more. I URGE you to OPPOSE these bills and listen to more than the loud few.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item BILL 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Banning all commercial activity is not the solution. It is unclear whether a wedding ceremony would be banned as a commercial activity if there is no commercial film permit attached to the wedding. The Parks Department and State already have rules and permitting in place and I support better enforcement of those current rules.

More clarity is needed as to which entity, State (DOCARE) or City (HPD) has jurisdiction over the beach weddings. Depending on where you stand on the beach - the grassy, park area vs the sand, vs in the water, a different permit is required. I believe this makes it difficult for the State and City to fully communicate the rules with their enforcement officers.

Instead of a full commercial activity ban, clarity is needed to better understand what is allowed under the permit and what is not. Currently City permits allow more (such as arch, chairs, teepees, tables) than the State permit (no chairs unless ADA required, no arch), which I believe is the source of a lot of the confusion for businesses and for enforcement.

Written
Testimony

Here are some possible solutions I'd like to offer:

Modify the City & County permits for weddings to be more similar to the State DLNR Right of Entry permit. DLNR Right of Entry permits allow for (2) hours usage.

Provide a clear line of jurisdiction for weddings to take place on the beach under the current permitting system.

Modify the permit schedule, perhaps (4) weekdays excluding holidays.

Continue to allow decor set up such as arch, chairs, teepees, tables in City park grounds only - with no set ups beyond the vegetation line on the sand.

Create a path for stewardship fees to reach the community to support their town's resources.

I truly believe that a complete ban of commercial activity is not the right answer. There are many workable solutions that can be a win-win for our businesses and the Waimanalo residents and community. As a business owner, I believe in following the rules, and I believe that having the opportunity to work on Waimanalo beach is a privilege. I commit to keeping my footprint as small as possible, and will leave the beach exactly as I found it, if not better. I commit to cleaning up anything I brought with me, including trash, flowers, and flower petals. I believe working at Waimanalo Beach can be a true WIN-WIN, and I am committed to doing my part. I am not opposed to better management and enforcement of commercial activity on Waimanalo Beach. However, as it is currently written, I oppose Bill 38.

Sincerely,
Tiani

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization
Organization University Flowers

Written Testimony

I OPPOSE BILL 34 and BILL 38. I live and work here on East Oahu and on Waimanalo Beach. I work for a small business that has been around for over 30 years. My job relies on beach weddings. Couples order their leis, bouquets, haku's and small arrangements through my business. If you pass Bill 38, I fear my job will not survive. After COVID shutdowns, the wedding and flower industry has been nearly demolished. I am one of the lucky ones to have survived and have a job still and now this. I beg you to not pass these bill. We are a hard working industry that leaves no footprint on our beaches. I care for our beaches and ensure I leave nothing behind. A ban is not an answer. Let us work on solutions that work for everyone. I implore you to not let these bills continue.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

On behalf of my wife and in support of her business as a Native Hawaiian wedding photographer, banning all commercial activity is not the solution. It is unclear whether a wedding ceremony would be banned as a commercial activity if there is no commercial film permit attached to the wedding. The Parks Department and State already have rules and permitting in place and I support better enforcement of those current rules.

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Sincerely,

Elias Hester

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item	Bill 38
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	The wedding industry will suffer and many families will be negatively impacted if this Bill passed
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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization
Organization Affordable Weddings of Hawaii

Aloha,

I have been in the wedding industry for over a decade. I oppose Bill 38 as it is written. As a resident of East Oahu and a wedding coordinator of a wedding planning company. I take wedding ceremonies very seriously as by they are required by law to be legally married! Our state beaches are for everyone and a ban is not an answer.

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Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

Aloha and thank you for your time. I oppose Bill 34 and Bill 38. I am a photographer and resident of East Oahu. I was born and raised here and proud to get to work in my backyard. I support my family by capturing beach wedding. I can not see the reason for such a simple, beautiful and environmentally friendly event such as weddings and wedding photography to be accused of being such a threat. I leave no footprint! I capture the most meaningful day of peoples lives on an empty beach and it brings so much joy to everyone. In a world filled with chaos, hate, COVID destruction, weddings are brining new life and hope and happiness to a saddened state. A Ban is NOT and answer. Don't threaten more jobs and livelihoods. Research and see what is truly the issue here? Have you been to Waimanalo? The beach is clean after a wedding but trashed by homeless and yet we are the ones you want to take it from. Limos and small vans help reduce traffic. Do they really want more cars taking up more spaces? How does this even make sense? This is a HUGE deal and should not be decided on by a few loud voices in nalo. I beg you to reconsider these bills.

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization
Organization Weddings of Hawaii

Written Testimony I OPPOSE Bill 38 as it is written. A ban is NOT an answer. As a beach wedding planner, I am personally on the beach witnessing these small, simple ceremonies and also see that barely anyone is there! The parking lot is empty. Honestly, the only people there during the week is the homeless. Our limos drop off quickly and leave, not taking up any parking spaces. We have a 15 minute ceremony and then photos for 45 minutes and we are gone. No trash. No reception. No loud noises. Nothing is impactful to the beach visitors or environment. Please do not ban sacred events from our beaches. The beach is a sacred special place for everyone and locals and visitors alike deserve to experience their beautiful. Not all couples can afford venues. Venues today cost \$5000. The beach permit we obtain is affordable and allows couples to marry, and start their lives together without a significant financial burden. Are they now forced to stand before a judge in a sterile courtroom? Please BAN THESE BILLS!

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

I support Bill 38 because I am against commercial activity in Hūnananiho and waimanalo beaches. Just last week on a Tuesday I saw three weddings within a few hours and besides seeing numerous weddings at Hunananiho and the waimanalo beaches, there are people now serving food as a business to their customers.

Written Testimony

I feel strongly that this scared place for locals and visitors to enjoy our beautiful beach without the intrusion of those who are making money off this sacred land. It takes away from the natural beauty, gatherings and time for peaceful enjoyment of this sacred space.

I am a homeowner in waimanalo and strongly against commercial activity as it takes away from the beauty and historical cultural significance of our first Hawaiians who came here. Let us honor their iwi and not make it a money maker for those who are using this beautiful place for their own profits and businesses. Hunananiho is a cultural historical place and we need to honor the Hawaiian people by limiting business in this sacred space. I was willing to be arrested to save this sacred place from intrusion and development. We need bill 38 to keep waimanalo a historical and cultural treasure.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony Here we are yet again, commercial industry distroying and disrupting a local favorite beach. All our other beaches have been taken from us. Weddings, photography, limos, and people disrespecting the land are not wanted in this space. I support Bill 38 in an effort to protect the aina and to stop the exploitation of aina and culture in this area.

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Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

I oppose Bill 34 and Bill 38. As a Kaneohe resident and frequent visitor of Waimanalo Bay, I can not support this ban. The wedding couples I see at the beach do not bother me or anyone with me. Weddings are beautiful! I do not have issues with parking other than the normal weekend population. When I see limos, they drop off the couples and leave. I am not sure why this is bothering anyone but I would hate to see a ban in place for something so special with no impact on the environment or public. I do see homeless at the beach and that bothers me. Is there a ban for homeless that can be replaced with this instead?

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

I strongly oppose Bill 38. As a resident here oh Oahu, I frequent Waimanalo and surrounding beaches. I see wedding and photo shoots from time to time and they are so wonderful to see! There are real issues in Waimanalo such as homelessness and crime and yet wedding and photography are being banned? It is my right as a resident to use this beach for my family photos and perhaps even a ceremony one day and this right should not be taken from me. I urge city council to look at the real issues and not ban something that the majority of the island loves and utilizes. Thank you for your consideration.

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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 10-19-2021
Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Keeps Waimanalo beach park open.
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony Beaches and parks belong to the people of Hawaii not a select few who have the the privilege to live in a beach community. Keep beaches and parks open to wedding services and photography. Tourist and locals love the beaches and want the liberty to continue to be married in Waimanalo beaches and other activities using photography.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	Bill 38/ commercial activity at Waimanalo
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	You should allow commercial activity at Waimanalo beaches. This would destroy a huge industry.
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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item	Bill 38
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Council
Committee
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item	Bill 38
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written
Testimony

Aloha Council and thank you for your time in reading my testimony. I oppose Bill 38. As an East Oahu resident, I can not support this Bill. Where are we to go for our photos and our family ceremonies? Waikiki? We do not want our own backyard taken from us. I understand if there are major issues that require more support from the city such as bathroom remodeling and cleaning as well as maintenance however, I am sure the companies requesting the permits would be open to a higher permit fee to cover costs of the maintenance. Please reconsider these Bills. They do not support the greater population who wants the ability to have photos taken on Waimanalo!

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization
Organization Brendan Monahan Photography
Aloha and thank you for your time.

Written Testimony

I am a professional wedding photographer and I oppose Bill 34 and Bill 38. I can not see the reason for such a simple, beautiful and environmentally friendly event/activity such as weddings and wedding photography to be accused of being such a threat to a community. I leave no footprint! I capture the most meaningful day of peoples lives on an empty beach and it brings so much joy to everyone. In a world filled with chaos, hate, COVID destruction etc, weddings are brining new life and hope and happiness to recovering state. A Ban is NOT and answer. Don't threaten more jobs and livelihoods. Research and see what is truly the issue here? Have you been to Waimanalo? The beach is clean after a wedding but trashed by homeless and yet we are the ones you want to take it from. Limos and small vans help reduce traffic. Do they really want more cars taking up more spaces? How does this even make sense? This significant decision and should not be decided on by a few loud voices in Nalo. I beg you to reconsider these bills. Our jobs depend on it.

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Aloha Councilmember Waters,

I am writing to you to ask for your help in opposing Bill 38, as it is currently written, it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach, and (2) ban commercial activities including recreational stops by commercial tour companies at any time from Makapu'u point to Kapoho point (Castle Point).

I would like to propose instead of a full commercial activity ban, clarification is required to better understand what is allowed under the permit and what is not. Currently City permits allow more (such as arch, chairs, teepees, tables) than the State permit (no chairs unless ADA required, no arch), which I believe is the source of a lot of the confusion for businesses and enforcement.

Here are some possible solutions:

1. Provide a clear line of jurisdiction for weddings to take place on the beach under the current permitting system.
2. Modify the permit schedule, perhaps (4) weekdays excluding holidays.
3. Create a path for stewardship fees to reach the community to support their town's resources.

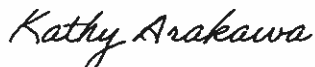
I truly believe that a complete ban of commercial activity is not the right answer. There are many workable solutions that can be a win-win for our businesses and the Waimanalo residents and community.

I am born and raised in Hawaii my entire life and want to share that it's the people, culture and environment that makes living in Hawaii so beautiful. Most importantly helping couples enjoy and experience this beautiful island making memories is a gift and blessing. Please allow Weddings of Hawaii to continue their journey by supporting not only their families, providing jobs to others, giving back to the community and supporting our economy.

Please reconsider Bill 38 and do not allow it to move forward.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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From: CLK Council Info
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha Council members,

Written Testimony

I strongly oppose Bill 38. I live on East Oahu in Kaneohe and frequent Waimanalo Beach. I can not support a bill that bans my right as a resident to have a wedding or photos taken on OUR beach. This right should not be taken from me and my ohana. Please do not take away more of our freedom. So much has already been restricted. This can bill can not move forward. Thank you for your consideration and for hearing my request to stop this bill from moving forward.
Mahalo for your time.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

I OPPOSE BILL 38 and BILL 34 as it is written.

Written Testimony

The real issue is a select group of people who do not want tourist or any other people coming to there community beaches to enjoy what they feel is privileged to only them. The objection are 90% false. Traffic in Waimanalo is not tourist traffic. It is local traffic. Waimanalo is the travel route for many Kailua residents to and from Hawaii Kai Costco and Sandy Beach. Limos do not cause traffic. A few weddings a day does not cause traffic jams in Waimanalo. Rubbish pick up in the park area is 95% from the homeless community which lives in the bushes. Humans create trash from their daily survival of food and drinks. There are numerous horseless people creating trash at Waimanalo but those who object to weddings do not object to the house less people creating all the trash that has to be gathered weekly.

The real issue is not really where we do the weddings on the beach but instead a select few people who are stirring the sentiment of the resentment of a wounded community who feels frustrated because of joblessness, homelessness, drug abuse, poverty, Hawaiian sovereignty, and sense of entitlement to Waimanalo beaches.

Most of the objections that are posed to weddings in Waimanalo have nothing to do with environmental impact. Please look at the facts and do not ban hard working businesses from their lifes work.

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Written Testimony

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Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha and thank you for listening to my concerns. I oppose Bill 38 and Bill 34.

History repeats itself so you must be reminded:

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Testimony

The 9th circuit Federal court of appeals, Kaahumanu versus State of Hawaii DLNR:
“We have no difficulty concluding that wedding ceremonies are protected expression under the First Amendment.” You can not ban weddings as the state is required by federal law to provide land for couples to unite. A ban is not an answer.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization
Organization Weddings of Hawaii

As written, Bill 38 would prohibit ALL commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach. This extreme action is unnecessary as other solutions are more appropriate to address concerns of those who support the bill without hurting the livelihood of others, such as myself.

As a Wedding Coordinator, the small family-owned company I work for will be severely impacted if commercial activity is banned in Waimanalo.

Local and visiting couples alike have been scrambling since their large traditional weddings were canceled due to COVID. Many have been opting for a small wedding at beautiful Waimanalo Beach as an alternative. None of these weddings for locals or visitors would be an option with Bill 38.

Written Testimony

As someone born and raised in Kaneohe, I have frequented many of these eastside beaches throughout my entire life to present day. I understand how large tour groups and related mass commercial activity can affect access and enjoyment of the beach. However, the scope of "commercial activity" is vast and a ban on ALL commercial activity would harm the livelihood of local wedding photographers, videographers, musicians, officiants, and coordinators, like myself. It would prevent couples from having a professional photographer and videographer document their beach wedding. It would prevent a professional, like me, to assist with planning their event to ensure that the state's rules are followed and things run smoothly. It's hard to understand the benefit of prohibiting this type of commercial activity.

I believe because the company I work for does beach weddings regularly, we are all heavily vested in keeping our beaches clean, ensuring our couples and their guests do not litter, and everyone is informed and abides by the state's regulations.

If there are aspects of beach weddings that are of concern, I believe that can be addressed

with different regulations. If there are other specific types of commercial activity that are of concern, that should be specifically addressed. There are other alternatives that should be explored before a full ban on all commercial activity is implemented. This is why I oppose Bill 38 as written.

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

I oppose Bill 34 and Bill 38. As an East resident and frequent visitor of Waimanalo Bay, I can not support this ban. The wedding couples I see at the beach do not bother me or anyone with me. Weddings are beautiful sacred events! I do not have issues with parking other than the normal weekend population. When I see limos, they drop off the couples and leave. I am not sure why this is bothering anyone but I would hate to see a ban in place for something so special with no impact on the environment or public. I do see homeless at the beach and that bothers me. Is there a ban for homeless that can be replaced with this instead? It makes no sense for our state to ban sacred ceremonies and not focus on real issues such as crime, homeless and overuse of unemployment benefits. Please do not push this unnecessary bill forward. This only creates more issues and an overflow at locations that do not need more events such as Magic Island. You are kicking the can down the road!

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization
Organization Weddings of Hawaii

Written Testimony I OPPOSE Bill 38 as it is written. A ban is NOT an answer. As a beach wedding planner, I am personally on the beach witnessing these small, simple ceremonies and also see that barely anyone is there! The parking lot is empty. Honestly, the only people there during the week is the homeless. Our limos drop off quickly and leave, not taking up any parking spaces. We have a 15 minute ceremony and then photos for 45 minutes and we are gone. No trash. No reception. No loud noises. Nothing is impactful to the beach visitors or environment. Please do not ban sacred events from our beaches. The beach is a sacred special place for everyone and locals and visitors alike deserve to experience their beautiful. Not all couples can afford venues. Venues today cost \$5000. The beach permit we obtain is affordable and allows couples to marry, and start their lives together without a significant financial burden. Are they now forced to stand before a judge in a sterile courtroom? Please BAN THESE BILLS!

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I strongly oppose Bill 38. I live on East Oahu and frequent Waimanalo and surrounding beaches. I see wedding and photo shoots from time to time and they bring me joy. Why on earth would one try to stop such happiness from taking place? I hope to one day have a wedding ceremony on the most beautiful beach in the world. It is my right as a resident and this right should not be taken from me.

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I strongly oppose Bill 38. As a resident here oh Oahu, I frequent Waimanalo and surrounding beaches. I see wedding and photo shoots from time to time and they are so wonderful to see! There are real issues in Waimanalo such as homelessness and crime and yet wedding and photography are being banned? It is my right as a resident to use this beach for my family photos and perhaps even a ceremony one day and this right should not be taken from me. I urge city council to look at the real issues and not ban something that the majority of the island loves and utilizes. Thank you for your consideration.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

Aloha and thank you for your time. I oppose Bill 34 and Bill 38. I am a photographer and resident of East Oahu. I was born and raised here and proud to get to work in my backyard. I support my family by capturing beach wedding. I can not see the reason for such a simple, beautiful and environmentally friendly event such as weddings and wedding photography to be accused of being such a threat. I leave no footprint! I capture the most meaningful day of peoples lives on an empty beach and it brings so much joy to everyone. In a world filled with chaos, hate, COVID destruction, weddings are brining new life and hope and happiness to a saddened state. A Ban is NOT and answer. Don't threaten more jobs and livelihoods. Research and see what is truly the issue here? Have you been to Waimanalo? The beach is clean after a wedding but trashed by homeless and yet we are the ones you want to take it from. Limos and small vans help reduce traffic. Do they really want more cars taking up more spaces? How does this even make sense? This is a HUGE deal and should not be decided on by a few loud voices in nalo. I beg you to reconsider these bills.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization
Organization Affordable Weddings

Written Testimony Aloha and thank you for your time. I OPPOSE Bill 34 and Bill 38. I am a resident born and raised here on East Oahu. Waimanalo is my beach! I have taken many family photos here and attended friends weddings here. I do not believe a ban is the answer. Let the industry and the community work together to find solutions bus listening to a loud handful or people will impact my life and hundreds more. I URGE you to OPPOSE these bills and listen to more than the loud few.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

I strongly support Bill 38. I've been at Hunananiho everyday for over 2 years. This effort will stop rogue weddings and other commercial activities like tours, picnics, and rave parties. Bill 38 will protect the prehistoric remains from 500ad. I hope you can save this legacy by passing Bill 38.

Written Testimony If you plan on amending it, I would like to see the following changes in the bill:
Page 7 box "Still photography" should be as follows: \$800/day, NO monthly, and NO yearly permits.

Regardless, this bill should pass as soon as possible - before tourism and Japan travel opens up. What we are seeing now is only 1/4 of over-commercialism.
Mahalo!

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Written Testimony

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Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

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Proposals from the Japanese industry: Weddings on the East Coast, especially in Waimanalo, are very important to us. It is an important resource especially for the post-pandemic industry. 1 Limitation on the number of groups by advance reservation 2 Increase in permission fee (Example: Wedding ceremony @ \$ 100 / time Photo @ \$ 50 / time) 3 Customer education with leaflets (cultural value of Waimanalo, etc.)

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I am in support of the ban of commercial activities at Makapu‘u, Kaupo, Kaiona, Waimānalo, Hūnānāniho and Bellows Field. The influx of commercial activities negatively impacts our quality of life.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item bill38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization Sample

Written Testimony Beaches and parks belong to the people of Hawaii not a select few who have the the privilege to live in a beach community. Keep beaches and parks open to wedding services and photography. Tourist and locals love the beaches and want the liberty to continue to be married in Waimanalo beaches and other activities using photography.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

I strongly oppose Bill 38, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach, and (2) ban commercial activities including recreational stops by commercial tour companies at any time from Makapu'u point to Kapoho point (Castle Point).

Banning all commercial activity is not the solution. It is unclear whether a wedding ceremony would be banned as a commercial activity if there is no commercial film permit attached to the wedding. The Parks Department and State already have rules and permitting in place and I support better enforcement of those current rules.

More clarity is needed as to which entity, State (DOCARE) or City (HPD) has jurisdiction over the beach weddings. Depending on where you stand on the beach - the grassy, park area vs the sand, vs in the water, a different permit is required. I believe this makes it difficult for the State and City to fully communicate the rules with their enforcement officers.

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Testimony

Instead of a full commercial activity ban, clarity is need to better understand what is allowed under the permit and what is not. Currently City permits allow more (such as arch, chairs, teepees, tables) than the State permit (no chairs unless ADA required, no arch), which I believe is the source of a lot of the confusion for businesses and for enforcement.

Modify the City & County permits for weddings to be more similar to the State DLNR Right of Entry permit. DLNR Right of Entry permits allow for (2) hours usage.

Provide a clear line of jurisdiction for weddings to take place on the beach under the current permitting system.

Modify the permit schedule, perhaps (4) weekdays excluding holidays.

Continue to allow decor set up such as arch, chairs, teepees, tables in City park grounds only - with no set ups beyond the vegetation line on the sand.

Create a path for stewardship fees to reach the community to support their town's resources.

I truly believe that a complete ban of commercial activity is not the right answer. There are many workable solutions that can be a win-win for our businesses and the Waimanalo residents and community. As a business owner, I believe in following the rules, and I believe that having the opportunity to work on Waimanalo beach is a privilege. I commit to keeping my footprint as small as possible, and will leave the beach exactly as I found it, if not better. I commit to cleaning up anything I brought with me, including trash, flowers, and flower petals. I believe working at Waimanalo Beach can be a true WIN-WIN, and I am committed to doing my part. I am not opposed to better management and enforcement of commercial activity on Waimanalo Beach. However, as it is currently written, I oppose Bill 38.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Warland Nonnenmann.
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

I am writing to you to ask for your help in opposing Bill 38, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach.

This is an extreme and wide ban when I feel there are many ways to keep from hurting small local businesses even more during the ongoing pandemic, while providing more insight and appropriate rules for the area.

Banning all commercial activity is not the solution. It is unclear whether a wedding ceremony would be banned as a commercial activity if there is no commercial film permit attached to the wedding. The Parks Department and State already have rules and permitting in place and I support better enforcement of those current rules.

Written Testimony More clarity is needed as to which entity, State (DOCARE) or City (HPD) has jurisdiction over the beach weddings. Depending on where you stand on the beach - the grassy, park area vs the sand, vs in the water, a different permit is required. I believe this makes it difficult for the State and City to fully communicate the rules with their enforcement officers.

Instead of a full commercial activity ban, clarity is needed to better understand what is allowed under the permit and what is not. Currently City permits allow more (such as arch, chairs, teepees, tables) than the State permit (no chairs unless ADA required, no arch), which I believe is the source of a lot of the confusion for businesses and for enforcement.

Possible solutions:

Modify the City & County permits for weddings to be more similar to the State DLNR Right of Entry permit. DLNR Right of Entry permits allow for (2) hours usage.

Provide a clear line of jurisdiction for weddings to take place on the beach under the current

permitting system.

Modify the permit schedule, perhaps (4) weekdays excluding holidays.

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I truly believe that a complete ban of commercial activity is not the right answer. There are many workable solutions that can be a win-win for our businesses and the Waimanalo residents and community. As a business owner, I believe in following the rules, and I believe that having the opportunity to work on Waimanalo beach is a privilege.

My fellow vendors love the island and we are never a disturbance to anyone on the beaches, in fact going out of our way to stay away from others so that everyone has their own spot. We always leave the beach the way we came, clean and beautiful.

I believe working at Waimanalo Beach can be a true WIN-WIN, and I am committed to doing my part. I am not opposed to better management and enforcement of commercial activity on Waimanalo Beach. However, as it is currently written, I oppose Bill 38.

Sincerely,

Rae
Rae Marshall photography
raemarshallphotography@gmail.com

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 11:40 PM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Eric Arii
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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

I oppose Bill 38.

There is so much to say about this but I'm going to try and keep it short bumbai nobody read um cuz da buggah too long.

I am born and raised on Oahu and have seen a lot of changes in my lifetime.

To ban weddings and wedding photography from Waimanalo Beach would be devastating to the wedding industry. Not only for our mainland visitors but our international visitors looking to "tie the knot" on a beach in Hawaii.

Could anyone imagine Hawaii, being labeled as a great place for a vacation but not a great place to get married on a beach? For most couples getting married here, it's a wedding/honeymoon in one trip.

I do understand that with the Covid lockdowns, the beaches looked beautiful with nobody there and the traffic was a whole lot better. It also became more clear than ever that we need a lot of tourist to keep many businesses in Hawaii afloat.

Couples choosing to get married in Hawaii support hotels, restaurants, flower shops, make up artist, limo drivers, photographers, event planners, on-and-on,.... and a whole bunch of moms and dads who are just trying to make a living here.

I'm sure most people working (in Hawaii) in the wedding industry didn't grow up planning this is what we wanted to do. The wedding industry found most of us. For me it happened when a friend said he needed help shooting wedding videos and I told him I would give it a try. That was about 25 years ago and I'm still working in weddings because I enjoy it.

Anyways, this is getting long and I could say a lot more but I'll end with this. To completely stop beach weddings on the east side of Oahu is not the answer. Maybe weddings could just be avoided on certain days like weekends and holidays. Me personally, I already tell my customers I don't work at Waimanalo on weekends and holiday weekends. I know I've lost some business because of this but I'm glad for what I do have.

Hawaii is the Aloha state and Oahu is the gathering place. I've seen aloha fade over the

years.

I'm trying to keep this short. I oppose Bill 38.

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 6:04 AM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item	Bill 38
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Organization
Organization	Weddings of Hawaii
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 6:33 AM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name michael jacques
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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization
Written Testimony I support local business and what they all bring to the community especially after a tough year and a half. Putting more restrictions on people trying to make a living after such a hard time shouldn't even be up for discussion but it seems it is. That is why I oppose.
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 11:57 AM
Subject: Zoning and Planning Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Mark Petritz
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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee ~~Zoning and Planning~~ Parks
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

I oppose Bill 38.

Written Testimony You ban commercial actitiies. Does that mean if I want to take family pictures with a photographer on the beach I am going to get heckled by the outspoken neighbors in Waimanalo.

Everybody wants to blame tourism for everything. You ban busses and now there are more rental cars on the road. Where does it end.

Enforce the laws that are already in place.

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 12:14 PM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony
Attachments: 20211020121424_BMayer_Bill38-testimony_10-21-21_final-compression.pdf

Written Testimony

Name	Barbara Mayer
Phone	
Email	bamayer@gmail.com
Meeting Date	10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee	Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item	Bill 38
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	Please, please , puleeeez see my doc, which should be attached. It's a short (I promise!) text & visualization of why I support Bill 38. I ask that you give this Bill your support. BIG mahalo!
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I whole-heartedly **support Bill 38**, especially Section 2, Section 10-1.2, (h) and (i). Commercial activity of any kind should NOT be permitted in the areas enumerated in (h) (1) & (2) and (i).

I do NOT support commercial vehicles
e.g., limousines, cabs and Lyfts
parked near beach accesses...

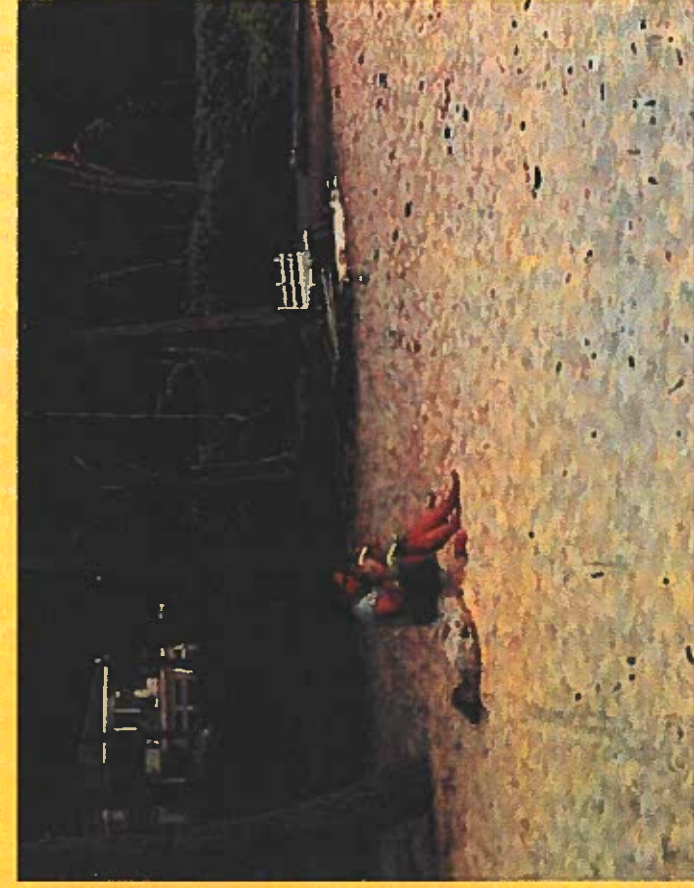


...allowing commercial photography to take place on the beach, for weddings...



...and other gatherings.





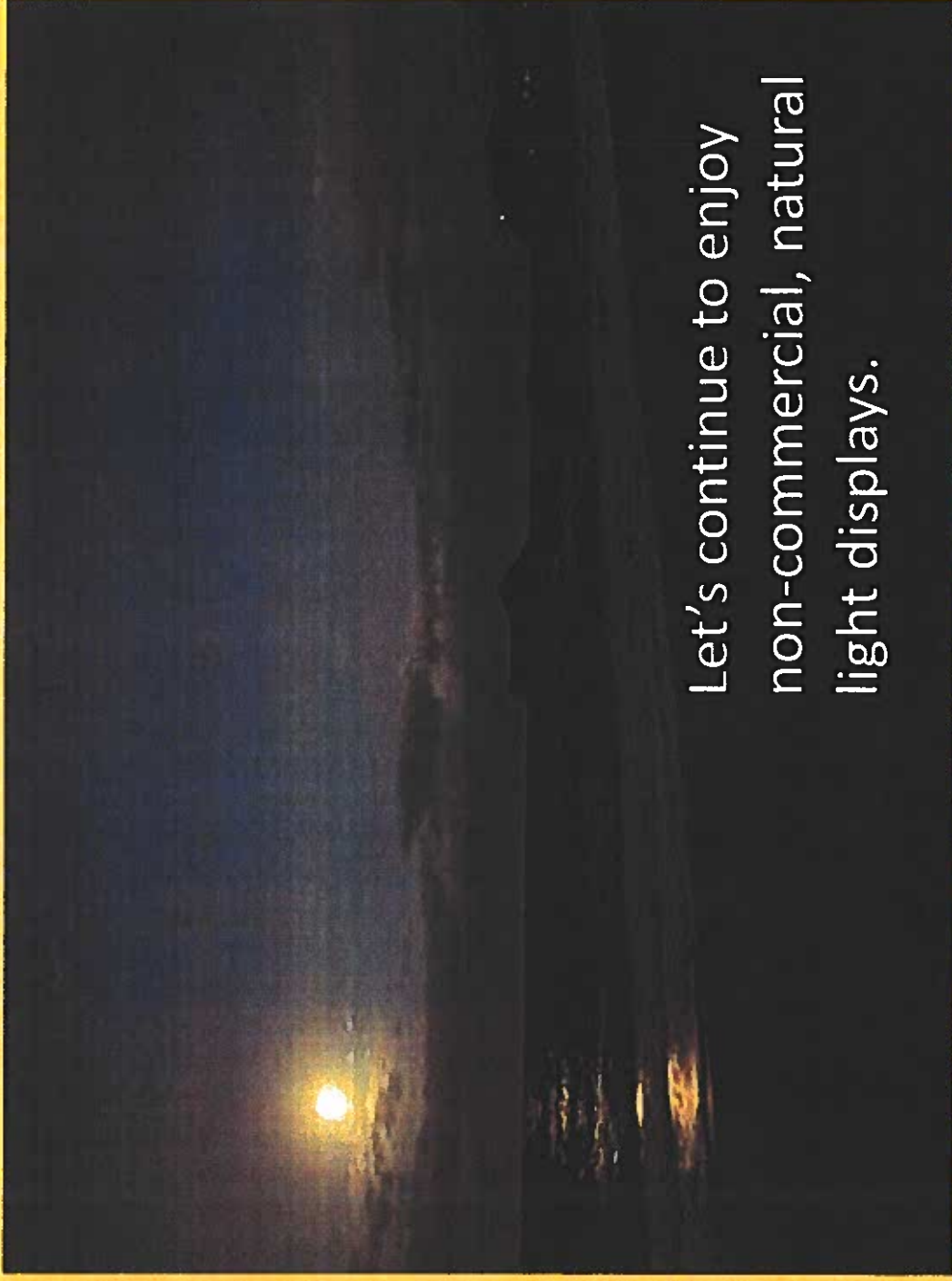
Let's continue to enjoy non-commercial activities.



I do NOT support commercial shows
on the beach.

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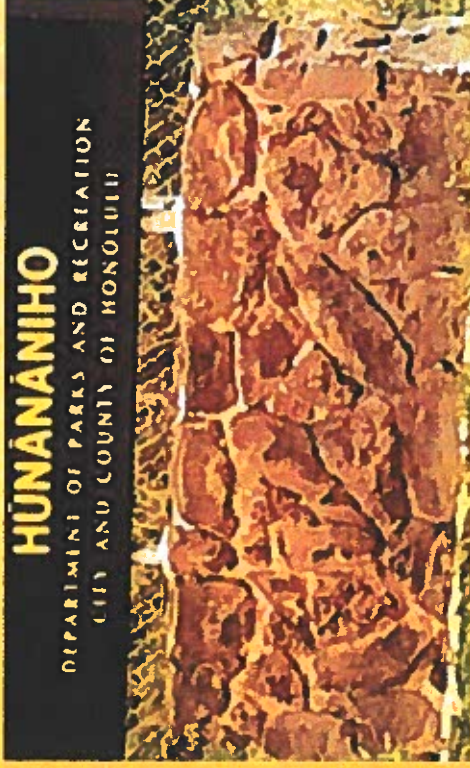
Let's continue to enjoy
non-commercial, natural
light displays.

I do NOT support commercial picnics
on the beach.



Let's continue to enjoy non-commercial, family picnics.





Finally, let's remember that these beaches are very special to Hawaiian culture, analogous to Plymouth Rock on the US Mainland. They require full protection from commercialization.



In conclusion, let's enact Bill 38, keeping every bit of commercialism away from our beaches, maintaining them as natural places...



...with minimal modification.



From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 12:57 PM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Randy Allen
Phone
Email info@randyallenmusic.com
Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I have been a full time musician since 2005. This bill will severely affect our family along with many other industry professionals. Our weddings are safe and very small. What difference is it when someone comes to the beach with a party of 10? And weddings are short too! Please do not pass this bill!

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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name HEATHER EIJZENG
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Email eijzenga@gmail.com
Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization Little Bird Photography
Aloha Councilmember,

I am writing to you to ask for your help in opposing Bill 38, as it is currently written, specifically the ban on commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach.

As a family photographer, my business depends on the use of outdoor spaces along this coastline. I shoot exclusively at sunrise and before sunset when the beaches here are mostly empty. My impacts are minimal as I use only my camera and a reflector as I capture families at play in their favorite spaces. In fact, I make it a point to pick up trash I find during each session and regularly organize beach cleanups with other photographers. It's frustrating to be lumped in with large commercial productions and weddings. Bill 38 puts my business, and therefore my family's well-being, in jeopardy.

Written Testimony A complete ban of commercial activity on this little populated coastline will put greater pressure on neighboring areas which will then frustrate those residents and cause them to seek a similar ban. A complete ban is an easy answer but it's certainly not the best option for small business or local communities.

The Parks Department and State already have rules and permitting in place and I support better enforcement of the current rules. I also suggest modifying the current permit system to limit activity during high visitation times and have a sliding fee scale based on overall footprint. A portion of these fees could be returned to the community.

I appreciate your time.

Sincerely,
Heather Eijzenga

Little Bird Photography
Hilittlebird.com
808-783-3602

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Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH
Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position
on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha,

I am writing to you to ask for your help in opposing Bill 38, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach, and (2) ban commercial activities including recreational stops by commercial tour companies at any time from Makapu'u point to Kapoho point (Castle Point).

It comes to my attention that with great sadness that it is being proposed that one of the most iconic and memorable beach locations may be closing to weddings and other commercial activity. I know that so many of my clients and fellow members of the wedding community would take the news with a very heavy heart.

Written
Testimony

I have had the pleasure spend nearly 20 years photographing weddings along side a community of some of the most friendly, respectful, humble and caring people I have ever met. Starting in my teens I have grown with them and have seen the best in them and have loved the work I have done. Unfortunately this recent action is just another of an ongoing trend that I have been seeing with Hawaii and it's relationship with the wedding community and its visitors as well. With so much hardship that has been going on these last couple years this adds another painful blow to the already inured wedding and visitor industry.

Countless couples dream of having a memorable and meaningful wedding in a special place. Hawaii being one of those biggest dreams. Not everyone can afford to have the elaborate resort weddings that seem to be immune from these restrictions. Beaches like Waimanalo allow people of all types the chance to celebrate their love in a special and affordable way that only nature can provide. If Waimanalo Beach area, one of the most remote and open beach spaces on the island is no longer permitted for weddings than it is reasonable to imagine every other location on the island would just as likely be next on the list.

I believe by creating these restrictions, Hawaii is not only hurting an already severely struggling community, it is also sending an even larger message to visitors and local residents alike. These actions will likely send a message that will reverberate far beyond the local commercial industry. Making news and sending an even louder message to others “you are no longer welcome not only on our community beaches but also on our island.” I have had numerous couples share genuine fear and frustration about now having their wedding here. This was never the case in the past and this is not just felt by visitors. I myself have had the unfortunate luxury of being verbally assaulted by a random passerby just last month before I was even able to get out of my car. He berated me because I had a camera and he pegged me as a wedding photographer. And, yes, I did have the proper permitting documents. People should not be in fear of doing what they love and have a right to do.

We may live on an island, but I truly believe it is not in our best interest as a community in a whole to act like we are one. We like everyone else depend on each other to survive and like any system it can use constructive criticism to make it work better for everyone not just a select few. By excluding others to share and enjoy the beauty of Hawaii in reality we are creating an exclusive Hawaii a “Private Hawaii” where only a select group who are allowed to enjoy it can.

I have complete confidence that the community and it’s representative have the creativity, open mindedness, and ability to come up with a reasonable way to find a solution to allow commercial use while still being mindful of the community’s needs making it a win win for everybody.

Here are some possible solutions I'd like to offer:

- 1 Modify the City & County permits for weddings to be more similar to the State DLNR Right of Entry permit. DLNR Right of Entry permits allow for (2) hours usage.
 - 2 Provide a clear line of jurisdiction for weddings to take place on the beach under the current permitting system.
 - 3 Modify the permit schedule, perhaps (4) weekdays excluding holidays.
 - 4 Continue to allow decor set up such as arch, chairs, teepees, tables in City park grounds only - with no set ups beyond the vegetation line on the sand.
 - 5 Create a path for stewardship fees to reach the community to support their town’s resources.
- I truly believe that a complete ban of commercial activity is not the right answer. There are many workable solutions that can be a win-win for our businesses and the Waimanalo residents and community. As a business owner, I believe in following the rules, and I believe that having the opportunity to work on Waimanalo beach is a privilege. I commit to keeping my footprint as small as possible, and will leave the beach exactly as I found it, if not better. I commit to cleaning up anything I brought with me, including trash, flowers, and flower petals. I believe working at Waimanalo Beach can be a true WIN-WIN, and I am committed to doing my part. I am not opposed to better management and enforcement of commercial activity on Waimanalo Beach. However, as it is currently written, I oppose Bill 38.

Sincerely,

Stephen,
Stephen Ludwig Photography

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 1:18 PM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

To whom it may concern- I strongly support the Bill 38 to protect and respect the Native Hawaiian lands.

1. Different Location: The Hawaiian islands are beautiful all around and there are many other places to perform various ceremonies like weddings, events etc.
2. People: We're built in community and family. Being Asian American, we are very close to our families and we try to maintain traditions. One of which is respecting our elders. If we allow these events to happen on ancestral land then what is society saving to our future generations?
3. Awareness: as a person married for 18 years, if I ever found out I married my husband on burial ground- that would sadden me. To start my life on dead grounds.

Thank you for allowing us to voice our thoughts.
Josephine

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Subject: Council Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Dale Evans
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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Council
Committee
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

I believe that my support for prohibiting commercial activity at Hunananiho park reflects the community consensus. The current confusion between City and State (DLNR) needs to be addressed. The situation is hemahema (awkward, clumsy, unskilled, inexperienced, incompetent, unprepared, inefficient, inexperienced) and needs to be resolved. The Council's approval of this bill will be a step. in the right direction.

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 2:24 PM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Piloni Gavreilidi
Phone
Email Gavreilidi@gmail.com
Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization Aloha Councilmembers

I am writing to you to ask for your help in opposing Bill 38, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach, and (2) ban commercial activities including recreational stops by commercial tour companies at any time from Makapu'u point to Kapoho point (Castle Point).

Banning all commercial activity seems too extreme of a measure. It is unclear whether a wedding ceremony would be banned as a commercial activity if there is no commercial film permit attached to the wedding. The Parks Department and State already have rules and permitting in place and I support better enforcement of those current rules.

Written
Testimony

More clarity is needed as to which entity, State (DOCARE) or City (HPD) has jurisdiction over the beach weddings. Depending on where you stand on the beach - the grassy, park area vs the sand, vs in the water, a different permit is required. I believe this makes it difficult for the State and City to fully communicate the rules with their enforcement officers.

Instead of a full commercial activity ban, clarity is needed to better understand what is allowed under the permit and what is not. Currently City permits allow more (such as arch, chairs, teepees, tables) than the State permit (no chairs unless ADA required, no arch), which I believe is the source of a lot of the confusion for businesses and for enforcement.

Here are some possible solutions I'd like to offer:

Modify the City & County permits for weddings to be more similar to the State DLNR Right of Entry permit. DLNR Right of Entry permits allow for (2) hours usage.

Provide a clear line of jurisdiction for weddings to take place on the beach under the current

permitting system.

Modify the permit schedule, perhaps (4) weekdays excluding holidays.

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- with no set ups beyond the vegetation line on the sand.

Create a path for stewardship fees to reach the community to support their town's resources.

I truly believe that a complete ban of commercial activity is not the right answer. There are many workable solutions that can be a win-win for our businesses and the Waimanalo residents and community. As a business owner, I believe in following the rules, and I believe that having the opportunity to work on Waimanalo beach is a privilege. I commit to keeping my footprint as small as possible, and will leave the beach exactly as I found it, if not better. I commit to cleaning up anything I brought with me, including trash, flowers, and flower petals. I believe working at Waimanalo Beach can be a true WIN-WIN, and I am committed to doing my part. I am not opposed to better management and enforcement of commercial activity on Waimanalo Beach. However, as it is currently written, I oppose Bill 38.

Sincerely,

Piloni Gavreilidi

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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	10-20-2021
Council/PH Committee	Council
Agenda Item	Bill 38
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	All beaches, including Waimanalo should be open to commercial business within a reasonable managed means.
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 3:28 PM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Kim Tongg
Phone
Email ktongg@yahoo.com
Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony Aloha, This is very sobering. Beaches and parks belong to the people of Hawaii not a select few who have the privilege to live in a beach community. Please keep beaches and parks open to wedding services and photography. Tourist and locals love the beaches and want the liberty to continue to be married in Waimanalo beaches and other activities using photography.
I firmly oppose Bill 38 Thank you, Kim Tongg

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Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Lisa Cates
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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Comment
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha Chair Tulba and members of the Parks Committee,

Makapuu, Kaupo, Kaiona, and Waimanalo beach parks are on lands owned by DHHL therefore must abide by different rules set forth by DHHL. Last year, DPR renewed their license agreement with DHHL to manage those parks for another 21 years. Per this agreement, the city may issue permits only for commercial filming and community events such as the Gabby Festival and canoe regattas. Waimanalo never took issue with wedding industry that obtained proper Special Event Permits through the City and Wiki permits through the State as long as they followed rules set forth with the permit terms and conditions. Terms and conditions were specifically drafted to allow for activities that don't take up undue amounts of space such as simple stand up weddings, vow renewals, scattering of ashes and prohibits commercial activities that require significant accessories and equipment. This is to minimize the impact on beach resources and avoid conflict with the public.

Written
Testimony

When amending and discussing this bill, please be mindful with language so that Kailua and Kalama beach remain protected.

I would like to offer the following amendments:

1) ROH Section 10-1.1 ("Definitions")..."the use of the premises and facilities at Waimanalo Bay beach Park" to "Hunaniho Beach Park" for consistency.

2) Section 10-1.2 (h)(1) permits for commercial filming activities at Kailua and Kalama from Saturday to Monday is a typo that occurred while drafting Bill 8 that never got corrected. The intent at the time as to mirror DPRs Amended Rules and Regulations Governing Commercial Filming - Section 37 General Conditions. (b) Filming shall be allowed only on weekdays, except holidays;".

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Lisa Cates
Kailua Oahu

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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee	Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item	Bill 38
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	I support a ban on all commercial activities at the beach parks as mentioned in this bill. Leave these parks to residents, and not commercial enterprises.
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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I support the protection of Hūnānāniho from all kinds disrespectful activities that disrupt this sacred sights that hold the remains of our ancestors. Please stop ALL commercial activities at Hūnānāniho no exceptions!

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From: CLK Council Info
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Written Testimony

Name Karen Carson
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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

I strongly oppose Bill 38 as it is written. A wedding ceremony is required by law in order for a couple to be legally married in the State of Hawaii. It is federally recognized. Public land must be provided for a ceremony mandated by the State of Hawaii. Sherwood Beach in Waimanalo is a quiet, stunning beach ranked as one of the most beautiful beaches in the world. It belongs to the people. We should have the right to have sacred ceremonies and photos to that provide a lifetime memory. Weddings are the joining of families. Our public beaches and parks have always been where the people gather to celebrate birthdays, holidays and even small weddings. Please don't take our parks and beaches away from the people who don't have the funds to have an extravagant event at a private site. The restrictions in place already require permits and limit the amount of people. A small wedding or celebration should be allowed. It is not invasive or intrusive. Please protect the public's right to celebrate life in Waimanalo.

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Written Testimony

Name Terri Carson
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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Banning all commercial activity is not the solution. It is unclear whether a wedding ceremony would be banned as a commercial activity if there is no commercial film permit attached to the wedding. The Parks Department and State already have rules and permitting in place and I support better enforcement of those current rules.

Written Testimony

More clarity is needed as to which entity, State (DOCARE) or City (HPD) has jurisdiction over the beach weddings. Depending on where you stand on the beach - the grassy, park area vs the sand, vs in the water, a different permit is required. I believe this makes it difficult for the State and City to fully communicate the rules with their enforcement officers.

Instead of a full commercial activity ban, clarity is need to better understand what is allowed under the permit and what is not. Currently City permits allow more (such as arch, chairs, teepees, tables) than the State permit (no chairs unless ADA required, no arch), which I believe is the source of a lot of the confusion for businesses and for enforcement.

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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Alicia Carson
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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony My wedding photos will be a memory that will last my lifetime. It is wrong to take that right away from the public. The beaches belong to all of us. I strongly oppose Bill 38.

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 11:11 PM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Stephanie Le
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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Organization
Esselle Weddings & Event

I am writing to you to ask for your help in opposing Bill 38, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach, and (2) ban commercial activities including recreational stops by commercial tour companies at any time from Makapu'u point to Kapoho point (Castle Point). And also to oppose Bill 34, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity at parks, which is overly broad, and (2) excludes commercial filming on the weekdays at Kailua Beach Park and Kalama Beach Park.

Written Testimony

1) Banning all commercial activity is not the solution. It is unclear whether a wedding ceremony would be banned as a commercial activity if there is no commercial film permit attached to the wedding. The Parks Department and State already have rules and permitting in place and I support better enforcement of those current rules.

2) More clarity is needed as to which entity, State (DOCARE) or City (HPD) has jurisdiction over the beach weddings. Depending on where you stand on the beach - the grassy, park area vs the sand, vs in the water, a different permit is required. I believe this makes it difficult for the State and City to fully communicate the rules with their enforcement officers.

3) Instead of a full commercial activity ban, clarity is needed to better understand what is allowed under the permit and what is not. Currently City permits allow more (such as arch, chairs, teepees, tables) than the State permit (no chairs unless ADA required, no arch), which I believe is the source of a lot of the confusion for businesses and for

enforcement.

4) By banning ALL commercial activities, you're also depriving local residents of the opportunity to take:

- Professional photos with their families for holidays, family portraits, or to just memorialize a moment in time.
- Experience activities with their Ohana (like professional swim and surf lessons!) Where will the keiki learn to swim in the ocean with a professional instructor if this is all banned?

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 11:16 PM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Toshi Nakasone
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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self
Aloha Councilmember

I am writing to you to ask for your help in opposing Bill 38, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach, and (2) ban commercial activities including recreational stops by commercial tour companies at any time from Makapu'u point to Kapoho point (Castle Point). And also to oppose Bill 34, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity at parks, which is overly broad, and (2) excludes commercial filming on the weekdays at Kailua Beach Park and Kalama Beach Park.

Written Testimony Instead of a full commercial activity ban, clarity is need to better understand what is allowed under the permit and what is not. Currently City permits allow more (such as arch, chairs, teepees, tables) than the State permit (no chairs unless ADA required, no arch), which I believe is the source of a lot of the confusion for businesses and for enforcement.

Here are some possible solutions I'd like to offer:

Modify the City & County permits for weddings to be more similar to the State DLNR Right of Entry permit. DLNR Right of Entry permits allow for (2) hours usage.

Provide a clear line of jurisdiction for weddings to take place on the beach under the current permitting system.

Modify the permit schedule, perhaps (4) weekdays excluding holidays.

Continue to allow decor set up such as arch, chairs, teepees, tables in City park grounds only - with no set ups beyond the vegetation line on the sand.

Create a path for stewardship fees to reach the community to support their town's resources.

I truly believe that a complete ban of commercial activity is not the right answer. There are many workable solutions that can be a win-win for our businesses, residents and communities. As a business owner, I believe in following the rules, and I believe that having the opportunity to work on our beaches is a privilege. I commit to keeping my footprint as small as possible, and will leave the beach exactly as I found it, if not better. I can support better management and enforcement of permitted commercial activity on our public beaches, however, as it is currently written, I oppose Bill 38 and Bill 34 at this time.

Sincerely,
Toshi Nakasone

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From: CLK Council Info
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

Aloha Councilmember Tsuneyoshi,

I am writing to you to ask for your help in opposing Bill 38, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach, and (2) ban commercial activities including recreational stops by commercial tour companies at any time from Makapu'u point to Kapoho point (Castle Point). And also to oppose Bill 34, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity at parks, which is overly broad, and (2) excludes commercial filming on the weekdays at Kailua Beach Park and Kalama Beach Park.

Written Testimony

1. Banning all commercial activity is not the solution. It is unclear whether a wedding ceremony would be banned as a commercial activity if there is no commercial film permit attached to the wedding. The Parks Department and State already have rules and permitting in place and I support better enforcement of those current rules.

2. More clarity is needed as to which entity, State (DOCARE) or City (HPD) has jurisdiction over the beach weddings. Depending on where you stand on the beach - the grassy, park area vs the sand, vs in the water, a different permit is required. I believe this makes it difficult for the State and City to fully communicate the rules with their enforcement officers.

3. Instead of a full commercial activity ban, clarity is need to better understand what is allowed under the permit and what is not. Currently City permits allow more (such as arch, chairs, teepees, tables) than the State permit (no chairs unless ADA required, no arch), which I believe is the source of a lot of the confusion for

businesses and for enforcement.

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5. Create a path for stewardship fees to reach the community to support their town's resources.

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Sincerely,
Mona L. Hirata-Sung
neu events
LeiAloha Planners
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Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony

I support Bill 38 and the stop to commercial activity at Hunananiho and other beaches in Waimanalo. Not only is it important to respect the historical and cultural significance of these areas, as they have been documented to contain iwi kupuna (ancestral burials of Kanaka Maoli) and to have been one of the earliest settlements of Native Hawaiians on O'ahu, but it is also the responsibility of the City and County of Honolulu to prevent further desecration and to ensure adequate protections are in place. This includes preventing further commodification of sites considered sacred to Kanaka Maoli (Native Hawaiians) and ensuring the protection of our land and natural resources for current and future generations. Please pass Bill 38 and put an end to commercial activities in and on our wahi pana (sacred, storied places that carry the heartbeat of our people). Mahalo.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item	Bill 38
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	Please stop the illegal commercial activity in our neighborhood.
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 5:25 PM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

I support Bill 38.
It is a community's Right to create the narrative of how their community is used. PERIOD.
We, the community of Waimanalo, wish to create a respectful, Pono collaboration, of Aloha Aina, between the residents of our community and those who visit, especially our local visitors, that use her resources for their profit and livelihood.

The beaches and parks in question, are our community's shared spaces. A lack of consideration and respect for our Aina is a problem.

Written
Testimony

Tourists are visitors to our home. Neither the locals they visit, nor the tourists, want their visit to be overly intrusive. To create a moral & ethical visiting environment we need to create and ENFORCE clear rules that give the locality and locals breathing room to enjoy their neighborhood and aina with out feeling invaded. Waimanalo is a SMALL COMMUNITY.

Commercial ABUSE and OVER USE has become a daily, in fact, an hourly INTRUSION, that only creates resentment, and breeds unethical behaviors by the visitors and those that profit from them, at the expense of our daily life, and homes. PLEASE EVOLVE THIS INDUSTRY and with this step, renew the bonds of ALOHA between Hawaiians and our visitors.

Our parks and beaches are the community's shared spaces. A respectful to all sharing is the only way to be Pono. Having FAIRLY ENFORCED rules equalizes us all.

The onslaught of UnREGULATED Commercial Industry on the beaches of our small localities is overloading the minimal amenities we have. It is ruining a good thing for all, including the people who are selling it. The competitive way is to use until ruin, and then move on. There is, despite their claims to the contrary, no respect of, or return to, the community.

Please let us also remember. There are numerous Sacred spaces in this locality. Places where Ancestors, Iwi Kupuna, are interned. Places of Historical, Cultural and Emotional connection and significance. There has been a long period of forced neglect, and criminal disrespect of this Aina and People. It is our responsibility to be the time that reverses this.

I humbly appreciate the chance to be heard.
MAHALO FOR WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY.
SHARON KERSHNER
HULI st WAIMANALO

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item	Bill 38
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	Please protect our city parks, rights of ways and keep banning commercial activities in our public parks.
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From: CLK Council Info
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony Please pass Bill 38. It has been too long that places like Hūnānāniho (the resting place of the oldest 'iwi kūpuna) have been disrespected & unprotected by the actions of tourists and businesses who are using it to make money without any accountability. Please protect the peace of this sacred place and the beaches of Waimānalo and serve the local community by creating boundaries that help.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item	Bill 38
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	Please do not allow any commercial services to occur on any cultural sites in Hawaii. These places should be respected by all and not be used for the benefit and profit of just a few.
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From: CLK Council Info
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony

I am a wedding coordinator and I strongly oppose Bill 38 as it is written. A wedding ceremony is required by law in order for a couple to be legally married in the State of Hawaii. It is federally recognized. Public land must be provided for a ceremony that is mandated by the State of Hawaii. Sherwoods in Waimanalo is positively one of the most stunning beaches in the world. It belongs to the people. We should have the right to have sacred ceremonies and photos to provide a lifetime memory. Weddings are the joining of families. Our public beaches and parks have always been where people gather to celebrate birthdays, holidays, and even small weddings. Please don't take our parks and beaches away from the people who don't have the funds to have an extravagant event at a private site. The restrictions in place already require permits and limit the number of people. A small wedding or celebration should be allowed. It is not invasive or intrusive. It is unreasonable to place a ban on making professional photos illegal. Please protect the public right to celebrate life in Waimanalo.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 - Commercial Activity on Waimanalo Beaches
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony

I support Bill 38 in banning commercial activity on Waimanalo beaches. Oahu is over-saturated with tourism. Waikiki, Kailua, Haleiwa, Hanauma Bay are jam packed with tourists and theres no room for locals to enjoy. Do not let Waimanalo follow in the same fate. Those beaches are where childhood memories are made! Boogie boarding all day in the surf, portugese man o war stings, camping, sherwood trees! The world has evolved into something so different than when I grew up in the 80s. I want my kids can still have these same experiences as me and strongly support this bill.

Mahalo.

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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Aloha nui,

Written Testimony

I firmly stand to protect our community of Waimānalo against unmanaged, under enforced and disrespectful actions by some who believe that their "destination wedding" is more important than our well being and lifestyle. We need to protect our community from these types of irresponsible mindsets and look at ways to truly honor the spaces, culture and people. It feels very one side vs one side and really it has become like this because of poorly managed systems, which have created unintended stresses on all, community, businesses, travelers seeking a beautiful wedding. The community should be given the power to control how its spaces are utilized and be consulted when outside influences want to make "a living" in the community we live in. My right to a public community space and should come before ones "choice to do business" here. They can choose other locations, I shouldn't have to choose another place to live because these concerns are left unchecked. I support Bill 38 and look forward to working with the industry, community, elected officials and all else to come up with a better system to serve all. Please protect Waimānalo from illegal commercial business and perpetuate a way of life that we have always and want to continue to have.

Mahalo,
Kimeona Kane
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item	Bill 38
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	I am a kupuna & k��naka maoli who lives on Hawaiian Homestead. I want to support Bill 48 to make it PONO!
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From: CLK Council Info
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee	Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item	Bill 38
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	Hūnānāniho is a sacred and significant cultural and historical site/pu'uhonua that must be protected. No more desecration for profit. I support Bill 38.
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From: CLK Council Info
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written
Testimony

Aloha 'O Pili ko'u inoa. I have lived on the east side my entire life and in Waimānalo for the last three years. I support bill 38.
This bill helps to control the commercial activity performed at our parks and beaches. With this, we are able to allow minimal activity in certain places, while keeping these spaces open for our residents and certain areas are prohibiting any activity to preserve and protect its sacredness.
I have been to numerous meetings in which I have heard only positive feedback about this bill and the effects it potentially has on the Waimānalo community. I urge you to also support bill 38. Mahalo nui.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item bill 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I support bill 38 because our kanaka Maoli and community has fought hard to protect the sacredness of this ancient burial site and pu'uhonua. We are tired of this type of preventable desecration.
I support Bill 38. No more commercial activities.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

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I support Bill 38. No more commercial activities."

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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony Support, Cause one 'opio from this community made the kāhea and he believes it will ensure that him and hia hoa will be able to continue to call this their Home and playground and will ensure their Pilina to thier 'Āina will be protected. When its about the next generation protecting their own Future How can we deny them that. Right on Pāhonu Coleman. Aloha from Aunty Kim!

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I support bill 38!! Please give the Hawaiian and Waimānalo Community the respect of protecting the sacred and ancient burial sites of Hūnānāniho and Waimānalo coastline. With the rise of the numbers of tourists and commercial activity, our Hawaiian and local communities continue to feel voiceless. The need for protection and preservation of our sacred places should take precedence over the financial profit of companies.

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From: CLK Council Info
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Do u want me to include a couple lines like:

Written Testimony I support Bill 38 to protect our ancient burial sites of 'iwi kūpuna which include Hūnānāniho and other sites along the coast of Waimānalo. It's a shame when money and profit are valued higher than the sacredness of our ancestors & lands.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self
Written Testimony Our kānaka Maoli community has fought hard to protect the sacredness of the ancient burial site of our oldest known 'iwi kūpuna (ancestral bones) and pu'uhonua (place of refuge) Hūnānāniho. We're tired of this type of preventable desecration.
Testimony Attachment I support Bill 38. No more commercial activities."
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony Kānaka maoli and community members have fought hard to protect the sacredness of the ancient burial site of the oldest known 'iwi kūpuna (ancestral bones) and pu'uhonua (place of refuge) Hūnānāniho, Waimānalo. My daughter was one of the 27 arrestees who peacefully prayed and protested along with the kupuna on the frontlines at Hūnānāniho as part of the protective efforts.

I support Bill 38. No more commercial activities in Hūnānāniho and other sacred beaches along the coast of Waimānalo.

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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony

I support Bill 38 because as a man from North Carolina, who married a local Hawaiian, Chinese, Japanese & Ukrainian woman from Ko'olaupoko & having our children and grandchildren who are keiki o ka 'āina, I feel it's important to help to protect the interests of their people who are now my people, and by God's grace continue to learn & help teach our keiki & mo'opuna to care for what is sacred & to do what is right with love. I have been enfolded into this 'Ohana and land & feel that the commercial activity and catering to tourists and visitors takes away from the care of the Native people & what is sacred & special to them.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Our kūpuna have had to fight for generations in efforts to protect & preserve our 'āina & resources. I learned first hand what public service looked like as I witnessed my dad serve and make efforts to protect the peace for the keiki of his community.

Written Testimony

Our kānaka Maoli community has fought hard to protect the sacredness of the ancient burial site of our oldest known 'iwi kūpuna (ancestral bones) and pu'uhonua (place of refuge) now known again as Hūnānāniho. My daughter and others we consider 'Ohana were some of the 27 who helped block the machines with their bodies in order to prevent desecration of our 'iwi. The kia'i who lived at Hūnānāniho for 127 days made sacrifices most will never know & the collective efforts of all of the community who fought to be heard is priceless.

I support bill 38 because commercial activity in our sacred spaces is continually increasing. More must be done and healthy boundaries made now to protect Hūnānāniho with respect for our ancestors & with care for future generations.

I support Bill 38. No more commercial activities.

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item	Bill 38
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Self
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Organization
Akahi Productions LLC

Written Testimony To Whom It May Concern,
I highly oppose Bill 38, that would ban all commercial activity on beaches in Waimanalo and the North Shore. I am part Hawaiian and was born and raised here all my life. I am a Hawaiian musician and work very closely with wedding coordinators. My livelihood depends on these weddings as they are one of my main income stream. I love sharing our culture of music and creating lasting memories for the wedding couples and guests. I believe a ban is not fair. We in the wedding industry are very respectful of the beaches and the beach users. There is a way to regulate beach weddings and not to ban them completely. As a local, what if I want to get married on the beach. I would like to have that as an option. Please consider NOT passing Bill 38. We can't please everyone, but please don't put more restrictions and more laws taking away freedom little by little.

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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee	Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item	Bill 38
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	I support Bill 38 to protect our public beaches and parks from over-commercialization. Thank you!
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From: CLK Council Info
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item BILL 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony

Aloha Councilmember (insert your Councilmember's name),
Dear Mr. Say:
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Aloha Chair and Members of the Parks Services Committee,

I am writing in Support of Bill 38 which would finally resolve the long standing issues at many Waimānalo Beach Parks. Most important being Hūnānāniho, formerly known as Sherwoods, This wahi pāna is a special place that has been recognized and placed on the National Registry of Protected places as a Funerary, in other words a cemetery, which is the final resting place for many of our earliest Kānaka Maoli Ancestors. For generations this 'Āina Aloha has been disrespected and desecrated. Today i ask that you put an end to the OverCommercialism that is currently taking place at Hūnānāniho by supporting the passage of Bill 38.

Written Testimony Our Community of Waimānalo has been inundated with Commercial Weddings, Tour Helicopter fly overs, Commercial Picnic Events, Large Alcohol Party Bash and Rager Events and many other types of Commercial Activities that take place daily on our beautiful beaches, parks and shorelines. The regularity of these events are so much so that there are many times that we locals are prevented from enjoying our own spaces due to overcrowding.

The Nuisance is not limited to our Beach Parks. The high traffic through our town, overcrowded parking lots, overflow parking in our neighborhoods, blatant disregard for beach use rules, constant and low flying tour fly overs, littering and mountains of trash left behind are just some of the negative effects that impact our community.

I am not against commercialism as a whole. I understand that many residents here on O'ahu, as well as some in Waimānalo depend on

tourism and event planning to feed their families.

But I am definitely against the OverCommercialism that is currently taking place in Waimānalo as well as other communities like Kailua and Lanikai.

As a kanaka maoli raised in Waimānalo i feel that the future of my hometown demands the passage of Bill 38. Waimānalo is considered Country and often referred to as God's Country. If we allow the continuance of these kinds of Unregulated Commercial Activity then Waimānalo will eventually look like Waikīkī and will no longer be God's Country.

In closing today, I ask that you please work with our Community and our Waimānalo Neighborhood Board to find workable solutions to all of these problems.

And, I ask that you Support the passage of Bill 38.

Mahalo nui me ke Aloha nui,

Kapua Medeiros
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 7:01 AM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written
Testimony

Aloha, 'O Kū'ike ko'u inoa. Born and raised in Waimānalo and I support bill 38. Limiting and taking More control of the permitted activities performed at our parks and beaches can only benefit each community. Some spaces that are considered sacred by us as native Hawaiians, are disrupted all day by tour buses and wedding limos. With this bill, these spaces can be left alone from such activity/permitted only during specified times. I urge you to also support bill 38 today. Mahalo nui.

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Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Surf Lessons
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

I speaking on behalf of the North Shore .Although I don't care for tour buses bringing hundreds of tourist crowding our beaches and parks,,,Surf lessons shouldn't be considered the same kind of business as corporate companies as tour busing .Surf Lessons are an important part of the economy and lifestyle of surfing.They bring revenue and jobs to the surf shops in Haleiwa and as well entrepreneurs who are able to survive running a surf school on the expensive North Shore.Many of the surf school owners are women,single Mothers like Zory Pagan who moved to Hawaii with her young daughter after the disastrous Category 5 Hurricane Maria that devastated Puerto Rico and Hiriata Hart who lost her husband Buttons Kaluhiokalani to cancer some years ago.Both of these Women struggle to survive and without the availability of being able to do surf lessons on a daily basis locally here on the Northshore,,they would be severely in a terrible situation.Places like Puena Pt are important because when the waves are up,it becomes the only place for surf lessons and along with Kaiaka park,,they don't cause any road traffic. Taking away Kaiaka Park is a bad thing also,,surf lessons at Kaiaka helps spread out the congestion of the surf schools and on week days,,barely anyone attends the park anyway.,Regular to expert surfers take no interest in the waves at inside Kaiaka and Puaena ,,they are both complete novice breaks that surfers don't complain about surf lessons taking over their breaks.Surf lessons are part of the history of Hawaii ,like the Waikiki beach boys and it seems that has been taken away also.Have you ever seen the movie Blue Crush?Its about this Life Style!The real problem on the Northshore is the turtle traffic ,,What are the council members doing to fix that?What about surf contest do they fall under the same bill?Its commercial activity

also,but I'm for surf contest,especially the ones for the youth. Surf Lesson's also bring first jobs for many youth on the North Shore, I myself work for people running surf schools when my work is slow. So you need to ask yourself in this day and age,,is this right to take away these jobs from the North Shore community?,,because if they have to relocate ,,the owners won't be able to find the extra help to travel that far for their business,So they will be forced to liquidate their business and try to find an almost impossible decent paying job to make ends meet.If you work for the community your not supposed to take away their jobs.Aloha Chris Owens

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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Organization
Esselle Weddings & Event

Written Testimony

I am writing to you to ask for your help in opposing Bill 38, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach, and (2) ban commercial activities including recreational stops by commercial tour companies at any time from Makapu'u point to Kapoho point (Castle Point). And also to oppose Bill 34, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity at parks, which is overly broad, and (2) excludes commercial filming on the weekdays at Kailua Beach Park and Kalama Beach Park.

1) Banning all commercial activity is not the solution. It is unclear whether a wedding ceremony would be banned as a commercial activity if there is no commercial film permit attached to the wedding. The Parks Department and State already have rules and permitting in place and I support better enforcement of those current rules.

2) More clarity is needed as to which entity, State (DOCARE) or City (HPD) has jurisdiction over the beach weddings. Depending on where you stand on the beach - the grassy, park area vs the sand, vs in the water, a different permit is required. I believe this makes it difficult for the State and City to fully communicate the rules with their enforcement officers.

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enforcement.

4) By banning ALL commercial activities, you're also depriving local residents of the opportunity to take:

-Professional photos with their families for holidays, family portraits, or to just memorialize a moment in time.

-Experience activities with their Ohana (like professional swim and surf lessons!) Where will the keiki learn to swim in the ocean with a professional instructor if this is all banned?

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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha Councilmember

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Create a path for stewardship fees to reach the community to support their town's resources.

I truly believe that a complete ban of commercial activity is not the right answer. There are many workable solutions that can be a win-win for our businesses, residents and communities. As a business owner, I believe in following the rules, and I believe that having the opportunity to work on our beaches is a privilege. I commit to keeping my footprint as small as possible, and will leave the beach exactly as I found it, if not better. I can support better management and enforcement of permitted commercial activity on our public beaches, however, as it is currently written, I oppose Bill 38 and Bill 34 at this time.

Sincerely,
Toshi Nakasone

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 6:56 AM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date: 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee: Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item: Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter: Oppose
Representing Organization: Self

Aloha Councilmember Tsuneyoshi,

I am writing to you to ask for your help in opposing Bill 38, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach, and (2) ban commercial activities including recreational stops by commercial tour companies at any time from Makapu'u point to Kapoho point (Castle Point). And also to oppose Bill 34, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity at parks, which is overly broad, and (2) excludes commercial filming on the weekdays at Kailua Beach Park and Kalama Beach Park.

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Sincerely,
Mona L. Hirata-Sung
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 1:53 AM
Subject: Zoning and Planning Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH
Committee Zoning and Planning
Agenda Item Bill 38 (2021)
Your position on
the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I support Bill 84 to ban commercial activities at City managed Waimānalo beach parks and City managed right of ways and extend the ban on recreational stops in Waimānalo to Hunānāniho.

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 7:55 AM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee	Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item	Bill 38 and 34
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	This is my livelihood. I've worked hard to reach a point in my life where I can make art and survive. Removing the one place, the beach, that people come here to shoot is insane.
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 8:05 AM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Natalie Christensen
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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization Aloha Bridal Connections

Written Testimony

Aloha Councilmember, [REDACTED] I am writing to you to ask for your help in opposing Bill 38, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach, and (2) ban commercial activities including recreational stops by commercial tour companies at any time from Makapu'u point to Kapoho point (Castle Point). And also to oppose Bill 34, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity at parks, which is overly broad, and (2) excludes commercial filming on the weekdays at Kailua Beach Park and Kalama Beach Park. [REDACTED]

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Here are some possible solutions we'd like to offer:

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Sincerely,

Natalie Christensen

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Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

Aloha,
As a kupuna who have seen our beautiful aina desecrated by commercialism is disheartening. At what point do we say, "pau already." I support Bill 38.
It gives me joy to see our young kānaka Maoli in the community who are working hard to protect the sacredness of the ancient burial site of our oldest known 'iwi kūpuna (ancestral bones) and pu'uhonua (place of refuge) Hūnānāniho.
Please think hard, feel the stirring in your na'au and the aloha from your heart to do what's pono by not allowing this type of preventable desecration.
Support Bill 38 is the only pono thing to do.

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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Executive Management Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Executive Management
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I am a local wedding photographer. I love this island and being able to share it's beauty and culture with the couples who come here to get married. I'm asking that we in the wedding industry be allowed to continue the important work of performing wedding ceremonies in Hawaii on public land.

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 8:33 AM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Joseph Esser
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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha City Council,

Written
Testimony

I am submitting written testimony in opposition of both Bill 38 and Bill 34. The City and County of Honolulu has a permitting process in place that allows local small businesses the ability to access and work in public places, parks, and beaches as well as the ability to regulate what is and is not permissible. When permits are conducted and enforced, commercial activities such as small beach wedding or family photo shoots are not a nuisance. As a member of the wedding industry and a consistent of district 3, a ban on all commercial activities would prevent myself and may of my neighbor businesses from being able to work in our own community. The solution isn't a blanket ban but rather better enforcement of the current permitting process as well as tightening up rules in the permitting process as to what is and what is not allow. Please oppose this total ban on all commercial activities in my district and district 2. We need better enforcement and clarity between City and State agencies. Please consider modifying the City & County permits for weddings to be more similar to the State DLNR Right of Entry permit.

Sincerely,

Joseph Esser
Owner of Joseph Esser Photo & Video

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Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 8:08 AM
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item	34 and 38 bill
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	<p>My families livelihood depends On these bills not passing. I have Kaimaina Hawaiian roots. My grandmother is Kekipi Kaumakahokulani.</p> <p>I respect the Hawaiian culture and values. However, banning commercial weddings and photography is not the answer. Weddings are a way of passing our culture to others through language and dance. The wedding industry only helps our community by provide jobs and sharing Aloha.</p>
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Parks and Community Services
Committee
Agenda Item Bill ³⁴~~43~~ Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written
Testimony

Aloha, my name is Glen Werneth and I am married with two children. My wife and I make a living doing photography for families and couples here on Oahu. Our clients have saved for months and are overly excited to have a moment captured on this beautiful island. Our clients and ourselves believe the east side of Oahu is so beautiful. We show many locations to our clients but our clients believe the east side has so much to offer. We always respect beach goers and the land. We stay far away from anyone trying to enjoy the beach and respect the land by picking up scattered trash when we see it. We also tell clients a little about the history of the land for each location of our shoots. These locations give our visitors a cherished memory they can share with their families for years to come. Sharing the beauty of our island also shares our Aloha. Thank you so much for reading

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item	Bill 38 & Bill 34
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	Please allow us to continue to use the public beaches.
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From: CLK Council Info
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee	Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item	Bill 38 & Bill 34
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony Our community has fought hard to protect this sacred ancient burial site of our 'iwi kūpuna. We don't want anymore commercial activities or any further desecration of this place.

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From: CLK Council Info
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Written Testimony

Name	La Flor Events
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Council/PH Committee	Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item	Bill 38 & Bill 34
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Organization
Organization	La Flor Events
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 & Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization
Written Testimony Please allow for the use of the public beaches.
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Written Testimony

Name Chanel Sebala-Bumanglag
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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

Our kānaka Maoli community has fought hard to protect the sacredness of the ancient burial site of our oldest known ancestors and pu‘uhonua, Hūnānāniho. I personally, along with other kupuna, mākua & ‘ōpio was arrested to prevent machines from desecrating our beloved ‘iwi kūpuna. It is our kuleana to continue to preserve this sacred place & teach our keiki & mo‘opuna to remember who we are & where we came from, & to live with honor & respect for ke AKUA, our kūpuna, ‘āina, kaiaulu & ourselves.

We're tired of this type of preventable desecration through commercial activities that profit financially & continue to disrespect and over run our sacred spaces.

I support Bill 38. No more commercial activities.”

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Aloha Councilmember

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Sincerely,

DJ Troy Michael
808.256.2003

From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 9:42 AM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH
Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on
the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

I am writing to you to ask for your help in opposing Bill 38 and Bill 34. as they are currently written. These bills would be the nail in the coffin for families like mine who are small business owners doing our best to grasp for air in the wake of the covid pandemic.

Written
Testimony

I truly believe that a complete ban of commercial activity is not the right answer. There are many workable solutions that can be a win-win for our businesses, residents and communities. As a business owner, I believe in following the rules, and I believe that having the opportunity to work on our beaches is a privilege. We always leave the beaches better than we find them. I can support better management and enforcement of permitted commercial activity on our public beaches, however, as it is currently written, I oppose Bill 38 and Bill 34 at this time.

Sincerely,
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 9:42 AM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bills 34+38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

Aloha,

I am writing to you in opposition of Bill 38, as they are currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach, and (2) ban commercial activities including recreational stops by commercial tour companies at any time from Makapu'u point to Kapoho point (Castle Point). And also to oppose Bill 34, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity at parks, which is overly broad, and (2) excludes commercial filming on the weekdays at Kailua Beach Park and Kalama Beach Park.

Banning all commercial activity is not the solution. It is unclear whether a wedding ceremony would be banned as a commercial activity if there is no commercial film permit attached to the wedding. The Parks Department and State already have rules and permitting in place and I support better enforcement of those current rules.

Instead of a full commercial activity ban, clarity is need to better understand what is allowed under the permit and what is not. Currently City permits allow more (such as arch, chairs, teepees, tables) than the State permit (no chairs unless ADA required, no arch), which I believe is the source of a lot of the confusion for businesses and for enforcement.

Here are some possible solutions I'd like to offer:

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Provide a clear line of jurisdiction for weddings to take place on the beach under the current permitting system.

Modify the permit schedule, perhaps (4) weekdays excluding holidays.

Continue to allow decor set up such as arch, chairs, teepees, tables in City park grounds only - with no set ups beyond the vegetation line on the sand.

Create a path for stewardship fees to reach the community to support their town's resources.

There are many workable solutions that can be a win-win for our businesses, residents and communities. As a business owner, I believe in following the rules, and I believe that having the opportunity to work on our beaches is a privilege. I am committed to keeping my footprint as small as possible, and follow all City and State rules. I can support better management and enforcement of permitted commercial activity on our public beaches, however, as it is currently written, I oppose Bill 38 and Bill 34 at this time.

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October 20, 2021

Councilmember Tulba
Parks and Community Service Committee Chair

Re: Opposition of Bill 34 and Bill 38

Aloha Councilmember Tulba,

On behalf of the Oahu Wedding Association, we are writing to you to formally oppose both **Bill 34** (BILL034(21), Proposed CD1-HT2) and **Bill 38** (BILL038(21)) as currently written. They both propose an overreaching ban of commercial activity at parks and beaches, which will directly hurt many local businesses in our industry.

This has been an ongoing topic within the beach communities and our businesses due to inconsistent enforcement of the rules for both the City and County of Honolulu Parks Department and the State's Department of Land and Natural Resources.

In 2010, **Bill 10** passed, banning commercial activity at Kailua, Lanikai and Kalama beaches. The result of this action was the reason for our opposition to Bill 10, as it is the reason for our opposition currently for Bill 38 and Bill 34 - when you ban these activities from one area, they will move to another.

In 2015, **Bill 8** passed, limiting commercial tour operators in specific areas from Makapu'u to Bellows, through a permitting system to be created by the Parks Department. The result of this action leads us again to the opposition of Bill 38 and Bill 34 - more enforcement, not complete bans of commercial activity, is needed.

In addition, there is confusion regarding which department has jurisdiction over certain areas of Waimanalo beach - the City and County of Honolulu Parks Department or the State's Department of Land and Natural Resources. There are different allowances for structure setups, time limits, and guest counts, which leads to an almost impossible situation for the company trying to follow the correct permit, and for the enforcement division trying to enforce the rules.

Instead of a total ban of commercial activity, which would directly hurt many businesses that are correctly following the rules from both the City and County and the State, we'd like to suggest the following solutions:.

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1. Propose the City & County permit for weddings on Oahu align with the State DLNR Right of Entry permit, allowing up to (2) hours usage, no structures at all (chairs, arches, etc)
2. Provide a clear line of jurisdiction for weddings to take place on the beach under the current permitting system.
3. Create a path for stewardship fees to reach the community to support their town's resources.

A complete ban of commercial activity is not the right answer. We believe there are workable solutions that can be a win-win for our businesses, residents and communities. We support consistent rules and guidelines, better management and enforcement of permitted commercial activity on our public beaches, however, as it is currently written, we oppose Bill 38 and Bill 34 at this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan O'Donnell".

Susan O'Donnell
Vice President

From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 9:57 AM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Tessa Gomes
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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 34 and 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Dear Councilmembers,

Written
Testimony

My name is Tessa Gomes and I am the owner of Fred and Kate Events. My business is a local, small business based here on Oahu. I am writing to you to ask for your help in opposing Bill 38, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach, and (2) ban commercial activities including recreational stops by commercial tour companies at any time from Makapu'u point to Kapoho point (Castle Point). And also to oppose Bill 34, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity at parks, which is overly broad, and (2) excludes commercial filming on the weekdays at Kailua Beach Park and Kalama Beach Park.

Banning all commercial activity is not the solution. It is unclear whether a wedding ceremony would be banned as a commercial activity if there is no commercial film permit attached to the wedding. The Parks Department and State already have rules and permitting in place and I support better enforcement of those current rules.

Sincerely,

Tessa Gomes

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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Oriana Coleman
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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha no! I hope everyone is well.

I am in Support of Bill 38.

Written Testimony To maintain and grow the life of this land minimal disruption must take place. If we allow for open commercial operations our resources and aina will be made a commodity and not as a life giving source any longer. We are to hold ourselves to a greater kuleana and take care of our beaches, water and sacred places. Mahalo

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 10:16 AM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Melissa Texeira
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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I support Bill 38 because I am from Waimanalo and my family is from Waimanalo. We've been about and for this community practically all our lives . We will fight for this Bill 38 no matter what!!!!!!

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 10:17 AM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee	Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item	Bill 38 - I support Bill 38
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	I filled in one earlier but it was a Mistake please disregard it saying I am opposed....I did not read it well. I truly support Bill 38 and I am against all commercial activities that profit monies when using our parks and recreation especially in our community called Waimanalo...
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 11:07 PM
Subject: Council Testimony

Written Testimony

Name kyler kwock
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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Council
Committee
Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

My name is Kyler Kwock. My wife and I have owned and operated Kai-Photo Hawaii since 2005. I am writing to you to ask for your help in opposing Bill 38, as it is currently written, as it proposes to ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach.

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Here are some possible solutions I'd like to offer:

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Testimony

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I truly believe that a complete ban on commercial activity is not the right answer. There are many workable solutions that can be a win-win for our businesses and the Waimanalo residents and community.

As a business owner, I believe in following the rules, and I believe that having the opportunity to work on Waimanalo beach is a privilege. I commit to keeping my footprint as small as possible and will leave the beach exactly as I found it, if not better. I commit to cleaning up anything I brought with me.

I believe working at Waimanalo Beach can be a true WIN-WIN, and I am committed to doing my part. I am not opposed to better management and enforcement of commercial activity on Waimanalo Beach. However, as it is currently written, I oppose Bill 38.

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 10:20 AM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item	Bill 38
Your position on the matter	Support
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 10:22 AM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha Councilmember Kia'āina,

I am writing to you to ask for your help in opposing Bill 38, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach, and (2) ban commercial activities including recreational stops by commercial tour companies at any time from Makapu'u point to Kapoho point (Castle Point). And also to oppose Bill 34, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity at parks, which is overly broad, and (2) excludes commercial filming on the weekdays at Kailua Beach Park and Kalama Beach Park.

Banning all commercial activity is not the solution. It is unclear whether a wedding ceremony would be banned as a commercial activity if there is no commercial film permit attached to the wedding. The parks Department and State already have rules and permitting in place and I support better enforcement of those current rules.

Here are some possible solutions I'd like to offer:

- provide a clear permitting system, modify the permit schedule to weekdays only or something, chairs and decor setup in City park grounds only.

Do you know how many small businesses this is going to affect in Hawai'i? I truly believe that putting all of the energy into banning commercial activity at these beaches is not a good solution. During such a hard time with the pandemic, don't you see how losing tourism affects our economy, this is a tourist state hands down and no questions asked. We should be catering to tourism, if people don't like living in Disneyland they should move out of Hawai'i. I love my home, I LOVE my job making people happy with BEAUTIFUL imagery. I have worked my ASS off to create a strong business for the past 11 years to help support my family, pay my bills on time, never late on credit card payments but for you to take my livelihood away is NOT ALOHA by any means. Now let me ask you....what would you do if

you were out of work and had no job? How would your family be? That is the shittiest thing a STATE can do to someone and their family. If you are looking to shut down commercial activity then I think you should be shutting down waikiki, shut down the military, shut down all of the small mom and pop business who rely on tourism, shut down commercial fishing, shut down all of it because each and everyone of us who uses products and aren't living off of the land are destructing our beautiful home. Maybe we all need to be on Welfare, because it sounds like this is what you want for all of us. I have said my PEACE. I think the only solution is to have rules in place for permitting. Think Aloha and live Aloha. Thank you.

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 10:25 AM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item bill 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony Our kānaka maoli and community have fought hard to protect the sacredness of the ancient burial site at Hunananiho. We're tired of this type of preventable desecration. We don't support commercialism and tourism in our community. Leave it in Waikīkī. We want to preserve our community's safety and way of life. We need to support our communities in self sustaining activities like farming and culturally connected practices.

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 10:27 AM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Melissa Canoy
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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 34 & Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

I am opposing Bill 38, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach, and (2) ban commercial activities including recreational stops by commercial tour companies at any time from Makapu'u point to Kapoho point (Castle Point). And also to oppose Bill 34, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity at parks, which is overly broad, and (2) excludes commercial filming on the weekdays at Kailua Beach Park and Kalama Beach Park.

Written
Testimony

1. Banning all commercial activity is not the solution. It is unclear whether a wedding ceremony would be banned as a commercial activity if there is no commercial film permit attached to the wedding. The Parks Department and State already have rules and permitting in place and I support better enforcement of those current rules.
2. More clarity is needed as to which entity, State (DOCARE) or City (HPD) has jurisdiction over the beach weddings. Depending on where you stand on the beach - the grassy, park area vs the sand, vs in the water, a different permit is required. I believe this makes it difficult for the State and City to fully communicate the rules with their enforcement officers.

Here are some possible solutions I'd like to offer:

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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony As a wedding videographer I have used Waimanalo Beach for many wedding shoots. Please don't take away my ability to earn money. Hawaii is expensive enough. We are not degradating the beach in any way. In fact we are just highlighting it's beauty. Thank you.

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 10:36 AM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name James Chun
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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha Councilmember Elefante,

I am writing to you to ask for your help in opposing Bill 38, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach, and (2) ban commercial activities including recreational stops by commercial tour companies at any time from Makapu'u point to Kapoho point (Castle Point). And also to oppose Bill 34, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity at parks, which is overly broad, and (2) excludes commercial filming on the weekdays at Kailua Beach Park and Kalama Beach Park.

Written Testimony While I understand there are some concerns should be addressed. It would be wise to take time to specify these concerns rather than taking a broad stroke by banishing ALL commercial activity.

The actual weddings that take place on the beach have little to no impact on the community or the land itself. Let's look at more specific aspects...such as tour buses or large party setups. I can see how that would be intrusive. So let's address that rather than a wedding celebration. The ceremony, a photographer, a musician or maybe a hula dancer does absolutely NO harm. In fact, it adds CHARM to our community. Each and every time I have done a public wedding, the people around us watch with enjoyment and cheer when it's over.

So please...consider this as you all cast your votes. Keep the beach available for all to enjoy and celebrate life. Life celebrations should not be made illegal when they do not impose or impact the area.

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 11:00 AM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
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Organization
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 11:16 AM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization
Organization Dream Hi Weddings

Written Testimony

My name is Jade Glover and I have been involved in the Hawaii wedding industry for more than 20 years.

The primary allegations being made to support a ban on wedding ceremonies at Waimanalo beaches are that wedding ceremonies have, and I quote:

- “Inundated the shoreline from Hunananiho Bay to Makapu’u”, AND
- “Have flooded our neighborhoods with limousines and tour buses.”

But the facts simply do not support either of these and other similar claims.

Based on DLNR records

- From January 1 to September 30th of 2021 the DLNR issued an average of just 4.26 permits per day for wedding ceremonies at all 6 permissible Waimanalo beach locations.
- The average number of attendees per event, including staff, is just 10.8 people.
- This means a total average daily count of just 46.05 visitors, locals, and staff members for all wedding events on Waimanalo beaches.
- Recent police enforcement yielded no unpermitted events that we are aware of despite claims to the contrary.

If all of these weddings were held at the same time at the same location, the entire group would take up just 7, 1 millionths of 1 percent of Waimanalo beach.

Participants in wedding ceremonies on Waimanalo beaches represent LESS than 1.4 percent of the total daily visitors to Waimanalo based on data from the Socio-Economic Impacts of Tourism in Kailua and Waimanalo which was commissioned by the City and County of Honolulu and completed in June of 2020.

And while there may be an occasional limo or shuttle van parked on Aloiloi Street next to Hunananiho bay, our last 5 visits to that neighborhood showed exactly zero limos or buses in that area. We would be more than glad to provide video footage of one of these recent visits. Banning wedding ceremonies will not solve any of the issues that occur at Waimanalo beaches because wedding ceremonies are simply not the problem.

But the real problem is that these Bills to ban commercial activities wrongly lumps wedding

ceremonies in with all other commercial activities and fails to address a key difference between wedding ceremonies and these other activities. That wedding ceremonies are a constitutionally protected right.

In *Kaahumanu versus Hawaii*, the 9th Circuit Federal Court of Appeals states: “We have no difficulty concluding that wedding ceremonies are a protected expression under the First Amendment.”

And the courts have ruled that Photography also falls under the freedom of expression clause. Based on this, we believe that any ban on wedding ceremonies and photography would be a violation of our Constitutional rights.

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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Our kānaka Maoli community has fought hard to protect the ancient burial site of the oldest known ancestral bones and a peaceful pu'uhonua, Hūnānāniho. We're tired of the ways commercial activity has continued to be prioritized above the protection of cultural and historical sites that are meaningful and sacred. We must learn to listen to the wisdom and knowledge of the kānaka maoli kupuna, and make the needed changes now in order to stop preventable desecration before it's too late.

I support Bill 38. No more commercial activities.”

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From: CLK Council Info
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Written Testimony

Name jon lagon
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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha,

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Sincerely,

Jon Lagon
VISIONARI Photo LLC
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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

Aloha Councilmember Andria Tupola,

I am writing to you to ask for your help in opposing Bill 38, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach, and (2) ban commercial activities including recreational stops by commercial tour companies at any time from Makapu'u point to Kapoho point (Castle Point). And also to oppose Bill 34, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity at parks, which is overly broad, and (2) excludes commercial filming on the weekdays at Kailua Beach Park and Kalama Beach Park.

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Create a path for stewardship fees to reach the community to support their town's resources.

I truly believe that a complete ban of commercial activity is not the right answer. There are many workable solutions that can be a win-win for our businesses, residents and communities. As a business owner, I believe in following the rules, and I believe that having the opportunity to work on our beaches is a privilege. I commit to keeping my footprint as small as possible, and will leave the beach exactly as I found it, if not better. I can support better management and enforcement of permitted commercial activity on our public beaches, however, as it is currently written, I oppose Bill 38 and Bill 34 at this time.

Sincerely,
Keoni Kitagawa
8082861428

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 11:35 AM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name John Luckfield
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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

We need you to stop commercial activity at Hunananiho and Waimanalo beaches!!! Support this bill

I've various commercial functions ranging from weddings to tours at hūnānāniho. These are sacred lands with the iwi (bones) of hawaiian ancestors.

Written Testimony Commercial businesses often don't respect the land, Hawaiian culture and history or the people in our community.

Our kānaka Maoli and whole community has fought hard to protect the sacredness of this ancient burial site and pu'uhonua. We're tired of this type of preventable desecration.

I support Bill 38. No more commercial activities.

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 11:38 AM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee	Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item	Bill 38, Bill 34
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 11:43 AM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Emily Hensley
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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony As a small business owner working in the wedding industry we have faced challenge after challenge over the past 2 years due to Covid-19. Banning commercial activity at these locations would be another devastating hit to our industry and make it that much harder for us to make a living and to provide for our families. We are pleading with our city council members to continue to allow us to work in these areas. Thank you.

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 12:08 PM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Nolan Hong
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Email nolanh@hotmail.com
Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

Aloha Councilmember,

I am writing to you to ask for your help in opposing Bill 38, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach, and (2) ban commercial activities including recreational stops by commercial tour companies at any time from Makapu'u point to Kapoho point (Castle Point). And also to oppose Bill 34, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity at parks, which is overly broad, and (2) excludes commercial filming on the weekdays at Kailua Beach Park and Kalama Beach Park.

Written Testimony Instead of a full commercial activity ban, clarity is need to better understand what is allowed under the permit and what is not. Currently City permits allow more (such as arch, chairs, teepees, tables) than the State permit (no chairs unless ADA required, no arch), which I believe is the source of a lot of the confusion for businesses and for enforcement.

Here are some possible solutions I'd like to offer:

Modify the City & County permits for weddings to be more similar to the State DLNR Right of Entry permit. DLNR Right of Entry permits allow for (2) hours usage.

Provide a clear line of jurisdiction for weddings to take place on the beach under the current permitting system.

Modify the permit schedule, perhaps (4) weekdays excluding holidays.

Continue to allow decor set up such as arch, chairs, teepees, tables in City park grounds only - with no set ups beyond the vegetation line on the sand.

Create a path for stewardship fees to reach the community to support their town's resources.

I truly believe that a complete ban of commercial activity is not the right answer. There are many workable solutions that can be a win-win for our businesses, residents and communities. As a business owner, I believe in following the rules, and I believe that having the opportunity to work on our beaches is a privilege. I commit to keeping my footprint as small as possible, and will leave the beach exactly as I found it, if not better. I can support better management and enforcement of permitted commercial activity on our public beaches, however, as it is currently written, I oppose Bill 38 and Bill 34 at this time.

Sincerely,
Nolan Hong

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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee	Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item	Bill 38
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	Our kānaka Maoli and community has fought hard to protect the sacredness of this ancient burial site and pu'uhonua. We're tired of this type of preventable desecration.
Testimony Attachment	I support Bill 38. No more commercial activities
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Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name	Cheryl Burghardt
Phone	
Email	burgharc@gmail.com
Meeting Date	10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee	Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item	Bill 38
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	I support Bill 38 because I believe that there should no more commercial activities.
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 12:21 PM
Subject: Council Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Council
Committee
Agenda Item Support for Bill 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

And this is how to fill out the details

When signing up for written or oral testimony...pls notice these answers...

Written Testimony I Support Bill 38 because....
Our kānaka Maoli and community has fought hard to protect the sacredness of this ancient burial site and pu'uhonua. We're tired of this type of preventable desecration.

I support Bill 38 to stop commercial activity on the waimanalo beaches

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Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill ~~34~~ Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony

I truly believe that a complete ban of commercial activity is not the right answer. There are many workable solutions that can be a win-win for our businesses, residents and communities. As a business owner, I believe in following the rules, and I believe that having the opportunity to work on our beaches is a privilege. I commit to keeping my footprint as small as possible, and will leave the beach exactly as I found it, if not better. I can support better management and enforcement of permitted commercial activity on our public beaches, however, as it is currently written, I oppose Bill 38 and Bill 34 at this time

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Written Testimony

Name	Rachel Kuo
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Meeting Date	10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee	Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item	Bill 38
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	Our kanaka maoli 'ohana have fought long and hard to protect the ancient burial grounds at Hunananiho. Please fulfill your kuleana to prevent further desecration by allowing it's commercial use.
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 12:57 PM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee	Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item	Bill 38
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	I support Bill 38. No more commercial development for this property.
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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Joanna Stringer
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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony Our kānaka Maoli and community has fought hard to protect the sacredness of this ancient burial site and pu'uhonua. We're tired of this type of preventable and ongoing desecration.

I support Bill 38. No more commercial activities!

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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization
Written Testimony I support Bill 38 because our kānaka Maoli and community have fought hard to protect the sacredness of this ancient burial site and pu'uhonua. We're tired of this type of preventable desecration. Let's stop commercial activity on the Waimanalo beaches.
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Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name John Reyno
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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

Aloha Councilmember
Esther Kia'aina

The reason I am reaching out to you this morning is to ask for your help in opposing Bill 38, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach, and (2) ban commercial activities including recreational stops by commercial tour companies at any time from Makapu'u point to Kapoho point (Castle Point). And also to oppose Bill 34, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity at parks, which is overly broad, and (2) excludes commercial filming on the weekdays at Kailua Beach Park and Kalama Beach Park.

Written Testimony Banning all commercial activity is the equivalency of throwing the baby out with the bathwater . My wife and I live in Kailua, she was raised here, went to the mainland and got her degree in photography and now is making a living utilizing her skills and passion right here on the very beach as we are trying to ban Commercial activity from. This will significantly harm hers as well as many of her cohorts ability to make a living and continue living in this place we all love and call home.

It is unclear whether a wedding ceremony would be banned as a commercial activity if there is no commercial film permit attached to the wedding. The Parks Department and State already have rules and permitting in place and I support better enforcement of those current rules.

I believe we need to figure out how to keep the small businesses thriving, not choke them out. If this bill passes I fear it's a slippery

slope for many other beaches to be banning the same commercial activity.

That said, more clarity is needed as to which entity, State (DOCARE) or City (HPD) has jurisdiction over the beach weddings. Depending on where you stand on the beach - the grassy, park area vs the sand, vs in the water, a different permit is required. I believe this makes it difficult for the State and City to fully communicate the rules with their enforcement officers. This may have the effect of the harming the legitimate businesses that pay taxes and help support our economy while the not so honest rule breakers will do it anyway. We've seen this very thing happen with the kayak rentals, kite surfing and surfing instructors where the rule breakers keep breaking the rules without consequence while the legitimate businesses pay the price.

Perhaps we can Modify the City & County permits for weddings to be more similar to the State DLNR Right of Entry permit. DLNR Right of Entry permits allow for (2) hours usage.

Provide a clear line of jurisdiction for weddings to take place on the beach under the current permitting system.

Modify the permit schedule, perhaps (4) weekdays excluding holidays.

Continue to allow decor set up such as arch, chairs, teepees, tables in City park grounds only - with no set ups beyond the vegetation line on the sand.

Create a path for stewardship fees to reach the community to support their town's resources.

I truly believe that a complete ban of commercial activity is not the right answer. There are many workable solutions that can be a win-win for our businesses, residents and communities. As a business owner, I believe in following the rules, and I believe that my wife having the opportunity to work on our beaches is a privilege. We commit to keeping our footprint as small as possible, and will leave the beach exactly as we found it, and often times better. We can support better management and enforcement of permitted commercial activity on our public beaches, however, as it is currently written, I oppose Bill 38 and Bill 34 at this time.

Sincerely,

John Reyno
Hawaii Modern

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Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 1:42 PM
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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee	Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item	Bill 38
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Self
Organization	
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 1:45 PM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Aloha Councilmember Kia'āina,

I am writing to you to ask for your help in opposing Bill 38 and Bill 34, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach and (2) ban commercial activities including recreational stops by commercial tour companies at any time from Makapu'u point to Kapoho point (castle point). And also appose Bill 34, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity at parks, which is overly broad, and (2) excludes commercial filming on the weekdays at Kailua Beach Park and Kalama Beach Park.

Written
Testimony

I am a Mom of 4 children. They are all hard workers. Two children own their own small businesses, my husband does also.

We are devastated by the acts of the government trying to interfere with every move these entrepreneurs make to try better their lives for themselves, locals, and for people who want to visit this beautiful island creation! All those who contribute to the welcoming Aloha offered are what makes everyone's lives better, no matter the act of kindness offered. Some people save up for a lifetime to come here, get married renew vows, honeymoon or have a retirement trip of a lifetime. Others enjoy doing all the sports we have year- round. The photographers work hard to capture the essence of love and beauty. They have to have permits to do so on the beach, most all comply and follow rules.

I don't understand the problem. We need to spend more time on the fishing of which can deplete the ocean so severely for all we can see

are sharks. The food chain is messed up. Lets focus on teaching people how to cross the street, ride bikes where there is no place to ride in an ill-planned city without side walks and newly painted street lines and safe cross walks. Teaching people to look both ways and to make eye contact with driver. Walk bikes across the streets and skate boards too, instead of darting out in front of cars. These things save lives. Business owners are trying to make a life for themselves while helping the #1 industry, tourism. Our Governor needs to praise these people for doing their part, instead of telling tourists not to come here. Two of our mainland friends commented on how he told people not to come here to visit. Where is the Aloha and what is it supposed to be if we can't share God's creation without causing a stink about it. Sure, and all this during a pandemic when the human race needs extra care and hospitality.

Please reconsider what you are doing. Shutting down businesses your way is not working.

Because we care,

The Hook Family

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Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony I support Bill 38 because our kānaka Maori and community has fought hard to protect the sacredness of this ancient burial site and pu'uhonua. I ask that our leaders listen the voices of the community in putting a stop to this preventable desecration.

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Written Testimony

Name Hoomaikaiikahaku Kanui
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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony Our kānaka Maoli and community has fought hard to protect the sacredness of this ancient burial site and pu'uhonua. We're tired of this type of preventable desecration.
I support Bill 38. No more commercial activities.

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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony Our kānaka Maoli and community have fought hard to protect the sacredness of this ancient burial site and pu'uhonua. We're tired of this type of preventable desecration. I support Bill 38. No more commercial activities.

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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date	10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee	Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item	Bill 38
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing Organization	Self
Written Testimony	Our kānaka Maoli and community has fought hard to protect the sacredness of this ancient burial site and pu'uhonua. We're tired of this type of preventable desecration. I support Bill 38. No more commercial activities.
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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Kahu Watters
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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization
Organization Waiola Ministries

Written
Testimony

I am opposed to this ban. This is not an all or nothing situation. If there are people violating existing rules then they should be penalized. But why hurt everyone else who is playing by the rules? And for those who are people of faith, marriage is a Holy and Sacred undertaking. But not everyone can afford big, expensive weddings. And people in Hawaii, especially native Hawaiians, have along history and tradition of both marrying and saying aloha to loved ones on our beaches. This includes Waimanalo. Where is the pono and the aloha in a total ban?

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 2:22 PM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Michael McDermott
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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 & 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

I am writing to you to ask for your help in opposing Bill 38, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach, and (2) ban commercial activities including recreational stops by commercial tour companies at any time from Makapu'u point to Kapoho point (Castle Point). And also to oppose Bill 34, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity at parks, which is overly broad, and (2) excludes commercial filming on the weekdays at Kailua Beach Park and Kalama Beach Park.

Written Testimony

Banning all commercial activity is not the solution. It is unclear whether a wedding ceremony would be banned as a commercial activity if there is no commercial film permit attached to the wedding. The Parks Department and State already have rules and permitting in place and I support better enforcement of those current rules.

Sincerely,

Michael McDermott

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Written Testimony

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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony

Aloha
I Support Bill 38
Chermircial activity in a Ancient Burial Landmark at Hunananiho is Hewa because our ancestor's are not resting. We are only a small community in a Country.setting known as Waimanalo God's Country. We are family oriented with the best school, sports activity's,and very much active with our Culture ,language, and keeping our community.safe & clean. I know the word change always come up But.....
I am a Voter & a Protector of our IWI kupuna @ Hunananiho and I humbly ask to consider not only on the industry or business or tourism But.
Our iwi kupuna needs to rest and if this type of attitude or actions continue then they will rebottle as well.
Thank you & God Bless,

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From: CLK Council Info
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Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item	Bill 38
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Self
Organization	
Written Testimony	I support Bill 38. No more commercial activities.
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 3:07 PM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Jade Glover
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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bills 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written
Testimony

It is terrible that the representative from Kailua got to speak more than twice as long as any opponents to bill 38 got to speak. Ut her facts or so-called facts were completely wrong. Dealer reports exactly 4.26 Weddings per day on all six Waimanalo beaches from January 1 to September 30. The amount of lies that have been told by proponents of this band is incredible. They object to weddings on the beach but have no problems with building their multi million dollar homes there. The Kailua representative has no problem with Photography but wants to ban constitutionally guaranteed rights of Wedding ceremonies.

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 3:26 PM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

Name Kahu Watters
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Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony UNBELIEVABLE the one sidedness of the time given to those who support ill 38. All to spew their lies with NO evidence to support their outrageous claims.
KAPUA MEDEOIS spoke for nearly 5 minutes!!! Most of it FALSE

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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 2:03 PM
Subject: Parks and Community Services Testimony

Written Testimony

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Email snrdjs@gmali.com
Meeting Date 10-21-2021
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization
Organization SR Entertainment
Aloha Councilmember Calvin Say,

I am writing to you to ask for your help in opposing Bill 38, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach, and (2) ban commercial activities including recreational stops by commercial tour companies at any time from Makapu'u point to Kapoho point (Castle Point). And also to oppose Bill 34, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity at parks, which is overly broad, and (2) excludes commercial filming on the weekdays at Kailua Beach Park and Kalama Beach Park.

Written
Testimony

Banning all commercial activity is not the solution. It is unclear whether a wedding ceremony would be banned as a commercial activity if there is no commercial film permit attached to the wedding. The Parks Department and State already have rules and permitting in place and I support better enforcement of those current rules.

Continue to allow decor set up such as arch, chairs, teepees, tables in City park grounds only - with no set ups beyond the vegetation line on the sand.

I truly believe that a complete ban of commercial activity is not the right answer. There are many workable solutions that can be a win-win for our businesses, residents and communities. As a business owner, I believe in following the rules, and I believe that having the opportunity to work on our beaches is a privilege. I commit to keeping my footprint as small as possible, and will leave the beach exactly as I

found it, if not better. I can support better management and enforcement of permitted commercial activity on our public beaches, however, as it is currently written, I oppose Bill 38 and Bill 34 at this time.

Sincerely,

Sabrina Laulu
SR Entertainment
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From: CLK Council Info
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 2:41 PM
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Written Testimony

Name Nicole Salmoiraghi
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Meeting Date 10-21-201y
Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing to you to ask for your help in opposing Bill 38, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach, and (2) ban commercial activities including recreational stops by commercial tour companies at any time from Makapu'u point to Kapoho point (Castle Point). And also to oppose Bill 34, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity at parks, which is overly broad, and (2) excludes commercial filming on the weekdays at Kailua Beach Park and Kalama Beach Park.

Written
Testimony

Banning all commercial activity is not the solution and doing so would negatively affect many local businesses. What we need are clear rules and guidelines. We are happy to get and pay for permits, limit guest counts and abide by rules but limiting access completely would be devastating.

As a small local business we only do a few weddings here and get all necessary permits. Can we not just allow a limited number of weddings with minimal guest counts on a first come first served basis? These ceremonies are literally only 20 minutes long and we clean up the beach before and afterwards, leaving it cleaner than when we arrived.

Additionally, more clarity is needed as to which entity, State (DOCARE) or City (HPD) has jurisdiction over the beach weddings. Depending on where you stand on the beach - the grassy, park area

vs the sand, vs in the water, a different permit is required. I believe this makes it difficult for the State and City to fully communicate the rules with their enforcement officers.

We are fine with zero decor (including archways, chairs, etc.) but banning all commercial activities completely makes it extremely difficult for our small local business to survive. Additionally, is it not possible now to take Christmas photos on these beaches?

Here are some possible solutions I'd like to offer:

Modify the City & County permits for weddings to be more similar to the State DLNR Right of Entry permit. DLNR Right of Entry permits allow for (2) hours usage,

Limit the number of events, allowing less events means less commercial activity all around.

Also, you could limit the number of beaches, and only allow certain specific beaches on this coastline.

Continue to allow decor set up such as arch, chairs, teepees, tables in City park grounds only - with no set ups beyond the vegetation line on the sand.

Create a path for stewardship fees to reach the community to support their town's resources.

I truly believe that a complete ban of commercial activity is not the right answer. There are many workable solutions that can be a win-win for our businesses, residents and communities. As a local business owner, I believe in following the rules, and we have been for nearly a decade now. It is an honor to share this beautiful island with others but we completely understand that we must be gracious towards the community as well and those of us who are professionals want to follow all rules and abide by them. I commit to keeping my footprint as small as possible, and will leave the beach exactly as I found it, if not better. I can support better management and enforcement of permitted commercial activity on our public beaches, however, as it is currently written, I oppose Bill 38 and Bill 34 at this time.

Sincerely,
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From: CLK Council Info
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony I oppose Bill 38/ Bill 34 because I am a self employed videographer and need to be able to shoot weddings freely on the beach as part of my main income on Oahu. This is my lively hood and if one or two beaches or areas close down for weddings more will close down in the future and will hurt our industry and everyone else attached (planners, makeup artists, photographers, videographers, officiants, etc)

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

Aloha Councilmember,

I am writing to you to ask for your help in opposing Bill 38, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity from Makapu'u to Bellows Beach, and (2) ban commercial activities including recreational stops by commercial tour companies at any time from Makapu'u point to Kapoho point (Castle Point). And also to oppose Bill 34, as it is currently written, as it proposes to (1) ban commercial activity at parks, which is overly broad, and (2) excludes commercial filming on the weekdays at Kailua Beach Park and Kalama Beach Park.

Written Testimony Banning all commercial activity is not the solution. It is unclear whether a wedding ceremony would be banned as a commercial activity if there is no commercial film permit attached to the wedding. The Parks Department and State already have rules and permitting in place and I support better enforcement of those current rules.

More clarity is needed as to which entity, State (DOCARE) or City (HPD) has jurisdiction over the beach weddings. Depending on where you stand on the beach - the grassy, park area vs the sand, vs in the water, a different permit is required. I believe this makes it difficult for the State and City to fully communicate the rules with their enforcement officers.

Instead of a full commercial activity ban, clarity is need to better understand what is allowed under the permit and what is not. Currently City permits allow more (such as arch, chairs, teepees,

tables) than the State permit (no chairs unless ADA required, no arch), which I believe is the source of a lot of the confusion for businesses and for enforcement.

Here are some possible solutions I'd like to offer:

Modify the City & County permits for weddings to be more similar to the State DLNR Right of Entry permit. DLNR Right of Entry permits allow for (2) hours usage.

Provide a clear line of jurisdiction for weddings to take place on the beach under the current permitting system.

Modify the permit schedule, perhaps (4) weekdays excluding holidays.

Continue to allow decor set up such as arch, chairs, teepees, tables in City park grounds only - with no set ups beyond the vegetation line on the sand.

Create a path for stewardship fees to reach the community to support their town's resources.

I truly believe that a complete ban of commercial activity is not the right answer. There are many workable solutions that can be a win-win for our businesses, residents and communities. As a business owner, I believe in following the rules, and I believe that having the opportunity to work on our beaches is a privilege. I commit to keeping my footprint as small as possible, and will leave the beach exactly as I found it, if not better. I can support better management and enforcement of permitted commercial activity on our public beaches, however, as it is currently written, I oppose Bill 38 and Bill 34 at this time.

Sincerely,

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony Aloha! I support Bill 38 and the restriction of commercial activities at our beaches. Our kānaka Maoli and the local communities have fought hard to protect the sacredness of this ancient burial site and pu'uhonua. We're tired of this type of preventable desecration and commercialization of our natural spaces, which lead to degradation and pollution negatively impacting our previous wildlife.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony I support this bill because I have seen on the daily, companies have events of these beaches throughout the day taking advantage of not having to contribute to the community or city. This will also limit the amount of people on these beaches preserving what little we have left.

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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Written Testimony

I believe that this bill will bring us one step further in the right direction of protecting our 'āina, our resources, sea life, etc. Our land, our home has been thru so much mismanagement, mistreatment and abuse. Many people, whether tourists or commercial hosts, have little to no regard to the land, ocean, creatures, native people, etc. The negative impacts include huge parties, over exposure of our spaces, major rubbish, more transplants moving here, more unnecessary development ideas, etc. So this bill would force better controls and initiate the motion to making positive change. If the pandemic has taught us anything at all, one thing would be how things are best left alone, let nature heal, don't contribute to pollution, and take care of what we have. I support this bill 38.

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Written Testimony

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Agenda Item	Bill 38
Your position on the matter	Support
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Written Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks and Community Services
Agenda Item Bill 38 and Bill 34
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization Self

Aloha!

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Written Testimony

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Sincerely,

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