

**RES22-290
Testimony**

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Meeting Date: Jan 25, 2023 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 4

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 1

Name: Adrian Tam	Email: reptam@capitol.hawaii.gov	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jan 23, 2023 @ 03:58 PM
Name: Theodore Miller	Email: tedmiller725@gmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jan 23, 2023 @ 06:44 PM
Testimony: Please build new surf racks ASAP and continue the 50-year tradition of public surfboard racks in Waikiki.		
Name: Denise Boisvert	Email: infofor Denise@yahoo.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jan 24, 2023 @ 06:13 AM
Testimony: Aloha Chair Waters and Councilmembers, I fully support Resolution 22-290! Waikiki has been subjected to vandalism and crime that affects residents, employees, and visitors. Members of the surfing community have suffered the loss of valuable property; not once, but twice in the last few years, and need a safer place for their surfboards. Thank you for your kind consideration.		
Name: Kim Jorgensen	Email: hawaiiicondo@yahoo.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jan 24, 2023 @ 06:15 AM
Testimony: Please support Resolution 22-290. The surfing community deserves everyone's understanding that a safer location for storing surfboards is needed.		
Name: Linda Kea	Email: linda@redetailshawaii.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Friends of Kuhio Beach Surfboard Racks	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Jan 24, 2023 @ 03:52 PM
Testimony: Aloha, Chair Waters and fellow City Council members. My name is Linda Kea, I am a part of "Friends of Kuhio Beach Surfboard Racks" and I support the resolution 22-290. I have been surfing in Waikiki for over 30 years and am a long-time surf rack tenant and member of the Waikiki beach community. Our community needs a place especially for our Kupuna and Disabled surfers to keep their surfboards and access the ocean near Queens and Canoes Surf Breaks. It has been a burden on many of the tenants since the second fire, financially and especially physically. There are Kupuna in their 70's and 80's that cannot surf until the lockers are rebuilt and trying to just get the board to the beach is extremely difficult to impossible for some. Our community would like to be involved with the rebuilding of the surfboard lockers. We feel that we can bring a lot of great ideas to the table since we are there on a regular to daily basis. We can assist the city with ideas from location, design, and would love to provide input in how the lockers could be best managed moving forward for both the city and for the community. We appreciate the proposal for the resolution and look forward to working together to rebuild the Waikiki Surf Racks. They have been a fixture for many years for locals and tourists alike. It's quite sad to see the tourists round the corner to take photos of the beautiful surfboards, only to be greeted by an empty space. As for us surfers in this community, we have always been there to		

show the visitors our Aloha and to share our 'Ike about Oahu, including the dos and don'ts of the beautiful Hawaiian culture. The Waikiki Surf Racks were not just a place to store your board (don't get me wrong that's why we are here) but it's also been a part of our local and Hawaiian sense of place, which Waikiki needs right now.

We are ready to work together with the city to complete this vision, Hoe Like Kakou, Mahalo!



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Aloha Councilmembers,

I would like to offer my testimony in support of Resolution 22-290 "ENCOURAGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO WORK COOPERATIVELY WITH COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS TO RELOCATE CITY-OWNED SURF RACKS IN WAIKĪKĪ."

I believe the surfing community in Waikiki, impartially our kupuna, greatly benefited from the surf racks and deserve a safe and accessible place to store their boards and congregate.

I strongly support any efforts to provide the community with new surf racks and encourage you to please pass Resolution 22-290.

Mahalo,

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