

RES23-051 Testimony

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PARKS, ENTERPRISE SERVICES AND CULTURE & THE ARTS (PESCA)

**PARKS, ENTERPRISE SERVICES AND CULTURE &
THE ARTS (PESCA) Meeting**

Meeting Date: May 3, 2023 @ 01:00 PM

Support: 157

Oppose: 1

I wish to comment: 3

Name: Meg Thomander	Email: meg.thomander@yahoo.com	Zip: 96731
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 1, 2023 @ 02:19 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am writing in support for a multipurpose rec center and 50 meter swimming pool in kahuku. Our community is in desperate need of a facility. We have to drive an hour to reach anything like this. I have kids that will be playing on the kahuku waterpolo team and they do not have a pool to complete adequate practices in.</p>		
Name: Isabella Walker	Email: surfergirlw123@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 1, 2023 @ 02:46 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am submitting testimony a lifelong North Shore resident to voice our great need for a swimming pool for our well deserving Kahuku High School and community. As a proud alumni of Kahuku high school and its waterpolo/swim team, I have seen first hand the talent, dedication and hard work that past and current athletes/ coaches/ families / and community supporters have given to this program. I've played and coached on teams where pool time was uncertain. I am beyond grateful for BYU, allocating pool time for us, but have also faced uncertainty some seasons where we've had to practice at Boy Scouts in Ppkea, Waimea Bay, Sunset Beach, Hukilau Beach, Kawela Bay, and through the kindness of North Shore residents in their own pools. We are the most winning public school on Oahu with 16 OIA wins. In 2005, 06, 07, 13 we were runner up in the state championships against private schools (which do not include non-season wins in scrimmages against private schools). Our community has some of the greatest aquatic athletes in the state that would benefit heavily from having our own pool. I believe if this development comes to fruition, our waterpolo girls could very easily take home a state championship. This dire need for a pool would not only benefit the high school with success and possible collegiate waterpolo/swim scholarships, but community members in terms of jobs, extracurricular activities, aquatic based life saving skills and access to a healthy lifestyle via water based exercise.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>		
Name: clint mariteragi	Email: clint.ezrhawaii@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: May 1, 2023 @ 02:47 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>It is time for our community to have a rec center and pool. This is a matter that has been long overdue. It took years to upgrade our football field. Lets not wait another 50 years until we get a pool and rec center. Whenever we travel to other towns on Oahu, everyone of us notices the facilities that other communities have.</p> <p>A rec center and pool will be a welcomed addition to our community.</p> <p>Mahalo for your consideration. Aloha</p>		
Name: Jayna Cravens	Email: jdoublehull@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 1, 2023 @ 02:51 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am in support of the development of a multipurpose recreational facility and a 50-meter swimming pool in Kahuku. Our community will benefit from such facility by allowing our student athletes and community members access to facilities that will allow year round training. It is much needed and long over due. We have the most winning girls waterpolo team in the OIA despite having no proper facilities. This will level the playing field with other schools that have a pool. When you build a multipurpose recreational facility and a pool in Kahuku, it will be used! This will be money well spent that will benefit students of all ages in Kahuku and the surrounding communities. Our keiki need a safe place to play, learn, grow and excel in sports. Building a multipurpose recreational facility and 50-meter pool in Kahuku will give our keiki the same opportunities that many other children have around the island. Our rural community needs these facilities to help develop well rounded, healthy student athletes. This will</p>		

also alleviate so many hours of travel time spent by many who have to drive to honolulu for club teams, leagues, etc...
I support RES23-051 and you should too.

Name: Noekealaokalehua Kahalepuna	Email: kahalepuna2006@gmail.com	Zip: 96731
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 1, 2023 @ 03:09 PM

Testimony:

Aloha to all who will listen!

I am writing in support of RES23-051 Supporting the development of a multi-purpose recreational facility and a 50-meter swimming pool in Kahuku. Our Koolauloa community is in dire need of such a facility to support our community in living healthy lifestyles. There has been a surge in our community to live healthy by getting out and getting active, but our community lacks the facilities to support such a lifestyle. A recreational facility like this, would encourage and support community sports, which would in turn support a healthy lifestyle. Currently the closest recreational centers are in Kaneohe or Waialua, which are at least an hour away in our country traffic. A proper rec center would provide classes which would enhance our community.

Also our Kahuku High School lacks the resources to support aquatic sports. Even our OIA Championship Water Polo team has no pool of their own to practice in. A pool of our own would boost the support and participation in various aquatic sports, hopefully even build up a boys water polo team. We humbly ask for your support in making our dreams of a proper recreational center and pool become a reality.

Sincerely,

Noekealaokalehua Kahalepuna

Name: Tamalalee Kahanu	Email: kalaihakualii@yahoo.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 1, 2023 @ 03:23 PM

Testimony:

My family and I are in support of this facility that should have been built back in the 80's. Thank you for giving us this opportunity to make this project a reality after all these years.

Name: Rachelle Thompson	Email: rachelle.christy@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 1, 2023 @ 03:27 PM

Testimony:

I grew up in Laie and went to Kahuku High School. As an avid swimmer I participated in community swim events and played waterpolo for KHIS. We always relied on the kindness of the BYUH facilities to allow us to practice. I also took formal swim lessons as a child at the BYUH pool - the only sport that can save your life. I understand that since this time, BYUH does not allow the community to use the pool facilities as much. The Kahuku and north shore communities deserve better recreation facilities, especially access to a pool. The students at KHIS accomplish so much compared to all the amenities they live without - especially a pool. Our students, athletes, and community deserve better.

Name: Carissa Tafuna	Email: carissam40@gmail.com	Zip: 96731
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 1, 2023 @ 03:34 PM

Testimony:

Please support a community pool and gym in Kahuku for all of Ko'olauloa! There is a huge need as the nearest public pool is a 45 minute drive either way from Kahuku where my Ohana lives. When I am able to take my keiki to the pool, I notice their improvement in swimming tremendously. Also, my keiki participate in pal basketball and having an indoor gym would be a great asset to the community on this side. I've hear of other organizations as well getting rained out and having to cancel practices because of it. Please support this great need for the communities on this side! Mahalo

Name: Lindsay Gibson	Email: lindsaygibbyz@gmail.com	Zip: 96717
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 1, 2023 @ 03:40 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I've raised five kids in this area over the last decade and believe the Rec center to be an invaluable addition to our community. With the time/distance of driving, gas prices, and limited opportunities offered on the North Shore for kids to participate in extracurricular activities, the Rec center would be an incredible asset.</p>		
Name: Maile Ostrem	Email: uluniuswimclub@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Uluniu Swimming Club	Position: Support	Submitted: May 1, 2023 @ 04:05 PM
Name: Ashleigh Wong	Email: ashleighw03@gmail.com	Zip: 96717
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 1, 2023 @ 04:07 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Aloha,</p> <p>My name is Ashleigh Wong and I support a rec center and pool for residents of the Windward side. This pool would benefit the community in so many ways. There are multiple teams at the high-school that would benefit from a swimming pool especially the Waterpolo team, swim team and the surf team. The waterpolo team has won OIA championships 16 times but won states 0. This is because we don't have a facility to train year round.</p> <p>Also my younger children and I have to drive all the way to town for swim lessons. This is time consuming and expensive.</p> <p>Please bring a rec center and pool to the Windward side, it would be greatly appreciated and needed.</p> <p>Mahalo, Ashleigh Wong</p>		
Name: Masina DeCastro	Email: masina.tutor@gmail.com	Zip: 96717
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 1, 2023 @ 04:12 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>As a member of the Koolauloa community who grew up here and is now raising children in the wonderful community I have experienced first hand the desperate need for a community multipurpose facility. I have driven all over the island to have my children participate in aquatic programs at other facilities, practice/compete in sports other community facilities, and attended community events at other facilities. In a community like ours, full of families and kupuna, we need a place for everyone to be able to participate in healthy habits and community events.</p> <p>We have over relied on the facilities at the private university in the community, Brigham Young University-Hawaii. While they have been a gracious entity in the community to allow us to use their aquatic facility, gyms and fields, that is not their responsibility. It is the city and county's responsibility to provide equal access to services and facilities in all communities.</p> <p>Koolauloa has been waiting long enough for facilities and privileges that have been provided to other communities. It is a need not a want at this point.</p> <p>Mahalo, Masina DeCastro</p>		
Name: Katie Hastings	Email: hastings.katie@gmail.com	Zip: 96731
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 1, 2023 @ 04:27 PM
<p>Testimony:</p>		

I support this facility I believe it will be good for the youth in our community, and great wellness facility for all in kahuku.		
Name: Charity Fonoimoana	Email: charitylcf@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 1, 2023 @ 04:48 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>The Ko'olau Loa region of the Island of O'ahu is a wonderful place to live and raise children and families. For years initiatives to expand the resources available to our children and community have been suggested, considered and then denied. Until recently, our children have played on subpar fields, and have persevered despite the deplorable condition of our facilities at our schools and in our communities.</p> <p>Big money donors have offered to help develop and fund the building and improvements for our children, but were told, no. We have seen funds go to other schools with less of a need. Despite all of this, we have risen and have produced some of the most talented athletes on the island.</p> <p>Imagine what can be done with proper facilities! I 1000% support Resolution 23-51, and humbly ask that you vote to pass this piece of life altering, trajectory changing legislation for our kids.</p>		
Name: Serena Tuliloa	Email: tuliloatribe@gmail.com	Zip: 96763
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 1, 2023 @ 04:49 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>For years our Kahuku students have used BYUH pool for swimming sports.</p> <p>Now that BYUH pool is not available our students now have been forced to travel hours away to practice making it challenging for parents and students to find the time , transportation, and money to find accommodations. Action must take place to build a pool in out kahuku complex for our students.</p>		
Name: Jennifer Stant	Email: kulia31@hotmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: May 1, 2023 @ 04:51 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Aloha, My name is Jennifer! I have grew in the North Shore and still reside with my three boys. Our families on the NorthShore deserve to have the same amenities offered to other communities on our Island. Have a rec center with pool would be a welcomed improvement to our community. We have relied on BYU -Hawaii for way to long. Our children have no real place to hold activities. A rec would provide our community with a space to gather, exercise, swim and hold classes that or only offered miles away. I know our community would benefit from it. It would be a place where children can go and learn. We do not have a lot of activities on our side. We have been robbed of that for to many decades.</p>		
Name: Scott Hastings	Email: scotthasty@yahoo.com	Zip: 96732
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 1, 2023 @ 05:06 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I would be in full support of this initiative to provide the community, and especially the youth more opportunities. I vote yes!</p>		
Name: Marisha Apo	Email: m_huddy@yahoo.com	Zip: 96717
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 1, 2023 @ 05:20 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I'm a born and raised country kid/sister/aunty/alumni & now parent and still live in the community. This community continues to thrive and do what we can for our children,youth and future generations. We win championships and develop our community with the minimum that we have we truly deserve everything.</p>		

Name: Anna Vimahi	Email: savvimahi@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 1, 2023 @ 05:35 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I swam on swim teams from age 7 through high school, was a lifeguard and taught lifeguarding and swim lessons for over a decade, and coached a high school swim team. I LOVE living in Ko'olau Loa but one of the things I miss most is having a pool for the community to use for recreation and having swim teams that my son could be on. Having a place for kids (and adults) to learn to swim seems vital to help better ensure the safety of our community members as we all live right by the ocean. Given the variety of possibilities for pool use (water aerobics, swim lessons for all ages, lifeguard training, swim teams, recreation, aquatics programs for people with special needs, etc.) pools uniquely offer access to physical fitness for all ages and abilities and makes them such a great community resource. There are several other benefits for a recreational facility, but I wanted to share my testimony on the importance of a community pool. Mahalo!</p>		
Name: Lynne Johnson	Email: lynnejohnson237@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 1, 2023 @ 05:36 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I support a swimming pool at kahuku. My husband and our 2 children all graduated from Kahuku high school. They would have benefited with a pool!</p>		
Name: Nerisha Niu	Email: lvalani42@gmail.com	Zip: 96732
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 1, 2023 @ 05:55 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am in full support of a Recreational center for tge community in Kahuku. I grew up in Kahuku, and was raised in tge community.</p>		
Name: Shaina Wright	Email: shabellw@gmail.com	Zip: 96786
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 1, 2023 @ 07:46 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>This would benefit the entire North Shore community. For high school aquatic athletes, to keiki swimming opportunities, life saving training opportunities, kinesiology and rehab efforts. Not to mention job opportunities!</p>		
Name: Natalie Portugal	Email: natalieportugal@hotmail.com	Zip: 96731
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 1, 2023 @ 08:09 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Our community desperately needs a pool. There is no public pool nearby for people to learn to swim, to practice swimming, to participate in swim team or water polo teams. Learning to swim in the ocean is very different from learning in the pool. Kahuku High school has a swim team and water polo team. Where are kids supposed to learn and practice in order to be ready to join the team in 9th grade?</p> <p>Sometimes I feel like the government does not care about the needs and desires of the people on the north shore. Why does the rest of Oahu get access to pools and we don't?</p>		
Name: Derek Whetten	Email: derek@whettens.net	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 1, 2023 @ 08:11 PM
<p>Testimony:</p>		

I fully support this and it is long overdue. I would have loved this as a child growing up here and now, as a parent, understand even more how much my children need it. The closest facilities are 45 minutes away and we are long overdue for such a facility in our area. Please make this happen.

Name: Keisha Funaki	Email: keishafunaki@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 1, 2023 @ 09:25 PM

Testimony:

To whom it may concern,

As a member of the North Shore community, a Kahuku High school graduate, and elementary educator at Laie Elementary school, I strongly support the development of a community recreational center and 50 foot swimming pool. Our community has been having to "make do" with what we have for decades and have always taken advantage of whatever donated resources we could get our hands on. Our community parks are limited, yet are filled with basketball, football, and volleyball teams of various ages. Because we are limited in resources, the success of our school and community organized programs/sports often comes at the expense of others who give up their time and money to provide quality learning experiences. It is difficult to see other communities thrive because of their government aided resources, when we as tax payers aren't seeing the fruits of our labors in the same sense. Our community is already struggling with the effects of being so distant from affordable groceries or from jobs that can support our families. Please don't limit our children from achieving their potential. Help close the inequality gap by providing us with a recreational center and swimming pool. I can guarantee they will be put to good use.

Mahalo,
Keisha Funaki

Name: Lindsey Simmons	Email: lynz.simmons@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 1, 2023 @ 09:28 PM

Testimony:

I was born and raised right here in La'ie Hawaii. I've always enjoyed water sports and swam for the Kahuku high school swim team and played water polo for Kahuku. As a young child, I would attend swim lessons on the mainland every summer when we went on vacations to visit family because there were no swim lessons available in my hometown of Laie or the whole North Shore for that matter. I feel that these swim lessons prepared me for a lifelong love of the water and to be safe in the water. Not everyone can go to the mainland or another part of the island for swim lessons. I look at my children and they love the ocean, but they don't know how to swim; not laps, not if they can't touch because they haven't been taught. They haven't had the opportunity to swim in a pool like I did when I was young. For the safety of our children, we need more swimming opportunities in a safe environment. Koolauloa is covered in coastline And we need to know how to be safe in our water starting at a young age. We also need a rec center. I see childhood and adult obesity as a huge problem all over the state, but particularly on our side of the island. I am a physical therapist at Kahuku Medical Center and know the importance of taking care of our bodies. A rec center will give the youth and adults more opportunities to be healthy. Also, my son participates in club basketball. His practices are canceled at least 50% of the time due to rain. If we had a indoor court available to our youth, they could play more and be able to compete more with the rest of the island. It will give these youth more options to stay out of trouble particularly at night by being engaged in good causes. These buildings can be used for kupuna, keiki and everyone. They are long overdue. Please give our community what it needs. Aloha

Name: Tia Moeai	Email: moeai.tia@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 1, 2023 @ 09:34 PM

Testimony:

I support the development of a multi-purpose recreational facility and 50-meter swimming pool in Kahuku. Our athletes are in need of spaces to practice. This would help them many with the opportunity to master their skills and talents and have more opportunities to better their future.

Name: Rachel Kalama	Email: rnkalama@gmail.com	Zip: 96762-1234
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 1, 2023 @ 10:28 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am in full support of a Multi-Purpose Recreational Facility and a 50 meter swimming pool in Kahuku. I was born and raised here in Laie and I have kids that attend Kahuku High School. We have had no public gym or pool for the community to use. The closest one is in Kaneohe which is about a 30-45 min drive. Having these facilities will benefit all - both young and old. Let's get this built for the people of our communities.</p> <p>Mahalo</p>		
Name: Sina Kaluhiokalani	Email: talanoa@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96763
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: May 1, 2023 @ 10:56 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>The communities of Kahuku, Laie, Hauula, and Kaaawa have been underserved by our city. I have a son who plays club basketball in leagues that utilize city gyms and we have traveled to many district parks and gyms. We are often jealous of the facilities that other communities get to use.</p> <p>My son's community league practices basketball on outside courts at Hauula district park and are at the mercy of the elements. My daughter practice volleyball at Laie Park (not a city park but a private park owned by the church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints) on the grass and not even on a court. Most of our children in the Koolau area do not have access to a gym and our community share our gym with the high school.</p> <p>If you surveyed the participants per capita in the area in sports and community leagues I think you'd find a high percentage of kids active playing rugby, football, volleyball, basketball, etc and not playing on sports fields but we are all competent for space and using any open space to practice. Our youth deserve better.</p>		
Name: Lora Santiago	Email: loras612@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 1, 2023 @ 11:09 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I agree and support the development of a full multi-purpose community Recreational facility, and a 50-meter size swimming pool in Kahuku.</p>		
Name: Cori Webb	Email: coriwebb86@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 06:00 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>This would benefit our entire community, along with elementary and middle/high school sports!</p>		
Name: Joyce Vendiola	Email: puaven56@gmail.com	Zip: 96731
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 06:34 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>We have wanted and needed a pool for decades. Our athletes have trained in a small pool in Pupukea and at the beaches.</p>		
Name: Kiele Muraco	Email: kielemaria@yahoo.com	Zip: 96712

Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 06:44 AM
Testimony: Our community desperately needs access to pools & additional recreation imperative for the access of sports, recreation, and team practice for both the development of our keiki and adults.		
Name: Nicolette McCoy	Email: iamnikispring@yahoo.com	Zip: 96731
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 06:59 AM
Testimony: Having a pool/rec center wouldn't only help the people of kahuku, but most of the families in this school zone, which is most of the East/north shore, to have a safe place to gather. Often this community gets left behind or forgotten unless it includes football. Please help us feel like we matter and are deserving of the same facilities as the rest of the island. Please show our girls waterpolo team (OIA champs) and our other aquatic programs that they deserve a home field advantage and to not have to travel for every practice and game. This improvement would greatly improve the community and is much cheaper than many of the proposed improvements I've seen talked about for the rest of the island.		
Name: Alexa Vitek	Email: lexicon3@gmail.com	Zip: 96791
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 07:09 AM
Testimony: With my two young keiki growing into swimmers, this facility would hugely benefit their future. As of now, there are very limited options for swim, waterpolo and diving development in our youth. Hawaii should be at the forefront of aquatic greatness! The northshore community continues to grow in population and we need proper facilities.		
Name: Siitia Cravens	Email: siitiakravens@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 07:14 AM
Testimony: My name is Si'itia, I'm a 2020 Kahuku graduate. I played four years of highschool waterpolo for Kahuku High. All four years playing, my team and I experienced hardships and disadvantages to other high schools. Access to a pool to practice in was a battle every year. My sophomore, junior, and senior year my team and I had to make do with a pool that was a 30 minute drive from campus. The only option for practice was 2 hours from 4-6pm. This pool wasn't heated and reached really cold temperatures due to it being near the top of the mountain in Pupukea. It was a very small and shallow pool which hindered our opportunities to swim and develop our skills. I also grew up in Laie where there is no public pool or recreational center for miles and miles. This gave us the beach as the only option to swim and play in water. There are many unknown dangers that come with learning water safety in the ocean as a young child. There are rip currents, jelly fish, dangerous waves and other predators with no certainty for safety, as a child I would have greatly appreciated a safe and controlled environment to swim and play, as well as be able to meet new people and get involved in community fun.		
Name: Cathy Shanley	Email: Cathyshanley@aol.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 07:20 AM
Testimony: This is so desperately needed! These kids train hard and have worked through diversity from day one!		
Name: Melanie Halsey	Email: mhalsey808@gmail.com	Zip: 96731

Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 07:52 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Aloha,</p> <p>I am writing in favor of the C & C building a city park with a 50 yard pool at the Kahuku park. The island of Oahu is severely lacking in aquatic facilities. Aquatic facilities are vital to the safety of our communities. Swimming is a low impact sport that is great for all ages and will keep our community healthy.</p> <p>As a former Kahuku swimmer and water polo player I know first hand the struggle the swimmers face at the school. We were blessed enough to use the pool at BYUH, but we would have significantly benefited from a public pool in our area. I grew up swimming at the Waialua pool and am thankful that's finally open again.</p> <p>On another note in the early 2000s I helped coach the James Campbell swim team. The only public pool available for most swim teams on island is the CORP pool. This is a beautiful facility, but it's over crowded. Too many swim teams , not enough pool. A pool and rec center is a vital need for the north shore community! It was promised to us years ago and now it's time for you to deliver on that promise.</p>		
Name: Anastasia Yamauchi	Email: ayamauchi382@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 08:02 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Aloha and mahalo for letting my add my testimony on behalf of having a pool etc at Kahuku.</p> <p>I know this will be beneficial for our community and families here on the windward side because most families live paycheck to paycheck and cant afford to go to places for activities because of time and money but this will give families an opportunity to spend time together doing activities at the district park and pool because its close by.</p> <p>May God bless you all and i pray that this will happen for our community especially for the children and future generations as this will help open opportunities in school to further their education through scholarships.</p> <p>Mahalo Anastasia Yamauchi</p>		
Name: Nicole Sharp	Email: quincyhome1@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 08:02 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Sports and athletics are a central corner stone of community and family life. Improving access to programs, positive family environments, and supporting local individuals access to safe and affordable resources for health and wellness is vital. There is currently no publicly available gym or pool access for people living in this area. I support the construction of a multipurpose recreational facility in Kahuku.</p>		
Name: Janna Nellen	Email: jannahawaii@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 08:44 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Aloha, My name is Janna Bills-Nellen, I am born and raised in Kahuku / Sunset Beach area. I excelled in Swimming and Waterpolo as a kid and attended Kahuku HS C/O 98. While at KHS, I was on the 1st ever coed and girls waterpolo team. I was also, captain of the KHS Swim Team and State Champion in the 50 Free Style and 100 Butterfly. I went on to play Water Polo and Swim competitively at a Division 1 College. I accomplished this all without a pool anywhere near where I lived and grew up. We always dreamed of having a home pool in Kahuku. The community was promised one while I was in HS, 30 years ago. I have been coaching the Kahuku HS Swim team and Waterpolo off and on for the past 20 years. We shuffle between BYU and Pupukeya Boy Scouts pool. Both private pools that we don't get enough access to and pay an exorbitant amount to use. In addition the Children in our community have no where to go to learn how to swim in our community. Waialua Pool recently opened back up and an extension of a swim team has been allowed to use that pool. There were 70 kids age 7-12 from the NS wanting to be on</p>		

that swim team. We have one of the most dangerous coast lines in the world and No Where to learn how the basics of swimming. No where to send our keiki to receive swim lessons, no where to recreate and gather as a community. Enough is enough, I now have kids of my own I am raising in this community. Still no place to teach them how to swim. We pay our taxes. We deserve this Pool. The NS, especially Kahuku deserves a community center and a pool. It will improve the quality of life, empower kids to be better swimmers and maybe one day with available pool access and athleticism some child from our community will be the next olympian representing Kahuku. The talent is here. I know, I have seen it through the years. This pool and recenter would improve our community and way of life.

Name: Viana Villaseñor	Email: vianajulia1@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 08:49 AM

Testimony:

Our community needs this! We have some of the biggest waves in the world & kids who grow up swimming & navigating these waters. They deserve a pool to develop their skills further, create opportunities for future college sports & create more safety clinics for the community of water safety.

Name: Michele Harris	Email: alohamomi@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 08:54 AM

Testimony:

This facility would have a positive impact on the North Shore community and would benefit our entire NORTH SHORE COMMUNITY. From high school aquatic athletics to Keiki swim opportunities, life saving training opportunities, kinesiology and rehab efforts. Not to mention potential jobs for locals in our community! More important, the students of Kahuku who compete for swim and water polo would be able to fine tune their skills and use this activity as a stepping stone and opportunity for scholarship to college. I support this development of an aquatic center in Kahuku

Name: Zahid Qureshi	Email: aquareshi@kahukuel.k12.hi.us	Zip: 96731
Representing: Kahuku Elementary School	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 09:04 AM

Name: Callie Haye	Email: calliehay@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 09:07 AM

Testimony:

I support the development of the multipurpose recreational facility to better improve the quality of our neighborhoods and community.

Name: Abey Qureshi	Email: mr.abey@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 09:08 AM

Testimony:

I am in full support of the development of a Recreation Center and 50M Swimming Pool in Kahuku. I am a father of two daughters ages 5 and 8. My oldest daughter learned to swim at Gunstock Ranch. Several years ago their swim lesson program ended and we have had limited options for our youngest daughter. To my knowledge the closest public swimming pool is in Waialua. The Kahuku Community deserves better than this. Please approve this project. Aloha

Name: Sarah Biniek	Email: biniek.sarah@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Support	May 2, 2023 @ 09:09 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Not only is it going to benefit the student athletes that work hard but community too.</p>		
Name: Katie Speed	Email: katiejspeed@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 09:15 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I strongly support a community center with a pool. The community does not have any place for classes of any kind.</p>		
Name: Kimmy Crosby	Email: kimmy.crosby@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 09:20 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am a mother of 3 small kids and we have not been able to provide consistent swim lessons for my kids. Being an ocean community it is essential to provide a safe environment for our kids to learn to swim, and then as they grow up a place to mature their swim skills I order to be safe in the ocean. Please provide this community with a pool!!!</p>		
Name: Preston Kwok	Email: pkwok4@yahoo.com	Zip: 96731
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 09:21 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>A Rec center & swimming pool in the north shore had been needed for a long time. There are so many families with kids up here with very limited facilities. Would be great to bring the community together.</p>		
Name: Adi Siki Ikakoula	Email: suguturs@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 09:30 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I support the development of multi purpose recreation facilities & 50 meter swimming pool in Kahuku. Our community and school teams could greatly benefit from this. The well being of our community could greatly improve.</p>		
Name: Cathy Kimball	Email: samkud4@msn.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 09:31 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>My son is on the Kahuku swim team and would benefit greatly from a Rec center with a pool. There were times he wasn't able to practice because the BYU Hawaii pool was unavailable. The community would also benefit by being able to exercise regularly. A community center brings people together. Please give this to our town.</p>		
Name: Jenica Taylor	Email: jenicataylor@icloud.com	Zip: 96731
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 09:31 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>We live in a community that lives with a major lack of resources. Our community is strong, and we need places to gather, connect, learn, and grow.</p> <p>My daughter was on the swim team and played water polo, and we often had to cancel practice because there was no pool</p>		

available. These kids need to engage with teams, and stay busy in meaningful activities which at times requires resources that we lack. Driving to the other side of the island for resources is often not an option for working families.

We lack the ability to have community classes because the lack of functional space (i.e. exercise facilities and groups, martial arts, dance, tumbling, homeschool groups). BYU-Hawaii is often gracious enough to provide resources for the community, but it is not their kuleana, and we cannot expect or rely on them for those services.

Thank you for taking the time to consider the desperate desire to have resources for our community, there is no question that it will be well used and appreciated.

Name: Keremoana Wong	Email: keremoana05@yahoo.com	Zip: 96717
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 09:39 AM

Testimony:
This development has been a long time coming for our community. Our community and most importantly our children deserve a recreational facility and pool just as much as the next.
Mahalo!

Name: Blanca Uluave	Email: buluave95@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 09:52 AM

Testimony:
My children play basketball and we would be very grateful for an indoor gym on our side of the island. It will allow us to host games and to be able to hold practices indoors. Right now practices are constantly canceled because of rain and puddles on the outdoor courts.
There are also certified fitness and dance instructors who would be ecstatic to have a place to teach and many who would sign up for those classes. A recreation center with indoor gym and pool is exactly what our community desperately wants and needs!
Thank you

Name: Noel Portugal	Email: noelportugal@gmail.com	Zip: 96731
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 10:07 AM

Testimony:
We need more safe spaces where our youth can develop life health skills.

Name: ALICIA JOLLEY	Email: Aliciajolley@gmail.com	Zip: 96717
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 10:16 AM

Testimony:
I think this would be especially amazing for the elderly, disabled, or injured who drive to Kaneohe to the pool every day. Also great for families and kids.

Name: Jana Carn	Email: carnjana@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 10:24 AM

Testimony:
As a member of the community with no access to a nearby gym or the luxury of owning my own home gym equipment I can tell you that not only would a rec center and pool be essential to our community, it would be greatly appreciated! I teach a group fitness class called High Fitness twice a week and have grown to have classes of 15-30 people regularly in attendance. Many of

my participants don't have access to a gym facility and have expressed to me their desire for one in our community. While I feel fortunate to offer my classes each week, I am aware that group fitness classes are not everyone's preferred method of working out. My husband, for example, prefers and thrives with weight lifting. We've lived in Laie for one year now and while we absolutely love it here, I would say that has been his biggest struggle in our transition here. His work schedule requires long hours. He leaves early in the morning and doesn't get home until later in the evening. Driving 45 minutes to the nearest gym just does not work for him if he also wants time to dedicate to me and our two very young children.

Exercise to us is more than just getting physically fit. It improves our mental health, helping us be better parents, friends, and coworkers. It provides a place for us to work on ourselves as well as pass on healthy, lifelong habits to our children and those around us.

We fully support the building of the rec center and pool and hope that decisions, permitting, and building can be done quickly and efficiently so we can enjoy these benefits as soon as possible. Mahalo!

Name: Brianna Goings	Email: breehannemannhawaii@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 10:27 AM

Testimony:
Aloha!

Kids in the community would benefit greatly from this community pool. Living in hawaii we are surrounded by water, so learning to swim at a young age it huge. Having a pool can provide swim lessons and provide more jobs for the instructors.

This pool will bring the kids in the community together and allow parents to have an active activity to do with their kids.

Many mahalos !

Name: Porter Thomas	Email: porterthomas@gmail.com	Zip: 96717
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 10:34 AM

Testimony:
I agree, adding this facility will provide a location for families to have fun.

Name: ASAI GILMAN	Email: csportsconnection@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 10:34 AM

Name: Julie Manning	Email: booiesis@gmail.com	Zip: 96717
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 10:38 AM

Testimony:

I'm writing to express my enthusiasm for the proposal to build a community pool in our community. As someone who has lived here for years, I know how valuable this project will be for our community.

Although we live close to the ocean, learning to swim in a pool is still important. It provides a safe and controlled environment for children and adults to learn how to swim and improve their skills. Additionally, not everyone has the opportunity to access the beach, so having a pool nearby will be a great alternative.

I want to thank the organizers and supporters of this project for their dedication and hard work. This community has been waiting for a pool for a long time, and it will make a huge difference in our lives. It will be a place where we can come together, have fun, and stay active and healthy.

Once again, thank you for all that you do.		
Name: Brittany Suafoa	Email: hapa_hunny@hotmail.com	Zip: 96717
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 10:42 AM
Testimony: I SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MULTI-PURPOSE RECREATIONAL FACILITY AND A 50-METER SWIMMING POOL IN KAHUKU. OUR KIDS AND COMMUNITY NEED THIS!		
Name: Katie Pere	Email: katiepere@icloud.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 10:45 AM
Testimony: We do not have access to a community pool from Hale'iwa to Kaneohe. We have the most dangerous ocean conditions in the world. It is wreckless and dangerous for our keiki and kapuna. We also have talented youth who could earn scholarships to college for women's and men's swimming and water polo. Huge opportunities for communities that need it the most.		
Name: Nathan Myres	Email: nathan.myres@gmail.com	Zip: 96731
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 10:51 AM
Testimony: The lack of community resources and facilities is challenging on the North Shore. Please help us provide the resources to our children that are found around the rest of Oahu. Nathan and Kristin Myres		
Name: Blake McElheny	Email: blakemcelheny@yahoo.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 10:54 AM
Testimony: Please support this important measure. The community deserves these facilities and they will be well-used. Thank you! Take care, Blake		
Name: Kristin Myres	Email: kristinmyres@yahoo.com	Zip: 96731
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 10:54 AM
Testimony: Kahuku is a rural community without access to any health or fitness centers close by. This recreation center would greatly improve the quality of life for the residents of Kahuku.		
Name: Elika Daley	Email: elika.daley@gmail.com	Zip: 96717
Representing: Koolauloa Athletics	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 11:01 AM
Testimony: My name is EliKa Daley, Vice President and board member of Ko'olauloa Athletics. I've lived in this community since 1998 and am		

raising my 7 children here in this community. We've established our non-profit as well as our North Shore Basketball club team here in this community and have seen first hand how much children thrive in and through Athletics when given the opportunity. We have so many talented children from our community who could benefit tremendously from a facility like this. Our community PAL youth basketball program generally has 450-500 children every season participate and every season we have issues with getting rained out due to not having an indoor facility. Our waterpolo team who just won the OIA championship have to borrow the pool from BYUH. Usually the community does not have access to the BYUH facilities. Our basketball club team travels to town 3-4 times a week for games and we seem to be the only community, rural or not, who does not have a district park gym if their own. We plead with you to consider blessing this community with a gym of our own.

Thank you.
Elika Daley

Name: Danetta Sinkule	Email: Aquanettaadventures@gmail.com	Zip: 96791
Representing: Aquanetta Adventures	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 11:02 AM

Testimony:

I am a local long time resident and swim instructor and the North shore community would greatly benefit from a pool.

Name: Amanda Consolloy	Email: aconsolloy@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 11:15 AM

Testimony:

I Amanda Consolloy am in support of such community center/pool to be approved in the Kahuku area. I am a resident of Haleiwa and considering the daily traffic patterns up here, a pool in Kahuku would be a game changer for a lot of people!

Name: Melissa Patacchia	Email: missy808@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 11:17 AM

Testimony:

I support the idea to have a pool and recreational center put in. It will be great for the community.

Name: Margaret Vanaman	Email: lani@dr.com	Zip: 96731
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 11:20 AM

Testimony:

I am 68 years old and the mother of eight children and grandmother of twenty-two grandchildren and great-grandmother of ten. I have lived in Kahuku since 1974 and we as a community have been "promised" a community pool by various politicians and community leaders but for a multitude of reasons, no pool has been constructed. Kahuku is a growing community. There is a immediate interest and need to serve the families with children as well as the elderly community members by providing a facility such as a community center including a pool. It's time to act and begin hearing and meeting the needs of rural communities such as Kahuku. Mahalo.

Name: Kari Smith	Email: karismith@hotmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 11:21 AM

Testimony:

I have lived in this community for almost 9 years and have long thought that there should be a community center here. My children have been on the Kahuku Swim and Water Polo team the whole time we've been here and have either had to pay for practice time at the local University or even drive 25 minutes to the closest pool several days a week. There are so many families in this

area with children that could benefit from a community center. I believe it would be a huge blessing for this area.

Name: Alexia Flores	Email: alexiaflores.co@gmail.com	Zip: 80134
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 11:26 AM

Testimony:

I think it's important to keep kids safe with teaching swimming lessons to protect them from dangerous waters.

Name: Mimi Jakobson	Email: mimidjakobson@icloud.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 11:27 AM

Testimony:

We need this for the community the kids try so hard to stay out of trouble and it shows with the focus and push put towards our football program. We need other areas to flourish a pool is needed. Let's get these kids to the Olympics !

Name: Jennifer Fiedler	Email: jennifercfiedler@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 11:29 AM

Testimony:

Please build a pool in Kahuku!

Name: Branden Taylor	Email: bht918@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 11:31 AM

Testimony:

The community needs this! Please help the North Shore!

Name: Emily Klein	Email: birthinsight@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 11:32 AM

Testimony:

Our kids need to have access to a pool for swim lessons as we live near the ocean!!!

Name: Crystal Thornburg-Homcy	Email: cravegreens@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 11:33 AM

Testimony:

I am a huge fan of supporting parks and recreational services within our community. Not only do the kids of the community need more activities that are healthy for their development but also parents individuals and our elderly.
I am in support of this proposal.

Name: Rebekah Palmer	Email: bejahtano@gmail.com	Zip: 96717
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 11:34 AM

Testimony:

Please, please, please provide the funding for a community center with pool. It would be such an asset to the whole North Shore.

Our keiki need more safe places and more venues for activities.

Name: Rieka Marzouki	Email: rieika.marzouki@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 11:34 AM

Testimony:
We need a pool in Kahuku closest ones are over 45 minutes away (and that's without traffic) and been waiting for 30 years now.

Also rec center at Sunset Beach needs to be made available/open to community, such as market, groups, classes...

Name: Meme Thornton	Email: memethornton@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 11:36 AM

Testimony:
This is needed for the community as a whole.

Name: Gil Riviere	Email: gil@gilriviere.com	Zip: 96791
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 11:37 AM

Testimony:
The residents of Kahuku were promised a swimming pool in the 1980s. There is no public pool or gym between Kaneohe and Waiialua. No other community on Oahu is so deprived of, and distant from, public infrastructure. Now is the time to finally deliver these important facilities.

Name: Molly Marques	Email: mollymarques13@yahoo.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 11:38 AM

Testimony:
This would be an amazing opportunity for all the community to benefit from.

Name: Dujduen Santeco	Email: intermarvehawaii@yahoo.com	Zip: 96731
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 11:39 AM

Testimony:
Having been living in Kahuku nearly 30 years, we have very limited resources and accesses to anything without having to drive to another town. Our job opportunities in the area is limited. We spend a lot on gas to commute to work, to shop for necessities, etc. Or we pay much higher price at the stores nearby. A recreation center with a swimming pool in Kahuku will truly provide a place for community families to spend valuable family time. It is one most positive development that can happen in this old town. I hope and pray that this will be approved and really become a reality soon. Mahalo!

Name: Mikayla Neal	Email: mikaylaa.neal@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 11:42 AM

Testimony:
We need a pool in kahuku as there are no public pools from Kaneohe to Haleiwa for our children.

Name: Neil Annandale	Email: neil.o.annandale@gmail.com	Zip: 96717
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 11:44 AM
Testimony: I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MULTI-PURPOSE RECREATIONAL FACILITY AND A 50-METER SWIMMING POOL IN KAHUKU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.		
Name: Chris Harris	Email: charris@accesscorp.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 11:44 AM
Testimony: Aloha City Council Members This facility would have a positive impact on the North Shore community and would benefit our entire North Shore Community. From high school aquatic athletics to Keiki swim opportunities, life saving training opportunities, kinesiology and rehab efforts. Not to mention potential jobs for locals in our community! More important, the students of Kahuku who compete for swim and water polo would be able to fine tune their skills and use this activity as a stepping stone and opportunity for scholarship to college. I support this development of an aquatic center in Kahuku. Mahalo		
Name: Jack Soren	Email: jacksorenart@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 11:44 AM
Testimony: I support this to allow opportunity for the youth and public to have more opportunities to learn swimming skills that will allow them to have more confidence in the ocean. To also have opportunity to participate in water sports and community activities.		
Name: C Young	Email: alohadiva@yahoo.com	Zip: 96731
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 11:46 AM
Testimony: LONG overdue facility for this area. Thank you!		
Name: Nicole Crider	Email: nicole.crider1@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 11:47 AM
Testimony: We have no pool within miles for our kids. They would love this enrichment!		
Name: Aulani Pau	Email: aulanz_shaka@yahoo.com	Zip: 96717
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 11:51 AM
Testimony: Aloha, my name is Aulani Pau. I am a Hauula native, I went to Hauula Elm. and graduated from Kahuku High School. I've also had the privilege of working for the Parks and Recreation Department under Aunty Annette Santiago as a Jr. Leader and later as a Sr. Leader for many Summer Funs and regular programs throughout the year. My sister, Anela Manu, currently works under the awesome Aunty Diane Tafua at Kahuku Dist. Park. As a member of the Kahuku community, I am writing to express my strong support for the construction of a multi-purpose		

recreational facility and 50-meter swimming pool at Kahuku District Park. This facility would be a tremendous asset to our community, providing much-needed opportunities for exercise, recreation, and healthy living.

First and foremost, a 50-meter swimming pool would be an invaluable resource for our local schools. As a parent, I know how important it is for our children to have access to safe and well-maintained facilities for sports and physical activity. With this pool, our schools would have the ability to offer swimming and water sports programs to our students, promoting health and fitness while also building important skills and confidence. It's amazing that our water polo team won the State Championship this year, as well as countless other meets throughout the years, without having a pool to call our own.

But it's not just our schools that would benefit from this facility. The entire community would have access to a state-of-the-art recreational facility that would offer a wide range of activities and programs. Whether it's lap swimming, water aerobics, or just a fun day out with the family, this facility would be a welcoming and inclusive space for people of all ages and abilities.

Beyond the immediate benefits to our health and well-being, a multi-purpose recreational facility and swimming pool would also help to build a stronger and more connected community. By providing a central gathering place for people to come together and enjoy shared interests, this facility would promote social interaction and strengthen community bonds.

In addition to the numerous health and social benefits that a multi-purpose recreational facility and 50-meter swimming pool would bring to our community, it is important to note that this project would also create jobs in the area. The construction process alone would provide employment opportunities for local contractors and construction workers, while the ongoing operation of the facility would require staff in a variety of roles, from lifeguards and swim instructors to maintenance workers and administrative staff.

Furthermore, it is worth mentioning that this project has been in the works for nearly two decades. As far back as when Aunty Annette Santiago served as the program director at Hauula Parks and Recreation, there were discussions about the need for a new and improved recreational facility for our community. After years of planning, we are now closer than ever to making this vision a reality.

In short, the construction of a multi-purpose recreational facility and 50-meter swimming pool at Kahuku District Park would not only provide immediate benefits in terms of health, recreation, and community building but would also bring long-term economic benefits to our area. I strongly encourage our local leaders to move forward with this project and to support the continued growth and development of our community for years to come.

Name: Stephanie Anfinson	Email: msanfinson@sbcglobal.net	Zip: 96731
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 11:52 AM

Testimony:

A community pool in Kahuku would add so much to our community. Being of below average incomes and so many hard working people, we have so many community members who want so much good for our population. We stress the importance of fitness and good health and this would aid us so much. Please consider giving us a community pool here in Kahuku!

Name: Linda Reece	Email: rlinda19@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 12:01 PM

Testimony:

We are blessed to live on a beautiful part of the island. From this part of the Island come many youth who are above average in their athletic abilities. They have pursued their talents and gifts in on outdoor facilities, but are constantly at the mercy of the weather. Practice and athletic events must be postponed or cancelled due to a lack of indoor facilities. Many youth, adults, and families would benefit greatly, and continue to represent hawaii as they continue to develop their skills Providing a rec center in our kahuku/laie area would be a great blessing to our keiki.

Name: Kevin Fowler	Email: kevinfowlerpt@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

HaleiwaPhysical Therapy	Support	May 2, 2023 @ 12:02 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Dear Parks and Recreation,</p> <p>Thankyou for taking charge on our Keiki s development and safety. Hawaii is family , Hawaii is the ocean and the land. Our children, our legacy depend on their ability to develop cognitively , emotionally , socially and physically. Water safety is paramount in the islands. A healthy community is based on ability to thrive together.</p> <p>Please help support the people of Kahuku , the next generation of north shore children, by providing access to the benefits of a pool and community center. I am an aquatic and orthopedic physical therapist and attest to the health benefits of water on our bodies.</p> <p>We all know as hawaii lovers that water is healing.</p> <p>It is long overdue, our Keiki deserve an updated childhood, our Kapuna deserve the benefits of water .</p> <p>Thankyou!</p> <p>Kevin Fowler PT Physical Therapist , Owner North shore lover</p>		
Name: Angie Murphy	Email: angielouisemurphy@hotmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 12:02 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Our children really need a local pool. With the multitude of traffic issues it's extremely time consuming to take them to Waialua or Mililani. Our community desperately needs this.</p>		
Name: Katie Speed	Email: katiejspeed@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 12:05 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Aloha! Our community desperately needs community facilitates for enrichment activities. A pool would provide a boost to all ages from learning to swim, to swim team and water polo, and the kupuna can have low impact exercise. It would also be amazing if there were a few internal classrooms to enrich the community in other ways</p>		
Name: Kim Healey	Email: kimnault@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 12:05 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am in full support of this very much needed pool/recreational facility for Kahuku! Mahalo</p>		
Name: Liz House	Email: alizabethhouse@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 12:06 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>This improvement is long overdue</p>		
Name: Spencer Klein	Email: jspencerklein@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 12:07 PM

Testimony:

The community in and around Kahuku has consistently shown an exceptional level of athletic prominence and potential — on a global scale even. As far as water based sports go, our community is active, interested and ambitious to further that potential, whether in swimming, water polo, or the recreational enjoyment of park services. I can hardly think of a neighborhood more deserving of a community pool. This would be a great use of the Kahuku District Park, and something that would directly benefit the district with general athletic goals, and community health.

Name: Heather Morgan	Email: heat.morg@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 12:08 PM

Testimony:

Please help us and our children with this amazing opportunity to have a community pool in Kahuku that will benefit so many lives, and the whole community. Thank you guys for all you do.

Name: Kelly Senn	Email: tropicaliles@yahoo.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 12:09 PM

Testimony:

I believe this would be a great benefit to our community especially our youth. We would love to see the project move forward. Mahalo.

Name: Carol Feinga	Email: feingac@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 12:12 PM

Testimony:

I support this measure and whole-heartedly pray that you move this forward. I live in Laie and from all the way in Kaneohe to Kahuku there's no adequate rec space for the most athletic and talented kids in the state. How is it 2023 and we still do not have facilities in Hauula, Laie and Kahuku? Our kids deserve this and the future generations will be positively impacted mentally, physically and emotionally by this resource. You put a rec space in a community you start to inspire kids, encourage physical activity, motivation and develop an aspiring community which will increase the amount of success individuals and families will have. This proposed facility will be monumental and wonderful for the Kahuku community. We still need one in Laie and Hauula as well but grateful to start here.

Name: Erin Gove	Email: eky808@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 12:13 PM

Testimony:

A 50m community pool would greatly benefit our community. As a former Division I collegiate athlete in swimming, growing up on a swim team was instrumental in my social development and health. A community pool would provide invaluable experiences and opportunities for our youth.

Name: Carletta Bober	Email: carlibober@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 12:13 PM

Testimony:

Hi!

I support a public pool in Kahuku!

The kids need to learn and practice the sport of swimming.

Adults and seniors will also benefit as there are many adults afraid to swim in the ocean, or unable to walk through the sand due to knee and hip problems. This will provide a valuable tool for seniors to exercise and rehab without undue pressure on their joints.

Pools are important for all ages! Let's do it!

Carli Bober
Sunset Beach, Oahu

Name: Janice Giles	Email: giles.janice@gmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 12:17 PM

Testimony:

Let's build more things for our keiki to learn and grow with! Building a pool to service the north shore area would be such a benefit and encourage a healthy lifestyle.

Name: Matthew Porter	Email: mattporter@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 12:25 PM

Testimony:

Aloha, we need a pool in Kahuku! Our student athletes have to rely on BYU-Hawaii's pool and while we are so grateful for their support, we are at the mercy of their scheduling and are often unable to hold practices because of other scheduled obligations. My daughter plays water polo for Kahuku, the current OIA champs! And they are having to hold practice all the way down in Kaimuki today because we are unable to use the pool at BYU. Pools are great for teaching safe swimming skills to all the north shore keiki who will need these skills in order to protect themselves in the ocean. Please support a pool in Kahuku!

Matt Porter
Sunset Beach, Oahu

Name: Rebecca Albuquerque	Email: rs.jacobs@hotmail.ca	Zip: 96717
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 12:26 PM

Testimony:

OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS THIS! It's not just a want, it is a necessity. Our community does not have a gym or swimming pool available to us. We need to drive 45 minutes to the nearest facilities. This would support overall physical and emotional health for all. We need it!!

Name: Sarah Hoagland	Email: hoaglandfamily@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 12:26 PM

Testimony:

To whom it may concern:

I'm in favor of bringing in a multi purpose rec center. This center will be so good for our community. We are definitely in need! Unfortunately, we aren't allowed to use the pool at BYUH. There isn't community hours. It will be well used and loved. We have a very active, close community and this is something we've been wishing for a long time. Thank you.

Name: Jacque Rarick	Email: surfwidow@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 12:27 PM

<p>Testimony:</p> <p>I am a senior and live in Sunset Beach, and like many people my age do you get a bit leery about going in the Ocean?. I would definitely support and utilise a swimming pool in Kahuku. I have grandchildren who would love that as well, and I think it's a really worthwhile idea for the community!</p>		
<p>Name:</p> <p>Enzo Albuquerque</p>	<p>Email:</p> <p>wagner.r.albuquerque@gmail.com</p>	<p>Zip:</p> <p>96717</p>
<p>Representing:</p> <p>Self</p>	<p>Position:</p> <p>Support</p>	<p>Submitted:</p> <p>May 2, 2023 @ 12:27 PM</p>
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>PLEASE GIVE THIS TO OUR COMMUNITY!</p>		
<p>Name:</p> <p>Sunny Unga</p>	<p>Email:</p> <p>sunnyrkim@gmail.com</p>	<p>Zip:</p> <p>96731</p>
<p>Representing:</p> <p>Self</p>	<p>Position:</p> <p>Support</p>	<p>Submitted:</p> <p>May 2, 2023 @ 12:29 PM</p>
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Aloha, please support this resolution to construct a multi purpose recreational facility with an indoor gym and 50m pool. Our family used to live in town by Punaluu and had access to a handful of public pools within 10-15 minutes of where we lived. I took my three girls starting from 18 months old to the free swimming lessons offered by the Department of Parks and Rec. It was a wonderful resource and my children learned to love the water and learned how to swim. However, this wonderful resource was no longer available to us when we moved to Kahuku in 2018. As soon as we moved here, I looked for Swimming lessons offered by the Department of Parks and Rec and found out there were no options nearby since there was no public pool in our community. The nearest public pool was in Kaneohe District Park which made it impossible to take their swimming lessons due to its distance. While my friends in town were able to continue enjoying the swimming lessons, we were left with no option and had to find other alternatives. We looked for private lessons but were hard to come by as it was not consistently offered. When offered, it taught by less qualified instructors and in small pools in their home. There was one time a swim instructor offered swimming lessons to the public instead of only to her students at the private school in Hauula APIS but was charging \$250 per child per month which we couldn't afford with three children. I hope sharing my experience as a mother of three children demonstrates the need to have a public pool and rec center for our Ko'olauloa and North Shore Community. This is a huge issue of inequity and not having access to these basic public infrastructures creates greater challenges to families and children who are already living in underserved rural communities. Please support this resolution.</p>		
<p>Name:</p> <p>Hailey Mozo</p>	<p>Email:</p> <p>haileyfaye33@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Zip:</p> <p>96717</p>
<p>Representing:</p> <p>Self</p>	<p>Position:</p> <p>Support</p>	<p>Submitted:</p> <p>May 2, 2023 @ 12:29 PM</p>
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>The area needs a pool. My children never got proper swimming instructions because we didn't have a pool to teach them in. We are in the ocean almost daily and they need to be good swimmers. It's not fair that residents of Honolulu get free swim lessons but the people in the country have to fend for themselves. We need a rec center for our children.</p>		
<p>Name:</p> <p>Jenna Porter</p>	<p>Email:</p> <p>jennaemporter@gmail.com</p>	<p>Zip:</p> <p>96712</p>
<p>Representing:</p> <p>Self</p>	<p>Position:</p> <p>Support</p>	<p>Submitted:</p> <p>May 2, 2023 @ 12:30 PM</p>
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Aloha! Please support development of a recreational facility and pool in Kahuku! My daughter is a member of the Kahuku High Lady Raiders Water Polo team. They just won the OIA championships for the 16th time in 19 years! Which is a spectacular feat, considering they don't even have use of a community pool to practice in! We are so grateful to BYU-Hawaii for their kindness in sharing their pool with us, but it is insufficient to hold actual games in, so we are never able to have home games and are not able to practice in an appropriate facility. Today, the BYU pool is closed so our team is driving down to Kaimuki just to be able to have a practice in preparation for state championships next week. On top of that, our coach is not permitted to drive the girls, and we don't have access to a bus, so the girls are expected to drive themselves and their younger teammates all the way into town just for an afternoon practice. These phenomenal athletes deserve access to a community pool! Additionally, a pool would provide a</p>		

valuable setting for teaching younger keiki swimming skills before they spend time in the ocean. Please please support this measure and know a pool will be very loved and cherished by our community.

Mahalo

Jennae Porter

Sunset Beach, Oahu

Name: Jay Murnane	Email: jandf.murnane@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 12:32 PM

Testimony:

I absolutely support a safe/healthy public swimming facility for the betterment of a positive and active environment for all. Thanks for your consideration. Jay Murnane.

Name: Corbin Thomander	Email: corbin.thomander@gmail.com	Zip: 96731
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 12:32 PM

Testimony:

I strongly support a swimming pool and rec center in Kahuku. It is much much needed for our keiki, adult health, and high school sports.

Name: Danielle Beck	Email: danielle@bristols6.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 12:32 PM

Testimony:

I'm in favor of adding the Kahuku pool. There are so many kids who need to make swimming a priority just to be safe at the beach.

Name: Nicole Michel	Email: nicolecm2420@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 12:35 PM

Testimony:

Our community wants this recreation center and pool. We have been waiting years and it would benefit our community greatly. Mahalo!

Name: Brittney Schild	Email: olson.brittney13@gmail.com	Zip: 96717
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 12:35 PM

Testimony:

I think this would give people, especially young people a positive environment to spend time at on this side of the island. We don't have many available places for good activities for our youth which causes them to find entertainment in other forms which are often times unethical recreational activities.

Name: Mari Selli	Email: theselliohana@gmail.com	Zip: 96717
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 12:38 PM

Testimony:

Our children and families need to have a place to decompress urgently! This action is long due and is at the utmost importance for OUR FAMILIES well-being

Name: Lauren Hadley	Email: lauren.hadley20@gmail.com	Zip: 96727
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 12:39 PM
Testimony: Our community and Keiki will deeply benefit from this.		
Name: Mady Jolley	Email: madylbowden@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 12:42 PM
Testimony: Our community has needed a place to gather our community and provide for our the next generation. Our community members work hard for resources like this.		
Name: Karla Heath	Email: afinefeather@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 12:43 PM
Testimony: I support this for our community.		
Name: Justen Chilcoat	Email: justenchilcoat@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 12:46 PM
Testimony: A pool is a necessity for our community as the ocean is not always suitable for water polo, swim competitions, or safety lessons. The community and opportunities for our keiki far outweigh the costs of the facility.		
Name: Airon Selli	Email: aironselli@hotmail.com	Zip: 96717
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 12:47 PM
Testimony: The community need this. Very little infrastructure for families activities on this side of the island.		
Name: Kristian House	Email: housekristian@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 12:48 PM
Testimony: Aloha, I'm in strong support of a public pool in Kahuku for both recreation, lap swimming, and sports. In addition to Kahuku High needing its own facility for swim team and water polo, the area would benefit from residents to be able to lap swim, and for children to be able to take swimming classes in a public pool. Thank you, Kristian House		
Name:	Email:	Zip:

Kelly Chamberlain	kellychamberlain3@gmail.com	96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 12:49 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Kahuku and the surrounding towns has needed a recreational park and gym for so long! It would be amazing to have something like this and a great addition to our community! Mahalo for considering it!</p>		
Name: Roseanne Tataipu	Email: rtataipu21@gmail.com	Zip: 96717
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 12:50 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Aloha,</p> <p>I support the development of the multi-purpose recreational facilities and 50m swimming pool in Kahuku.</p> <p>It's been many years since there has been a facility within the community that has provided swimming lessons. I hope the pool will also be suitable for Kahuku High School waterpolo and swim teams to practice in. I also look forward to an additional indoor courts for sports like volleyball and basketball.</p> <p>Mahalo,</p> <p>Roseanne Tataipu</p>		
Name: Merrily Roberts	Email: merrily.roberts@gmail.com	Zip: 96731
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 12:52 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I am in full support of a multi use recreation center and pool in Kahuku. My home is Kahuku with my husband and our four children. There are such amazing athletes in this area and are in desperate need of a pool and Rec center to help support and develop the skills of our community. Please show you care about our small but mighty community and keiki by supporting this development.</p> <p>Mahalo,</p> <p>Merrily Roberts</p>		
Name: Sara Duffin	Email: sara.duffin@yahoo.com	Zip: 96717
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 12:54 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>A public pool and rec facility is exactly what the community needs. We have so many families in the area and this would benefit us all!</p>		
Name: Monique Saenz	Email: moniquesaenz@yahoo.com	Zip: 96763
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 12:55 PM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>My family strongly supports Resolution 23-51 for a Pool and Rec Center with Indoor Gym at Kahuku District Park. We live in the country side with no public or private Gym or pool available for our residents specially kids to go.</p>		

The closest Gym is in Mililani 24 hrs fitness which is a long 50 minute drive if there is no turtle or surf traffic in Haleiwa, then it could become over one hour and a half drive.

Having this recreational area in Kahuku will greatly impact and help in issues such as health and wellness, and mental health by taking our keiki and teens away from electronic devices and getting a head start on sports and exercises that will create healthy habits and fight obesity and other illnesses and problems due to sedentary lifestyle. Many of our children are great athletes and could go into becoming professional athletes to represent Hawaii if they are given a he opportunities to train and develop physically with this public facility.

Mahalo!

Monique Saenz

Name: Susan Morgan	Email: assistu@keahipelayo.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 12:55 PM

Testimony:

The pool is long overdue. All of the students and community would gain so much by having a pool closer to them and available for sports and classes.

Name: Willy Asprey	Email: willydogghawaii@yahoo.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 12:57 PM

Testimony:

Hi!

I support a public pool in Kahuku!

The kids need to learn and practice the sport of swimming.

Adults and seniors will also benefit as there are many adults afraid to swim in the ocean, or unable to walk through the sand due to knee and hip problems. This will provide a valuable tool for seniors to exercise and rehab without undue pressure on their joints.

Pools are important for all ages!

Let's do it!

Willy Asprey

Kahuku class of 1999

Sunset Beach, Oahu

Name: Joshua Bohnet	Email: jdbohnet@yahoo.com	Zip: 96731
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 12:58 PM

Testimony:

I support the funding/build of a multipurpose recreational center at Kahuku District park.

The communities/families on the windward side will benefit emensley from this recreational center.

Mahalo for your time.

Name: Kyle Roberts	Email: kyle.roberts.1@gmail.com	Zip: 96731
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 12:58 PM

Testimony:

I am in support of a community recreation center and swimming pool in Kahuku. I live in Kahuku with my family and I think it would

greatly benefit this community.

Name: jessica robinson	Email: chenmell@go.byuh.edu	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 12:59 PM

Testimony:
i support

Name: Moana Feinga	Email: mfeinga73@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 01:00 PM

Testimony:
As a resident of this community. The greatest thing we can do for futures generations to come is provide them a place where they can hone their skills be it sports, the arts or any other talent in a place where they are safe and thriving. It is long overdue that a community like ours have a facility to allow for the progress of our youth and community members in general to progress and be good stewards in the world. We need it now!

Name: Genevieve Javier	Email: gennajavier@gmail.com	Zip: 96731
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 01:02 PM

Testimony:
Hi!

I support a public pool in Kahuku!

The kids need to learn and practice the sport of swimming.

Adults and seniors will also benefit as there are many adults afraid to swim in the ocean, or unable to walk through the sand due to knee and hip problems. This will provide a valuable tool for seniors to exercise and rehab without undue pressure on their joints.

Pools are important for all ages!

Mahalo,

Genevieve Javier

Name: Martha Christensen	Email: marchaloha@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 01:02 PM

Testimony:
An indoor gym and pool is needed so much in Kahuku. I am a mother of 6 kids, all athletes. The kids have had to play basketball and volleyball outside at Laie Park in the rain or hot sun. Laie Park is a church owned park and not a public park. Kids are limited as to the times they can play at Laie Park. When my kids were on traveling basketball teams we would have to drive an hour for them to play other teams. Our Kahuku, Sunset, Laie, Hauula area could never host because we don't have a gym or decent place to play.

Name: Alfred Lee	Email: fredallee@yahoo.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 01:02 PM

Testimony:

I am writing to express my strong support for the construction of a recreation center with a pool and basketball court on the North Shore of Honolulu. As a resident of this community, I have seen first-hand the lack of recreational opportunities available to our children and families.

It is simply unacceptable that our community, which is home to thousands of residents, has no adequate facilities for physical activity and exercise. The lack of access to a pool and basketball court not only limits the ability of our residents to stay fit and healthy, but it also deprives our children of important opportunities for socialization and growth.

Furthermore, the benefits of a recreation center with a pool and basketball court would extend far beyond the physical health of our community. Such a facility would serve as a hub for community events and gatherings, bringing people together and fostering a sense of unity and camaraderie.

I urge you to prioritize the construction of a recreation center with a pool and basketball court on the North Shore of Honolulu. The residents of this community deserve to have access to the same opportunities for exercise, socialization, and community-building as those in other parts of the city.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to seeing this project come to fruition for the benefit of our community.

Name: Sunny Unga	Email: kahukucommunityassociation@gmail.com	Zip: 96731
Representing: Kahuku Community Association	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 01:27 PM
Name: Robi Solmssen	Email: rsolmssen@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 01:29 PM

Testimony:

The children need a swimming alternative in this area of the island. There is no safe swimming area during the winter, fall, and spring due to the high surf and strong currents.

This should be a priority.

Name: Katherine MacNeil	Email: katiemacneil@hotmail.com	Zip: 96730
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 02:04 PM

Testimony:

For the children of Koolauloa, the lack of access to a regional pool is a failure of government to act in the best interest of its citizens. Think of the generations of athletes that have missed out on the joys of competitive swimming and water polo. Even more tragic, think of the children who missed vital lessons in swimming, who avoid the ocean for fear of the water and miss out on the magic of swimming in the waters of Hawaii nei.

Name: Rachel Jordan	Email: rachel.jordan@cpirf.org	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 02:25 PM

Testimony:

A swimming pool for the children and families of the North Shore is essential.

Learning to swim and be safe in our oceans for all needs to be a priority.

Best,
Rachel Jordan

Name: Kamakana Gilman	Email: waipahe413@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 02:28 PM
Testimony: As a Kahuku Alumni and a former Waterpolo player, this is exactly what we need as the next generation becomes more familiar with water sports.		
Name: Jeannie Vansteenkiste	Email: jeanniebanene@hotmail.com	Zip: 96731
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 02:48 PM
Testimony: Firstly, a rec center and pool can provide a safe and healthy outlet for physical activity for people of all ages. Regular exercise and swimming can promote better overall health, help manage weight, reduce stress, and prevent chronic diseases. Secondly, a rec center and pool can be a great place for families to spend quality time together. It can be a fun and affordable activity for families to bond and create memories while enjoying the water and other recreational activities. Thirdly, a rec center and pool can provide a social gathering place for the community. It can be a hub for people to connect, form friendships, and build a sense of community spirit. This can be especially important for families with children, as it provides an opportunity to meet other parents and for kids to make new friends. In addition, having a rec center and pool in the community can also attract new residents, boost property values, and enhance the overall quality of life for everyone living in the area. Overall, a rec center and pool can be a valuable investment for any community, offering physical, social, and economic benefits to its residents.		
Name: Uila Vendiola	Email: kauila7@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 03:21 PM
Testimony: Our community has been neglected for too long. There's no question this is a need in our area, there's no question we've been promised one for years, so there's no question this resolution should be passed. No more waiting! No more excuses! It is time!!!		
Name: Tiffany Peters	Email: tiffanymdoll@gmail.com	Zip: 96717
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 04:52 PM
Testimony: I feel that the people of our area deserve adequate park areas to enjoy low cost activities for family in a safe environment. Swimming lessons and school swim teams should not be something that Kahuku goes without.		
Name: Carola Ozimec	Email: bianchii.carola@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 06:07 PM
Testimony: We live in Ppkea, Our kids need a recreational pool where they can swim and practice waterpolo.		
Name: Melissa Taeu	Email: melisstaeu@gmail.com	Zip: 96762

Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 06:59 PM
Testimony: I support that a recreational center and pool be built in Kahuku. Our community is in desperate need of one. It would benefit the Kahuku High school students who participate in sports such as swimming and waterpolo as well as provide a safe place for the community to exercise and use for community sports/events. Thank you.		
Name: Princess Lopez	Email: princessvlopez5@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 09:53 PM
Testimony: I support to having a recreational facility and a swimming pool at the Kahuku district t park because it will allow children to go out and enjoy being outside of their house and away from their phone and doing things that are healthy for them. This will bring the community together even more. It'll bring in jobs and lessons to children here in the north shore.		
Name: Brad Dilly	Email: rememberbilly@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 10:53 PM
Testimony: Competitive swimming changed my life for the better - the discipline demands to train 6 days a week taught me time management and preserverance, the individual competitive nature of the sport taught me how to shoot for the best but life isn't fair and most importantly the team element taught me family extends beyond blood. Oh, and I have not drowned and i have saved others from drowning.		
Name: Kehau Santiago	Email: kehaus12@gmail.com	Zip: 96731
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 2, 2023 @ 11:12 PM
Testimony: I am a long time Kahuku resident. My family moved into the newly developed Housing subdivision in 1982. It's been 40 years. At the time we were promised that a park, swimming pool and recreation center would also be built. We have waited patiently over the years praying that this project would some day become a reality. Please, I beg you. We have no facilities for our keiki to enjoy. We deserve it. It's long overdue.		
Name: Angie Zabel	Email: angie_tabel@outlook.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 3, 2023 @ 03:20 AM
Testimony: This part of the island has not much for children and youth! I strongly support the development		
Name: Makana Leiataua	Email: hamaha96762@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 3, 2023 @ 06:41 AM
Testimony: I am grateful that the topic of having a swimming pool and a multipurpose recreation center in the Koolauloa community is being addressed. We must fulfill this expectation speedily. I am a former swimmer, water polo player, and coach for Kahuku High School. We have been fortunate enough to be a guest at Brigham Young University- Hawaii to use their swimming pool. However, the university's goals have shifted to better serve their students and faculty and not the community's. Practices are canceled and preparation is lost when BYUH closes it's facilities to		

the community. Just recently, the Kahuku High School's girls waterpolo team had to cancel practice because the BYUH pool was closed, as they prepare for the state tournament. We cannot rely on BYUH forever.

Kahuku High School girls waterpolo has won 16 out of 18 OIA championships since 2003 and State championship runner-up in 2013. We have amazing athletes despite our facilities. They deserve an equitable opportunity to compete at the highest level. A competition swimming pool, similar to Kihei, Maui design, would better serve the Koolauloa community. Mahalo. Go Big Red!

Name: Eleanor Crisostomo	Email: oheloai@yahoo.com	Zip: 96786
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 3, 2023 @ 09:01 AM

Testimony:
Kahuku was denied a swimming pool when I attended school in the 1970's. Waialua received it. What a slap in the face that was. Keep in mind our professional surfers who came from the school. Nobody had a pool to swim in. It's straight into the ocean we go.

Name: Danielle Beck	Email: danielle@bristols6.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 3, 2023 @ 09:48 AM

Testimony:
I'm in favor of adding the Kahuku pool. There are so many kids who need to make swimming a priority just to be safe at the beach.

Name: Choon James	Email: ChoonJamesHawaii@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: CountryTalkStory.com	Position: Support	Submitted: May 3, 2023 @ 10:19 AM

Name: Sherri Kamaka	Email: 8241867@gmail.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: May 3, 2023 @ 12:03 PM

Testimony:
This is not Disney Land. This is the Hawaiian Kingdom and we are her guardians and we need to preserve our natural resources!!! Not allow an idea that is off balance and ignorant to destroy her. What happens when this attraction loses money? Who is going to be responsible then? Where is the environmental impact study?! What a half thought out idea! And very irresponsible! Who is letting haole win the right which they don't have to develop this? I tell you who... another out of balance and ignorant young soul. Hewaloa!

Name: Zhizi Xiong	Email: alohadivinedesign@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: CARES	Position: Support	Submitted: May 3, 2023 @ 12:51 PM

Testimony:
CARES testifies in strong support.

Name: Joshua Weber	Email: jweber9@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: May 3, 2023 @ 12:52 PM

Testimony:
This community needs a place like the proposed facility. We have had to make due for so long. The keiki need a safe place to gather. Safe place to learn and mingle. For classes to be help to further education or physical activity. Even the adults will benefit as well. We are a community. People who come together often. We grow being together. We solidify as a community by having

places to gather and interact. But many times we hear, well we have to go to town for that. Or. We don't have the facilities to handle this activity.

And a pool? Oh you have no idea how many times this has come up over the years. Parents as all the time about swim lessons for their kids. Adults wanting to exercise and get out but some activities are just not safe in the ocean. I practice for triathlons and use the ocean, which limits the time I can go based on weather conditions. The list of reasons goes one and on.

This community will greatly benefit from a pool and multi-purpose rec facility! Jobs will of course be created. Just such a huge benefit for us all.

ULUNIU SWIMMING CLUB

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May 1, 2023

Aloha City and County of Honolulu,

I am writing this letter on behalf of the members of the Uluniu Swimming Club. We have been supporting the Kahuku Girls Water Polo team with donations for the past few years to assist with their expenses. They are amazing and have worked so hard to keep their program afloat even without their own swimming pool.

It is incomprehensible that there is no community pool for the North Shore. It would benefit so many children and families and people of all ages, along with the schools. Water safety classes and access to a pool for exercise and aquatic teams will benefit everyone, including the Honolulu Emergency Services Department and Department of Parks and Recreation.

We hope the hearings will be packed with support and you get a chance to hear how much an aquatic center is needed. We add our voices to this request and hope you can go forward with the plans.

Mahalo for giving everyone the opportunity to provide input. If you have any questions, please reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Maile Ostrem, President

On behalf of the Board of Directors and entire club membership

Josh Green, M.D.
Governor



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May 2, 2023

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter of support on behalf of Kahuku Elementary School in full support of the development of a Recreation Center and 50M Swimming Pool in Kahuku. The children of Kahuku and the surrounding communities need a place to learn to swim. Our families need a space to come together and engage in wellness activities. Recently the Kahuku Girls Water Polo team won an OIA Championship. They deserve a community pool to practice and play in. The Kahuku Community has deserved this for decades. Our school urges you to approve this needed project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Abey Qureshi", written over a horizontal line.

Abey Qureshi
Kahuku Elementary School Principal

Date: May 2, 2023

Subject: Support RES23-051: Asai Gilman

To Whom It May Concern:

As a member of the northshore community for over 30 years, I am in **support of RES23-051** to develop a multi-purpose recreational facility and a 50-Meter swimming pool in Kahuku for the following reasons:

1. I have had daughters who played waterpolo for Kahuku High School and although they had played in state tournaments competing against the best in the state Hawaii (of the likes of Kamehameha and Punahou Schools), it was without having a pool to train and practice. Often they trained in the ocean with no facility available. They would of taking states in waterpool if we had a designated pool in our area.
2. I imagine that the community that this facility would serve is one of the highest per capita youth/children based areas in the entire state of Hawaii. To not have a facility like this in our area where it would serve youth for community swimming among other healthy activities paid by tax dollars as it is in Mililani, Kapolei, Manoa and Hawaii Kai, is confusing to me.
3. This facility and center will serve as a community development center of wholistic learning and development of people that has been a long overdue value to it's already vibrant contributor of success in the state of Hawaii. The monies spent from tax dollars to develop this facility will add a tremendous value to the health and well being to families and children.

Once again, I support the development for a multi-purpose recreational facility with a 50-Meter swimming pool in Kahuku. It's been long overdue. To all those that has the authority to build this facility for the northshore community, we ask, support this RES23-051 bill.

Mahalo, Coach Gilman

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May 1, 2023

RE: Multi-Purpose Recreational Facility & 50m Swimming Pool

Aloha Chair Tulba, Vice Chair Okimoto and fellow Council Members,

Kahuku Community Association is writing in strong support for Resolution 23-5 to construct the Multi-Purpose Recreational Facility and 50 m Swimming Pool on Kahuku District Park.

This development was promised to the residents who purchased homes during Phase 1, 2, and 3 affordable housing projects in the early 1980's in Kahuku. In addition, the 2006 Koolauloa Region Master Plan and the 2020 readopted Ko'olauloa Sustainable Communities Plan provide specific direction for implementing the policies for parks and recreation which is to expand Kahuku District Park to support the development of a multi-purpose recreational building and swimming pool complex.

Our children especially deserve a safe place for indoor sports and extracurricular activities. In addition, our community needs a gathering place to provide activities through the community as well as the Department of Parks & Recreation. Currently, our children practice various indoor sports such as volleyball, basketball outdoors and are limited in holding extracurricular activities due to the lack of space.

In addition, there is a great need for a public pool for our communities. There is not one single City and County public pool (and indoor gym) between Kaneohe and Waialua which gravely neglects the needs of our Koolauloa and Northshore keiki and residents. This raises a serious issue of inequity and lack of access to basic public infrastructure that promotes educational and athletic opportunities for our children.

It is unfortunate that many of our keiki who live in such close proximity to the beach either do not know how to swim or have access to free swimming lessons or aquatic activities offered for free through the Department of Parks and Recreation. This public pool is extremely important as it will teach life-saving skills and provide athletic opportunities for children who otherwise would not have that opportunity. This public pool can also help our Kahuku High School Swim team and Waterpolo team to have a nearby facility to practice.



Kahuku Community Association

Given that The City and County of Honolulu Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency is in the process of creating a Resilience Hub Master Plan, we could also consider that a Multi-Purpose Recreational Facility with an indoor gym would also serve as a resilience hub. Our community is the most isolated on Oahu and we face mounting challenges with sea-level rise, food insecurity, and lack of energy sovereignty should the realities of climate change continue to hit the leeward and windward coasts surrounding us. It is an imperative matter of survival that we urge the city, the state, and other related entities to make these requests a high priority.

We urge the city to conduct a feasibility study for alternative sites if the original plan is no longer feasible. The Koolauloa Master Plan refers to the 2.5 acres at Malaekahana State Park as an alternative site (page 16, Koolauloa Master Plan). Another alternative site is a city county-owned land such as the .92 acre section near the Kahuku Medical Center (TMK 56009164). Our community is open to solutions to give our children and community the center and pool it desperately needs.

The Ko'olauloa and Northshore communities, especially our keiki, have been long-waiting for this development and strongly request for your support in fulfilling the needs of our keiki and resident by constructing the Multi-Purpose Recreational Facility with an indoor gym and 50 m Swimming Pool on Kahuku District Park. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Sunny Unga (e-sign)

Kahuku Community Association Board of Directors,
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RESOLUTION 23-51 – MULTI-PURPOSE RECREATIONAL FACILITY AND SWIMMING POOL IN KAHUKU. Supporting the development of a multi-purpose recreational facility and a 50-meter swimming pool at Kahuku District Park or elsewhere within the Kahuku community.

Aloha City Council members:

The community parks in this Ko'olauloa region deserve more attention.

This action to provide basic facilities like a swimming pool for its residents is a good start.

Mahalo,

Choon James

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