RES23-154
Testimony

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Meeting Date: Jul 12, 2023 @ 10:00 AM
Support: 12
Oppose: 0
I wish to comment: 1

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Raymond Higa	rhiga@pbrhawaii.com	96813
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Jul 8, 2023 @ 09:34 AM

Testimony:
I support the appointment of Judith Stilgenbauer to serve on the Board of Parks and Recreation of the City and County of Honolulu. It is very important to have a Landscape Architect on the Board to provide needed professional guidance for all parks on the island of Oahu.

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Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Jul 8, 2023 @ 11:14 AM

Testimony:
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Judith Stilgenbauer is an excellent nomination for the parks board. She created the university of Hawaii first landscape architecture program. Even more impressive is she did this in tough economic times at university of Hawaii and a new dean. She recently was recognized nationally for the excellent work of her students projects focusing on the importance of advocating for the climate-adaptation , green infrastructure, and other nature-based solutions.

These projects focused on issues facing the city parks, sea. Level rise in waikiki, ala Wai canal and aala park. They encourage public discussion and provide a long term perspective.

I cannot think of a better nomination than Judith Stilgenbauer

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Better Block Hawaii	Support	Jul 8, 2023 @ 01:37 PM

Name:	Email:	Zip:
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Self	Support	Jul 8, 2023 @ 03:59 PM

Testimony:
Dr. Judith Stilgenbauer is a very Akamai Landscape Architect. We need to plan a retreat from the Coast, and better soften coastal edges of our parks. we need to redo showers so they dont runoff into the ocean and kill more coral. We need to reuse shower water to irrigate park trees and Coconut palms.

I have attended Landscape and Green industry conferences with her and seen some of her bold Designs to face up to climate change and Global waming.

I think she will be a great asset to all of us by serving on the Parks Board, we need to embrace these changes with good soild desgin and engineering. Our Parks and beaches are one of Honolulu's greatest assets.

Mahalo,
Heidi Leianuenue Bornhorst
Arborist and Surfer

Name:	Email:	Zip:
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Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Jul 8, 2023 @ 05:02 PM

Testimony:

My name is Cathi Ho Schar. I am an Assistant Professor at the University of Hawaii at Mnoa School of Architecture, and the Director of the University of Hawaii Community Design Center. This personal testimony does not represent the position of University of Hawaii or the School of Architecture. I am testifying enthusiastically in support of the appointment of Judith Stilgenbauer to the City & County Board of Parks and Recreation. As a respected landscape architect, educator, and advocate with local, national, and international experience, she brings a broad and deep understanding of the potential of our public open spaces. Her work understands the social, cultural, and ecological potential of our parks, and the importance of climate-adaptive and nature-based solutions to our long term health and resilience. This landscape lens will provide a constructive perspective for the board that is critical to the future of our communities.

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Trust for Public Land	Support	Jul 10, 2023 @ 08:45 AM

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Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	I wish to comment	Jul 10, 2023 @ 09:42 AM

Testimony:
I am writing this testimony in support of the appointment of Judith Stilgenbauer to serve on the Board of Parks & Recreation, City and County of Honolulu. As a practicing Landscape Architect in Hawaii for the last 50 years, I am pleased with the appointment of a fellow Landscape Architect to sit on this important Board. Landscape Architects have historically been advocates of healthy, safe and pleasing outdoor places and spaces for all to enjoy and thrive. This is especially important in these times of global and local environmental change. I have known Judith Stilgenbauer, a Professor of Landscape Architecture and MLA Program Director at the UH Manoa School of Architecture, for many years and believe she will be an invaluable asset on the Board. I strongly urge the C&C Honolulu Council to confirm her appointment. Mahalo.

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Name:	Email:	Zip:
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Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Jul 11, 2023 @ 08:54 AM

Testimony:
Aloha! I write in support of appointment of Judith Stilgenbauer to the City & County Board of Parks and Recreation. As a fellow Landscape Architect I am keenly aware of Judith's academic knowledge and experience with open space / parks design and the importance of parks in the public realm. Judith would bring to the Board an understanding of both the current and future needs of our public parks, which is paramount in the success of a parks system.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Simon Bussiere	bussiere@hawaii.edu	96822
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Jul 11, 2023 @ 11:54 AM

Testimony:
Aloha, My name is Simon Bussiere. Im an Associate Professor of Landscape Architecture at the University of Hawaii at Mnoa, a licensed landscape architect in Hawaii, homeowner, and a daily park visitor here in Honolulu. I am very proud of our Citys many great parks, and I am honored to offer my support for Judith Stilgenbauer’s appointment to the City and County of Honolulu, Board

of Parks and Recreation.

As a gifted teacher, scholar, globally recognized landscape architect, advocate, and thought leader in landscape architecture, Judith brings decades of relevant and valuable experience to the Board. She understands and conveys the value of landscape every day in her role as Program Director and Professor of Landscape Architecture at UH Mnoa. As Board Member, I am confident Judith will be an advocate for Honolulu's Parks; the big outdoor living rooms that connect our lives and bring us together as communities.

As a landscape architect, Judith understands the value of these patches of nature in the city, and she knows what is required to ensure their sustainability and accessibility. She will speak for responsive and rational climate adaptations, and will be a powerful communicator of the bio-cultural and economic benefits of parks as regional and community resources.

Her lengthy and impressive record of work addressing complex social/cultural, ecological, political, and technological challenges in the built-environment speaks to Judith's superhuman energy and her passion for the land. She holds a broad perspective rooted in professionalism, collaboration, and empathy, and has demonstrated the versatility to help tackle any design challenge this Board will face. Having worked with Judith over the last six years, I know she cares deeply about the success of the Hawaiian landscape. Thank you for your consideration, and please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any further assistance.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Makena Coffman	makena.coffman@gmail.com	96822
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Jul 11, 2023 @ 03:01 PM

Testimony:
Dear Members of the City Council,

I write to strongly support Judith Stilgenbauer's confirmation to serve on the Board of Parks and Recreation of the City & County of Honolulu. Professor Stilgenbauer and I are colleagues at the University of Hawai'i at Mnoa and interact in a number of ways, from serving on student committees to collaborating on program development. Professor Stilgenbauer's expertise in landscape architecture, with an emphasis on green infrastructure and nature-based solutions, will be a strong asset to the Board. She has engaged in important work in this space, specific to Hawai'i but also in international practice, visioning climate adaptation solutions and developing concepts for place-making and livability of urban spaces.

Aloha,

Makena Coffman

Name:	Email:	Zip:
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Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Jul 11, 2023 @ 10:56 PM

Testimony:
I wholeheartedly support Judith Stilgenbauer's appointment to the Board of Parks and Recreation. I have enjoyed knowing Judith professionally for nearly 10 years, including four years together on the Executive Committee of the Hawaii Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architecture. She is extremely thoughtful, articulate, and hardworking. As both a practitioner and professor of landscape architecture, Judith has a wealth of experience in Hawaii engaging community, conceptualizing, and analyzing a multitude of ways that public open spaces can benefit social needs as well as natural functions, for example, her work as principal investigator of the Wahiaw Freshwater State Recreation Area Study and Proof-of-Concept Design. I think it is essential to have a landscape architect on the board, and Judith Stilgenbauer is an excellent choice. Mahalo.

July 12, 2023

Tommy Waters, Chair
and Members
Honolulu City Council
530 S. King Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: Support for Resolution 23-154

Chair Waters and Members,

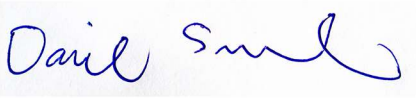
Please let this letter serve to express enthusiasm and support from Better Block Hawaii for the nomination of Judith Stilgenbauer to serve on the Board of Parks and Recreation of the City and County of Honolulu.

Better Block Hawaii is a local nonprofit established in 2015, modeled after Better Block groups in other cities, and has a mission as a Community Development Corporation to partner with community stakeholders to realize collaborative community placemaking and complete street projects in public spaces, parks, and right-of-way areas.

Better Block Hawaii has had many positive and constructive experiences with Ms.Stilgenbauer, who has a wide-range of competencies that would be beneficial in a role on the Board of Parks and Recreation.

Mahalo for your consideration of this wonderful nominee!

Sincerely,



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Honolulu City Council
Wednesday, July 12, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Aloha Council Chair Waters and Council Members –

Trust for Public Land (TPL) strongly supports the confirmation of Judith Stilgenbauer to serve on the Board of Parks and Recreation.

In 2022, Trust for Public Land engaged the University of Hawai'i Community Design Center (UHCDC) to lead a community participatory design process for a proof of concept design (completed) to re-imagine 'A'ala Park. Ms. Stilgenbauer, a landscape architect, led the UHCDC proof of concept design process, supervising graduate student interns, and working with TPL to engage the diverse community of over 18,000 people that live within a 10 minute walk of the park.

Ms. Stilgenbauer was and is a very strong advocate for parks. In her view, parks are community assets that improve the health, social bonds, and physical and psychological well-being of the people who live and work around the park. She brings national and international expertise in park design, climate adaptation, and the myriad of ways that parks are integral to livable communities. She has my unqualified support and I urge the Council to confirm her appointment to the Board of Parks and Recreation.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify. I apologize that I will not be able to attend the hearing in person or virtually due to a scheduling conflict.

Lea Hong
Associate Vice-President
Hawai'i State Director
Edmund C. Olson Trust Fellow
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July 10, 2023

TO: The Members of the Honolulu City Council

Committee on City & County Board of Parks and Recreation

FROM: William Chapman, Interim Dean, School of Architecture, UHM

RE: Testimony on behalf of Judith Stilgenbauer

RES23-154 CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JUDITH STILGENBAUER TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

It is a delight to recommend Judith Stilgenbauer for a place on the Board of Parks and Recreation for the City & County of Honolulu. Judith is a longstanding member of the faculty of the School of Architecture and the Director of the school's Master of Landscape Architecture Program. She is knowledgeable, serious, and committed to civic well-being. I know that she will do an excellent job.

Speaking as the current Vice-Chair of the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board and past chair of the same, I am pleased to see another of our faculty playing an important role in the community. I cannot imagine a better candidate.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit a letter of support.

With all best wishes and aloha,



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RES23-154 CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JUDITH STILGENBAUER TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Written Testimony of Support

I wholeheartedly support the appointment of Judith Stilgenbauer, Professor of Landscape Architecture at UH Manoa School of Architecture, to the Board of Parks and Recreation, City and County of Honolulu. Here's why:

1. Judith Stilgenbauer's experience as a licensed landscape architect makes her a valuable technical expert. Her knowledge and expertise in this field will greatly contribute to the Board's decision-making process, ensuring that the parks and recreational areas in Honolulu are designed and maintained to the highest standards.

2. With her background as an experienced administrator and leader, serving as the MLA Program Director and Graduate Chair, Stilgenbauer has demonstrated her ability to effectively manage and lead teams. These skills are essential for overseeing and coordinating the diverse aspects of the Board's responsibilities.

3. Stilgenbauer's academic excellence in landscape architecture design theory, ecological urbanism, and climate resiliency research will bring a wealth of knowledge to the Board. Her research background and expertise will help guide the Board's decisions in creating sustainable, resilient, and environmentally conscious park and recreational spaces.

4. Stilgenbauer's unique skillset will be a valuable asset to the Board. She has the ability to analyze both technical and functional issues while also considering broad visionary planning. This holistic approach will ensure that the Board's decisions align with long-term goals and the overall vision for the city.

5. In addition to her qualifications, Stilgenbauer is known for being thoughtful, reliable, and a strong communicator. Her collaborative nature and ability to empathize with various stakeholders will foster positive relationships and effective communication within the Board and with the community at large. Her efficiency in decision-making and problem-solving will be an asset to the Board's effectiveness.

Overall, Judith Stilgenbauer's appointment to the Board of Parks and Recreation would be a wise choice. Her combination of expertise, leadership experience, academic excellence, and strong interpersonal skills make her an ideal candidate to contribute to the development and maintenance of Honolulu's parks and recreational areas.

I am Joel Kurokawa, Principal and Founder of Ki Concepts, Landscape Architecture and Site Planning. Board service includes: Hawaii EASLA (Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, Landscape Architects Licensing Board), CLARB (Council of Landscape Architecture Registration Boards) Treasurer, Past Hawaii ASLA (American Society of Landscape Architects) Trustee, Past Smart Trees Pacific Board Member, Past Kaulunani (Hawaii Urban and Community Forestry Program) Council Member.