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Testimony

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TRANSPORTATION (TRANS)

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Meeting Date: Jul 25, 2023 @ 02:30 PM

Support: 25

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

Name: Tricia Higa	Email: trexhiga@gmail.com	Zip: 96819
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jul 22, 2023 @ 05:18 AM
<p>Testimony: Since the RPZ has been implemented I see much positive change on Aoao St. There is little to no litter obstructing the side walks, I am able to find parking safely near my home, there is little to no alcohol partaking and glass shattering and most of all, it has made my street safer for my daughter to grow up on. I kindly ask that Bill 20 be passed and make RPZ permanent for myself and further generations.</p>		
Name: Marian Shimabukuro	Email: marianshima@gmail.com	Zip: 96819
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jul 22, 2023 @ 09:17 AM
<p>Testimony: I am in support of Bill 020(23) to establish a permanent Restricted Parking Zone in the Wilson Tract, Kula Kolea and Aoao Street neighborhoods. The pilot program has shown that it has helped to alleviate the parking problems as well as reducing crime, trash on the streets, people drinking on the sidewalk etc.making it a safer community for the residents. The RPZ program has transformed the neighborhood and has given the streets back to the residents. I am in favor of this bill.</p>		
Name: Gary Shimabukuro	Email: laulimahi@gmail.com	Zip: 96819
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jul 22, 2023 @ 10:41 AM
<p>Testimony: I support Bill 020(23): to establish a permanent Restricted Parking Zone in the Wilson Tract, Kula Kolea and Aoao Street neighborhoods. The pilot program has alleviated the parking problems as well as reducing crime, trash on the streets, people drinking on the sidewalk etc. making it a safer community for the residents. The RPZ program has transformed the neighborhood and has given the streets back to the residents. I am in favor of this bill.</p>		
Name: Riki Shimabukuro	Email: rshima15@gmail.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jul 22, 2023 @ 11:28 AM
<p>Testimony: I support Bill 020(23) to establish a permanent Restricted Parking Zone in the Wilson Tract, Kula Kolea and Aoao Street neighborhoods. The pilot program has alleviated the parking problems as well as reducing crime, trash on the streets, people drinking on the sidewalk etc. making it a safer community for the residents. The RPZ program has transformed the neighborhoods and has given the streets back to the residents. I am in favor of this bill.</p>		
Name: Melanie Samiano	Email: melanie.samiano@gmail.com	Zip: 96819
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jul 23, 2023 @ 12:10 PM
<p>Testimony: Please keep the parking program in place permanently as it is crucial to our already populated neighborhood, it has also minimized crime over the years, and we would like for that to continue. We as a united neighborhood some of us 50 yrs plus put in the love and effort in maintaining our community with excellence. We have seen the public disrespect our neighborhood in so many ways including setting fires. So we ask that you please keep this in place for our safety, cleanliness, and convenience to us who live here and are in need of every space/parking in our neighborhood. Mahalo.</p>		
Name: Dacha Nahinu	Email: dnahinumakeup@yahoo.com	Zip: 96819

Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jul 23, 2023 @ 01:14 PM
<p>Testimony: Th sparking program is beneficial to the residents in the area. It helps to ID non-resident vehicles and vehicles that may not have current vehicle registrations and/or suspicious vehicles, even abandoned vehicles. Street Parking in the area is overcrowded and hopefully making the program permanent will offer some vehicle crowd control. Thanks!</p>		
Name: Lisa Fukumoto	Email: lisafukumoto@yahoo.com	Zip: 96819
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jul 23, 2023 @ 02:19 PM
<p>Testimony: Parking has been a issue in the past On Kono street now with the parking pass we don't have outside parking from other streets! The other issue was the rubbish that people would leave on our sidewalks! Can you also provide new parking passes the present ones are old</p>		
Name: Lorin Ramolete	Email: ldramolete@gmail.com	Zip: 96819
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jul 23, 2023 @ 06:00 PM
<p>Testimony: We have been living here for the past 10yrs and have seen the difference of having the parking restrictions for the residents of Kono PI and Aoao St. Very happy with having our street parking for our residents only!</p>		
Name: Marina Nishimura	Email: nishimuramarina@gmail.com	Zip: 69819
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jul 23, 2023 @ 08:00 PM
<p>Testimony: I support Bill 020(23): to establish a permanent Restricted Parking Zone in the Wilson Tract, Kula Kolea and Aoao Street neighborhoods. The pilot program has alleviated the parking problems as well as reducing crime, trash on the streets, people drinking on the sidewalk etc. making it a safer community for the residents. The RPZ program has transformed the neighborhoods and has given the streets back to the residents. I am in favor of this bill.</p>		
Name: Jill Lucas	Email: mrsjilllucas@gmail.com	Zip: 96819
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jul 23, 2023 @ 10:53 PM
<p>Testimony: My name is Jill (Kumalae) Lucas and I am in support of Bill 20. First of all I am confident that it will help other communities create and expand restricted parking zones for residents. It will also will make restricted parking zones more fair and equitable. Finally it makes all temporary restricted parking zones permanent. After experiencing the RPZ pilot project for the past six years, I know for a fact that other communities will benefit from the success of it. Besides providing parking for the community residents, it created a safer environment for the young and old which is so important. Again, I support the passage of Bill 20 and thank you for hearing me.</p>		
Name: Alan Kumalae	Email: kumalaeak@icloud.com	Zip: 96819
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jul 23, 2023 @ 11:19 PM
<p>Testimony: My name is Alan Kumalae and I live at 2004 Aoao Place. I am strongly in support of Bill 20 (2023). For the past six years I have</p>		

participated in a Restricted Parking Zone program which has been very beneficial to my Kalihi Valley neighborhood. Besides providing ample parking for neighbors who live in multi-generational homes, it has helped tremendously in safety and cleanliness of the environment. By passing Bill 20, other communities will have an easier time also creating and expanding a restricted parking zones. Also it will make restricted parking zones more fair and equitable and Bill 20 makes all temporary restricted parking zones permanent. Please support the passage of Bill 20 which will help alleviate the parking problem so many residents face especially those who live in a multi-generation home to remain in Hawaii. Thank you for allowing me to express my strong support of Bill 20.

Name: Gerlie Corpuz	Email: gurleegirl808@yahoo.com	Zip: 96819
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jul 23, 2023 @ 11:57 PM

Testimony:
I lived on this street for over 10 years. When we first moved in there was hardly any street parking. When we would have family dinners there was no parking for my family. Since the parking permits we don't have that problem.

Another thing we saw was random people parking their cars on our street drinking hanging out next to their car. They'd their trash and bottles. That has stopped since the permits were enforced.

I strongly support the RPZ. It provides parking for our neighborhood. Keeps people from hanging out right outside of our homes and makes us feel safe.

Name: Lynette Kumalae	Email: kumalaea001@gmail.com	Zip: 96819
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jul 24, 2023 @ 12:12 AM

Name: Wendall Sen	Email: wlsens@yahoo.com	Zip: 96819
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jul 24, 2023 @ 07:26 AM

Testimony:
Working for a business on Aoao Street and seeing the parking situation for the past 35 years on this street I highly recommend Bill 20 which will accomplish three things: (1) It makes it easier for communities to create and expand restricted parking zones; (2) It makes restricted parking zones more fair and equitable; and (3) It makes all temporary restricted parking zones permanent.

Name: Kevin Oshiro	Email: koshiro@ronshawaii.com	Zip: 96819
Representing: Rons Construction Corporation	Position: Support	Submitted: Jul 24, 2023 @ 07:30 AM

Testimony:
Aloha!

This is a well worthy proposition for the neighbors of Wilson tract. Not only is Bill 20 a way for the affected communities to increase public safety for both pedestrians and vehicles by increasing visibility while cars are exiting and entering their driveways crossing the sidewalks, is also helps to reduce loitering on public streets of individuals who may gather around their parked vchiles to smoke, drink alcohol, and loudly converse near homes and schools. This bill will also reduce the amount of litter on our sidewalks and streets, as well as the potential for vehicles to be abandoned in ur neighborhood.

Thank you very much for proposing Bill 20, and considering our support for this worthy measure.

Mahalo,
Kevin Oshiro,
President

Rons Construction Corporation
2045 Kamehameha IV Road
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Name: Carl Shiroma	Email: cs.jcweld@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jul 24, 2023 @ 10:03 AM

Testimony:
We're on Aoao st. RPZ has made a noticeable difference in less street congestion, less trash on our sidewalks, and less sidewalk partying and drinking.

These things increase safety for drivers, residents and pedestrians. RPZ has helped make our community more attractive and pleasant. My neighbors and I feel safer, and have more peace of mind.

I would hope that you would make RPZ permanent.

Thank you, sincerely, Carl Shiroma

Name: Conrado Feltro	Email: cfeltro@yahoo.com	Zip: 96819
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jul 24, 2023 @ 11:10 AM

Testimony:
My name is Conrado B. Feltro, I have been a resident @ 2009 'Ao'ao Place since 1983. I am testifying in favor of a permanent RPZ. I have seen a big improvement in our area since the temporary RPZ has been implemented. The street parking was being used by people not from the neighborhood; now, it's a lot cleaner and also parking for residents.

I believe permanent RPZ will be good for residents.

Conrado B. Feltro
Resident
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Name: Micah Munekata	Email: mmunekata@ulupono.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Ulupono Initiative	Position: Support	Submitted: Jul 24, 2023 @ 03:03 PM

Name: Ermalyn Abinosa	Email: ermaa808@gmail.com	Zip: 96819
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jul 24, 2023 @ 06:28 PM

Testimony:
I support Bill20 for the RPZ in our district. For years it's been a challenge to find parking. We would have to park outside of our street or sometime farther. With the RPZ, it gives the residents in our area the opportunity to park in front of our homes if not closer. With the amount of violence and crime in our district, I feel much safer parking closer to home. Thank you!

Name: Alan Kumalae	Email: kumalaeak@icloud.com	Zip: 96819
Representing: Kalihi Valley Neighborhood Board #16 RPZ Committee	Position: Support	Submitted: Jul 24, 2023 @ 08:09 PM

Testimony:
My name is Alan Kumalae and I am a member of the Kalihi Valley Neighborhood Board and chairman of the RPZ committee. I fully support Bill 20 and would like to give an oral testimony at the meeting on Tuesday, July 25, 2023.

Name: Shirley Maeshiro	Email: tawny808@yahoo.com	Zip: 96819
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jul 24, 2023 @ 08:44 PM
<p>Testimony: My name is Shirley Maeshiro, a long time resident of Kalihi Valley and I am in favor of Bill 20 (2023). Over the past six years I have noticed an improvement in the neighborhood of Aoa Street, Aoa Place, Kono Street and Kono Place since the restricted parking zone project was implemented. There is more parking spaces for the residents who I feel deserve to use it instead of outsiders. Since RPZ has been in place, neighbors know which cars are those of residents and they feel safer seeing familiar cars. I believe residents would be willing to pay for a parking pass to have a parking space and to have peace of mind and a feeling of security and safety.</p> <p>I support the passing of Bill 20 because it will make it easier for other communities on Oahu to start up restricted parking zone programs and modify them according to their needs. Secondly it will make restricted parking zones fairer and more equitable. Finally Bill 20 will make all parking zones permanent. Thank you for your support.</p>		
Name: Deena McDaniel	Email: scomati13@gmail.com	Zip: 96819
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jul 25, 2023 @ 01:29 PM
<p>Testimony: I support passing of Bill 20.</p> <p>mahalo, Deena McDaniel</p>		
Name: Rob McDaniel	Email: richcofrob@yahoo.com	Zip: 96819
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jul 25, 2023 @ 01:34 PM
<p>Testimony: support passage of Bill 20.</p> <p>Thank you, Rob McDaniel</p>		
Name: zhizi xiong	Email: alohadivinedesign@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: CARES	Position: Support	Submitted: Jul 25, 2023 @ 02:28 PM
<p>Testimony: Kapalama NSW testifies in support.</p>		
Name: Zhizi Xiong	Email: alohadivinedesign@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Kapalama NSW	Position: Support	Submitted: Jul 25, 2023 @ 02:30 PM
<p>Testimony: Kapalama NSW testifies in support.</p>		

July 23, 2023

Aloha Transportation Committee Chair Tyler Dos Santos-Tam & Committee Members,

My name is Lynette Kumalae and my husband, Alan and I live in Kalihi Valley on 2004 Aoao Place. For the past six years we have participated in the RPZ (Restricted Parking Zone) program along with residents on Aoao Street, Kono Street, and Kono Place.

I believe that RPZ has been a successful project in its primary purpose of providing adequate parking for our residents. Since the onset of the RPZ program, besides providing parking, we have seen a reduction of noise, trash, and loitering which was caused by non residents. The entire neighborhood looks much cleaner than before and residents agree that they feel much safer now. As a result of implementing the RPZ project, residents have become better acquainted and have started looking out for each other, making it easier for all of us to form a neighborhood watch program in the near future.

I strongly support Bill 20 (2023) and ask for your help in passing it out of this committee. First of all Bill 20 will make it easier for other communities to create and expand restricted parking zones. Secondly Bill 20 will make restricted parking zones fairer and more equitable for all. Finally Bill 20 will make all restricted parking zones like the one we've had in Kalihi Valley for the past six years permanent. I think that other communities will benefit from our experience in RPZ and we will be glad to help them implement their program.

I humbly ask for your support and help in the passage of Bill 20 and I thank you for your attention.



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HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
Tuesday, July 25, 2023 — 2:30 P.M.

Ulupono Initiative supports Bill 20 (2023) CD1, Proposed CD2 (Submitted by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam), Relating to Parking.

Dear Chair Dos Santos-Tam and Members of the Committee:

My name is Micah Munekata, and I am the Director of Government Affairs at Ulupono Initiative. We are a Hawai'i-focused impact investment firm that strives to improve the quality of life throughout the islands by helping our communities become more resilient and self-sufficient through locally produced food, renewable energy and clean transportation choices, and better management of freshwater resources.

Ulupono supports Bill 20 (2023) CD1, Proposed CD2 (Submitted by Councilmember Dos Santos-Tam), which addresses parking in the City and County of Honolulu, including the City's restricted parking zone program. Bill 20 (2023) is an important step forward in the City and County's overall approach to parking management. The bill institutes and codifies a strong publicly oriented framework for parking management on one of our most valuable public resources. Although many would question the need to manage parking more effectively, there are several reasons why parking management is critical to helping create the city we want to live in and serve the transportation system we want to have.

Unmanaged parking is an expensive and inefficient use of our land. There are almost 1,500 miles of public roadway on O'ahu with an estimated land value of \$44 billion.¹ Of that total space, 20% is dedicated to on-street parking—or 3.2 times the area of Waikiki.² And each one of these spots, on average and including the land value, is worth approximately \$22,500 (\$3,100 for construction and \$19,400 for the value of the land itself).³ These lands could be used for a variety of other public-serving options, such as pocket parklets, stormwater management, larger sidewalks, access to more micromobility options or dedicated bike lanes, etc., rather than just “free” private car storage. In addition,

¹ https://www4.honolulu.gov/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-295397/Right%20of%20Way%20Widths%20for%20Planned%20Street%20Improvement_110121.pdf, 1,500 miles equals approximately 9,600 acres of land

² https://www4.honolulu.gov/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-295397/Right%20of%20Way%20Widths%20for%20Planned%20Street%20Improvement_110121.pdf
20% of 9,600 acres = 1,920 acres

³ Respectively as outlined in Ulupono Initiative's 2019 Costs of Parking report, <https://ulupono.com/media/ivcfs2pu/the-cost-of-parking-in-hawaii-report-2020-08.pdf>. These numbers are meant to show the full economic value of this public right-of-way as an illustration, but are not likely directly comparable to existing spaces.

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households with easily accessible on-street parking are two and a half times more likely to park on the street, rather than their own garage or driveway space.⁴ This means that parking supply isn't the issue, but rather management.

Managed parking can help us meet our community goals for more sustainable and active transportation choices. Unmanaged parking essentially subsidizes more vehicle use. In the New York region, researchers studied on-street parking to see how it impacted travel choice. When it was plentiful and available, vehicle ownership rates increase by 18% even when transit is accessible.⁵ This phenomenon is likely occurring in Honolulu as well. Since 2000, population growth is just over 16% but vehicle growth is up 29%—so vehicles are growing almost twice our population growth.⁶ *Transcending Oil: Hawai'i's Path to a Clean Energy Economy* (2018) indicates that effective parking reform could help reduce up to 29% of our travel (specifically vehicle miles traveled).⁷ Thus, parking reform is very powerful in influencing people's travel decisions. Furthermore, parking management is highlighted in several plans to help implement our community visions: the [O'ahu Regional Transportation Plan](#), the [draft Primary Urban Center Development Plan](#), [several sustainable communities plans](#), and the [Climate Action Plan](#). This bill is one component of a larger parking rightsizing.

Managed parking helps reduce public and private costs for transportation. When parking resources are rightsized and right-priced, monies can be re-directed towards other important programs and projects. The \$22,500 above can add up quickly in the public coffers that are now basically a subsidy to private car owners, usually households with greater financial resources. If we can also help people shed a car or two, we can help reduce the cost of living up to \$16,100 per year.⁸ The additional provision to reward residents for not consuming parking resources is a great way to help people lean into other less impactful and less costly modes of travel.

Respectfully,

Micah Munekata
Director of Government Affairs

⁴ Guo, Z. (2013a). "Home parking convenience, household car usage, and implications to residential parking policies." *Transportation Policy*, Volume 29, pp. 97-106.

⁵ <https://bppj.berkeley.edu/2019/12/20/paying-attention-to-residential-parking-why-cities-should-care/>

⁶ <https://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/economic/databook/db2021/section01.pdf> and <https://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/economic/databook/2017-individual/18/180717.pdf>

⁷ <https://www.transcendingoil.com/>

⁸ <https://ulupono.com/news-listing/report-examines-hawaii-s-21-8-billion-vehicle-economy/>