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Testimony

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

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

Meeting Date: Jul 24, 2024 @ 01:00 PM

Support: 42

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 1

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Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Jul 23, 2024 @ 12:42 PM
Testimony: Aloha kakou, I am the granddaughter of Auntie Gracie adviento, i am in full support of renaming the waimanalo multi purpose building thats located next to the waimanalo gym. My grandmother has put in numerous time, hours, & voluntary work for her community. She has sacrificed alot during her years of service here in the community she totally deserves this honor in having the building she spent most of her time with the families of the waimanalo community. It would be in great honor to see this move forward with the dedication. Mahalo & thank you for your time in making this an honor to Auntie gracie.		
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Luana Kaio	luanakaio@ymail.com	96795
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Jul 23, 2024 @ 01:06 PM
Testimony: I support naming the building after Grace Adviento. She has been a leader in the youth within waimanalo and a founder for the summer fun programs for many many years. She also is a respected catholic leader within our community church. I've known this phenomenon woman for 25+ years and having something close to our hearts will mean a lot in the Waimānalo community. The multi purpose room has brought many meaningful events and gatherings for all. Please accept my testimony and all others to support naming the building after Grace Adviento...Mahalo Nui!		
Name:	Email:	Zip:
Irae Awong	iraeawong@gmail.com	96795
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Jul 23, 2024 @ 01:30 PM
Testimony: Aloha, My name is Irae Awong born and raised in Waimanalo. I am in support of the measure renaming the multi purpose building after Mrs. Grace Adviento. She was such a sweet lady that always wanted to help and serve her community and all those around her. Mahalo		
Name:	Email:	Zip:
Steffeny Laurito	steffenywilcox@gmail.com	96795
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Jul 23, 2024 @ 01:54 PM

Testimony:

Aloha, my name is Steffeny Laurito and I fully support this matter on naming the waimanalo district park all purpose building after our sweet aunty Grace adviento. She is one of the many sweet souls here in our community. As a born & raised member of waimanalo I have witnessed all the things she has done and still do for our community from working at the district park, all the craft vendors she hosted and to all the Waimanalo parades she's been in with her sweet smile. She has given her all for our community & especially for our Waimanalo district park. Thank you & gods blessings to you all & to our aunty grace & her family as well.

MAHALO

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Support

Submitted:

Jul 23, 2024 @ 02:14 PM

Testimony:

Aloha,

My name is Jaelleen Johnson. Oldest Granddaughter of Long time Waimanalo residents John Kukahiko III and Penelope Kukahiko. Eldest Daughter to Colleen (Kukahiko) Johnson and Jeffery Johnson. I am writing this Testimony in support of naming the Waimanalo Multi-Purpose building after Aunty Grace Adviento. Back in the day when my papa John Kukahiko was president of the Waimanalo football club, he could always count on aunty Grace to help with anything that needed to be done in order to have the kids of Waimanalo play. When it came to the kids playing at the Gym, she always made sure ALL THE KIDS there were safe and cared for. We as the KUKAHIKO OHANA give our support to name the multi purpose building after AUNTY GRACE ADVIENTO.

Mahalo nui

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Representing:

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Position:

Support

Submitted:

Jul 23, 2024 @ 02:20 PM

Testimony:

Please except this bill for aunty Grace Adviento. She deserves this name sake for her. At the Waimanalo gym. An I sure hope all of Waimanalo supports this too. Thank you aunty. From Kukahiko Ohana

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Support

Submitted:

Jul 23, 2024 @ 02:21 PM

Testimony: I was born and raised in Waimanalo and I had the pleasure of knowing Gracie since I was a baby! I support this naming 100%. I ♡ Waimanalo		
Name: Kilauea Sorgent	Email: ksorgent@icloud.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jul 23, 2024 @ 02:24 PM
Testimony: Aunty Gracie truly deserves to be honored and I believe that is a great way to honor her as she has been there for many of kids through summer fun and other things in this very place ...we love you aunty Gracie this is a no brainer		
Name: Brandy Leaver	Email: bleaver808@icloud.com	Zip: 37128
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jul 23, 2024 @ 02:30 PM
Testimony: Aloha, My name is Brandy Leaver, I am 41 years old and was born and raised in Waimanalo on Humuniki St. Growing up in Waimanalo back in the 80's and 90's with minimal resources or places to go, Waimanalo Gym was a safe haven for many youth like myself trying to find ways to stay off of the streets. Like many others, Aunty Grace lived up to her name and showed me personally and many others what grace was and she took us under her wing and created so many outlets for us to stay busy and in a positive, productive environment. From feeding bus and teaching us during Summer Fun, to providing arts and crafts classes and activities for us. I was able to explore so many things that I would not have been able to do without her creating these outlets. Aunty Grace, along with Eric Bunyan changed the trajectory for so many of us in the community. I am forever thankful and fully support the multi purpose building being named after Grace Adviento. I hope to someday come and visit the building and it would be so special so see it named after her. A true steward and pillar within the community. I could not think of another person that would be more deserving of this honor. Mahalo, Brandy Leaver		
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Self	Support	Jul 23, 2024 @ 02:33 PM
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jul 23, 2024 @ 02:36 PM
Testimony: My husband was born and raised in Waimanalo and he always shared wonderful stories about Aunty Grace. She's done so much for the community and the kids of Waimanalo. I feel she deserves this honor.		
Name: Abbey Rutledge	Email: aarutledge79@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jul 23, 2024 @ 02:42 PM
Testimony: I am in total support for Grace Adviento for naming the building at waimanalo gym after her. I am a kailua resident but I am her grand daughters best friend and I've known this woman for 25+ years and growing up I've called her "grams" she has always been there for her family friends and her community, opened her home to all of us and basically so loving and giving and the many stories I've heard of the impact she has made to the Waimanalo community, summer programs, senior citizens and born and raised on the plantation of waimanalo. She is very well deserved for this dedication.		
Name: Esther Lafaele	Email: lafaelee002@gmail.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jul 23, 2024 @ 02:44 PM
Testimony: Aunty Grace gave me an opportunity to work as an office clerk at the Waimanalo Beach Park summer fun as a youth, just 14 years old. She taught me the basics of running an office, phone calls, filing, assisting her with other duties, even ringing the horn (best part of the job, lol). But in all seriousness, it helped to mold me into my many years of administrative and office managing career. Today, as an Accountant...I believe organizational skills are vital in this field...and I owe it all to Aunty Grace for her teachings and allowing a little girl to run her office, some 34 years ago. No one deserves it more than her.		
Name: Louanna Kaio-Almony	Email: louiehawaii@yahoo.co	Zip: 96795
Representing: Waimanalo Senior Citizens Club	Position: Support	Submitted: Jul 23, 2024 @ 03:03 PM

Testimony:

I am in agreement that the Multi Purpose Room at Waimanalo Dist. Park should be named after Aunt Grace Adviento a long time Resident of Waimanalo and not to mention a person who gave her heart to many Keiki's and Kupuna's with a lot of her teachings in Lei Making, Ceramics and the best of all the summer fun program and after school programs. Her and Eric Bunyan worked with so many keiki's and teens its why I love working at the Park it makes their work and everlasting feeling that will always be there at the Waimanalo Dist. Park. She was involved in the Halloween Festivity's, Waimanalo Christmas Parade, and at one time the Grand Marshall of this parade. Pres of the Waimanalo Seniors gives me the Position now and I feel that I would like to keep this club going just like she did.

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Representing:

Self

Position:

Support

Submitted:

Jul 23, 2024 @ 03:18 PM

Testimony:

I am in complete support of this effort. Aunt Grace has been involved in the waimanalo community city Parks since I was an attendee of the cities summer fun program in Waimanalo. I am 45 years today and just one of thousands touched by her life's work to serve the waimanalo community. She should be recognized and this effort is a perfect way to do that. Mahalo nui.

Kukana Kama-Toth (Life-long resident of Waimanalo)

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Representing:

Self

Position:

Support

Submitted:

Jul 23, 2024 @ 03:20 PM

Testimony:

ALOHA I AM PROUD TO SUPPORT THIS MATTER. I HAVE BEEN BLESSED TO BE RAISED IN WAIMANALO AND ABLE TO STILL RESIDE IN WAIMANALO. AUNT GRACE OR AS WE CALL HER GRAMS HAS NOT ONLY BEEN A PILLAR OF STRENGTH, GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT FOR OUR COMMUNITY. SHE WAS ALSO THE PILLAR FOR SO MUCH OF US GROWING UP. SUMMER FUN DAYS WERE FILLED WITH GAMES,DANCING AND A LITTLE CHAOS. WHEN GRAMS WALKED IN IT WOULD CALM DOWN. SHE NEVER HAD TO SAY OR DO ANYTHING THE KIDS JUST KNEW. WATCHING HER IN ACTION WAS INSPIRING. COMMUNITY FIRST IS WHAT SHE EXUDED. TILL THIS DAY I THINK WHAT WOULD GRAMS DO. HER INSPIRATION IS THRIVING TODAY WITH HER FAMILY ALWAYS DOING FOR OUR COMMUNITY. LOVE YOU GRAMS.

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Support

Submitted:

Jul 23, 2024 @ 04:09 PM

Testimony:

I support the decision of naming the new Waimānalo District Park Multi-Purpose Building in Honor of Grace Adviento. She has committed many years to supporting the Keiki, Kupuna & 'Ohana's of Waimānalo through her hard work & dedication. I believe she is more than deserving of this Honor. Mahalo for all that you do 'Anakē Grace, Ke Akua Pū.

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Support

Submitted:

Jul 23, 2024 @ 04:12 PM

Testimony:

In support

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Self

Position:

Support

Submitted:

Jul 23, 2024 @ 04:21 PM

Testimony:

Aloha, My name is Ani Naihe. I am born and raised in Waimānalo and have been here all my life. I am testifying that Grace Adviento is a big part of our community. I feel that she needs to be recognized for all her hard work and dedication that she put into our community for years when working for the city and county of honolulu.

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Position:

Support

Submitted:

Jul 23, 2024 @ 04:21 PM

Testimony:

Aloha,

I am in support to this resolution for Aunty Grace Adviento who has dedicated decades of her community services & work to our Waimānalo Keiki & Youth at Waimānalo Beach Park Summer Programs & After school activites keeping our Waimānalo keiki safe, learning our culture & feeding them under her supervision.

Aunty Grace has given so much of her Aloha to our Waimānalo community where she resides and her hometown.

Having a building in honor & in her name, Grace Adviento is truly fitted of her loyalty & commitment to our Waimānalo community. She still is very involved & active of which we all admire & love her dearly.

Waimānalo is very blessed to have her in watching over our keiki while we are at work.

Ke Aloha Nui Anake Grace Adviento ☐☐

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Representing:

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Position:

Support

Submitted:

Jul 23, 2024 @ 04:31 PM

Testimony:

Aloha Kākou,

My name is Jasmine Kawai-Aweau (Sniffen-Carson). I'm a 31 year old woman from Waimānalo, Oahu, who once was a child that had the privilege of being under the direction of Aunty Grace "Gracie" Adviento.

I attended the Waimanalo Beach Park Summer Fun program in the late 90s to early 2000's. I can remember this classic green horn that she would crank during rotations of different activities throughout the day, or her teaching us kids "The World is a Rainbow" while sitting under the old pavilion that once stood at the Waimanalo Beach Park and us dancing the "Pata Pata" being played on an old school record-player.

Aunty Gracie was our program director, a community leader and is loved by many here in Waimānalo. She is a beautiful person inside and out, and definitely has made a huge impact on thousands of kids. My dad was one of those kids that she made an impact on when he was a kid as well. She had the balance of kindness and that old school tough love that was needed in helping to raise responsible and respectful youth in the Hawaiian community. Everyone needs an "Aunty Gracie" in their life.

She is the perfect candidate for the new multi-purpose room to be named after. Please take my message into consideration.

Mahalo!

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Representing:

Self

Position:

I wish to comment

Submitted:

Jul 23, 2024 @ 04:48 PM

Testimony:

Aunty Grace has been the biggest influence in my childhood along with whole of the Waimanalo Community. Memories of her taking care of the Summer Programs at the Waimanalo Gym but better known at Waimanalo Beach Park. Alongside with getting the Kupuna Programs in the Adjacent Building to the Waimanalo Gym. I know this to be a great Honor for Aunty Grace and her Ohana to know that she will always be remembered.

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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jul 23, 2024 @ 04:58 PM
Testimony: I remember Aunty Gracie when I was a little kid attending summer fun and going to hula in the back building. Aunty always had so much aloha for every single person who came through. She was just like everyones tutu! Her hard work and dedication to the community extends beyond her kuleana. She was a key figure for us young children!		
Name: April Enomoto-Haole	Email: phaole65@gmail.com	Zip: 97306
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jul 23, 2024 @ 06:06 PM
Testimony: Aunty Grace Adviento has bee. A pillar of the community for most of my life. I enjoyed summer fun under her direction and even worked a few summers. She was caring and compassionate person caring for all the children of Waimanalo as if we were her own children. She ensured that all was safe and had the most fun!!! The dedication would be highly recommneded		
Name: Sandra-Al Kaluau	Email: hotwn45@yahoo.com	Zip: 85396
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jul 23, 2024 @ 07:41 PM
Testimony: For the past 10 years I wake up to the bright hot sun in Buckeye AZ. I may be far away but my heart and reflection is about the people that raised the 7 Kaluau kids in Waimanalo. Her voice, smile, warm hugs and stern reminders to do the right things, make good choices and become someone in the future is what Aunty Gracie is all about. from the age of 14 I had no parents therefore she was an Angel that helped keep me on the right path. She made sure we had food to eat, my siblings were doing good, but to always remember to "ask for help and no be shame" Like many other great legends in Waimanalo, she loved everyone. When I became a School Counselor, she reached out to me to help many others like she once did. Once again, she loved every one ☺☺. Now that my siblings and I are adults, she took care of us with her presence and her life lessons of "passing it on" to others. This woman is amazing ☺☺		
Name: Pualani Josue	Email: mzpua1@yahoo.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jul 23, 2024 @ 08:12 PM

Testimony:

This will be a blessing and an honor for Aunty Grace Adviento. Her compassion, loyalty and commitment to our community is outstanding and recognized throughout Waimanalo.

Mahalo for your consideration!

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Representing:

Self

Position:

Support

Submitted:

Jul 23, 2024 @ 08:54 PM

Testimony:

I support naming the new Waimanalo District park Multipurpose building named after Grace Aviento.

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Representing:

Self

Position:

Support

Submitted:

Jul 23, 2024 @ 09:03 PM

Testimony:

Grace Adviento is a remarkable individual whose legacy has greatly impacted our Waimanalo community.

The park is a central and beloved part of the community, and would be the perfect location for this tribute. It is a space for gathering, reflection, and enjoyment—values that align closely with Grace’s own spirit and achievements. I hope you will approve renaming the park after her.

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Representing:

Self

Position:

Support

Submitted:

Jul 23, 2024 @ 09:10 PM

Testimony:

Aunty Gracie was always for the community with love, care and dedication. Aloha Always, Tyrel.

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Representing:

Self

Position:

Support

Submitted:

Jul 23, 2024 @ 09:21 PM

Testimony:

I am in support of this resolution in naming the multipurpose building after Grace Adviento.

She is a pillar of the community, a role model and exudes the aloha spirit to everyone she meets.

She has been involved in raising generations of Waimanalo children as a leader in the summer fun program for decades.

As well as perpetuating life, fun and joy in the elderly community of Waimanalo as a volunteer and leader in the

Waimanalo seniors' program for decades.

A constant smile in the annual Waimanalo parade and devoted church loving, God fearing woman of St. George Church. If you are from Waimanalo you know Aunty Gracie whether from the summer fun program, ginger bread making at the gym or May Day Lei making Aunty Grace always supported her community and truly loves her Waimanalo. There is no one more deserving than her to be honored in such a way.

Name: Florescia (AKA - Frencha) Kalilimoku	Email: frencha2009@yahoo.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jul 23, 2024 @ 09:37 PM

Testimony:

I have known Grace Adviento since 1972, when I attended summer fun at the Waimanalo Beach Park. I also played volleyball at the old Waimanalo Gym.

Now that I'm older and a member of the Waimanalo Senior Citizens Club, of which Aunty Grace is a member too, her 50+ years of service to the community, is a testament of her love and aloha towards Waimanalo.

It would be an honor for the newly renovated multipurpose room to be dedicated and named after her.

Name: Naomi Miner	Email: daommmz@gmail.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jul 23, 2024 @ 09:40 PM

Testimony:

Aunty Grace has been a public figure in Waimanalo community for more than half a century. Naming the facility after her is the least you can do for her and her greatness. Beyond blessed to know aunty Grace Adviento all my life.

Name: Javon Keliiholokai	Email: javonnnny@gmail.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jul 23, 2024 @ 10:59 PM

Testimony:

Growing up I had the pleasure to learn and participate in community activities organized by aunty Gracie. Mostly all of my memories at the gym include her. She is also one of my late grandmothers dearest friends. Aunty Gracie made my childhood a memorable one at Waimanalo Gym.

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Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Support	Jul 23, 2024 @ 11:50 PM
Testimony: I believe anty grace adviento should have thee honors of having her name up its well deserved that they do so		
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Joe Albinio	joealbinio@yahoo.com	96795
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Jul 24, 2024 @ 03:04 AM
Testimony: Aloha I Joe Albinio fully support the naming the new multipurpose building after aunty Grace Adviento. Aunty Grace was a person that served the Waimanalo community with an open heart, wether serving the lupine, Waimanalo summer fun, the Waimanalo carnival I would and I think all of Waimanalo would agree with me to say aunty Grace is the Mother of Waimanalo.		
Name:	Email:	Zip:
Heidi Ilima Ho-Lastimosa	Ilima888@gmail.com	96795
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Jul 24, 2024 @ 06:38 AM
Testimony: Mahalo for having the foresight to make this happen. So deserving! Gracie raised up homestead kids at Waimanalo Beach Park for generations! I was in the summer fun program in the early 70s, and spent many days in the multipurpose room throughout the year. I especially loved making leather bracelets and shaping soap and doing resin art. Oh the memories. As I mentioned, generations of Hawaiian keiki. When my youngest son was 3, in 1996, I asked Gracie if he could attend Summer Fun, as his brother and all his cousins were, but he was too young. Of course! Absolutely! That is the kind of Aloha needed in every community. Commitment to the needs of the kaiaulu. Gracie has taught us well. How to be the support that community needs. Waimanalo has been blessed by this Mana Wahine! Mahalo Nui e Gracie for showing Us Pure Aloha! Love You Nui!		
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Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Jul 24, 2024 @ 06:47 AM
Testimony: Aunty Grace is a pillar in the Waimānalo community. Her selfless efforts to provide space and opportunity for youth and		

community members is unmatched. She is the true meaning of aloha at every level. We are doing the space the honor of naming the building after her.

Name: Brandy Akimo	Email: bakimo@halekipa.org	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jul 24, 2024 @ 07:02 AM

Testimony:
I whole heartedly support the renaming of the MP building at the Waimanalo District Park for and after Aunty Gracie Adviento! What an exemplary way to honor hulu kūpuna such as her, as a living treasure while she is alive to experience this historic moment for her, her 'ohana and the community of Waimānalo!This recognizes her invaluable contributions and ensures her legacy lives on for future generations to admire and learn from.

Name: Von Galdeira	Email: von@kamaainakids.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jul 24, 2024 @ 07:50 AM

Testimony:
Aloha,
I support naming the new Waimānalo District Park's multi purpose building in honor of Anakē Grace Adviento. She has been a pillar in our community and providing safe and engaging spaces for our Keiki of Waimānalo for many decades. I appreciate your time, careful thought and consideration regarding this matter. Eō Anakē Grace!
Mahalo nui loa,
Von Galdeira

Name: Noeme Patterson	Email: npatterson80878@gmail.com	Zip: 89086
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jul 24, 2024 @ 09:12 AM

Testimony:
I am no longer living in Hawaii but worked for Grace Adviento for several years at Waimanalo Gym. Over the years I have seen Grace take part in supporting the community and taking care of so many people in Waimanalo. She is respected and her presence has been nothing but positive for the people of Waimanalo. There is no one more deserving of this honor than Grace Adviento.

Name: Herb Kaniaupio	Email: Papab1971@gmail.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jul 24, 2024 @ 09:35 AM

Testimony:

Aunty Grace has been a pillar in Waimanalo buy a woman of grace to many communities she has given her time and dedication in teaching many cultural skills. For me personally it is her uplifting snd st times when needed her powerful advices she would share, always encouraging and motivating me and many that I witnessed of. She always helped people to look to the positive things in life, never giving up in oneself but remaining strong in mind, body and spirit. She is my definition of a manawahine, the never say never attitude or always you can do and not I cannot do. But get up and do something constructive, productive and always remaining positive. She always volunteered in so many ways helping and supporting throughout Waimanalo and the islands and beyond. A woman of resource and skills, She has been and continue to be an inspiring woman a manawahine in so many ways, but always with dignity and with grace. She dedicated many years of her countless hours to the community and everyone always knew where to find her in the multi-purpose hall behind the Waimanalo Gym so it is only the honor and privilege to rename that building after Aunty Grace for She is Waimanalo and a Kupuna that we highly respect and recognize not only for Waimanalo but for Hawaii. She was one of the first to be there and one of the last to leave. She is a living legend and deserve this prestigious honor as a kalamaku a torch bearer of knowledge that she has shared with countless members throughout Waimanalo and all of Hawaii. Love you Aunty Grace. Please accept my support of renaming the Waimanalo District Park Multi-Purpose building after our Humble and yet mighty Aunty Grace Adviento.

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Representing:

Self

Position:

Support

Submitted:

Jul 24, 2024 @ 10:10 AM

Testimony:

Grace Adviento has been a part of so many people's lives. She's a friend, a mother, a grandmother and an aunty to so many children in our community. Personally I've known her since the age of four when I attended the Tiny Tots program at the Waimanalo Beach Park where years later I became a volunteer junior leader. She was THE BOSS! The park director, whom we all looked up to. She was always welcoming and treated us like her own. and treated each and every one of us equally. She was a great role model for us all. Grace for many years ran the Senior Citizen group at the Waimanalo District Park as well. She was a fabulous director. I support naming the new Waimanalo District Park Multipurpose Building in honor of Grace Adviento. This would be so very fitting for this to happen.

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Representing:

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Position:

Support

Submitted:

Jul 24, 2024 @ 10:21 AM

Testimony:

Grace Adviento has been a pillar of Hope and Aloha in the Waimānalo community for decades. I believe we should honor her efforts while she is still here with us.

July 23, 2024

Allen and Lisa Ann Kahalewai
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Aloha! Members of the Committee on Parks,

We were absolutely thrilled to hear of the proposal to name the Waimanalo District Park Multi-Purpose Building in honor of Grace Adviento; affectionately known as Aunty Gracie and "Tutu."

The Committee on Parks have proposed a great choice for a pioneer woman who made a profound impact on the Waimanalo community. This tribute is particularly meaningful because it becomes a part of the community's identity and history and as far back when my grandparents lived in the community too. The Adviento family resided here for almost a century. They lived in the neighborhood with a bunch of great families who survived together and persevered through a sociable, close-knit neighborhood. Tutu's tribute not only serves as a constant reminder of her life and accomplishments but also allows the community to share in the commemoration.

We collectively express our gratitude and consideration. It is great that you initially found a way to honor her while she continues to inspire and influence others.

I hope you feel blessed when you present our testimony.

Mahalo,

Allen & Lisa Ann Kahalewai
Allen and Lisa Ann Kahalewai