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Testimony

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

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Meeting Date: Nov 20, 2024 @ 01:00 PM

Support: 20

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 1

Name:	Email:	Zip:
April Enomoto-Haole	phaole65@gmail.com	97301
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Nov 14, 2024 @ 05:13 PM

Testimony:

Mr. Mahoney was always a pillar in the Waimanalo community. Always displaying caring and compassion. It would honor his name tremendously if the park that he frequented was named after him.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Solomon Akui	akui.solomon@gmail.com	96795
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Nov 17, 2024 @ 09:36 PM

Testimony:

I feel in my heart for watching this man after 40+ years for servicing the Waimānalo Beach Campsite, Picnic area, and Playground. The grounds was more to him then jus work area, it was like his front yard. He kept it clean, functional, and beautiful for all to come and enjoy themselves.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Ana Perreira	ana143frank@gmail.com	96706
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	I wish to comment	Nov 18, 2024 @ 10:04 PM

Testimony:

This is his daughter the youngest 6 kids and also who was brought up at this beach for 7 years at my time . Until my parents to move into my grandparents house My dad took good care of this beach lot for many years before my time . As I remember growing up and seeing my uncle , my brother, and my cousin planting the coconut trees along the road side . He knew actually where the sprinklers holes were , He kept and making sure things would be done in right ways. The canoes race groups would know my dad because he took care of the bathroom and rubbish cans , and also making sure they are always cleaned. My dad was the original Park Keeper " in Waimanalo Beach Park to Makapu'u for many years in time when he retired . Thank you for hearing me and I hope to see this park will be dedicated to my dad . George Kea Mahoe Jr.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kimeona Kane	Kimeonakane@gmail.com	96795
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Nov 19, 2024 @ 08:33 PM

Testimony:

Aloha kākou,

Kimeona Kane of Waimānalo, in strong support of this effort to honor a son of Waimānalo for his service and leadership. Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Mahalo nui,

Kimeona Kane

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kahaunani Mahoe-Thoene	ewamahoe52@gmail.com	96795
Representing:	**Position:**	**Submitted:**
Self	Support	Nov 19, 2024 @ 10:25 PM

Testimony:

Testimony in Support to rename the Waimānalo Campground to George Ke'a Mahoe Jr. Campground

Aloha Chair and Esteemed Council Members,

I am honored to submit this testimony in strong support of the renaming of Waimānalo Campground in recognition of George Ke'a Mahoe Jr., also known to many as "Uncle George", whose 40+ years of unwavering dedication have left an indelible mark on countless lives in our community.

Uncle George has not merely served as a steward of this sacred space but has devoted his life to fostering hope, healing, and unity among those who have passed through the parks. Under his leadership, Waimānalo Campground has become more than a physical place—it has become a refuge of restoration, a hub of cultural preservation, and a symbol of resilience for families and individuals in need.

For over four decades, Uncle George has invested his heart and soul into the lives of others, offering guidance, mentorship, and support to those navigating life's challenges. His work has been especially impactful for vulnerable populations, including at-risk youth, houseless families, and those seeking a fresh start. Through his efforts, the campground has become a beacon of transformation, empowering people to rise above adversity and build a better future for themselves and their families.

Moreover, Uncle George's deep respect for the land and its cultural significance has ensured that the Waimānalo Campground remains a place of connection to 'āina and heritage. His work has beautifully bridged traditional Hawaiian values with modern needs, creating a sanctuary that honors the past while serving the present.

To honor Uncle George and his extraordinary legacy, I urge you to take action to rename the Waimānalo Campground. This recognition is not merely about preserving land but about upholding the legacy of a man whose life has been a testament to the power of service, compassion, and aloha.

In the time when our communities faced growing challenges, Uncle George stands as a powerful reminder of what can be accomplished through unwavering commitment and love for others. Uncle George's contributions have transformed lives, and this act of gratitude will ensure his impact endures for generations to come.

Mahalo nui loa for considering my testimony.

Me Ka Ha'aha'a!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Julia Burnett	desertmom@yahoo.com	89011
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Nov 20, 2024 @ 08:56 AM

Testimony:

I have the privilege of honoring a remarkable individual whose life and legacy have touched countless lives—George Ke-a Mahoe, Jr. otherwise known as "Uncle Georgie".

For over 40 years, Uncle Georgie has served the City and County of Honolulu with a dedication and compassion that few can match. His commitment to improving the lives of others has not only changed the lives of those he helped, but has also inspired all of us to be better people.

From the beginning of his journey, Uncle Georgie dedicated himself to hard work and honesty all while helping the less-fortunate and houseless. He recognized that the city, while bustling with opportunity, also carried the burden of many living on the fringes, struggling without a place to call home. Instead of standing by, he rolled up his sleeves and dove into action. Whether through offering meals, shelter, or simply a listening ear, Uncle Georgie always put others first. He never saw the less-fortunate as a problem to be solved but as individuals to be cared for and respected.

Beyond providing immediate relief, he worked tirelessly to create a safer, welcoming environment for everyone in this community including visitors and residents alike. He made sure that those in need had access to the resources they required, all while ensuring that the community as a whole was united and protected. His work was not about charity—it was about creating an inclusive, nurturing space where families could come and enjoy all that Waimānalo's Beach Parks had to offer.

Uncle Georgie's example of selflessness, patience, and love has shown us that one person truly can make a difference. His tireless work, often behind the scenes, has had an indelible impact on this community and on the many lives he touched along the way. He has been family to many who had none, a beacon of light for so many.

Today, as we reflect on his extraordinary service, we are reminded of the incredible difference one person can make when they dedicate themselves to the well-being of others. Uncle Georgie's contributions have left an enduring legacy in

Waimānalo and all throughout the state of Hawai'i, one that will continue to inspire for generations to come.

Uncle Georgie's life has been a testament to the power of kindness, the importance of community, and the unwavering belief that everyone deserves a safe place to call home. His work is far from over, and the example he has set will continue to inspire us to carry the torch forward. We are forever grateful for his heart, his work, and the love he has poured into our city.

Mahalo,

Julia Burnett

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Kalani Mahoe	k_mahoe@yahoo.com	96795
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Self	Support	Nov 20, 2024 @ 09:31 AM

Name:	Email:	Zip:
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Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Nov 20, 2024 @ 10:13 AM

Testimony:

With love and respect

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Doug Mahoe	dkahuna@earthlink.net	91367
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Nov 20, 2024 @ 10:27 AM

Testimony:

George Mahoe Jr was well known and loved by the people of the community. Known as a person who took pride in the up keeping of the park. Always there to assist anyone in need. He was a dedicated person not only to the people of the community but to all visitors to the park. George K Mahoe Jr deserve this recognition.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Keone Mahoe	keone_mahoe@hotmail.com	97402
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Nov 20, 2024 @ 10:27 AM

Testimony:

My uncle was an awesome person.

If you went camping and forgot something at home my uncle had everything you need (tent poles, sleeping tents, table and chairs etc.) it would be awesome to see something special in the family.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Diana Tagaloa	dtagaloa5@gmail.com	89048
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Nov 20, 2024 @ 10:30 AM

Testimony:

I support naming campground at Waimanalo Beach Park in honor of George Ke'a Mahoe Jr

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Mahealani Kalahiki	mkalahiki6@gmail.com	96792
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Nov 20, 2024 @ 11:20 AM

Testimony:

I approve of the name change, uncle been working for over 30yrs, he was dedicated 2 his job, this park should be named after this dedicated man, pls make this family's wish come true n change the parks name, It wud make this family's wish come true and everytime they drive pass this beach they will be smiling with joy because that's where this man's heart was n the memories will flow in

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Rory Mahoe	slkntik45@yahoo.com	96795
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Nov 20, 2024 @ 11:25 AM

Testimony:

Hi my name is Rory mahoe

I am the grandson and adopted son of George K. Mahoe and Eleanor N Mahoe

I do agree on the renaming of this beach park to George K Mahoe because my grandfather Really loved this park.
It was not only his workplace for decades for the city and county of Honolulu it was also his home at one point in time.
He took really good care of this park waking up before the sun came up. Bathrooms clean and park well maintained.
He took pride in caring for this special beach park.
He also took care of all the campers that camped at this beautiful beach.
Everyone in the community loved my
Papa.
His legacy must live on through our family ,friends and the name of this beautiful beach park located in the heart of waimanalo.
He was a great man. And thought me how to survive off the ocean. He taught me love, respect and a great attitude will take you far in life.
I could go on and on.

Mahalo nui for your Time ....

Sincerely Rory k Mahoe (Grandson)

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Lucky Tagaloa	lucky@drmchurch.org	89048
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Nov 20, 2024 @ 11:29 AM

Testimony:

I support Naming Campground at Waimanalo Beach Park in honor of George Ke'a Mahoe Jr Selfless man

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Rebecca Mattos	mattosrebecca@gmail.com	96795
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Nov 20, 2024 @ 12:03 PM

Testimony:

Aloha kākou. We support this resolution to honor the legacy of George Ke'a Mahoe, Jr.

He showed Aloha for everyone and lived by example how to Mālama ʻĀina and making sure the beach parks were pristine.

Mahalo for all you gave to the ʻĀina and to Waimānalo throughout your lifetime. We hope your legacy is remembered in this renaming and way to honor our kūpuna.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Solomon Mahoe-Akui	akui.solomon@gmail.com	96795
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Nov 20, 2024 @ 12:06 PM

Testimony:

I Mr ANAMANESS think that Mr. George Ke'a Mahoe should deserve to have this WAIMĀNALO BEACH PARK ,,,,,,,IN HIS NAME,,,,he dedicated his life to this park and then SOME!!!!!!!!!??

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Hideki Kimukai	hkimukai@hotmail.com	96826
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Nov 20, 2024 @ 12:27 PM

Testimony:

I fully support this agenda. I'm fortunate enough to work and spend time with his grandson ohana and they have been nothing but full of aloha. It is my honor to be able to learn about what he has meant to the community and learn about his legacy which will carry on for next generations.

Mahalo nui loa

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Kukana Kama-Toth	kukanakamatoth96795@gmail.com	96795
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Nov 20, 2024 @ 12:31 PM

Testimony:

In full support of the renaming of the Waimanalo Beach Park Campsite area.

Mahalo nui for your consideration.

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Richard Mahoe	r_majoe11@yahoo.com	96786
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Nov 20, 2024 @ 12:37 PM

Testimony:

George ke'a Mahoe jr. is my grandpa, i hope that my papa's legacy affect many, touched many hearts, know my papa's stories of how he help out so many people in waimanalo beach park and seeing it, gave hope to me and ohana grow in ways my papa has done, so now can teach the next generation of Mahoe keiki's, We are very greatful for my papa's movement, hope me and my ohana continue that movement even if park name doesnt changed, we can still follow the examples he done, I am agreeing and supporting my Mahoe Ohana has decided!!! Mahalo nui!!!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Bertha Mahoe-Malina	Uilanim99@gmail.com	96796
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Nov 20, 2024 @ 12:48 PM

Testimony:

George Kea Mahoe, jr was the ground care keeper of many different parks from Makapuu to Kailua parks for over 40 years plus. He lived on the site of Waimanalo Beach Park Camping Grounds where he stay there for over 20 years. He made sure the restrooms had toilet paper and toilets were clean. He clean all trash can and took all the trash to the dumped. He always willing to help houseless people who call Waimanalo Beach Park Camping Grounds their home for many years. He would wake up early to make sure that restrooms were clean before the campers wake up. He would give up his family time to make sure that the park was always clean. He would help out with big events like the Waimanalo carnival, canoes regatta, baseball game at the baseball fields. He used to lived on the ground but torn down his house in 1988. He dedicated his life to the City and County of Honolulu for over 40 years. He is a very humble and the nicest man. Please take it in consideration to renaming Waimanalo Beach Park Camping Grounds to George Kea Mahoe, jr. Thank you for honoring my Uncle George Kea Mahoe, jr. His legacy will live on forever!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Shadey Mahoe	moani2009@icloud.com	96792
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Nov 20, 2024 @ 12:57 PM

Testimony:

Geroge Mahoe committed his whole life taking care of the beach park as well as people who attended. Please in honor of his name name it after him

November 20, 2024

Aloha mai kakou e Councilmembers,

My name is Kalani Mahoe, I am the neice of Mr. George Kea Mahoe Jr. I am writting in favor of renaming the Waimanalo Beach Park campgrounds to Mr. George Kea Mahoe.

Mr. Mahoe, also known as Uncle George, was a hardworking, compassionate, dedicated worker, who served the community for over 40 years. I remember as a little girl, almost every weekend, wed pack our bags and head down to what I called “Uncle Georges Park”.

From before the sunrised, he would:

1) Make sure the bathrooms were cleaned. Toilets were cleaned, floors washed, toilet paper restocked and tri-fold paper towels restocked.

2) Makes sure the garbage bins were emptied, relined, and taken to the dumpster that was once there.

3) Assess the campgrounds to pick up trash with his rake and dustpan.

4) Make sure the campers were good hed drive around to check on them if they needed anything.

As I write my testimony a vision of Uncle George in his blue city and county t-shirt, yellow cap, jeans, and worker boots comes to mind. His smile, his laughter, his love continues on through his family.

Once again, I am writing in favor of renaming the Waimanalo Beach Park Campgrounds to George Kea Mahoe Jr. Campgrounds.

Mahalo for your time.
Ms. Mahoe