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Testimony

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Support: 5

Oppose: 0

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Testimony:

Good afternoon. I'm Peter's youngest sister and I wanted to express to everyone how much dedication Peter showed in maintaining the park and the ball field so that it was a clean, beautiful, and safe space for the community, but most importantly, the keiki who played their baseball games there, through which he also umpired for almost as long as he cared for the park. He did so religiously for almost twenty years on a daily basis making sure it was clean and properly cared for. He worked hard to make sure the homeless situation that started there years ago didn't become a permanent problem so that the keiki could feel safe there at all hours of the day. Even though there were times his help wasn't appreciated by some that worked for the city, he never wavered in giving his time so generously and without compensation. I remember at times when he would mention how certain employees would have issues with him doing the work and I would question him as to why he'd continue to do it if he's not being appreciated and was being given a hard time, and his response was always "because someone has to do it". Because someone has to do it. That's how much pride he took in it! My family's home is right across the janitorial building with the restrooms and we could easily see when nothing was being done by the city workers over the years. And he was so dedicated and gave so much of his time and energy that nothing would stop him, because he took great pride in it and he wasn't about to let it not be cared for. He loved umpiring for the games and enjoyed seeing the kids and their families have a good time, and they've recently said that it deserves to be named after him, and I couldn't agree more. I feel that it is truly fitting and would be the best way to honor his life and legacy, and I hope that he now sees how much his work was and is appreciated, even if it wasn't always shown to him during his life. Thank you.

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Testimony:

I am in support of the renaming of Pu'uloa Neighborhood Park to Peter Wokoun, JR Baseball Field. Growing up on that field to seeing how it is now is night and day. I don't see the rocks or hazards now like I did as a kid. The time and effort he put into maintaining the field and not asking for anything in return speaks volume to who he was. A person who always helped when you asked or not even asking and he just helped. He had a kind heart and wanted others to be able to enjoy things like a park. The time I have been there recently and watching the kids enjoying themselves playing baseball has

been enjoyable. Hearing the kids and parents from afar saying things like "that is awesome" and "such a great tribute" when they see the possibility of the park being renamed in his honor brings brings tears to me. The field and surrounding park is in much better shape now because of the effort he put into it. Once you see one person caring for it, others will follow in helping to maintain it. He did that by leading by example. After practices and games, I don't see trash lying all over. It is because they saw him putting in the effort to keep it clean. Let's honor his life by renaming the field after him.

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Testimony:

I support the name change of this ballfield because my brother Peter Jr, dedicated his time and effort into keeping this park litter free and ready for the kids to play baseball. He was committed and took pride in the job he did. He was friendly and outgoing to the families. He loved the sport and took care of this baseball diamond because he knew others did as well. He helped anyone who needed it, especially our neighbors. He didn’t want wealth or fame. All he wanted was to do what he was passionate about and that was to create a safe ballfield for the kids and their families to enjoy. He also umpired these games here, as well and at other ball parks in the area. He found his purpose and that was to serve others which he did with a grateful heart. I ask that you rename this park on this and all of the testimonies, and for Peters the legacy to live on. Thank you very much.

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Testimony:

Peter loved the park and dedicated his personal time to keep it in good condition. He would tend to the park grounds and the baseball field. He took the time to make sure it looked perfect for little league games. He was an umpire as well. I support changing the name to the Peter Wokoun Jr., Baseball Field to honor his commitment to keep the community park an oasis for everyone.

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Peter Wokoun took pride in his community especially the ball field.

Where he water/trims the grass and umpires games. He also helps with PU’ULOA NEIGHBORHOOD PARK with the trash, homeless people and looking after the restrooms.

All from his heart WITHOUT pay.

To rename the ball field after Peter would be an amazing accomplishment and legacy he leaves behind.

Thank you!

The Senate

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May 23, 2025

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Aloha Chair Tupola, Vice Chair Tulba, and members of the Parks Committee,

I write in strong support of Resolution 25-132, which seeks to rename the Puʻuloa Neighborhood Baseball Field at Puʻuloa Neighborhood Park to the Peter Wokoun, Jr., Baseball Field.

Peter Wokoun personally cared for the Puʻuloa baseball diamond for over a decade, ensuring it was safe and well maintained for the athletes and community to use for baseball games. He maintained the park, secured and locked the gate each night, and prepped the baseball diamond prior to every baseball game. His hard work substantially enriched the lives of those who used the diamond at Puʻuloa Neighborhood Park.

Peter Wokoun previously served as umpire for both local minor and major little leagues, and has truly dedicated himself to both the sport and the community. He led by example and showed our youth the importance of responsibility, respect, and how to care for our community. Naming the field in his honor is a fitting and lasting tribute to someone who gave so much of himself to the community he loved.

I am in STRONG support of Resolution 25-132 renaming the Puʻuloa Neighborhood Baseball Field at Puʻuloa Neighborhood Park to the Peter Wokoun, Jr., Baseball Field. May this designation forever honor his legacy and inspire our keiki to follow in his footsteps.

Sincerely,

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