RES25-147
Testimony

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Meeting Date: May 27, 2025 @ 02:30 PM

Support: 5

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

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Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Manoa Aquatics	Support	May 26, 2025 @ 02:28 PM

Testimony:

Dear Members of the City Council,

On behalf of Manoa Aquatics, we are most grateful for the 8 starting blocks donated by the Mamizuka Family in honor of the late Coach Harry M. Mamizuka, founder of Manoa Aquatics. We humbly ask that you received this gift to assist your efforts in renovating the Harry M. Mamizuka Swimming Complex in the Manoa Valley District Park. For over a decade, our year-round non-profit swim club has been negatively effected by the short and long-term closures of the Manoa Pool as our number of swimmers and parent volunteers like myself have dropped significantly since the pandemic and the closure of the Manoa Pool in September 2024. We hope that the Harry M. Mamizuka Swimming Complex can be renovated and eligible to hold public swim meets as there are currently no public pools in the Honolulu area that are swim-meet eligible. We also hope that the Manoa Pool can become fully operational and utilized by the general public for na keiki, na ohana and na kupuna for swimming, water polo, diving, lifeguard training, summer fun, mental health and physical rehabilitation. If there is anything our club can do to assist your efforts pertaining to the Manoa Pool, please don't hesitate to contact us as we are eager to hold the 44th Annual Harry H Mamizuka Swim Invitational at the Harry M. Mamizuka Swimming Complex in Manoa Valley in April 2026 and not at the Mark Takai VMAC pool in Waipio Gentry.
Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kanekoa K.C. Crabbe
President, Manoa Aquatics

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Testimony:

Please support this gift as it gives the city and opportunity to hold USA Swim sanctioned meets in Honolulu. There are currently no city and county pools that can host a sanctioned swim meet in town. This would benefit the swimmers, swim teams, and the entire Manoa community.

Besides the sanctioned meets. It is a chance to create a visually pleasing swim pool with new starting blocks that all levels of swimmers could utilize.

Lastly it honors Coach Mamizuka and a swim club that has been a part of the Manoa community from the 1980's. I myself swam for the team with my sisters. My son is a current member. Everyone would benefit by accepting this gift.

Mahalo for taking the time and giving me the opportunity.

DeRoy Lavatai

VP Manoa Aquatics, Parent, former swimmer

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Testimony:

Please include my previous testimony submission to include "Oral Testimony" as well for tomorrow's hearing. Thank you!

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Testimony:

Please accept the gift from Manoa Aquatics as it will allow swim meets to be held at Manoa District pool as in the past. Manoa Aquatics has for many decades supported the Manoa community and many Manoa residents are former Manoa Aquatics swimmers that would like to see the Mamizuka Invitational brought back to Manoa district pool where it belongs. Thank you for your consideration.

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Manoa Aquatics	Support	May 26, 2025 @ 09:20 PM

Honolulu City Council

Resolution 25-147

Accepting A Gift of Eight (8) Spectrum Dual Xcellerator Platforms Valued at $67,224.85 to the City from Manoa Aquatics for the Harry M Mamizuka Swimming Complex at Manoa District Pool

Aloha Council Members,

The Harry Mamizuka Ohana strongly supports the passing of Resolution 25-147. The Manoa Aquatics Swim Club would like to purchase and donate eight (8) starting blocks to the Harry Mamizuka Swimming Complex.

Coach Mamizuka had a 60-year coaching career that focused on helping Hawai'i youth obtain scholarships to private schools, to universities, and to colleges. His greatest achievement was getting an at-risk youth off the street and into athletics. He cared deeply about the youth of Hawai'i. He would show up for Parent Teacher Conferences for youth with absent parents. He would feed children that did not have enough food at home. Harry founded the Manoa Aquatics to make swimming accessible to all youth attending public and private schools.

Manoa Aquatics trained and held the annual swimming invitational at the Harry Mamizuka Swimming Complex. Over time, the pool aged. The starting blocks were wobbly, the pool basin tile cracked, and the pool lights were inoperable. The Manoa Aquatic swimming practices were diverted to Palolo Pool where they shared half the pool with another swim team. The Manoa Aquatics Swimming Invitational was relocated to the K. Mark Takai Veterans Memorial Aquatics Center in Waipahu (17 miles from Manoa). As a result, Manoa Aquatics decreased in participation.

Since, the City and County of Honolulu Parks and Recreation and Facility Management worked diligently to make necessary repairs on the Harry Mamizuka Swimming Complex located at Manoa District Pool. The Manoa Swim Club would like to donate starting blocks that will attract competitive swimmers and athletes. More importantly, it will give Hawai'i youth a competitive training pool.

In Spring of 2026, we would like the Harry M. Mamizuka Swimming Complex to host the 44th Annual Harry Mamizuka Swimming Invitational. This will allow swimmers to make state times to qualify for state level championships.