

RES25-170
Testimony

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Meeting Date: Jun 17, 2025 @ 02:00 PM

Support: 342

Oppose: 247

I wish to comment: 18

Name: Sonja Monteiro	Email: sonja.tse@gmail.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 11, 2025 @ 03:15 PM
Testimony: Aloha, The members of the city council have been voted in by the people of Honolulu. To remove them goes directly against the wishes of the people. To say this would be undemocratic is an understatement, it is a crime. Additionally, removing LGBTQ members of the council displays an optic that is easily, and maybe not wrongly, taken as an act of discrimination. The people say, "NO" to this bill. Hard NO.		
Name: Jaime Cunnane	Email: jaime.mn.cunnane@gmail.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 11, 2025 @ 08:34 PM
Testimony: I strongly oppose this resolution. Matt Weyer should not be removed as Vice Chair and replaced by Tupola. And Radiant Cordeiro shouldn't be replaced with Kiaaina. This is clearly an act of retaliation and in my perspective a pathetic way to keep the chair's power. Specifically about Matt Weyer being replaced by Tupola- dear god do we really need Tupola or any other Trump-loving, anti LGBTQ person in any more place of power anywhere? NO. LGBTQ+ community need representation in all places, and Matt Weyer should not be removed and replaced with her. And for shame- especially during PRIDE month? Really? This one specifically will not bring more change and innovation into leadership. In addition, if for some reason Tyler Dos Santos Tam's positions as chair of budget is changed- I will be prepared to submit testimony to oppose that too. Do better, chair.		
Name: Zoë Brooks-Jeffiers	Email: zoe.brooksjeffiers@gmail.com	Zip: 96814
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Oppose	Jun 11, 2025 @ 10:04 PM
Testimony: Aloha Chair and Councilmembers, I am submitting this testimony in strong opposition to Resolution 25-170. This resolution is deeply troubling — not only because of what it proposes, but because of what it represents. Under the pretense of political procedure, it threatens to remove and replace council members who are part of the LGBTQIA+ community. The timing, during Pride Month and when queer people are under active attack, sends a chilling message to queer residents across our city and state: that our leaders seemingly are willing to target members of our community when their voices don't fall in line with political agendas. Current reports are suggesting this resolution is due to their votes not aligning with other's. This is not just about a disagreement on votes or legislative strategy. It's about the misuse of power in a way that erodes public trust and targets individuals based on their identity. To punish elected officials — not for misconduct, but for independent decision-making — is not only undemocratic, it's dangerous. Resolution 25-170 is especially alarming when viewed in the context of broader national attacks on LGBTQIA+ rights and representation. Hawai'i has long prided itself on its spirit of aloha, inclusion, and equity. This resolution moves us in the opposite direction. To move forward with Resolution 25-170 would be to send a message that LGBTQIA+ council members are only tolerated when they are compliant. That diversity is conditional. That speaking your mind, especially when it goes against a particular member's agenda, will cost you your seat. This is retaliation — plain and simple. And retaliation has no place in our democratic process. I respectfully urge the Chair and Council to reconsider and reject this resolution and reaffirm your commitment to fair governance, ethical leadership, and the basic dignity and representation of all people — especially during Pride Month, when we should be celebrating LGBTQIA+ voices, not silencing them. Mahalo for your time and consideration, Zoë Brooks-Jeffiers		
Name: Sergius Rodriguez	Email: serenasamurailife@gmail.com	Zip: 96826

Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 12, 2025 @ 08:12 AM
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Testimony:

The glue holding together our American society relies upon representing the differences of opinion in our political process. These challenges are to be protected and they are fundamental to a cooperative society.

Another major part of that glue is the representation of the community in the political process. While the intention of Mr Waters may be to push through his particular agenda, he is unintentionally removing representation for a significant part of our community-- the LGBTQ+ community-- which is already marginalized and finding itself silenced in every aspect of our American society. Removal of Councilperson Weyer, and the rumored removal of Dos-Santos Tam, from Council leadership will be one more step towards making our entire community irrelevant and unrepresented.

To remove LGBTQ+ representation in favor of a bringing in new Councilpersons amenable to Mr Waters agenda is wrong and not in the spirit of the American political process. Further, to willingly bring in a MAGA person to replace LGBTQ+ representation smells of being an intentional act of political retribution and intimidation. And, whether intentional or not, the optics of removing LGBTQ+ representation during pride month is a message that even at the smallest levels of American political governance LGBTQ+ people can just be thrown away and replaced. We will not be replaced.

Name: Roger Branon Rodriguez	Email: rogerod@gmail.com	Zip: 96826
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Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 12, 2025 @ 09:19 AM
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Testimony:

I am writing in strong opposition to Resolution 25-170, which seeks to remove Councilmember Matt Weyer from his position as Vice Chair of the Council.

Councilmember Weyer has served his district and our city with integrity, compassion, and a deep commitment to equity. His leadership has been vital to advancing policies that support LGBTQ+ communities, protect marginalized residents, and uphold the values of inclusion that define the spirit of Aloha.

The timing of this resolution—introduced during Pride Month—deepens the harm. While public trust depends on transparency and accountability, this action appears retaliatory. Councilmember Weyer’s decision to vote his conscience on recent legislation does not justify stripping him of his leadership role. Divergence in opinion is not dysfunction—it is the foundation of democracy.

To compound matters, this resolution elevates a known Trump supporter to Vice Chair. Honolulu deserves leadership that

reflects its diverse values and stands apart from the dangerous rhetoric and anti-LGBTQ+ policies we've seen at the federal level. We do not need our City Council aligning itself with extremist ideologies under the guise of reorganization.

Removing one of the few LGBTQ+ voices in leadership diminishes not only representation but also the trust of queer residents who deserve to see themselves reflected in positions of power. This is not a neutral reshuffling—it is a regression.

I respectfully urge the Council to vote no on Resolution 25-170. Do not reward political conformity at the cost of representation, diversity, and integrity. We are watching, and we believe Honolulu can—and must—do better.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Name: Landon Lee	Email: leelando@hawaii.edu	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 12, 2025 @ 10:50 AM

Testimony:

Honorable Councilmembers,

I am writing to oppose RES25-170, which would replace Councilmembers Weyer and Cordero in their respective positions. I particularly oppose the replacement of Councilmember Weyer with Council Member Tupola as vice-chair of the council.

In a time where the city and county's immigrant and minority communities are facing intense discrimination and threats of violence, it couldn't be less appropriate to have a councilmember who has repeatedly demonstrated her sympathies and support for the current federal administration responsible for these threats in the first place. Moreover, Weyer has repeatedly demonstrated his competence and care for his community in this position. The reason for this change is seemingly an effort to punish them both for not voting in favor of Waters sewer bill, which even the mayor and director of budget and fiscal services noted would put the city and county in a terrible financial position. I commend the five members of the council who voted to protect the city's fiscal stability, and ultimately, the public interest.

This punitive and sudden effort to change leadership at the city council is yet another example of Water's unwillingness to choose what's right for the city and community in favor of his own political self-protection. In many ways, he represents the worst of what people hate about politics in Hawai'i. Thus, I urge the council to vote no on RES25-170.

Regards,
Landon Lee

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Teresa Parsons	tapanc06@gmail.com	96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 12, 2025 @ 10:53 AM
Testimony: I oppose the restructuring of the City Council, particularly placing Andrea Tupola, as Vice-Chair. Her record on equality and diversity while in the State legislature clearly puts her at odds with the majority of Honolulu residents.		
Name: Kealakai Hammond	Email: kealakai.hammond@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 12, 2025 @ 01:53 PM
Testimony: I strongly oppose replacing Matt Weyer with Andria Tupola and Radiant Cordero with Esther Kiaaina. This appears to be a politically motivated move by Waters and antithetical to his purported wanting to "bring more innovation" into leadership. As our state grapples with navigating the federal changes negatively impacting our state, we need progressive leaders who staunchly stand with democracy and the well being of their constituents. I urge you to reject this resolution and keep Weyer and Cordero in their current roles.		
Name: Sean Higa	Email: seanhiga145@gmail.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 12, 2025 @ 03:22 PM
Testimony: Vote NO on Resolution 25-170 right now. It is a cheap power grab in the dark. Tommy Waters just lost the sewer fee vote and he is throwing a tantrum. So he wants to shove out Vice Chair Matt Weyer, the only openly LGBTQ leader on this Council, and swap in Andria Tupola, a loud Trump cheerleader. That is dirty politics, plain and simple. And Tupola, a Trumper, should never be allowed to have such a prominent voice. This is classic back-room business that breaks every promise you made about transparency. If you ram this through you are telling the people of Oahu that deals cut behind closed doors matter more than fair process and real representation. And do not forget Waters history. When he chaired the Judicial Committee in the 2000s, he heard a bill on same sex rights. It would have given same sex couples the legal right of marriage. Waters listened, then buried the bill so no one could vote. Here we are again. Same player, same playbook, same target. Push the queer voice out of sight, protect his own power, hand a leadership role to someone who wants to stamp out LGBTQ rights. If you let this slide you are stamping your approval on discrimination and pettiness. Vote no. Keep Matt Weyer in the vice chair seat. Show that this Council still		

knows the difference between leadership and playground revenge. Show that LGBTQ residents count. Show that you will not bend to back-room politics. Kill Resolution 25-170 and do it with some backbone.

Name: Henry Shinn	Email: hrshinn@gmail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 12, 2025 @ 04:54 PM

Testimony:
Deeply concerned that a leadership reshuffle that appears to punish members for voting in the best interest of their constituents risks eroding public confidence and sends a chilling message to those who dare to lead with independence and integrity.

Name: Richard Velasquez	Email: rsv314@aol.com	Zip: 96734-2038
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 12, 2025 @ 06:34 PM

Testimony:
please oppose Reso 25-170
Please continue to allow Vice Chair Matt Weyer to serve the people of Hawaii as he has done
as a citizen who votes I am very concerned that we are not supporting the Council members who are advocates for the people of Hawaii
I am a member of several organizations that are active in the community and we were looking at how we should best support our elected officials
to make this change (Reso 25-170) would require us to re think planned support for individuals who are pushing for this

Name: Jeannine Johnson	Email: jeannine@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 12, 2025 @ 08:16 PM

Testimony:
I do not believe Council Member Tupula should be Vice Chair. As a Trump supporter, she is not aligned with the values and culture of residents of the City of Honolulu. Mahalo.

Name: Cory Bunyard	Email: corybunyard@gmail.com	Zip: 96814
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Oppose	Jun 12, 2025 @ 09:34 PM
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Testimony:

I OPPOSE the selection and placement of Andria Tupola as Vice Chair of the Honolulu City Council. As a Trump Supporter it is inevitable that she will support the corrupt agenda of the Trump Administration and bring this corruption to Honolulu. This is NOT what we need as a city.

Thank you,

Cory Bunyard

Name: Thaddeus Pham	Email: Tediousmonkey@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 13, 2025 @ 08:20 AM

Testimony:

As a concerned citizen living in Makiki, I oppose the removal of Matt Weyer as Vice Co Chair.

We need LGBTQ+ perspectives on Honolulu City Council's executive board to ensure all voices are heard.

Mahalo,

Thaddeus Pham (he/him)

Name: Mike Golojuch, Sr	Email: mikegolojuch808@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 13, 2025 @ 08:42 AM

Testimony:

Chair Waters and Members of the Honolulu City Council,

I strongly oppose Resolution 25-170. I find it offensive that one of the individuals who proposed the resolution, who must have had the Council Chair's support, wants to replace an out and proud member of the LGBTQ+ community with a person who supports the current President's anti-LGBTQ+ agenda and mass deportations. Although the Council is considered non-partisan, these two individuals supposedly identify as Democrats. This resolution is a slap in the face to democratic principles.

It is just wrong to pass this resolution. Please stop this resolution in its tracks.

Thank you for letting me express my viewpoint.

Mike Golojuch, Sr.		
Name: Kiera Williams	Email: kiera.kiera33@gmail.com	Zip: 96814
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 13, 2025 @ 09:30 AM
Testimony: It's deplorable to retaliate against elected officials because they did not vote a certain way. It's undemocratic. It's dangerous. With the current depths of corruption on the federal level - local politics matter more than ever. The decision to introduce this measure silences any words made in its defense.		
Name: Tigger Huisinga	Email: tiggerhuisinga@gmail.com	Zip: 96814
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 13, 2025 @ 01:29 PM
Testimony: The retaliation from Tommy Waters towards Councilmember Weyer, especially during Pride month, is abhorrent. The way to move forward is to communicate, compromise, and work together, not to divide and try to replace/demote one of our island's most beloved leaders representing a community that's already so underrecognized with Tupola whose interests and values are NOT in alignment with the majority of the voters here in Hawai'i. During these times, we need someone who will continue looking out for equitable, compassionate, strategic solutions, and not support the corrupt "leaders" of the continent. Councilmember Weyer has a long history and legacy of being an advocate not only for his district but the best interests for those in Hawai'i. He should remain in his current position, not just as a queer pillar and community leader but as a fair and just city councilmember.		
Name: Nicholas Saumweber	Email: saum0012@gmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 13, 2025 @ 05:56 PM
Testimony: Dear Council Chair Waters, I am writing you today to express my opposition to Resolution 25-170. To vote to remove a council member because they		

disagreed with you is the epitome of abuse of power. You do not make decisions for the well being of the community you serve in a bubble. Disagreement is part of human nature and you should appreciate a difference of opinion not be slighted by it especially since we live in a democratic society where decision making is by consensus. This resolution is clear to anyone who sees it, you are attempting to punish your fellow council members for not falling in line with you. Theres a simple word for that, "revenge". Furthermore to remove a elected person from the LGBTQ+ community from city council during Pride month sends a clear message, that you do not in fact embrace the ideals that the City and County of Honolulu wishes to project by acknowledging Pride month and flying the flag at the capitol. I urge you to not let ego or avarice rule your decisions. Allow the space to disagree, allow the space for debate but most importantly, allow the space for brave people of minority groups to exist especially in positions of importance like Vice Chair.

Name: Aria Juliet Castillo	Email: ariajuliet@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 14, 2025 @ 07:56 AM

Testimony:

Aloha Chair Waters and Members of the Honolulu City Council,

My name is Aria Juliet Castillo, and I'm in strong opposition to Resolution 24-150, which seeks to remove Councilmembers from leadership roles, seemingly in retaliation for their recent votes on the sewer rate restructuring plan.

While Chair Waters supported alternative proposals to ease the financial impact, the Council ultimately voted 5-4 for a phased increase, after thoughtful deliberation. That's how democracy is supposed to work.

Rather than respecting that process and the right of elected officials to vote their conscience, this resolution comes across as punishment for disagreement. That's not leadership...it's political retaliation.

Dissent is not disloyalty. Our elected leaders must be free to act on principle without fear of retribution. This resolution sends a chilling message: fall in line or face consequences. That kind of power play erodes public trust and distracts from the real work of serving our communities.

Chair Waters, we need leaders who govern with collaboration, integrity, and vision, not vendettas. You've long been someone my friends and I admired. You've championed sustainability, prioritized public safety beyond policing, and taken thoughtful nuisance stances on housing that go beyond building our way out of the crisis.

You showed good judgment when you appointed Councilmembers Weyer and Cordero to leadership, both of whom have proven themselves as humble, hardworking public servants who put their communities first. But today, your judgment and integrity are being called into question.

You once said, "We can agree to disagree, but we don't have to be disagreeable." This resolution is the complete opposite of that statement.

And more troubling than removing Weyer and Cordero is the proposed elevation of Councilmember Tupola. Her alignment with far-right, authoritarian politics is dangerous. At a time when civil rights are under attack and communities are being terrorized, promoting her leadership is reckless.

We know she has ambitions for higher office. And as we've watched extremist rhetoric gain traction here at home, the idea

of platforming that kind of politics is deeply concerning.

Councilmember Kia'āina, I live in Kailua, and I appreciate your leadership. But as your constituent, I cannot support this resolution. I ask you to please consider the broader impact on our democracy and vote no on Resolution 24-150.

Mahalo,

Aria Juliet Castillo

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Representing:

Indivisible Leeward Oahu

Position:

Oppose

Submitted:

Jun 14, 2025 @ 08:48
AM

Testimony:

I write on behalf of a group that is seriously concerned about maintaining not only our civil rights but dignity for everyone in the great state of Hawaii. "We the People" Means Everyone!

We strongly Oppose Resolution 25-170 and the push to remove LGBTQIA+ members from important roles in our community.

Vice Chair Matt Weyer supports unions, working families, equality and civil rights; the foundations of our great state. He should not be replaced by CM Tupola who supports ICE raids in our vulnerable communities and anti inclusive agendas which in turn marginalize those in need of the most support.

We need public representation for all of us! Our backgrounds, ethnicities, views, income levels, education levels, religious beliefs (or lack thereof), and sexual orientations are all varied; the beauty and strength we exude come from our diversity!

We need to support inclusion in all aspects of government and our city counsel. We ask that you vote in the best interest of the people which is in opposition to this resolution. Thank you for your time.

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Representing:

Self

Position:

Oppose

Submitted:

Jun 14, 2025 @ 08:52
AM

Testimony:

I oppose Res 25-170, please vote no

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Stephanie Sanchez

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96815

Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 14, 2025 @ 09:29 AM
Testimony: This is appalling! I wholeheartedly OPPOSE Resolution 25-170! Do not even think about removing Matt Weyer, Radiant Cordero or Tyler Dos Santos-Tam. Do better Tommy Waters! Perhaps it is time to replace you!!!		
Name: Mamiko Carroll	Email: mkcarroll@icloud.com	Zip: 96744-4845
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 14, 2025 @ 01:49 PM
Testimony: Testimony in OPPOSITION to replacing a Vice-Chair who supports labor unions with someone who does not.		
Name: Nanea Lo	Email: naneaclo@gmail.com	Zip: 96826
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 14, 2025 @ 05:17 PM
Testimony: Hello Chair Waters, Vice Chair Kia'āina, and esteemed Councilmembers, My name is Nanea Lo. I am a lifelong resident of Hawai'i, Kanaka Maoli, a community organizer, and someone committed to justice, equity, and accountability in government. I write in strong opposition to Resolution 25-170, which would name Councilmember Andria Tupola as Vice Chair of the Honolulu City Council. While I respect the democratic process and the role of diverse political voices, Councilmember Tupola's public support for the belligerent President Donald Trump who is currently facing multiple criminal indictments and led an administration that trampled on civil rights, Indigenous sovereignty, environmental protections, and democratic norms makes her an unfit choice for a leadership role in Hawaii's largest municipality. Our communities are already suffering under the weight of a housing crisis, environmental degradation, and the continued occupation of Hawaiian lands. We need leadership rooted in trust, truth, and accountability not someone who aligns with far-right ideologies that have historically worked against the interests of Native Hawaiians, people of color, LGBTQ+ individuals, and marginalized communities.		

The Honolulu City Council must not normalize or elevate Trump-aligned leadership. Doing so not only endangers the progress we've made but sends a harmful message to our keiki and lāhui about what we value in positions of power.

I urge this Council to reject Resolution 25-170 and instead seek leadership that reflects the values, needs, and future we deserve here in Honolulu.

me ke aloha 'āina,
Nanea Lo

Name: Deborah King	Email: dking0923@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 14, 2025 @ 08:34 PM

Testimony:

Aloha Council Chair Waters, Council Vice Chair Weyer and Councilmembers,

I was attending the Climate Action Plan Community Workshop in Waimānalo on Friday, June 14, 2025 when I heard that there is a City Council special session on Tuesday, June 17, 2025.

I have testified that I have environmental allergies and I am sensitive. I have allergies to plastics and other synthetic materials.

I know that current Council Vice Chair Weyer is also an advocate for sustainable communities since he is the Chair on Housing, Sustainability, Economy and Health. He introduced Bill 18 CD1 and Mr. Mayor signed it.

<https://hnlldoc.ehawaii.gov/hnlldoc/document-download?id=24769>

We currently have a landfill issue and we need to reduce plastic, especially single serve plastics, because if we find no solution we could be in a huge problem for everyone on our island. I have lived through a landfill crisis in Naples, Italy where people were rioting and throwing garbage off the interstate in protest and the landfill crisis caused many health issues for everyone.

Councilmember Tupola has members in her community who manufacture plastics from what I understand from her testimony for Bill 17, so I believe this is a conflict of interest for her to be nominated as the new Council Vice Chair.

Council Vice Chair Weyer and Councilmember Cordero's terms have not expired and I believe that this resolution brings

instability into the City Council especially with all the federal instability that is happening.

I have attended various Town Hall Meetings and other workshops and both Council Vice Chair Weyer and Councilmember Cordero have been present for their perspective districts.

I strongly oppose agenda item RES25-170 to replace current Vice Chair Weyer and Floor Leader Cordero.

I strongly support canceling this agenda item and / or the meeting.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Deborah W. King

Name: David Ashe	Email: dashe828@gmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 15, 2025 @ 06:41 AM

Testimony:

Aloha,

My name is David. I am a Hawai'i resident, a student at University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and a US Coast Guard veteran. I live in Honolulu and I strongly oppose the resolution to appoint Andria Tupola as Vice Chair of the Honolulu City Council. In the last year, my healthcare has been defunded, I have watched millions of dollars in federal funding for scientific research dry up for UH, I have friends that have lost their federal and non-profit jobs, I have watched friends experience transphobia as their existence is violently politicized and I don't know a single person that can say life has gotten easier with the current federal administration behind the wheel. Can you begin to imagine electing someone that supports all of these atrocities to a position of power within the City and County?

After reviewing her campaign website, I find it intriguing that she went on a religious mission with BYU to Venezuela while in college. Much to Andria's delight, it was mentioned that the citizens of Venezuela received free healthcare and affordable educational opportunities while she visited! Seems counter intuitive to what her primary voting base supports and who she chooses to stand behind in the White House. I wonder how she feels as the relatives of these Venezuelans in the U.S. are being hunted by ICE agents across the continent as I write this? I'm sure she is sending her thoughts and prayers. There is no room at the table for politicians that know what's right but continue to support what's wrong.

Andria Tupola, who aligns herself with many of the current federal administration's policies, will not help Hawai'i or its residents in any way. I believe this is another opportunity for a conservative politician to gain power, line their own pockets and their friends pockets with taxpayer dollars, and appease the obnoxious and hateful minority that parrots the

disgraceful rhetoric we have become unfortunately accustomed to in the White House. We need progressive leadership that cares about science, compassion, affordable housing without compromising the environment, holding polluters accountable, and ALL those that make up the Kaiāulu! This is not a hateful island or a hateful city. Let's keep it that way.

Mahalo,
David A.

Name: David Ashe	Email: Dashe828@gmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 15, 2025 @ 06:45 AM

Testimony:

Aloha,

My name is David. I am a Hawai'i resident, a student at University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and a US Coast Guard veteran. I live in Honolulu and I strongly oppose the decision to appoint Andria Tupola as Vice Chair of the Honolulu City Council. In the last year, my healthcare has been defunded, I have watched millions of dollars in federal funding for scientific research dry up for UH, I have friends that have lost their federal jobs, and I have watched friends experience transphobia as their existence is violently politicized. Can you begin to imagine electing someone that supports all of this to a position of power within the City and County?

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Mahalo,
David A.

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Representing: Hawai'i Chapter	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 15, 2025 @ 07:42 AM

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Rebecca Jay	bbjsurfs@gmail.com	96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 15, 2025 @ 09:06 AM
Testimony: To Whom It May Concern, I have lived on the North Shore for 58 years & have seen so much change over the years. While I understand that some change is good, there comes a point where it's just too much. That point has come & gone. The North Shore is no longer the same. We can no longer call it the "Country." There is so much development & the traffic is absolutely terrible. We just don't have the infrastructure to sustain it. The last thing we need is more development. For this reason, I vote no to this project. Please help us in saving our beloved North Shore! Sincerely, Becky Benson Jay		
Name: Emily Holmberg	Email: EMILY.HOLMBERG99@GMAIL.COM	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 15, 2025 @ 10:37 AM
Testimony: As a member of the LGBTQ+ community, I'm writing to request that you vote NO on Resolution 25-170. Removing LGBT voices from leadership. It is a scary time to be a queer person, and I hate the fact that my local government seems to be advocating for the further silencing of queer voices. I'd like to echo sentiments of Gay Island Guide and Scarlet Honolulu, quoted below: "Resolution 25-170 is especially alarming when viewed in the context of broader national attacks on LGBTQIA+ rights and representation. Hawai'i has long prided itself on its spirit of aloha, inclusion, and equity. This resolution moves us in the opposite direction- Placing the Trump Anti LGBT agenda in the Vice Chair seat at our City Council. To move forward with Resolution 25-170 would be to send a message that LGBTQIA+ council members are only tolerated when they are compliant. That diversity is conditional. That speaking your mind, especially when it goes against a particular member's agenda, will cost you your seat This is retaliation — plain and simple. And retaliation has no place in our democratic process. I respectfully urge the Chair and Council to reconsider and reject this resolution and reaffirm your commitment to fair governance, ethical leadership, and the basic dignity and representation of all people — especially during Pride Month,		

when we should be celebrating LGBTQIA+ voices, not silencing them."

In the spirit of Democracy and in support of the thousands of LGBTQ+ members of Hawai'i's community, this resolution must not pass.

Name: Emily Mclemore	Email: Emily.mclemore@icloud.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 15, 2025 @ 11:14 AM

Testimony:

Honolulu CIty Council. I'm writing to request that you vote NO on Resolution 25-170. Removing LGBT voices from leadership

This resolution is deeply troubling — not only because of what it proposes, but because of what it represents. Under the pretense of political procedure, it threatens to remove and replace council members who are part of the LGBTQIA+ community with new GOP leadership aligned with the Trump Agenda.

The timing, during Pride Month and when queer people are under active attack, sends a chilling message to queer residents across our city and state: that our leaders seemingly are willing to target members of our community when their voices don't fall in line with political agendas.

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I respectfully urge the Chair and Council to reconsider and reject this resolution and reaffirm your commitment to fair governance, ethical leadership, and the basic dignity and representation of all people — especially during Pride Month,

when we should be celebrating LGBTQIA+ voices, not silencing them

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Representing:

Self

Position:

Oppose

Submitted:

Jun 15, 2025 @ 11:16
AM

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Representing:

Self

Position:

Oppose

Submitted:

Jun 15, 2025 @ 11:20
AM

Testimony:

I oppose Andria Tupola as Vice Chair of the City Council, and support Councilmember Matt Weyer continuing in that role.

Matt Weyer's educational background with Native Hawaiian and Environmental Law certificates from UH's Law School, as well as a Masters in Public Administration from UH Mānoa provide a solid foundation for the work of the City Council. His previous positions as a prosecutor and as a planner with the City and County are excellent work experiences for a Vice Chair, and will help him make knowledgeable recommendations and good decisions for the community. He also has a record of supporting civil rights and working families.

Andria Tupola has been aligned in the past with the leader of the horrific fascist movement that is taking place in the US, and has also previously been endorsed by the NRA. I oppose Andria Tupola as Vice Chair.

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Representing:

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Position:

Oppose

Submitted:

Jun 15, 2025 @ 11:47
AM

Testimony:

Aloha Chair Waters and Members of the Council,

I am writing in strong opposition to Resolution 24-150

I am very disturbed that you are looking to elevate MAGA Republican and Trump supporter Tupola to Vice Chair to replace Matt Weyer in it seems an act of political retribution. I am aghast that you would stoop to such tactics. A very short sighted and dangerous gambit while a majority of Americans are rising in fervent opposition to Trump and the GOP supporting him. Did you miss the thousands who just protested across our Hawaiian islands this past weekend, with estimates

between 7000 and 10,000 here on O`ahu. This is a very bad move. Please reconsider. We are watching here in Aina Haina.

Mahalo.

Beth McDermott

Aina Haina

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Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Jun 15, 2025 @ 11:48 AM

Testimony:

Honolulu CItY Council. I'm writing to request that you vote NO on Resolution 25-170. Removing LGBT voices from leadership

This resolution is deeply troubling — not only because of what it proposes, but because of what it represents. Under the pretense of political procedure, it threatens to remove and replace council members who are part of the LGBTQIA+ community with new GOP leadership aligned with the Trump Agenda.

The timing, during Pride Month and when queer people are under active attack, sends a chilling message to queer residents across our city and state: that our leaders seemingly are willing to target members of our community when their voices don't fall in line with political agendas.

Current reports by Civil Beat and Hawaii News Now are suggesting this resolution is due to their votes not aligning with other's. This is not just about disagreement on votes or legislative strategy. It's about the misuse of power in a way that erodes public trust and target Individuals based on their identity. To punish elected officials — not for misconduct, but for independent decision-making — is not only undemocratic, it's dangerous.

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To move forward with Resolution 25-170 would be to send a message that LGBTQIA+ council members are only tolerated when they are compliant. That diversity is conditional. That speaking your mind, especially when it goes against a particular member's agenda, will cost you your seat This is retaliation — plain and simple. And retaliation has no place in our democratic process.

I respectfully urge the Chair and Council to reconsider and reject this resolution and reaffirm your commitment to fair

governance, ethical leadership, and the basic dignity and representation of all people — especially during Pride Month, when we should be celebrating LGBTQIA+ voices, not silencing them.

Name: Mary Kerber	Email: kerber.me@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 15, 2025 @ 11:57 AM

Testimony:

I strongly Oppose Resolution 25-170. Vice Chair Matt Weyer supports unions, working families, equality and civil rights, which includes all Hawaiian citizens! He should not be replaced by CM Tupola who supports ICE raids in our vulnerable communities, further marginalizing those in need of the most help. More representation for vulnerable communities is how Hawaii lives its aloha and I want to keep it that way.

I ask that you vote in the best interest of the state which is in opposition to this resolution.

Mahalo

Name: Marguerite Koster	Email: margueritekoster@aol.com	Zip: 96814
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 15, 2025 @ 12:23 PM

Testimony:

I strongly OPPOSE Resolution 25-170. Vice Chair Matt Weyer supports unions, working families, equality and civil rights; the foundations of the State of Hawaii. He should NOT be replaced by CM Tupola, who supports ICE raids in our vulnerable communities further marginalizing those in need of the most help. The State of Hawaii needs to come together, not be further torn apart. PLEASE vote in the best interests of Hawaii, which means opposing this resolution. Thank you.

Name: Rachel Lau	Email: rlau10@mac.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 15, 2025 @ 01:14 PM

Testimony:

Aloha Chair Waters and Members of the Council,

I am writing in strong opposition to Resolution 24-150, which appears to reorganize Council leadership in retaliation for recent votes on the sewer rate restructuring plan.

Councilmembers must be able to vote their conscience without fear of political consequences. This resolution sends a dangerous message: dissent will be punished. That is not how democracy should function, and it undermines public trust in this body.

It is especially troubling to see Councilmember Tupola elevated to Vice Chair. Her alignment with far-right, authoritarian politics is deeply concerning and does not reflect the values of the majority of Honolulu residents.

We need leaders who promote collaboration, transparency, and community-centered governance—not political power plays.

I urge you to vote NO on Resolution 24-150.

Mahalo.
Rachel Lau
Kaimuki

Name: Thomas Brandt	Email: tbhawaiiowan@aol.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 15, 2025 @ 02:18 PM

Testimony:

Aloha Chair Waters and Members of the Council,

I am writing in strong opposition to Resolution 24-150, which appears to reorganize Council leadership in retaliation for recent votes on the sewer rate restructuring plan.

Council members must be able to vote their conscience without fear of political consequences. This resolution sends a dangerous message: dissent will be punished. That is not how democracy should function, and it undermines public trust in this body.

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We need leaders who promote collaboration, transparency, and community-centered governance—not political power plays.

I urge you to vote NO on Resolution 24-150.

Mahalo.

Thomas Brandt

Downtown Honolulu

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Representing:

Self

Position:

Oppose

Submitted:

Jun 15, 2025 @ 02:32
PM

Testimony:

Though Andria Tupola is able and ambitious, well-informed, and concerned about representing the needs and political views of the people of District I, her support of Donald Trump makes her a deeply troubling choice for a leadership role in the Council at this critical moment. Since Inauguration Day, the Trump Administration's actions and the president's "big , beautiful" budget bill have made clear how closely its true agenda conforms to Project 2025, and how devastating it will be for the lives of people in Hawai'i, including in District I. So many troubling issues impacting ordinary people (if Councilwoman Tupola has spoken out on any of them, I haven' seen a record). But probably the most urgent and relevant here is the President and Administration's demonizing, degrading, and brutal treatment of immigrants--flaunting the laws, the Constitution, and the courts in the process. ICE was supposed to be grabbing murderers and rapists and gang members to make American neighborhoods safe. Instead they are raiding workplaces and farms and elementary schools and immigration offices, grabbing workers and veterans and mothers and children, including legal residents and even citizens, desperate to fill their absurd daily quotas and their private prisons. This is deportation for profit. Has Councilwoman Tupola spoken out against any of this anywhere? Though the ICE raids here have been relatively quiet, the federal detention center in Honolulu is currently full of detainees, many of whom have not been charged with anything. Hawaii is the most diverse state in the nation, with a high proportion of naturalized citizens, birth-right citizens, and non-citizens--both documented and undocumented. Diversity is our strength. We are an embarrassment to the MAGA narrative that diversity threatens democracy, that immigrants create crime waves, that only white men can govern or do any responsible job well. Is it really a stretch to think the Administration might try to stage a public ICE drama and occupation in Honolulu as they did in L.A., and use that as an excuse to call in federal troops? And if that happened, would we be wise to have, in Council leadership, someone the Administration can count on to be quiet?

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Representing:

Self

Position:

Oppose

Submitted:

Jun 15, 2025 @ 03:22
PM

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Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 15, 2025 @ 03:32 PM
Testimony: Honolulu City Council. I'm writing to request that you vote NO on Resolution 25-170. Removing LGBT voices from leadership This resolution is deeply troubling — not only because of what it proposes, but because of what it represents. Under the pretense of political procedure, it threatens to remove and replace council members who are part of the LGBTQIA+ community with new GOP leadership aligned with the Trump Agenda. The timing, during Pride Month and when queer people are under active attack, sends a chilling message to queer residents across our city and state: that our leaders seemingly are willing to target members of our community when their voices don't fall in line with political agendas. Current reports by Civil Beat and Hawaii News Now are suggesting this resolution is due to their votes not aligning with other's. This is not just about disagreement on votes or legislative strategy. It's about the misuse of power in a way that erodes public trust and target Individuals based on their identity. To punish elected officials — not for misconduct, but for independent decision-making — is not only undemocratic, it's dangerous. Resolution 25-170 is especially alarming when viewed in the context of broader national attacks on LGBTQIA+ rights and representation. Hawai'i has long prided itself on its spirit of aloha, inclusion, and equity. This resolution moves us in the opposite direction. Placing the Trump Anti LGBT agenda in the Vice Chair seat at our City Council. To move forward with Resolution 25-170 would be to send a message that LGBTQIA+ council members are only tolerated when they are compliant. That diversity is conditional. That speaking your mind, especially when it goes against a particular member's agenda, will cost you your seat This is retaliation — plain and simple. And retaliation has no place in our democratic process. I respectfully urge the Chair and Council to reconsider and reject this resolution and reaffirm your commitment to fair governance, ethical leadership, and the basic dignity and representation of all people — especially during Pride Month,when we should be celebrating LGBTQIA+ voices, not silencing them.		
Name: Caroline Kunitake	Email: friezes.divines_0o@icloud.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 15, 2025 @ 03:54

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Testimony: Dear Council of the City and County of Honolulu, Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Resolution 25 - 170. I oppose Resolution 25-170. I am very concerned with the timing of these council reassignments. Council member Matt Weyer was elected as the Vice Chair of the Honolulu City Council with strong support from the council at the Jan. 2, 2025 City Council inauguration. See news story below. https://www.khon2.com/video/honolulu-city-council-elects-councilmember-matt-weyer-to-be-vice-chair/10340293/. I honestly haven't seen any negative news about Vice Chair Matt Weyer or Radiant Cordero since Jan. 2, 2025. On June 9, 2025, Hawaii News Now reported a "Council shake-up follows close vote on sewer rate increase." See story below. https://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/2025/06/10/council-shake-up-follows-close-vote-sewer-rate-increase/ If Resolution 25-170 is an immediate reaction to the vote on the sewer rate increase, I oppose Resolution 25-170. I expect county council members to disagree, especially on financial matters. County council members represent their constituents. I don't expect constituents from different districts to agree because their communities have different needs and values. Due to increasing federal funding cuts, federal layoffs, and threats to the US Constitution and rule of law, I want county council leaders to protect the quality of life for all Oahu residents. In order to do so, differing points of view must be considered when making financial decisions for all Oahu residents facing great economic uncertainty. I hope that county council leadership will find another way forward. I appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony. Thank you for taking the time to read and consider this testimony. Mahalo, Caroline Kunitake		
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Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 15, 2025 @ 04:21 PM
Testimony: As an Oahu resident, voter, and community member, I am writing in opposition to Resolution 25-170. As a constituent of Vice Chair Matt Weyer, I have known him to be a leader who is humble and hard working. During this current political climate, we are making critical choices that will impact the safety of our LGBTQ+ and immigrant neighbors. We need leadership on the City Council that will ensure the rights of transgender people and stand up to abuses by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Thus I oppose the resolution to replace Vice Chair Matt Weyer with Councilmember Andria Tupola.		
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Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 15, 2025 @ 04:56 PM
Testimony: Aloha Chair Waters and Members of the Council, I am writing in strong opposition to Resolution 24-150, which appears to reorganize Council leadership in retaliation for recent votes on the sewer rate restructuring plan. Councilmembers must be able to vote their conscience without fear of political consequences. This resolution sends a dangerous message: dissent will be punished. That is not how democracy should function, and it undermines public trust in this body. It is especially troubling to see Councilmember Tupola elevated to Vice Chair. Her alignment with far-right, authoritarian politics is deeply concerning and does not reflect the values of the majority of Honolulu residents. We don't need orders coming down from our current leadership which she will abide by. We need leaders who promote collaboration, transparency, and community-centered governance—not political power plays. The sad thing is even if she grew up with people who represent community she will still vote against her own friends which is very disturbing to me. I urge you to vote NO on Resolution 24-150. Mahalo. Stacia Over Honolulu		

#TrumpIsANationalDisgrace #honolulu #CityCouncilMeeting #ResistFascism #immigrantsmatter

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Representing:

Self

Position:

Oppose

Submitted:

Jun 15, 2025 @ 05:01
PM

Testimony:

Aloha Chair Waters and Members of the Council,

I am writing in strong opposition to Resolution 24-150, which appears to reorganize Council leadership in direct response to recent dissenting votes on the sewer rate restructuring plan. Councilmembers must be free to vote according to their conscience and the will of their constituents—without fear of political retribution. This resolution sends a troubling message: that disagreement will be punished. Such actions undermine democratic principles and erode public trust in the Council's integrity. It is particularly concerning to see Councilmember Tupola nominated for the role of Vice Chair. Her alignment with far-right, authoritarian-leaning positions does not reflect the values or priorities of the majority of Honolulu residents. Leadership should be grounded in collaboration, transparency, and a genuine commitment to serving our diverse communities. Now more than ever, we need Council leadership that reflects inclusive, community-focused governance, not political maneuvering.

I strongly urge you to vote NO on Resolution 24-150.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Maria Peña

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Representing:

Self

Position:

I wish to comment

Submitted:

Jun 15, 2025 @ 05:58
PM

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Representing:

Self

Position:

Oppose

Submitted:

Jun 15, 2025 @ 07:08
PM

Testimony:

I strongly OPPOSE resolution 25-170. Matt Weyer has supported unions, working families, equality and civil rights as our Vice Chair. He has been an advocate for our communities and the people of Hawaii. He should not be replaced by CM Tupola who has supported ICE raids in our most vulnerable communities and further marginalizes those in need of the most help. Our state needs a Vice Chair who can bring people together and Matt Weyer has proven his ability to do just that. I ask that you vote in the best interest of the state which is in opposition to this resolution.

Name: Phillip Schrager	Email: peschrage@gmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 15, 2025 @ 07:08 PM

Testimony:

Aloha Chair Waters and members of the Council,

I am writing in strong opposition to Resolution 24-170 which seems to be a retaliatory move to oust Matt Weyer due to his vote on the sewer rate restructuring plan.

Andria Tupola's appointment is troubling due to her record of supporting far-right positions. She does not represent the majority of Honolulu residents. Matt Weyer does.

Please vote NO on Resolution 24-170.

Mahalo,

Phillip Schrager,
Ewa Beach

Name: Shaina Miyamoto	Email: shaina.miyamoto@yahoo.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 15, 2025 @ 07:33 PM

Testimony:

I am in complete opposition to this resolution. Matt Weyer has faithfully and honestly represented my community's best interests and it is because of his service to our state that I feel safer today. I am a union worker, a first time homeowner, and am joyfully married to my same sex wife. I know that my safety, happiness, and well-being is taken into consideration so long as Matt Weyer holds the position as Vice Chair. I cannot say the same of CM Tupola, who is an anti-union, anti-LGBT, and pro-ICE raid advocate. Her rhetoric is divisive and frankly, painful to hear from a state representative. Our state,

along with the rest of the country, is facing incredibly high tensions and the voice of the Vice Chair is an important one. Elevating Tupola to this position will only deepen our divisions. It tells me that the state does not care about working families, LGBT healthcare or wellbeing, union rights, and civil equality. It tells me that the state doesn't care about people like me. I ask and beg that you will vote in the best interest of the people of Hawai'i. Please do not allow this resolution to pass.

Name: Andrew Pollard	Email: apollard1987@me.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 15, 2025 @ 07:57 PM

Testimony:
Aloha council members,

I strongly oppose this resolution. The council members are elected by the community. Let them do their jobs, even if you dislike it. Removing people Willy Billy because you dislike/disagree with them downplays their voice wich in turn downplays the voice of the people they represent. Shame on you all.

Name: Shanda Brack	Email: shandabrack@gmail.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 15, 2025 @ 09:26 PM

Testimony:
Honolulu City Council,

I'm writing to urge you to vote NO on Resolution 25-170, which seeks to remove LGBTQIA+ council members from leadership under the guise of political procedure.

This resolution is deeply troubling—not only for what it proposes, but for what it symbolizes. It appears to target queer members for not aligning with a specific political agenda, replacing them with GOP leadership aligned with Trump. The timing—during Pride Month—sends a chilling message that LGBTQIA+ voices are only welcome when compliant.

Reports from Civil Beat and Hawaii News Now suggest this is retaliation for votes cast, not misconduct. That's not governance—it's political punishment based on identity, and it undermines public trust.

Even more alarming is the possibility of replacing LGBTQIA+ leadership with someone like Councilmember Andria Tupola, a vocal supporter of Trump's anti-LGBTQ+ agenda—a move that flies in the face of Hawai'i's values of aloha, inclusion, and

equity.

This resolution sends a dangerous message: that diversity is conditional, and independent voices will be punished. Retaliation has no place in a healthy democracy.

I respectfully urge the Council to reject Resolution 25-170 and stand for fair, ethical leadership that represents all communities—especially during Pride Month, when LGBTQIA+ voices should be celebrated, not silenced.

Respectfully,

Shanda Brack, APRN and member of the State LGBTQ Commission

Name: Richmond Brack	Email: rebbrack@yahoo.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 15, 2025 @ 09:30 PM

Testimony:
Honolulu City Council,

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communities—especially during Pride Month, when LGBTQIA+ voices should be celebrated, not silenced.

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Representing:

Self

Position:

Oppose

Submitted:

Jun 15, 2025 @ 10:03

PM

Testimony:

2pm.

Re: Reso 25-170

June 16, 2025

Aloha Chair Waters and City Council Members

I am deeply troubled by the proposed replacement of Matt Weyer with Andrea Tuplola as Vice-Chair of our City Council.

Now, more than perhaps ever before we need a Vice-Chair like Matt to uphold the values of civil society and serve our communities without any kowtowing to destructive and discriminatory policies and actions of Tupola's affiliates.

Matt has demonstrated a deep commitment to democratic values, thoughtful intelligence and an openness to community members' input and questions since his election.

He has represented our enormous district very effectively and is an extremely valuable to the council as vice chair.

Thank you.

Angela Huntemer

Kahuku

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Representing:

Self

Position:

Oppose

Submitted:

Jun 15, 2025 @ 10:31

PM

Testimony:

Aloha all,

Ms. Tupola does not represent the majority of the citizens of Honolulu and should not be Vice-Chair of the City Council.

Council Member Weyers should not be removed as Vice Chair.

Mahalo,

Maya Maxym

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Representing:

Self

Position:

Oppose

Submitted:

Jun 15, 2025 @ 11:09
PM

Testimony:

The Trump administration has and will do incredible damage to Hawai'i through funding cuts and threats of cut to public fact-base media, SNAP, Medicare, Veterans Affair, Hurricane warnings, our university, cruel mistreatment to immigrant families and international students. Tupola constantly turns a blind eye or makes excuses for Trump and his policies. Honolulu City Council leadership DOES NOT NEED ANYONE who will blindly side with this corrupt Federal Administration.

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Representing:

Hawai'i State Democratic Women's Caucus

Position:

Oppose

Submitted:

Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:10
AM

Testimony:

Testimony of the Hawai'i State Democratic Women's Caucus

In Strong Opposition to Resolution 25-170

To:

Chair Tommy Waters, Vice Chair Matt Weyer, and Members of the Honolulu City Council

From:

Hawai'i State Democratic Women's Caucus

Date:

June 15, 2025

The Hawai'i State Democratic Women's Caucus submits this testimony in strong opposition to Resolution 25-170, which names Councilmember Andria Tupola as Vice Chair of the Honolulu City Council.

While we acknowledge that Councilmembers are elected in non-partisan elections, that reality does not justify abandoning the Democratic Party’s core values—especially those that uphold the rights, dignity, and safety of women. Leadership positions should be filled by individuals who reflect and advance these values, not by those with a consistent track record of opposing them.

Councilmember Tupola’s record shows clear and repeated opposition to women’s rights and reproductive freedom, including efforts to limit healthcare access and block progress on gender equity. Most notably, while serving in the Hawai’i State Legislature, Tupola voted to punish her fellow Republican, then-Representative Beth Fukumoto, for speaking out at the historic 2017 Women’s March against Donald Trump’s open misogyny. Rather than standing in solidarity with women who were demanding dignity and equality, Tupola chose to silence and shame a woman for calling out injustice. That vote remains a disqualifying act for anyone seeking leadership in a body that serves all of Honolulu’s people.

It is shameful and indefensible for any Democrat to support elevating a MAGA-aligned Republican over a pro-woman Democrat for a leadership position—particularly when that decision would strip away representation for another marginalized community that the Democratic Party is meant to uplift. To support such a move is to betray not only the values of our Party but also the fundamental principles of justice, equity, and integrity in leadership.

Let us be clear: this is not about partisanship—it is about principle. Hawai’i’s residents overwhelmingly support reproductive rights, gender equity, and inclusive leadership. A vote to install Councilmember Tupola in a leadership role is a vote to undermine that mandate and abandon the women and allies who have long fought for a seat at the table.

The Hawai’i State Democratic Women’s Caucus urges the Honolulu City Council to reject this resolution and reaffirm your commitment to a future rooted in equality, accountability, and values-driven leadership.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
Hawai’i State Democratic Women’s Caucus

Name: Antonia Wollert	Email: antonia.wollert@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 06:41 AM

Testimony:
Honolulu CItY Council. I’m writing to request that you vote NO on Resolution 25-170. Removing LGBT voices from leadership

This resolution is deeply troubling — not only because of what it proposes, but because of what it represents. Under the pretense of political procedure, it threatens to remove and replace council members who are part of the LGBTQIA+ community with new GOP leadership aligned with the Trump Agenda.

The timing, during Pride Month and when queer people are under active attack, sends a chilling message to queer residents across our city and state: that our leaders seemingly are willing to target members of our community when their voices don't fall in line with political agendas.

Current reports by Civil Beat and Hawaii News Now are suggesting this resolution is due to their votes not aligning with other's. This is not just about disagreement on votes or legislative strategy. It's about the misuse of power in a way that erodes public trust and target Individuals based on their identity. To punish elected officials — not for misconduct, but for independent decision-making — is not only undemocratic, it's dangerous.

Resolution 25-170 is especially alarming when viewed in the context of broader national attacks on LGBTQIA+ rights and representation. Hawai'i has long prided itself on its spirit of aloha, inclusion, and equity. This resolution moves us in the opposite direction. Placing the Trump Anti LGBT agenda in the Vice Chair seat at our City Council. This action of retaliation for challenging the "good ole boy" system is corruption and is visibly seen.

To move forward with Resolution 25-170 would be to send a message that LGBTQIA+ council members are only tolerated when they are compliant. That diversity is conditional. That speaking your mind, especially when it goes against a particular member's agenda, will cost you your seat This is retaliation — plain and simple. And retaliation has no place in our democratic process. This is authoritarianism, not democracy.

I respectfully urge the Chair and Council to reconsider and reject this resolution and reaffirm your commitment to fair governance, ethical leadership, and the basic dignity and representation of all people — especially during Pride Month, when we should be celebrating LGBTQIA+ voices, not silencing them.

Name: Jenny Marion	Email: jenny.marion@outlook.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 07:08 AM

Testimony:
I oppose Honolulu City Council Resolution 25-170. The most out-spoken Councilmember isn't always the most competent. I do not feel that Andria Tupola represents what is best for all people on Oahu. She has historically been a champion for controversial views of a small population in her area that do not reflect the values of the rest of Oahu.

Name: Maya Goodoni	Email: mayagoodoni@gmail.com	Zip: 96743
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Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 07:35 AM
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Testimony:

Aloha Councilmembers,

I'm writing to voice my strong opposition to RES25-170, which would remove Councilmembers Weyer and Cordero from their leadership positions on the Council.

I'm particularly troubled by the proposed replacement of Councilmember Weyer with Councilmember Tupola as vice-chair. At a time when immigrant and minority communities across our city and county are facing increasing threats and discrimination, this move feels especially out of touch. Councilmember Tupola has shown public support for a federal administration that has played a major role in fostering that harmful climate—making her appointment to a leadership role all the more concerning.

On the other hand, Councilmember Weyer has consistently shown dedication, thoughtfulness, and integrity in his work. His removal seems less about performance and more about political retaliation—specifically for his vote, along with Councilmember Cordero's, against the sewer bill backed by Chair Waters. That bill, by the way, was criticized by both the mayor and the budget director for putting the city in a financially risky position. I respect and appreciate those Councilmembers who stood up for responsible governance and fiscal responsibility.

This resolution feels like a power play—one that prioritizes political loyalty over community well-being. Moves like this deepen public cynicism and reinforce the perception that politics in Hawai'i is more about personal agendas than public service.

Please vote no on RES25-170. Our communities deserve leadership driven by values, not vengeance.

Name: Denise Antolini	Email: antolinid@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
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Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 08:35 AM
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Testimony:

Aloha Chair Waters and Councilmembers,

While I understand the Council has ample authority to organize itself, I appreciate that this resolution allows public testimony on the wisdom of that choice.

I respectfully ask that you pause, withdraw, and reconsider the leadership reshuffle coming in the wake of the surprising FD budget discussions last week.

Both Vice Chair Weyer and Budget Chair Dos Santos Tam have proven their leadership capabilities and acumen in their positions.

In particular, I am very familiar with Vice Chair Weyer’s extraordinary work for his district. In my view, he does an excellent job representing his constituents and - most important for the Council line up - the island as a whole.

While he will of course continue that district work unabated, the loss of his leadership position on Council sends the wrong signal and, I believe, will create more problems than it might, in the moment, appear to "solve."

Mahalo,

Denise Antolini
Pūpūkea, District 2

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Jennifer Lum	urusaigirl@gmail.com	96707
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Jun 16, 2025 @ 08:53 AM

Testimony:

Aloha Chair Waters and Members of the Council,

I am writing in strong opposition to Resolution 24-170, which appears to reorganize council leadership in retaliation for recent on the sewer restructuring plan.

Council-members must be able to vote their conscience without fear of political consequences. This resolution sends a dangerous message: dissent will be punished.

That is not how democracy should function, and it undermines public trust in this body.

It is especially troubling to see Councilmember Tupola elevated to Vice Chair. Her alignment with far-right, authoritarian politics is deeply concerning and does not reflect the values of the majority of Honolulu residents.

We need leaders who promote collaboration, transparency, and community-centered governance-not political power plays.

I urge you to vote NO on Resolution 24-170.

Mahalo.

Name: Tim L Jones	Email: tjjoneschill65@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 08:57 AM

Testimony:

I oppose any changes to the current assignments of any LGBTQIA+ member as retaliation to their voting or otherwise!

Name: Justin Branon Rodriguez	Email: Jbranon23@gmail.com	Zip: 96826
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 09:26 AM

Testimony:

Testimony Opposing Resolution 25-170

Honolulu City Council

Submitted: June 16, 2025

Aloha Chair Waters and Members of the Honolulu City Council,

I strongly oppose Resolution 25-170, which seeks to remove Councilmember Matt Weyer from his role as Vice-Chair and Councilmember Radiant Cordero from her position as Floor Leader. This resolution appears to be retaliatory in nature, targeting the only two openly LGBTQ+ members of this Council—during World Pride Month, no less—for their independent votes and principled stance on legislation that impacts the future of our island’s infrastructure and water security.

Retaliation—whether rooted in political differences, personal grievances, or identity—is unacceptable in a democratic institution. It undermines the very foundation of representative government and sends a chilling message to both Councilmembers and constituents: that diversity of thought and identity is punishable.

If there is any resolution the Council should consider, it is one to remove Chair Tommy Waters from his leadership position for using political power as a weapon against his peers. Leadership is not measured by loyalty, but by integrity, fairness, and the ability to uphold democratic values even in disagreement.

This move not only threatens the Council’s credibility, but it erodes public trust, especially among LGBTQ+ individuals and allies who are witnessing their elected representatives being targeted—not for wrongdoing—but for standing up for their districts, our aquifers, and for doing their jobs with courage and conscience.

I urge this Council to reject Resolution 25-170 and reaffirm its commitment to equity, transparency, and democratic process.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,
Justin Branon Rodriguez

Name: Nikolai Turetsky	Email: nikolait@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 09:58 AM

Testimony:

Honolulu CItY Council. I’m writing to request that you vote NO on Resolution 25-170. Removing LGBT voices from leadership

This resolution is deeply troubling — not only because of what it proposes, but because of what it represents. Under the pretense of political procedure, it threatens to remove and replace council members who are part of the LGBTQIA+ community with new GOP leadership aligned with the Trump Agenda.

The timing, during Pride Month and when queer people are under active attack, sends a chilling message to queer residents across our city and state: that our leaders seemingly are willing to target members of our community when their voices don’t fall in line with political agendas.

Current reports by Civil Beat and Hawaii News Now are suggesting this resolution is due to their votes not aligning with other’s. This is not just about disagreement on votes or legislative strategy. It’s about the misuse of power in a way that erodes public trust and target Individuals based on their identity. To punish elected officials — not for misconduct, but for independent decision-making — is not only undemocratic, it’s dangerous.

Resolution 25-170 is especially alarming when viewed in the context of broader national attacks on LGBTQIA+ rights and representation. Hawai’i has long prided itself on its spirit of aloha, inclusion, and equity. This resolution moves us in the opposite direction. Placing the Trump Anti LGBT agenda in the Vice Chair seat at our City Council.

To move forward with Resolution 25-170 would be to send a message that LGBTQIA+ council members are only tolerated when they are compliant. That diversity is conditional. That speaking your mind, especially when it goes against a

particular member’s agenda, will cost you your seat This is retaliation — plain and simple. And retaliation has no place in our democratic process.

I respectfully urge the Chair and Council to reconsider and reject this resolution and reaffirm your commitment to fair governance, ethical leadership, and the basic dignity and representation of all people — especially during Pride Month, when we should be celebrating LGBTQIA+ voices, not silencing them.

Name: William South	Email: mapinc@aloha.net	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 10:05 AM

Testimony:
Andria Tupola is not a good fit for this position. Matt Weyer is the better candidate. His integrity is needed here.

Name: Robert Childs	Email: rachilds@twc.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 10:14 AM

Testimony:
Honolulu CIty Council. I’m writing to request that you vote NO on Resolution 25-170. Removing LGBT voices from leadership

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Name: TOM DIGRAZIA	Email: digraziat001@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 10:26 AM

Testimony:
Very opposed!

Name: David Seesz	Email: seesz@aol.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 10:29 AM

Testimony:

Honolulu CItY Council. I'm writing to request that you vote NO on Resolution 25-170. Removing LGBT voices from leadership. This resolution is deeply troubling — not only because of what it proposes, but because of what it represents. Under the pretense of political procedure, it threatens to remove and replace council members who are part of the LGBTQIA+ community with new GOP leadership aligned with the Trump Agenda.

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Name: Patricia Dunbar	Email: pmnatali@gmail.com	Zip: 44440
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 10:42 AM

Testimony:

I have learned of the resolution being considered, Reso 25-170, that would have Vice Chair Matt Weyer replaced by Mr. CM Tupola.

I oppose this action based on the support Mr. Tupola has displayed for the ICE raids in vulnerable communities in our country.

I oppose this action to replace Vice Chair Matt Weyer who supports unions, working families, equality, and civil rights.

Name: Craig Udy	Email: cpu@craigudy.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 10:49 AM

Testimony:

Honolulu CIty Council:

I'm writing to request that you vote NO on Resolution 25-170. Removing LGBT voices from leadership

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I respectfully urge the Chair and Council to reconsider and reject this resolution and reaffirm your commitment to fair governance, ethical leadership, and the basic dignity and representation of all people — especially during Pride Month, when we should be celebrating LGBTQIA+ voices, not silencing them.

Name: Larry McElheny	Email: lkmcelheny@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 10:53 AM

Testimony:
Aloha

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and acknowledge the absolutely incredible service that Council Member Matt Weyer has provided for our community.

It's difficult to imagine how anyone could do more in service to the public good.

Mahalo
Larry McElheny

Name: Michelle S	Email: s7933880@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
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Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 10:57 AM
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Testimony:

I am writing in strong opposition to Resolution 25-170.

1. It undermines democratic representation.

Councilmember Weyer was elected by the people of Honolulu to serve in a leadership role that reflects our community's values. This effort to remove him appears to punish independent voting, not misconduct, weakening voters' voices and trust in fair governance.

2. It erodes LGBTQ+ representation.

Vice-Chair Matt Weyer is one of the few openly LGBTQ+ members in Council leadership. Replacing him with Andria Tupola, a known Trump supporter with documented anti-LGBTQ+ stances, sends a chilling message during Pride Month that queer voices are only welcomed when they conform.

3. It looks like a retaliatory power grab.

This resolution follows contentious votes, particularly the sewer fee proposal. It feels more like political retribution than thoughtful leadership restructuring.

4. It sends the wrong message during a national wave of attacks on LGBTQ+ rights.

At a time when LGBTQ+ communities face increasing hostility, sidelining a proud queer leader undercuts Honolulu's longstanding dedication to aloha, inclusion, and equity.

Mahalo for your consideration.

I urge the Council to vote "NO" on Resolution 25-170 and reaffirm democratic process, fair representation, and trust in Honolulu's leadership.

Name: Kevin Peralta	Email: kevin.per90@icloud.com	Zip: 96797
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Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:14 AM
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Testimony:

Honolulu City Council members, I strongly OPPOSE Resolution 25-170 to replace Vice Chair Matt Weyer.

As a college student, caregiver, Army veteran, father, and a gay individual, I am deeply concerned about the proposal of this resolution. During these chaotic times that threaten the values of Hawai'i and the immigrant population, this decision

does not reflect most of your constituent's values, traditions, and communities.

By passing this resolution, you are silencing many of your constituents who identify as LGBTQ+ and this decision poses a threat to public health. There is a significant increase of depressive disorders among LGB persons from 21.1% in 2021 to 31.3% in 2023 (HHDW, 2025). 13.1% of LGB persons face house insecurity due to the lack of financial, education, and health care support (HHDW, 2025). Also, 75% of LGB adults do not meet physical activity guidelines due to the lack of preventative care promotion specific to these communities (DOH, 2017). This decision to replace Chair Matt Weyer may lead to a negative impact to these public health issues in the Honolulu County.

Representation matters to ensure that LGBTQ+ voices are heard. Please do not pass this resolution! Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

https://hhdw.org/report/query/result/brfss/DXDepress/DXDepressAA11_.html.

https://hhdw.org/report/query/result/brfss/SDOHNoPayBills/SDOHNoPayBillsCrude11_.html.

<https://health.hawaii.gov/surveillance/files/2017/05/HawaiiSexualandGenderMinorityHealthReport.pdf>.

Name:

Kyrie Puaoi

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96744

Representing:

Self

Position:

Support

Submitted:

Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:15

AM

Testimony:

Aloha, to whom it may concern,

I support Andria Tupola.

Mahalo,

Kyrie Puaoi

Name:

Ellen Ebata

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Zip:

96756

Representing:

Self

Position:

Oppose

Submitted:

Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:15

AM

Testimony:

Aloha Councilmembers,

I strongly oppose Resolution 25-170 which attempts to replace Vice-Chair Matt Weyer with CM Andria Tupola. VC Weyer is a strong advocate of unions, working families, equality and civil rights-our great state is supported by these pillars of

democracy. CM Tupola does not support these necessary foundations- she does, however, support ICE raids ! Our vulnerable immigrant communities need protection and have a right to due process, not traumatization and further marginalization. In these chaotic times as our country is being torn apart, Hawaii needs to come together. Vote NO on Res 25-170. Follow your conscience and vote in the best interest of our beloved state. Thank you for your attention to this vital issue. Sincerely, Ellen Ebata

Name: Allen Cardines, Jr.	Email: acardinesjr@gmail.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:16 AM

Testimony:
I support RESOLUTION 25-170

Name: Stephen Crowell	Email: crowells@gmail.com	Zip: 96717
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:17 AM

Testimony:
Will it be known that I support Andria Tupola in the proposed leadership role to be heard on June 17, 2025.

Name: Collin Mansanas	Email: kuumaka7373@gmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:20 AM

Testimony:
I strongly support RES25-170

Name: Joy Schoenecker	Email: schoeneckerj39@gmail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:22 AM

Testimony:
I wish to support Andrea tapola for this position!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
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Tonya Lee	tonyahenry82@gmail.com	50125
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:23 AM
Testimony: I strongly Oppose Resolution 25-170. Vice Chair Matt Weyer supports unions, working families, equality and civil rights; the foundations of our great state. He should not be replaced by CM Tupola who supports ICE raids in our vulnerable communities further marginalizing those in need of the most help. Our state needs to come together, not be further torn apart. I ask that you vote in the best interest of the state which is in opposition to this resolution.		
Name: Steven Dutcher	Email: steven.dutcher@yahoo.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:24 AM
Testimony: Are you kidding me? Andria is SO on-point that she should be Chair, Speaker Of The House, Senate President, Mayor, and Governor! Give her the keys to the kingdom! "No Kings", no schmings, whaaateverrr. Give me the Queen!		
Name: Jessica Gellert	Email: financewithjess@gmail.com	Zip: 96786
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:24 AM
Testimony: Aloha! I strongly support Andria Tupola to be Vice Chair of the Honolulu City Council. Andria Tupola's work spans a wide range of crucial issues—from crime prevention and beach safety to reducing permitting delays, beautifying our neighborhoods, supporting agricultural stakeholders, and providing resources for vulnerable populations. She's truly making a tangible difference on O'ahu's Westside and beyond! Public Safety & Community Well-Being Hosted annual public safety town halls focusing on crime, sex trafficking, missing children, school resource officers, and game-room enforcement		

Boosted enforcement in Wai'anae (Nov 2023), resulting in ~70 felony drug arrests, numerous DUI arrests, and ~800 citations

Introduced resolutions for surveillance camera trailers along the Wa'ianae Coast to deter crime

Organized youth empowerment and school safety forums, leading to pilot School Resource Officer programs in West O'ahu schools like Nanakuli High

.

Ocean & Beach Safety

Advocated funding for a new lifeguard stand at Kahe Point—the first installed in 11 years

Championed the creation of an Ocean Safety Commission in support of a stand-alone Ocean Safety Department

Infrastructure & Traffic Safety

Secured \$300K to renovate the 2nd floor of the Wai'anae Police Station

Worked to prevent left-turns on Kapolei Parkway, adding funding for traffic lights to reduce accidents

Launched a corridor beautification initiative along Farrington Highway (Harbor area) to improve lighting, signage, CCTV cameras, murals, and community pride .

Permitting & Housing Streamlining

Spearheaded Bill 56 (Ordinance 23-13) in June 2023 to eliminate permits for basic home repairs (e.g. fences, minor plumbing/electrical), reducing red tape and long waiting times .

Participated in public town halls with Dept. of Planning & Permitting to address a backlog of over 8,000 permit applications

Homelessness & Social Services

Launched “Restore, Reconnect, Revive (R3)” in August 2022 to clean public spaces, connect people experiencing homelessness to services, and add accountability .

Coordinated outreach combining food distribution with financial literacy sessions, and worked with HPD to close unsafe encampments while assisting individuals in relocation and nonprofit formation

Please pass this resolution! Mahalo!

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Loretta Tanioka	lori29@yahoo.com	96792
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Oppose	Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:25 AM
Testimony: I strongly Oppose Resolution 25-170. Vice Chair Matt Weyer supports unions, working families, equality and civil rights; the foundations of our great state. He should not be replaced by CM Tupola who supports ICE raids in our vulnerable communities further marginalizing those in need of the most help. Our state needs to come together, not be further torn apart. I ask that you vote in the best interest of the state which is in opposition to this resolution.		
Name: Rossha Watson	Email: rossha19@yahoo.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:27 AM
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Name: Pomai Kalama	Email: pomaikalama21@gmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:28 AM
Testimony: I am in strong support of RES25-170!		
Name: L Thorson	Email: Lthorson7@gmail.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:29 AM
Testimony: I would suggest that Andria be the Chair. Waters has proven to be compromised in acting fairly towards all. Andria, on the other hand, seems to have integrity and can't be bought.		

Therefore, I would request Andria be appointed Chair.

Name:

Brandon Parker

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Zip:

96734

Representing:

Self

Position:

Support

Submitted:

Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:29

AM

Testimony:

I strong support RES25-170

Name:

Louis Mansanas jr

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96744

Representing:

Self

Position:

Support

Submitted:

Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:30

AM

Testimony:

I strongly support this bill

Name:

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96734

Representing:

Self

Position:

Support

Submitted:

Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:33

AM

Testimony:

Strong Support

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96707

Representing:

Self

Position:

Support

Submitted:

Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:34

AM

Testimony:

In strong support of RES25-170

Name:

Ryan Dolan

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96734

Representing:

Self

Position:

Support

Submitted:

Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:34

AM

Testimony:

I strongly support this RES25-170.

Name:

Walker Rowsey

Email:

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Zip:

96817

Representing:

Self

Position:

Oppose

Submitted:

Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:34
AM

Testimony:

Council member Tupola has routinely demonstrated-on the public record- an intolerance of large swaths of our city and county's people and an inability to prevent that bigotry from informing her professional and political decisions. While I understand the nature of her personal beliefs, her bigotry toward the queer and other marginalized communities has no place in a position meant to represent our entire island Ohana. As a result of her personal beliefs around the matter, Honolulu cannot allow her to

occupy positions which claim to represent us as a whole. Her ascendance to this position is damaging to both our community and the mental health and well being of our people.

The downstream impacts of this action would lead to increased anxiety, mental distress, and negative health outcomes for both adults and youth city wide-worsening the already dire mental health crisis we find ourselves in.

Name:

Lala Fernandez

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Zip:

96792

Representing:

Self

Position:

Support

Submitted:

Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:35
AM

Testimony:

Written Testimony in Support of Andria Tupola for Vice Chair – City and County of Honolulu

Aloha Chair and Members of the Council,

I am writing to offer my full support for Councilmember Andria Tupola to be in office as Vice Chair for the City and County of Honolulu officers. Her leadership, dedication, and unwavering commitment to the people of Honolulu make her exceptionally qualified for this role.

Councilmember Tupola has consistently demonstrated a deep-rooted passion for serving our communities with integrity, compassion, and action. She doesn't just speak about change—she makes it happen. From addressing public safety concerns, improving infrastructure in underserved areas, to advocating for effective solutions to homelessness, Andria has been a driving force in creating real, tangible improvements in our city.

What truly sets Andria apart is her ability to listen. She takes the time to engage directly with constituents, attends community meetings, and makes herself available to hear the voices of those she represents. Her leadership is rooted in understanding the needs of the people, which is essential to passing meaningful resolutions and advancing initiatives that reflect the values and priorities of our local communities.

Andria Tupola brings vision, experience, and a results-driven mindset to the Council. Her leadership has already brought positive changes to our city and community, and I am confident she will continue to do so in an even greater capacity as Vice Chair. Honolulu needs leaders who care, who show up, and who deliver—and that is exactly what Andria Tupola has done and will continue to do.

I respectfully urge you to support her selection as Vice Chair. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

With respect,

Lala Fernandez

Community Member of Waianae

June 16, 2025

Name: Kaena Paikai	Email: kaenapaikai@yahoo.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:36 AM
Testimony: I strongly support		
Name: Ina Taea	Email: smudge_09@hotmail.com	Zip: 96731
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:36 AM
Testimony: I support Andria Tupoa to		
Name: Francine Villarmia-Kahawai	Email: fran@lifehousehi.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:38 AM

Testimony:

Andria Tupola is an exceptional selection as Vice-Chair for the Honolulu City Council as she has shown through her words and actions to be for the people.

Name:

Cameo Fong

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cameofong808@gmail.com

Zip:

96707

Representing:

Self

Position:

Support

Submitted:

Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:39
AM

Testimony:

I fully support Andria Tupola as Vice Chair Floor Leader. I personally believe she should be the Chair due to her amazing leadership qualities. But, as she is listed as Vice chair, I support her, her ideas, and leadership style to represent me. She has my vote!

Mahalo, Cameo Fong

Name:

Aaron Miyashiro

Email:

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Zip:

96744

Representing:

Self

Position:

Support

Submitted:

Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:42
AM

Testimony:

I STRONGLY SUPPORT RES25-170. RELATING TO THE OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

Name:

Michelle Aquino

Email:

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Zip:

96734

Representing:

Self

Position:

Support

Submitted:

Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:42
AM

Testimony:

In full support of Andria Tupola as Vice-Chair or in any other leadership position on this committee. Andria is honest, hard working, has great leadership skills, serves our island community, and represents her constituents very well. I have known her since she was in Jr High and she has always demonstrated impeccable integrity.

Name:

Brenson Wailehua

Email:

bwailehua@gmail.com

Zip:

96734

Representing:

Self

Position:

Support

Submitted:

Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:43

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Testimony: I strongly support Resolution 25-170		
Name: Ikaika Curnan	Email: imcurnan@gmail.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:43 AM
Testimony: I strongly support this Res25-170		
Name: Allison Hansen	Email: awailehuahansen@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:44 AM
Testimony: I strongly support resolution 25-170		
Name: Jonovan Tuinei	Email: j.tuinei30@gmail.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:44 AM
Testimony: I'm in strong support!		
Name: Kristofor Gellert	Email: krisgellert@gmail.com	Zip: 96786
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:47 AM
Testimony: Aloha, I strongly support this resolution and Andria Tupola being the Vice Chair of Honolulu City Council.		

Since becoming an O’ahu Councilmember, Andria Tupola has led numerous impactful initiatives across public safety, infrastructure, housing, and community well-being.

She’s hosted public safety town halls, boosted enforcement in high-crime areas, and pushed for more surveillance and lifeguards along the Leeward Coast.

Tupola introduced a major permitting reform (Bill 56) that eliminates red tape for basic home repairs, advocated for traffic safety improvements, and secured funding for local police and beautification projects.

She launched the “Restore, Reconnect, Revive” program to address homelessness holistically, helped reconnect people to services, and worked closely with schools on student safety.

Her efforts also include supporting local farmers through an Agricultural Development Task Force.

With a focus on action, collaboration, and community empowerment, Tupola continues to deliver real results for West O’ahu and I’m excited to see what else she can accomplish for the people of Hawaii!

Mahalo,
Kristofor Gellert

Name: Matthew Coleman	Email: mekc117@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:48 AM

Testimony:
I strongly support

Name: Keoni Mendiola	Email: keoni8727@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:48 AM

Testimony:
Keoni Mendiola, supports RES25-170 Mahalo!

Name: Richie Breaux	Email: allthingsnewhi@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Support	Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:50 AM
Name: Kelsey Beck	Email: ilikea.beck@gmail.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:50 AM
Testimony: I strongly support RES25-170		
Name: James Mueller	Email: jimmueller1@yahoo.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:51 AM
Testimony: I STRONGLY SUPPORT RES25-170		
Name: Ilima Maiava	Email: ilimamaiava@gmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:51 AM
Testimony: Strong support for res25-170.		
Name: Dwayne Takeno	Email: dwaynetakeno@yahoo.com	Zip: 96826
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:52 AM
Testimony: Honolulu CItY Council. I'm writing to request that you vote NO on Resolution 25-170. Removing LGBT voices from leadership This resolution is deeply troubling — not only because of what it proposes, but because of what it represents. Under the		

pretense of political procedure, it threatens to remove and replace council members who are part of the LGBTQIA+ community with new GOP leadership aligned with the Trump Agenda.

The timing, during Pride Month and when queer people are under active attack, sends a chilling message to queer residents across our city and state: that our leaders seemingly are willing to target members of our community when their voices don't fall in line with political agendas.

Current reports by Civil Beat and Hawaii News Now are suggesting this resolution is due to their votes not aligning with other's. This is not just about disagreement on votes or legislative strategy. It's about the misuse of power in a way that erodes public trust and target Individuals based on their identity. To punish elected officials — not for misconduct, but for independent decision-making — is not only undemocratic, it's dangerous.

Resolution 25-170 is especially alarming when viewed in the context of broader national attacks on LGBTQIA+ rights and representation. Hawai'i has long prided itself on its spirit of aloha, inclusion, and equity. This resolution moves us in the opposite direction. Placing the Trump Anti LGBT agenda in the Vice Chair seat at our City Council.

To move forward with Resolution 25-170 would be to send a message that LGBTQIA+ council members are only tolerated when they are compliant. That diversity is conditional. That speaking your mind, especially when it goes against a particular member's agenda, will cost you your seat This is retaliation — plain and simple. And retaliation has no place in our democratic process.

I respectfully urge the Chair and Council to reconsider and reject this resolution and reaffirm your commitment to fair governance, ethical leadership, and the basic dignity and representation of all people — especially during Pride Month, when we should be celebrating LGBTQIA+ voices, not silencing them.

Dwayne Takeno

Name: steven kumasaka	Email: macsak@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:53 AM
Testimony: strongly support andria tupuola for vice chair mahalo		
Name: Michelle Blacconiere	Email: hnlhorse@gmail.com	Zip: 96792

Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:54 AM
Testimony: I support her and her community missions.		
Name: Seen Morimoto	Email: seen.morimoto@gmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:54 AM
Testimony: In Strong support of RES25-170. Mahalo		
Name: Wade Terlep	Email: wterlep@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:55 AM
Testimony: Very strong support		
Name: Crystal Pang	Email: crysakana@gmail.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:56 AM
Testimony: In support of Dist 1 Councilwoman Andria Tupola. Mahalo.		
Name: Ryno Irwin	Email: ryno.irwin@hawaiiunified.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Hawai'i Unified Industries	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:57 AM
Testimony:		

I strongly support Andrea to pull it in this leadership position for the city council. She has been instrumental and helping revitalize businesses and commerce on the Leeward coast of Oahu and her extraordinary leadership within the community, taking action and getting her hands dirty has proven not only effective, but also inspiring for others

Name:

Steele Asing

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96701

Representing:

Self

Position:

Support

Submitted:

Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:59 AM

Testimony:

I strongly support RES25-170

Name:

Olivia Moschell

Email:

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Zip:

96815

Representing:

Self

Position:

Oppose

Submitted:

Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:59 AM

Testimony:

Honolulu CIty Council. I'm writing to request that you vote NO on Resolution 25-170. Removing LGBT voices from leadership.

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Name: Kekoa Bruhn	Email: kekoabruhn@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:59 AM

Testimony:
I strongly support res 25-170

Name: Patrick Trani	Email: prayzetrani@yahoo.com	Zip: 96708
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:00 PM

Testimony:
Strong support

Name: Kirk Southcott	Email: ksouthcott@gmail.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:01 PM

Testimony:
This is a blatant power grab by the chair and republican special interests. The chair should resign in disgrace for this backroom deal since his ego was hurt in the sewage vote. Sometimes there will be votes by members that support their constituents and vote against what you want. That is democracy. Chair you are not a king!

Name: Frank Cruz-Santos	Email: kikocruz671@gmail.com	Zip: 96814
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:02

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Testimony: I oppose this due to unfairness and absence of counsel member while on vacation. Play fair.		
Name: Sierra Revilla	Email: sierra.revilla808@gmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:03 PM
Testimony: I strongly support RES25-170		
Name: Pōmaika'i Fatongia	Email: blessedandcalm1@gmail.com	Zip: 96814
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:04 PM
Testimony: I support this resolution and further support the proposed leadership, as stated.		
Name: Alfonso Pitolo	Email: alfonso pitolo@icloud.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:04 PM
Testimony: I support this bill		
Name: Mike Sullivan	Email: mikegsully@gmail.com	Zip: 96766
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:07 PM
Testimony: I strongly support this resolution		
Name: Dale VanderBrink	Email: sandmandfgh@gmail.com	Zip: 96814

Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:07 PM
Testimony: Aloha CouncilMembers, I am in strong opposition to Reso 25-170. I will speak more on my opposition in oral testimony. Thankyou, Dale VanderBrink		
Name: Nick West	Email: nickwest808@yahoo.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:08 PM
Testimony: I am in strong support of resolution 25-170		
Name: Kamehalani Ortiz	Email: blayzeortiz@yahoo.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:09 PM
Testimony: Honorable Chair and Council Members, I am writing to express my strong support for Resolution 25-170, which establishes Tommy Waters as Chair and Presiding Officer, Andria Tupola as Vice-Chair, and Esther Kia'āina as Floor Leader of our City Council. As a first responder who serves this community every day (Captain in the Honolulu Fire Department), I have witnessed firsthand the critical importance of strong, decisive leadership during times of crisis and everyday governance. The leadership team outlined in this resolution brings exactly the kind of experience, diversity of perspective, and collaborative approach that our city needs. From my perspective in the fire service, effective city leadership directly impacts our ability to serve and protect Honolulu's residents. We need council leaders who understand the complexities of emergency response, infrastructure needs, and community safety. This leadership team has demonstrated their commitment to supporting first responders and public		

safety initiatives.

Our community is strengthened when our leadership reflects the diversity of perspectives and experiences that make Honolulu unique. Having diverse voices in these key positions ensures that decisions are made with input from different backgrounds and viewpoints, leading to more comprehensive and effective policies that serve all residents.

As someone who works daily with teams under pressure, I recognize the importance of collaborative leadership. The ability to work together, listen to different perspectives, and make decisions that consider the broader community impact is essential. I believe this leadership team has the experience and temperament to provide exactly this kind of governance.

The direction this council takes will impact every aspect of our community - from public safety and infrastructure to housing and economic development. I have confidence that Chair Waters, Vice-Chair Tupola, and Floor Leader Kia'aina will provide the steady, thoughtful leadership our city needs to address current challenges and build for the future.

As a public servant committed to protecting and serving this community, I urge you to support Resolution 25-170. Strong leadership at the council level enables all city departments, including the fire department, to better serve the people of Honolulu.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued service to our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Kamehalani (Kama) Ortiz
Captain, Honolulu Fire Department
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blayzeortiz@yahoo.com

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Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:10 PM
Testimony:		
I strongly support RES25-170		
Name:	Email:	Zip:
Ash Kuhaulua	a.kuhaulua@yahoo.com	96819
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Support	Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:10 PM
Testimony: I strongly support RES25-170		
Name: Robert Enriquez	Email: robnani99@yahoo.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:13 PM
Testimony: I strongly support RES25-170		
Name: Boyd Ready	Email: readyboyd@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:15 PM
Testimony: Aloha, Council members, Andria Tupola has proven to be an energetic, forward-thinking, responsive leader for her district, and has been chosen again by an early primary majority of her voters. She will be a good choice for the Council leadership team. Mahalo, Boyd Ready Haleiwa		
Name: Jon White	Email: jonwhite.hawaii@yahoo.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:16 PM
Testimony: I stand in Strong Support of RES 25-170		
Name: Brandon Ching	Email: brandon_ching@hotmail.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:18

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Testimony: I strongly support RES25-170		
Name: Christopher Cook	Email: christophercook777@yahoo.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:19 PM
Testimony: I am in strong support of RES25-170		
Name: Makana Fronda	Email: makanaf808@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:19 PM
Testimony: In strong support of this bill		
Name: Deven English	Email: kamea6@gmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:21 PM
Testimony: I am in support of this resolution, Council woman Tupola has shown great leadership and has been very effective in her role and will continue to bring positive change to Hawaii.		
Name: Scarlet Honolulu Gay Island Guide	Email: info@scarlethonolulu.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Scarlet Honolulu Inc / Gay Island Guide	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:22 PM
Name: Michael Misunas	Email: misunas808@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:25

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Testimony: I strongly support this resolution.		
Name: Lori Arizumi	Email: loriarizumi@gmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:28 PM
Testimony: I support this measure.		
Name: Seth Holck	Email: holck239@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:32 PM
Testimony: I strongly support RES25-170 !		
Name: Andrew Ogata	Email: andrew.ogata@yahoo.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:32 PM
Testimony: Aloha Council Chair Waters and Members of the Council, My name is Andrew Ogata. I live in Downtown Honolulu, am a native of Hawai'i, work in public health, and I'm a proud member of Hawai'i's LGBTQIA+ community. I'm submitting testimony today because I'm concerned about the message Resolution 25-170 sends, not only to Councilmembers Dos Santos-Tam and Weyer, but to the many communities who see themselves reflected in their leadership. I've had the opportunity to work closely with both Vice Chair Matt Weyer and Councilmember Tyler Dos Santos-Tam. In every space we've shared—whether it was around public health, housing, or community engagement—they've led with thoughtfulness, humility, and a deep commitment to equity. Their voices at the leadership table are not just valuable, they're necessary.		

While I understand that leadership roles can and do change, calling for such a shift immediately after a contentious vote feels punitive. It gives the impression of political retaliation— something we read about in the national news and expect from our current president, not something we expect to see here at home. And during Pride Month, the optics of this decision are especially disheartening.

We all want a Council that reflects our communities, listens to different voices, and leads with integrity. That’s how we build trust, and that trust feels at risk right now.

I hope you’ll take a step back and really consider what this resolution means beyond the vote. Representation matters. How we treat our leaders matters.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify

Andrew Ogata

Name: Jack Legal	Email: jack.legal1350@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:33 PM

Testimony:

I support this bill and/reso. Councilmember Tupola is an excellent leader. I have seen that leadership in action.

Name: Aaron Domingcil	Email: volcomstone_79@hotmail.com	Zip: 96705
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:33 PM

Testimony:

I’m in support res25-170

Name: Kūna’e Kamahele	Email: kunaehawaiiandiaspora.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:34 PM

Testimony:

Aloha,

To whom it may concern, I am writing in opposition of Resolution 25-170, and the attempt to replace councilmember Matt Weyer in favor of one Andria Tupola, someone who has voted for a Presidential candidate who has criminalized queer people and ban transgender Americans from serving in the armed forces. While some may say that she is not the person she voted for, she voted for this person assumingly because she agrees with his policies. I cannot state clearly enough that Hawai'i did not vote for Trump and Hawai'i did not vote for Tupola as Committee Chair. To attempt to pass a resolution to veto the voices of Hawai'i residents and seemingly target a LGBT councilmember during Pride Month is despicable, especially since this seems to be motivated by the votes on a sewer resolution from a few weeks ago.

I also want to take this space to say I agree with Matt Weyer's vote against the sewer resolution and the attempted increase of sewer costs over the next several years for Hawai'i residents. We already pay enough, take it out of Tommy Walter's six-figure salary. The median income per capita is \$46,000 (per US census). Why are we being slapped with more bills instead of reducing governmental salaries. If the people you represent survive on \$46,000 there is zero justification for you to make almost 3 times that.

In conclusion, this resolution seems to be a targeted attack against a councilmember who disagreed with the chair and is now at risk of being removed from his position that the people of Hawai'i VOTED for. This is unbecoming and undemocratic and as a queer person I would not feel safe with Andria Tupola on this committee.

Name: Jacob Planas	Email: jleeikaika@gmail.com	Zip: 96766
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:36 PM

Testimony:
I strongly support RES25-170

Name: Bryson Wailehua-Hansen	Email: bwailehuahansen@gmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:37 PM

Testimony:
I strongly support Resolution 25-170 because it creates a clear and effective leadership structure within the Honolulu City Council at a time when strong governance is essential. By formally establishing roles such as Chair, Vice-Chair, and Floor Leader, the resolution promotes accountability, continuity, and efficient decision-making. This kind of organized leadership is crucial for addressing O'ahu's pressing needs such as affordable housing, infrastructure improvements, and

community safety with unity and focus.		
Name: Jason Langtad	Email: jason.langtad@gmail.com	Zip: 96766
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:38 PM
Testimony: I strongly support RES25-170		
Name: Faifaiese Emosi Jr	Email: aritana84@yahoo.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:43 PM
Testimony: I strongly support RES25-170		
Name: Lisa Bishop	Email: poodleshawaii@att.net	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:44 PM
Testimony: Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Councilmembers, I strongly support Res25-170 which would appoint: Tommy Waters, Chair and Presiding Officer; Andria Tupola, Vice-Chair; and Esther Kia'āina, Floor Leader. With Aloha, Lisa Bishop Oahu resident, home owner, tax payer, voter		
Name: Keith Marugame	Email: Keithmarugame@gmail.com	Zip: 96766
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:45 PM

Testimony: I support RES25-170		
Name: Joel Kaluahine	Email: joelkaluahine@yahoo.com	Zip: 96746
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:46 PM
Testimony: I strongly support res25-170		
Name: Carol Pelekai	Email: cpele711@aol.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:47 PM
Testimony: I support this bill 25-170. They are all good representatives of those positions.		
Name: Dr. Kioni Dudley	Email: DrKioniDudley@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: The Friends of Makakilo	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:47 PM
Testimony: I support Andria Tupola for Chair and Presiding Officer, and Augie Tulba for ViceChair, and Val Okimoto for Floor Leader. Tommy Waters and Esther Kia'aina, along with Tyler Dos Santos and Matt Weyer, have disgraced themselves and betrayed the people by voting to eliminate hurricane saferooms in all new houses from the City Building Code, selling their votes to the Building Industry Association of Hawaii, a big donor, in order to save builders a miniscule \$5,000 - \$7,000 cost of a saferoom when they are building million dollar houses,		
Name: Dennis Jacintho	Email: keawes@hotmail.com	Zip: 96756
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:52 PM
Testimony: I strongly support RES25-170		

Name: Nani Smith-Arke	Email: arke04808@gmail.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:55 PM

Testimony:

I support Andria Tupola and the work she has done in the community. She is a breath of fresh air in today's political climate. She has the right mentality in that she works for the PEOPLE! Unfortunately, most people in public positions have the exact OPPOSITE approach. Everything she has done has been for the betterment of the people in all districts. From coordinating community clean ups to the Priced into Paradise Expo, her ideas and creativity make sense.....common sense. Hawai'i needs more leaders like Andria.

Mahalo Nui for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Name: Destiny Akita	Email: destinyakita@gmail.com	Zip: 96752
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:58 PM

Testimony:

I strongly support RES25-170.

Name: Nikos Leverenz	Email: nleverenz@hhhrc.org	Zip: 96813
Representing: Hawaii Health & Harm Reduction Center	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:58 PM

Name: Sam Shafer	Email: samshaferjr@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:59 PM

Testimony:

I would like to share my testimony on behalf of Mrs. Tupuola, she has done a wonderful job in supporting the community of the West side community.

Sincerely,

Sam Shafer Jr		
Name: Drew Cruz-Santos	Email: dksantos@me.com	Zip: 96814
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:59 PM
Testimony: I wish to oppose this and ask the council to reject this.		
Name: Sarah Fairchild	Email: 808fairchild@gmail.com	Zip: 96791
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 12:59 PM
Testimony: I support the election of the slate of officers proposed.		
Name: Edward Andres	Email: bebejunez@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 01:01 PM
Testimony: I strongly support		
Name: Harald von Sydow	Email: nztrendshi@gmail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 01:02 PM
Testimony: Honorable Council members, I am writing to express my support for Council member Andria Tupola as Chair and Presiding Officer of the Council. I believe her leadership, integrity, and commitment to the community make her well-suited for this important role. Thank you for your consideration Harald von Sydow		

Name: Zorich Palimo'o	Email: zpalimoo@gmail.com	Zip: 96814
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 01:02 PM
Testimony: I am in Strong Support of RES25-170		
Name: Makai Freitas	Email: makaifreitas@yahoo.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 01:03 PM
Testimony: I strongly support Res25-170		
Name: Jason Furutani	Email: jif808@hotmail.com	Zip: 96746
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 01:03 PM
Testimony: I strongly support RES25-170		
Name: Lyle Nicely	Email: lylenicely1995@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 01:05 PM
Testimony: I strongly support RES25-170.		
Name: Justin Silva	Email: jmksilva65@yahoo.com	Zip: 96705
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 01:16 PM
Testimony:		

I strongly support RES25-170		
Name: Dave Chew	Email: kupaa46@yahoo.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 01:23 PM
Testimony: I strongly support RES 25-170. Thank you		
Name: Kaipo Bee	Email: poola1056@yahoo.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 01:24 PM
Testimony: I Kaipo Bee strongly support RES25-170!		
Name: Kate Ozawa	Email: katie.ozawa@gmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 01:25 PM
Testimony: Aloha Chair Waters and Members of the Council, I am writing in strong opposition to Resolution 24-170, which appears to reorganize Council leadership in retaliation for recent votes on the sewer rate restructuring plan. Councilmembers must be able to vote their conscience without fear of political consequences. This resolution sends a dangerous message: dissent will be punished. That is not how democracy should function, and it undermines public trust in this body. It is especially troubling to see Councilmember Tupola elevated to Vice Chair. Her alignment with far-right, authoritarian politics is deeply concerning and does not reflect the values of the majority of Honolulu residents.		

We need leaders who promote collaboration, transparency, and community-centered governance—not political power plays.

I urge you to vote NO on Resolution 24-170.

Mahalo.

Kate Ozawa

Member, Mililani Neighborhood Board

Name: David Nakamura	Email: dnakamura@mutual-housing.org	Zip: 96813
Representing: Mutual Housing Association of Hawaii, Inc.	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 01:26 PM

Name: Grayson Gonsalves	Email: graysongonsalves@gmail.com	Zip: 96746
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 01:27 PM

Testimony:
I strongly support RES25-170

Name: Anapuni Coleman	Email: 03abc3@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 01:29 PM

Testimony:
I strongly support.

Name: LAWRENCE DECOSTA	Email: ldciii@aol.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 01:30 PM

Testimony:
I strongly support this resolution!

Mahalo		
Name: Keone Bee	Email: zerekbee@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 01:32 PM
Testimony: I'm in atrong support of res 25-170		
Name: Levi Brooker	Email: levibrooker@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 01:32 PM
Testimony: I support Tupola		
Name: Jameson Smith	Email: jamesonsmith808@yahoo.com	Zip: 96766
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 01:35 PM
Testimony: I strongly support RES25-170		
Name: Marlo Medeiros	Email: mahealani1963@gmail.com	Zip: 96766
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 01:36 PM
Testimony: I strongly support RES25-170		
Name: Christopher Pieper	Email: cpieper808@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 01:39 PM

Testimony: I strongly support RES25-170		
Name: Hopena Pokipala	Email: hopenapokipala@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 01:42 PM
Testimony: I strongly support RES25-170		
Name: Kelly Almanza	Email: kelly.almanza@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 01:42 PM
Testimony: In reading this proposed change in City council this action in pursuant of rule 4 may be interpreted as , "I do not like what you say ." therefore I will suspend you and give your elected seat to another member who's speech I personally approve of. The terms contemptuous and disorderly behavior in Rule 4 leaves a broad swath of perception which lacks supportable legal foci. I oppose this resolution due to its vague statement, possible misuse and lack of legal substantance. No just cause has been given to replace the current person elected to the seat which would be replaced immediately when this resolution passes. Thus with no just cause the optics of this resolution seems intensely biased to word things respectfully. Mahalo for your consideration		
Name: Anthony Padilla	Email: anthonymcpadilla@yahoo.com	Zip: 96895
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 01:48 PM
Testimony: in strong support		
Name: Hunter Morton	Email: huntermorton12@yahoo.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 01:53 PM

Testimony: I strongly support this		
Name: Stephanie Kon	Email: stephkonnnect@yahoo.com	Zip: 96819
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 01:54 PM
Testimony: Aloha Officers of the City Council, I am a resident of Kalihi, and I work as a Housing Case Manager in both Honolulu and on the Westside. The prevailing violence affecting our Waianae Community is both senseless and heartbreaking. A more assertive and collective approach to prevent violence and premature deaths are overdue. I strongly support City Council person, Andria Tupola's, leadership and work to effect and sustain a safety policy to stop the violence and to save lives. I see the community living in fear of personal and property injury, and at worst, fearful of death. The youth are being targeted for recruitment to gangs, for drugs use and sales, and other criminal activities and all with a false sense of belonging and protection that results in violence and murders. Adults and Kids are using and abusing kids. Too many people, young and old, are dying as a result. Too many families are losing loved ones, and too many students are dying before they finish high school. This is unacceptable. Every community is unique. The Waianae Community needs a safety policy that works for them. Please listen to and support them. I believe they need greater resources and supports from within their community and also from surrounding communities to effect real change. Why? Because the negative impacts are extremely high, and solutions need to be greater in order to match and start to bring down the curve. MORE IS NEEDED - in terms of committed time, money, materials and law enforcement. Waianae Community has functioned with less and has been coping their loses with less. It's time to GIVE MORE! Give Andria and the City Council the abundance of resources and supports to make real change visible and felt throughout the Waianae Community. When they RISE, all of O'ahu RISES, too. Mahalo nui, Stephanie K. Kon		
Name: Mark Tuinei	Email: marktuinei808@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 01:55

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Testimony: I strongly support RES25-170		
Name: Jeanne Iwashita	Email: jeanneiwashita@gmail.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 01:58 PM
Testimony: I oppose Rep. Tupelo as the vice chairman. She is supporting a regime that does not follow the law, the courts, or the constitution. I do not believe that she can make combined rational decisions for Honolulu.		
Name: Tyler Yuu	Email: tyleryuu@gmail.com	Zip: 96786
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 01:59 PM
Testimony: I support RES25-170		
Name: Angela Erlandiz-Suan	Email: annsuan@hotmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 02:00 PM
Testimony: My name is Angela Erlandiz-Suan. I was born and raised on O'ahu. I write in strong opposition to Resolution 25-170, which would name Councilmember Andria Tupola as Vice Chair of the Honolulu City Council.		
Name: Marie Villa	Email: marie@villa-bc.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 02:01 PM
Testimony:		

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for Councilmember Andria Tupola's nomination as Vice-Chair for the Council of the City and County of Honolulu.

As a resident of the district she represents—Ewa Beach, Kapolei, Nanakuli, and Waianae—I have had the privilege of working directly with Councilmember Tupola and witnessing her genuine commitment to serving our community. Her responsiveness, accessibility, and dedication are exemplary, having made a significant difference in the lives of her constituents.

What stands out most about Councilmember Tupola is her consistent engagement with the community. She promptly responds to emails, follows through on requests, and makes herself available for meetings when needed. This level of direct communication is rare and deeply appreciated. Moreover, her efforts to host informational Zoom meetings have been invaluable in keeping our community informed about key issues, initiatives, and decisions affecting our neighborhoods. These sessions are more than just updates—they are opportunities for residents to engage, ask questions, and participate in the civic process.

Councilmember Tupola's leadership is rooted in transparency, collaboration, and action. She listens carefully, advocates passionately, and works tirelessly to ensure the voices of her constituents are heard at the highest levels of city government. Her vision, combined with her unwavering commitment to community service, makes her exceptionally qualified to serve as Vice-Chair of the Council.

I strongly encourage her nomination and offer my full support without reservation.

Sincerely,
Marie Villa

Name: Noah Campbell	Email: pahale00@gmail.com	Zip: 96791
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 02:01 PM

Testimony:
I strongly support RES25-170

Name: Michael Yadao	Email: myadao@opcmia630.org	Zip: 96744
Representing: OPCMIA Local 630	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 02:02 PM

Name: Kaai Bruhn	Email: bkaai@yahoo.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 02:03 PM
Testimony: I strongly support this bill		
Name: Guyson amina	Email: a.guyson@yahoo.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 02:06 PM
Testimony: I strongly support RES25-170		
Name: Manuel Silva	Email: mg.silva@twc.com	Zip: 96705
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 02:11 PM
Testimony: I strongly support RES25-170		
Name: Nichole Mansanas	Email: nmansanas@gmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 02:16 PM
Testimony: I strongly support RES25-170		
Name: Kona Makaula	Email: makaulakona@yahoo.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 02:21 PM
Testimony:		

I strongly support RES25-170		
Name: Linda Kawakami	Email: emaillindak@gmail.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 02:23 PM
Testimony: Andria Tupola is a natural leader, doing what she preaches.		
Name: Mary Rose	Email: rmattsmama6@aol.com	Zip: 32810
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 02:28 PM
Testimony: I vehemently oppose Resolution 25-170! Vice Chair Matt Weyer supports unions, working families, civil rights, and equality; the foundations of our great state. He should not be CM Tupola who supports ICE raids in our most vulnerable communities further marginalizing those in need of the most help. The state needs to come together, not be further torn apart. I ask that you vote in the best interest of the state which is in opposition to this resolution.		
Name: Lois Langham	Email: llangham7@gmail.com	Zip: 96814
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 02:29 PM
Testimony: Nope. Too extreme.		
Name: Nani Brown	Email: Nanibrown96786@gmail.com	Zip: 96786
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 02:30 PM
Testimony: I OPPOSE this resolution on the grounds that Matt Weyer is fair, impartial and effective in his current position. No one should be punished for dissent which seems obvious.		
Name:	Email:	Zip:

Adam Wayson	adamswayson@gmail.com	96792
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 02:32 PM
Testimony: Tommy Waters has actively discriminated against minority establishments and Andria Tupola has failed in her ability to manage City & County Parks; allowing houselessness to overrun west side parks. Both of the previously mentioned people are not fit to serve the people.		
Name: Abby Simmons	Email: stonewalldph@gmail.com	Zip: 96805
Representing: STONEWALL CAUCUS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 02:34 PM
Name: Liam Wilmott	Email: liam.oceanpromotion@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 02:39 PM
Testimony: I would like to say I support this resolution res25-170		
Name: Kekoa Masutani	Email: neuspeedkekoa@yahoo.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 02:43 PM
Testimony: I support Andria Tupola. She's been doing great work and love the progress she's made.		
Name: Adrian Nakashima	Email: knakashimaohana@gmail.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 02:45 PM
Testimony: I am in strong support of RES25-170.		

Name: Mika akamine	Email: mikaakamine84@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 02:45 PM
Testimony: I strongly support RES25-170		
Name: Ann Freed	Email: annsfreed@gmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 02:46 PM
Testimony: I am in strong opposition to replacing my council member Matt Weyer with Andrea Tupola. He has done much to support the needs and concerns of central Oahu. She has not. He supports the values of our district ohana. She does not. He supports Unions and working families. She does not. He supports basic civil rights. She does not. He is against the heinous unwarranted ICE raids that have recently devastated teachers here legally. She is a MAGA supporter and pro-ICE raids. Do NOT replace Matt Weyer as Vice Chair with this person who fails miserably in living up to the Aloha spirit of our district, county and state.		
Name: Laura Albaneze	Email: lauraalbaneze@aol.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 02:49 PM
Testimony: Andrea Tupola has been doing an exceptional job representing the interests of her constituents. I am very impressed with her. I recently moved across island and attended a meeting with Esther Kiaaina regarding a parcel at Kalaheo Hillside. She is a typical politician, spending our hard earned tax money on core drilling for a parcel of land that is not viable for housing. We all know the numbers won't pencil out so why do studies with our tax money? I have not been impressed with her ability to listen to her constituents.		
Name: Stephan Buck	Email: kaleobuck@yahoo.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 02:52 PM

Testimony: I strongly support RES25-170.		
Name: margie merryman	Email: margiemerryman@icloud.com	Zip: 96741
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 02:54 PM
Testimony: I oppose Resolution 25-170. vice Chair Matt Meyer supports civil rights, equality, working families, and unions, which represents the foundations of our great state. 5 million marched in solidarity against the authoritarianism and now during this fight against authoritarianism, and knowing CM Tuppola supports the ice raids happening in our state, denying due process ... it would not help our state. therefore, the eyes of Honolulu and the state are watching and hoping you will oppose Resolution 25-170.		
Name: Walter Walker	Email: wwalker3111@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 02:55 PM
Testimony: I strongly support		
Name: Jonah Chew	Email: jkchew21@gmail.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 02:59 PM
Testimony: I support Res25-170		
Name: Victoria Brewster	Email: vlbnkids@yahoo.com	Zip: 96746
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 03:05 PM
Testimony: I strongly Oppose Resolution 25-170. Vice Chair Matt Weyer supports unions, working families, equality and civil rights; the		

foundations of our great state. He should not be replaced by CM Tupola who supports ICE raids in our vulnerable communities further marginalizing those in need of the most help. Our state needs to come together, not be further torn apart. I ask that you vote in the best interest of the state which is in opposition to this resolution.

Name: Hope Ramirez	Email: Hope2yoga@gmail.com	Zip: 96746
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 03:09 PM

Testimony:

I strongly oppose resolution 26-170 vice chair Matt Weyer supports working families, unions, equality and civil rights! He should absolutely NOT BE REPLACED with cm tulopa who supports cruel and inhumane ice raids on our most vulnerable communities!! We need unity and a better way. I mahalo you to vote in the best in interested of our state! Hawai'i

Name: Logan Okita	Email: logan.okita@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 03:12 PM

Testimony:

Matt Weyer should not be replaced as Vice-Chair.

Name: Sandra Van	Email: sandy@prpacific.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 03:15 PM

Testimony:

As a Westside constituent, I have had occasion to work with Council Member Tupola on several occasions and have deeply appreciated her support and help particularly as it related to Bill 10 (then Bill 64). It was a complicated bill, but she took the time to organize community meetings, documented the concerns of myself and other constituents and was successful in making many critical changes to the bill. I strongly support her nomination to be vice-chair of the City Council. Mahalo.

Name: Deanna Espinas	Email: espihawaii@juno.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 03:17 PM

Testimony:

I oppose this resolution which seeks to remove Matt Weyer as Vice Chair of Honolulu City Council.

Name: Tina Marie Even	Email: tina@hausoftina.net	Zip: 96738
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 03:18 PM

Testimony:

I strongly Oppose Resolution 25-170. Vice Chair Matt Weyer supports unions, working families, equality and civil rights; the foundations of our great state. He should not be replaced by CM Tupola who supports ICE raids in our vulnerable communities further marginalizing those in need of the most help. Our state needs to come together, not be further torn apart. I ask that you vote in the best interest of the state which is in opposition to this resolution.

Name: Falaniko Vitale	Email: nikovitale@gmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 03:21 PM

Testimony:

I Strongly support RES25-170. Mahalo!

Name: Carmen Guzman-Simpliciano	Email: carmzz84@gmail.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 03:25 PM

Testimony:

Aloha Chair, Councilmembers,

My name is Carmen Guzman-Simpliciano, and I serve as Co-Founder of Kingdom Pathways, a Native Hawaiian nonprofit rooted in Wai'anae and focused on environmental stewardship, cultural restoration, and community wellbeing.

On behalf of our 'Ohana and organization to express our strong support for Vice Chair Andria Tupola. Her leadership has consistently reflected a deep commitment to community voices, especially in areas too often overlooked. Whether it's addressing environmental injustice, park safety, infrastructure needs, or supporting 'ohana who are working hard to uplift their communities Vice Chair Tupola shows up, listens, and acts.

In my work with Kingdom Pathways, we've seen firsthand how critical her advocacy has been from supporting restoration efforts at places like Mākaha, Pōkaʻī Bay and Kūʻīlioloa Heiau, to helping ensure City resources reach West Oʻahu in ways that reflect community priorities and not just political cycles. She understands the importance of equity, transparency, and local leadership.

In a time where trust in government feels fragile, Vice Chair Tupola continues to lead with integrity, clarity, and care. She holds the line for our keiki, our kūpuna, and our ʻāina.

Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify. I urge this Council and our broader community to continue supporting leaders like Vice Chair Tupola; who do more than represent us, they stand with us.

With Aloha,

Carmen Guzman-Simpliciano

Name: Melvin Mcaulton	Email: wildman1101@gmail.com	Zip: 96814
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 03:26 PM

Testimony:

In due respect of the Council Members as Chair, I've been an avid voice to the community in years on public media. If anyone who knows me on Facebook aka Mel Wildman, I have dropped FB completely verses their discriminatory violations of free speech. State / City and Congress needs to step up against these acute violators of public media, news, fb, twitter etc. Fb had banned me from free speech. I dropped them wholly.

As for Council Chairs, I preclude from having the same members who failed their fiduciary duties to support the peoples wishes and find that replacements in order stand greatly to serve from within rather than without. Therefore, I support indelibly for both Andria Tupola , and Esther Kiaaina in replacement of those positions.as Chair and Vice Chair in the council. There Years of support had proved to be heard in their public sessions, public media, and public agenda's. This is where the last few had failed to produce a adamant value to the peoples communities and their endeavors. Power to the peoples Leadership, Aloha.

Name: Paulette-A Tam	Email: tampaulette@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 03:29 PM

Testimony:

I support the intent and in its entirety to elect one council member to fill the council officer with Chairman, Tommy Waters,

and elect one city council member to fill the Vice Chairman, with Andria Tupola, and elect one member to fill the Floor Leader with Esther Kia'aina.

City Council members,

Please support Resolution N25-170 that will supercede Resolution 24-298.

Thank you for your time.

Name: MARIO NANGUSE	Email: nanguse@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 03:36 PM

Testimony:

I am writing in strong opposition to Resolution 25-170, which proposes to remove Councilmember Matt Weyer from his role as Vice Chair of the Honolulu City Council and replace him with Councilmember Andria Tupola. I urge you to vote NO on Resolution 25-170 and stand with those who believe that dignity in work, fairness in policy, and equity in leadership are not optional—they are essential.

Respectfully,
Mario Nanguse

Name: Tumua Tuinei	Email: Tuinei88@yahoo.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 03:36 PM

Testimony:

I strongly support RES25-170

Name: Mary Lu Kelley	Email: mkelley323@gmail.com	Zip: 96756
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 03:42 PM

Testimony:

I oppose this RES25-170.

Name: Brandon Wolff	Email: brandon.wolff@ilwu.org	Zip: 96701
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Representing: ILWU International - Hawaii	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 03:48 PM
Name: Blair Nahale	Email: bnahale808@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 03:52 PM
Testimony: I strongly support RES25-170		
Name: Danielle Guion	Email: danilfrisco@gmail.com	Zip: 96707-1122
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 03:53 PM
Testimony: I oppose removing Council member and Vice Chair Matt Weyer from his position. He has been a strong voice for the people. Those wanting to install Andrea Tupola are obviously not on the side of the People. Please oppose RES25-170 to remove Vice Chair Weyer.		
Name: Cathy Cohen	Email: palmfronds99@gmail.com	Zip: 96740
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 03:58 PM
Testimony: "I strongly Oppose Resolution 25-170. Vice Chair Matt Weyer supports unions, working families, equality and civil rights; the foundations of our great state. He should not be replaced by CM Tupola who supports ICE raids in our vulnerable communities further marginalizing those in need of the most help. Our state needs to come together, not be further torn apart. I ask that you vote in the best interest of the state which is in opposition to this resolution."		
Name: Jan Burns	Email: jankburns@gmail.com	Zip: 96792
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Support	Jun 16, 2025 @ 04:04 PM
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Testimony:

I am writing in support of RESOLUTION 25-170 - RELATING TO THE OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, specifically in strong support of Councilmember Adria Tupola for her unwavering leadership and the work she has done for our community.

As a fourth generation Nānākuli Homesteader, I've seen the changes our community has faced especially in the uptick in crime.

Dr. Tupola has been and continues to be a staunch supportor in revitalizing and proactively working tirelessly toward reducing the crime rate affecting our Wai`anae coast. She and her staff are very responsive in helping to navigate and resolve issues. Mahalo for this opportunity and for all that you do Dr. Tupola.

Jan K. Burns
89-315 Lepeka Ave
Nānākuli, HI 96792

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Michael Golojuch, Jr. (he/him)	mgolojuch@hotmail.com	96707
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Jun 16, 2025 @ 04:07 PM

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Brittney Shinsato	britt21@hawaii.edu	96816
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Jun 16, 2025 @ 04:08 PM

Testimony:

I encourage the Council to please vote "NO."

As a tax-paying, legal U.S. citizen, born and raised in Hawaii, and a nurse, I feel that given the current political climate created by Trump, and his constituents, like Tupola, I have been at a crossroads with losing my rights to simply love who I love, and simply existing. It feels like I almost lost the opportunity to marry my fiancé. We are both a part of the LGBTQ community.

Electing Tupola and removing the current council members would further serve to under-represent our already marginalized community.

It appears the Trump administration, with Tupola supporting Trump, perpetuates hate and disregard for any other

perspective that does not align with their personal beliefs. Their representation does not include all Americans, does not appear to have the best interest of all Americans, and appears to intentionally removes any person who gets in their way.

Name: Ken Cho	Email: kchos808@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 04:08 PM

Testimony:
Strongly support Res25-170

Name: Iese Tuuao	Email: ituuao@aol.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Samoan Church of Hawaii, LMS	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 04:09 PM

Testimony:
Andria is an able, intellectual leader and she would be a great Vice Chair. She is smart, well prepared, love her job as a Councilwoman. She is rooted in her constituents, very well connected with the people she represents on the Council. She is doing great work with the homeless population here in Nanakuli and Waianae. Andria has an open mind, a good listener and also ready to act and do positive things for her constituents, like us. We support her nomination to be the Vice Chair of the Council.

Name: Corey Adler	Email: coreytei@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 04:09 PM

Testimony:
Andria Tupola's views do not align with the majority of voters in Hawai'i

Name: Teri Heede	Email: lady.flach@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 04:20 PM

Testimony:
Aloha!

I absolutely oppose the appointment of CM Andrea Tupola to Vice Chair.

Her support of ICE raids and history of opposing civil rights, unions and equality are disqualifications for such an influential position that should serve everyone.

Mahalo

Name: Scott Sutherland	Email: scottjksutherland@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 04:22 PM

Testimony:

I strongly oppose this restructuring of the Honolulu City Council in the middle of it's current session without any public comment or reasoning for this restructuring.

Name: Ronny De Reis	Email: ronnydereis@yahoo.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 04:26 PM

Testimony:

I strongly support RES25-170

Name: Dustin Vierra	Email: dustinv80@gmail.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 04:29 PM

Testimony:

I strongly support RES25-170

Name: Chaz Bajet	Email: chazbajet@gmail.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 04:31 PM

Testimony:

I strongly support RES25-170

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Aaron Dudoit	aarondudoit@gmail.com	96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 04:32 PM
Testimony: I want to express my full support for RES25-170.		
Name: Sharon Ortiz	Email: kalona44@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 04:33 PM
Testimony: I strongly oppose Re 25-170 Res 25-170 Undermines Public Confidence: The perceived punishment of council members for voting in their constituents' best interests raises concerns about the integrity and independence of the City Council. Res 25-170 threatens the progress for Marginalized Groups: The resolution 27-170 undermines the progress achieved by marginalized groups and suggests their leaders and advancements are disposable. Rep Tupola is a politician with a history of opposing the rights of marginalized communities. The resolution betrays the spirit of Aloha and the values of justice, equity, and inclusion that are central to Honolulu. Mahalo, Sharon Ortiz		
Name: Joan Wings	Email: gswings10@gmail.com	Zip: 96746
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 04:37 PM
Testimony: I strongly Oppose Resolution 25-170. Vice Chair Matt Weyer supports unions, working families, equality and civil rights; the foundations of our great state. He should not be replaced by CM Tupola who supports ICE raids in our vulnerable communities further marginalizing those in need of the most help. Our state needs to come together, not be further torn apart. I ask that you vote in the best interest of the state which is in opposition to this resolution.		
Name: cheryl Burghardt	Email: burgharc@gmail.com	Zip: 96817

Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 04:37 PM
Testimony: This testimony is in strong opposition to Resolution 25-170, which appears to reorganize Council leadership in retaliation for recent votes on the sewer rate restructuring plan. There is no place for retaliation on this council. This council is supposed to be non-partisan and be representing the entire of Honolulu. We cannot allow the retaliation precedents of the current person in power of the USA to infiltrate our place. It seems from the outside looking in that Mr. Waters is looking for revenge and not clearly thinking about the overall outcomes or the future and direction of Honolulu? No matter what there is no place for this retaliatory or discrimination-style politics.		
Name: Henry Velasco	Email: hvelasco69@yahoo.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 04:37 PM
Testimony: I strongly support		
Name: Tamra Hayden	Email: tjeanhay@gmail.com	Zip: 96793
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 04:39 PM
Testimony: I think Tommy Waters would be an excellent leader. A. Tupiloa sent a request for testimony and in good conscience I cannot recommend her. She does Beach Clean ups in our community, which I really appreciate. On a few occasions I have written her about sidewalks in Makaha Valley and a Dog Park between Nanikuli and Ka'ena Point. I have never heard a word from her. I don't know anything else she has done for our community. Tommy understands the budget and the need to have more money going to districts to fight crime, something we are working to correct on the West Side. I don't know how A. Tupiloa feels about the interim police chief , the b budget or the mayor selecting an interim police chief. I could continue to state what I know of T. Waters beliefs , but I know zip about A. Tupiloa. So as I said I cannot recommend her. The request for Testimony is the first time I have heard from her. So she has my email, but has never used it to communicate to me since I moved out here from downtown Honolulu in 2022. Mahalo for your time. Tamra Hayden		

Name: Jeannine Billand	Email: alohawithcare7@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 04:41 PM
Testimony: I strongly oppose Res 25-170 Res 25-170 threatens the progress for Marginalized Groups: The resolution 27-170 undermines the progress achieved by marginalized groups and suggests their leaders and advancements are disposable. Rep Tupola is a politician with a history of opposing the rights of marginalized communities. I do not stand with her policies. The resolution betrays the spirit of Aloha and the values of justice, equity, and inclusion that are central to Honolulu. Mahalo, Jeannine Billand		
Name: Danielle Papapa	Email: tiare99@aol.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 04:41 PM
Testimony: I strongly support RES25-170		
Name: Kristin Francis	Email: mindfullparentcoachkristin@gmail.com	Zip: 96740
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 04:41 PM
Testimony: I strongly Oppose Resolution 25-170. Vice Chair Matt Weyer supports unions, working families, equality and civil rights; the foundations of our great state. He should not be replaced by CM Tupola who supports ICE raids in our vulnerable communities further marginalizing those in need of the most help. Our state needs to come together, not be further torn apart. I ask that you vote in the best interest of the state which is in opposition to this resolution.		
Name: Victor Papapa	Email: vpapapa@gmail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 04:44

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Testimony: I strongly support Resolution 25-170.		
Name: Ana Tuiasosopo	Email: atuiasosopo@oe3.org	Zip: 96707
Representing: Hawaii Operating Engineers Local 3	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 04:47 PM
Name: Kenneth Nishimura	Email: info@keepitflowingmedia.com	Zip: 96826
Representing: Keep it Flowing LLC	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 04:54 PM
Name: Mikiala Lidstone	Email: mikialak@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 04:59 PM
Testimony: Testimony in Support of Resolution 25-170 Aloha Chair and Members of the Council, I am writing in strong support of Resolution 25-170 and the appointment of Councilmember Andria Tupola as Vice-Chair. Councilmember Tupola has consistently demonstrated a deep commitment to serving our community with compassion, responsiveness, and integrity. Her leadership has been instrumental in addressing complex challenges and uplifting the voices of residents. One area where Councilmember Tupola's impact has been especially meaningful is in her work with unsheltered individuals. Through her R3 Program—Restore, Reconnect, Revive—she has taken a proactive and compassionate approach to homelessness. Rather than treating it solely as a policy issue, she has invested time and effort into understanding the individual stories behind homelessness, and working with service providers to find sustainable solutions. Her efforts have resulted in tangible outcomes for individuals and families in crisis. She has also been a visible and effective advocate for the improvement of our public spaces. Recognizing the critical role that parks play in the well-being of our families, keiki, and kūpuna, Councilmember Tupola has organized and led park		

cleanups in areas long neglected. She has also been a vital liaison between the community and the Department of Parks and Recreation, ensuring that concerns are not only heard but addressed.

What sets Councilmember Tupola apart is her transparency and integrity. She communicates openly with her constituents, invites dialogue, and is not afraid to tackle difficult issues. Her ability to bring people together and move initiatives forward with purpose and accountability makes her an ideal fit for this leadership role.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of Resolution 25-170.

me ka 'oia'i'o,

Miki'ala M. Lidstone

Name: Rinda Josue-Young	Email: rindayoung@yahoo.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 05:01 PM

Testimony:

I strongly support Res25-170.

Name: Sam Filipino	Email: marcusphillip585@yahoo.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 05:06 PM

Testimony:

I am in support of this resolution

Name: Noelle Lindenmann	Email: tallgirl@uw.edu	Zip: 96740
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 05:10 PM

Testimony:

I strongly Oppose Resolution 25-170. Vice Chair Matt Weyer supports unions, working families, equality and civil rights; the foundations of our great state. He should not be replaced by CM Tupola who supports ICE raids in our vulnerable communities further marginalizing those in need of the most help. Our state needs to come together, not be further torn apart. I ask that you vote in the best interest of the state which is in opposition to this resolution.

Name: Camille Rockett	Email: mariko.rockett@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 05:14 PM
Testimony: I strongly OPPOSE City Council Reso 25-170 which removes Councilmember Matt Weyer- the 1st out LGBTQIA+ Vice Chair in the Council's history, and replace him with Councilmember Andria Tupola, a vocal MAGA-aligned figure in Hawai'i. This is not just about politics and power, this is about saving lives. The policies supported and beliefs perpetuated by MAGA aligned representatives increases suicidality in Hawaii's LGBTQ+ youth community. Every child deserves to know they matter to our leaders. This resolution does the opposite. Please do right by our youth and our community and do not pass this resolution.		
Name: Michael Rivera	Email: allbizness808@yahoo.com	Zip: 96765
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 05:15 PM
Testimony: I strongly support RES25-170.		
Name: David Stupplebeen	Email: david.stupplebeen@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 05:16 PM
Testimony: I am deeply opposed to RES25-170. This resolution should not be adopted.		
Name: Dan Ngo	Email: danngo808702@yahoo.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 05:17 PM
Testimony: I strongly support res25-170		

Name: Richard Baye	Email: rickbaye@icloud.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 05:22 PM
Testimony: I firmly oppose RES25-170		
Name: Nathan Dudoit	Email: ndudoit808@gmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 05:31 PM
Testimony: I strongly support this resolution and urge it's approval Thank you		
Name: lois crozer	Email: lbc@hawaiiantel.net	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 05:37 PM
Testimony: I wish to elect Andrea Tupola as Council Floor Leader.		
Name: Anthony Makana a Paris	Email: makana.paris@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 05:40 PM
Testimony: Aloha: I support Matt Weyer for Vice Chair. Mahalo. Me ke aloha, Makana		

Name: Robin Bruno	Email: robinmbruno@gmail.com	Zip: 96766
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 05:42 PM
Testimony: I strongly oppose Resolution 25-170. Vice Chair Matt Weyer supports unions, working families, equality and civil rights; the foundation of our great state. He should not be replaced by CM Tupola who supports ICE raids in our vulnerable communities further marginalizing those in need of in need of the most help.		
Name: Nicholas Davis	Email: nickjhdavis@icloud.com	Zip: 96818
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 05:47 PM
Testimony: Aloha Members of the Council, I submit this testimony in strong opposition to Resolution 25-170, which reorganizes the leadership of the Honolulu City Council during a time when transparency, representation, and trust are more important than ever. This resolution displaces a diverse and inclusive leadership team without clear justification, during Pride Month, no less—sending a disheartening message to LGBTQ+ residents and allies across O’ahu. Elevating individuals with records that conflict with the values of diversity and inclusion further erodes the public's confidence in this body's commitment to serving all communities fairly. Leadership matters. Representation matters. And timing speaks volumes. I urge the Council to reconsider this resolution, recommit to inclusive governance, and act in a way that reflects the spirit of aloha and the diverse voices that make up our city. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.		
Name: DANIEL Kaneshiro	Email: dkaneshiro@theshelter.org	Zip: 96819
Representing: The Shelter	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 05:47 PM

Testimony:

Aloha Council,

Im writing to extend my full support for Councilwoman Andria Tupola for position as Vice Chair or any officer position. She has been an excellent representative of her constituents as well as advocating for change in government that benefits the whole community.

Andria is thoughtful in her positions and fairly considers multiple perspectives before supporting initiatives. Her professionalism in decision making will help guide the council to productive sessions.

Feel free to contact me at 808-372-3451 should you have questions.

Mahalo,

Daniel Kaneshiro, Executive Director

The Shelter

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Jarred Burns

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jarredk@hawaii.edu

Zip:

96826

Representing:

Self

Position:

Support

Submitted:

Jun 16, 2025 @ 05:50

PM

Testimony:

I strongly support RES25-170

Name:

David Maeva

Email:

davidmaeva31@gmail.com

Zip:

96744

Representing:

Self

Position:

Support

Submitted:

Jun 16, 2025 @ 05:50

PM

Testimony:

I strongly support this bill

Name:

Karin OMahony

Email:

k7omahony@aol.com

Zip:

96795

Representing:

Self

Position:

I wish to comment

Submitted:

Jun 16, 2025 @ 05:55

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Testimony:

I would like to support Andria Tupola in serving in the highest capacity in the city Council. I would like her to be chair. But if that's not possible, vice chair is satisfactory.

Thank you.

Name: Phlynn Pennington	Email: phlynn808@gmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 05:56 PM

Testimony:
I strongly support RES25-170

Name: Kevin Kalawe	Email: duvets_loofahs.10@icloud.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 06:02 PM

Testimony:
I strongly support res25-170

Name: Grace Miyata	Email: goodnightgracie@me.com	Zip: 96750
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 06:10 PM

Testimony:
I strongly oppose Resolution 25-170. Vice Chair Matt Weyer supports working families, equality and civil rights; the foundations of our great state. He should not be replaced by CM Topula who supports ICE raids in our vulnerable community further marginalizing those in need of the most help. I ask that you vote in the best interest in the State which is in opposition of this resolution.
Thank you

Name: Cisco Valeho	Email: ciscovaleho@gmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 06:21 PM

Testimony: I strongly support the resolution.		
Name: Robbie Paikai	Email: robbiepaikai@gmail.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 06:22 PM
Testimony: I strongly support RES25-170		
Name: Brandon Heu	Email: brandon.heu@hotmail.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 06:23 PM
Testimony: I strongly support RES25-170		
Name: Ian Peiler	Email: i.peiler01@gmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 06:26 PM
Testimony: I strongly support RES25-179		
Name: lois crozer	Email: lbc628@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 06:27 PM
Testimony: I previously said I'd like to propose Andrea Tupola as the Council Floor Leader but I have since changed my mind!		
Name: Kaipo Sarkissian	Email: kaiposarkissian@yahoo.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 06:27

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Testimony: Strong support in bill		
Name: Ellen Velazquez	Email: coffeyrealtylv@gmail.com	Zip: 96746
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 06:28 PM
Testimony: I strongly Oppose Resolution 25-170. Vice Chair Matt Weyer supports unions, working families, equality and civil rights; the foundations of our great state. He should not be replaced by CM Tupola who supports ICE raids in our vulnerable communities further marginalizing those in need of the most help. Our state needs to come together, not be further torn apart. I ask that you vote in the best interest of the state which is in opposition to this resolution.		
Name: Abigail Rose	Email: molokaipony@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 06:29 PM
Testimony: I oppose making the changes to the committee chairs. This proposal seems to be entirely motivated by revenge if not anti-LGBTQ+ rhetoric. Representatives should vote their conscience where or not the "Presiding Officer" likes it.		
Name: Shannon Naihe	Email: shannboy@myyahoo.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 06:30 PM
Testimony: I strongly support		
Name: Gina Martinez	Email: Leleemart@yahoo.com	Zip: 96746
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 06:30 PM
Testimony:		

I strongly oppose resolution 25-170. Vice chair Weir should not be replaced. We need to join together. PLEASE vote in the best interest of our state! PLEASE oppose this resolution! Thank you, Gina Martinez, a proud resident of Kauai and registered voter.

Name: Lori Kizer	Email: lori_kizer@yahoo.com	Zip: 96746
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 06:33 PM

Testimony:
Please vote NO on Resolution 25-170, I strongly oppose this resolution, along with the other 7 voting members of my household. Please do not replace Matt Weyer. Ms Tupola does not represent the majority of Hawaii residents. Mahalo.

Name: Ryan Ah Quin	Email: ryanahquin@yahoo.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 06:34 PM

Testimony:
I strongly support

Name: Stuart Oie	Email: stuartoie@yahoo.com	Zip: 96814
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 06:34 PM

Testimony:
I strongly support res 25-170

Name: Tim Alexander	Email: alikatim@hotmail.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 06:36 PM

Testimony:
i support this nill

Name: Chad Zane	Email: illusional808@yahoo.com	Zip: 96822
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 06:37 PM
Testimony: I agree with Res25-170		
Name: Annie Chung	Email: achungphd@gmail.com	Zip: 96766
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 06:38 PM
Testimony: I strongly Oppose Resolution 25-170. Vice Chair Matt Weyer supports unions, working families, equality and civil rights; the foundations of our great state. He should not be replaced by CM Tupola who supports ICE raids in our vulnerable communities further marginalizing those in need of the most help. Our state needs to come together, not be further torn apart. I ask that you vote in the best interest of the state which is in opposition to this resolution. Mahalo!		
Name: Andrea Anixt	Email: andreapeatmoss6@gmail.com	Zip: 96730
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 06:38 PM
Testimony: Aloha all Council members I strongly oppose replacing Councilman Matt Weyer. There is numerically so little elected Representation for the Ko'olaupia area on O'ahu and he has been good in the position for we, his constituents. We need him to be there for US. Mahalo to all of you,		
Name: Micah Kahumoku	Email: mr.kahumoku@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 06:46 PM
Testimony: I strongly support RES25-170		
Name:	Email:	Zip:

Nathaniel Jenkins	kekoa210@gmail.com	96817
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 06:48 PM
Testimony: I strongly support RES25-170		
Name: Makoa Hanaike	Email: hanas98@yahoo.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 06:49 PM
Testimony: I strongly support RES25-170		
Name: Ben Hirokawa	Email: bjhirokawa@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 06:51 PM
Testimony: I strongly support RES25-170		
Name: Gary Venet	Email: garyvenet@aol.com	Zip: 96741-9574
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 06:53 PM
Testimony: I strongly oppose resolution 25-170 Vice Chair Matt Weyer supports unions ,working families ,equal and civil rights. The foundation of our great state! He should not be replaced by CM Tupola who supports ICE raids in our vulnerable communities further marginalizing those in the most need of help! Our state needs to come together , not be further torn apart ! I ask that you vote in the best interest of the state which is in opposition to this resolution		
Name: Irineo Rabang	Email: reno560@gmail.com	Zip: 96792
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Support	Jun 16, 2025 @ 07:02 PM
Testimony: I strongly support RES25-170.		
Name: Stephen Paling	Email: palingiv@gmail.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 07:05 PM
Testimony: I strongly support RES25-170		
Name: Marion McHenry	Email: bob-marion@hawaiiantel.net	Zip: 96722-5312
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 07:11 PM
Testimony: I strongly oppose resolution 25-170. Vice chair Matt Weyer supports unions, working families, equality, and civil rights; the foundations of our great state. He should not be replaced by CM Tupola, who supports ICE raids in our vulnerable communities, further marginalizing those mist in need of help. Our state needs to come together, not be further torn apart. I ask that you vote in the best interests of Honolulu and the entire state which is in opposition to this resolution.		
Name: Mark Diego	Email: mdiego808@gmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 07:13 PM
Testimony: I strongly support RES25-170		
Name: Martin Devey	Email: martindevy@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 07:17 PM
Testimony:		

There is no room for a mall in Haleiwa town. Especially when changing ag land to commercial land. What is wrong with this world? Keep the country, COUNTRY!

Name: Joshua Demello	Email: tamatoa02@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 07:17 PM

Testimony:
I strongly support Res25-170

Name: Leaugeay Barnes	Email: ljwebre@yahoo.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 07:25 PM

Testimony:
I strongly Oppose Resolution 25-170. Vice Chair Matt Weyer supports unions, working families, equality and civil rights; the foundations of our great state. He should not be replaced by CM Tupola who supports ICE raids in our vulnerable communities further marginalizing those in need of the most help. Our state needs to come together, not be further torn apart. I ask that you vote in the best interest of the state which is in opposition to this resolution.

Name: Thorne Silverberg	Email: tpsilverberg@msn.com	Zip: 96754
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 07:52 PM

Testimony:
I strongly Oppose Resolution 25-170. Vice Chair Matt Weyer supports unions, working families, equality and civil rights; the foundations of our great state. He should not be replaced by CM Tupola who supports ICE raids in our communities. We need people who support us, our families and our communities. Mahalo!

Name: Dana Adler	Email: danankadler@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 07:55 PM

Testimony:

I oppose Andria Tupuola because she does not represent the values of the majority of the people of Hawai'i.

Name:

Barbara Towle

Email:

nsbarb@yahoo.com

Zip:

96791

Representing:

Self

Position:

Oppose

Submitted:

Jun 16, 2025 @ 07:56
PM

Testimony:

Please oppose the development of this agriculture land in Haleiwa for a shopping mall. Leave the land zoned for agriculture alone, do not change the zoning to commercial. There are no sidewalks, there are no public bathrooms, there is no parking. Haleiwa can not take more commercial development. Build another mall in Kahala, not in the already crowded Haleiwa town.

Name:

DANIEL ORTIZ

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Zip:

96792

Representing:

Self

Position:

Support

Submitted:

Jun 16, 2025 @ 07:57
PM

Testimony:

I strongly support RES25-170

Name:

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96744

Representing:

Self

Position:

Oppose

Submitted:

Jun 16, 2025 @ 08:02
PM

Testimony:

Oppose

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Jacob Ramos

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96744

Representing:

Self

Position:

Support

Submitted:

Jun 16, 2025 @ 08:05
PM

Testimony:

I strongly support RES25-170

Name:

Stacey Morimoto

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96816

Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 08:13 PM
Testimony: We do not need "Trumpian" closed minded values in our community. Aloha is aloha for all.		
Name: Brigitte Crawford	Email: brigitteacrawford@gmail.com	Zip: 96771
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 08:22 PM
Testimony: I strongly Oppose Resolution 25-170. Vice Chair Matt Weyer supports unions, working families, equality and civil rights; the foundations of our great state. He should not be replaced by CM Tupola who supports ICE raids in our vulnerable communities further marginalizing those in need of the most help. Our state needs to come together, not be further torn apart. I ask that you vote in the best interest of the state which is in opposition to this resolution.		
Name: Aislinn Chalker	Email: aislinn@chalker.org	Zip: 96738
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 08:26 PM
Testimony: I strongly Oppose Resolution 25-170. Vice Chair Matt Weyer supports unions, working families, equality, and civil rights; the foundations of our great state. He should not be replaced by CM Tupola, who supports ICE raids in our vulnerable communities, further marginalizing those in need of the most help. Our state needs to come together, not be further torn apart. I ask that you vote in the best interest of the state, which is in opposition to this resolution.		
Name: Jay Amina	Email: jkealii3@gmail.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 08:35 PM
Testimony: I support RES25-170.		
Name: Rebecca Espinoza	Email: rebeccaespinoza@gmail.com	Zip: 96822

Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 08:41 PM
Testimony: Aloha Chair Waters and Members of the Council, I am writing in strong opposition to Resolution 24-170, which appears to reorganize Council leadership in retaliation for recent votes on the sewer rate restructuring plan. Councilmembers must be able to vote their conscience without fear of political consequences. This resolution sends a dangerous message: dissent will be punished. That is not how democracy should function, and it undermines public trust in this body. It is especially troubling to see Councilmember Tupola elevated to Vice Chair. Her alignment with far-right, authoritarian politics is deeply concerning and does not reflect the values of the majority of Honolulu residents. We need leaders who promote collaboration, transparency, and community-centered governance—not political power plays. I urge you to vote NO on Resolution 24-170. Mahalo. Rebecca Espinoza District 5 Resident District 5 Resident		
Name: Melinda Menchetti	Email: melindamenchetti@gmail.com	Zip: 96738
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 08:44 PM
Testimony: I strongly Oppose Resolution 25-170. Vice Chair Matt Weyer supports unions, working families, equality and civil rights; the foundations of our great state. He should not be replaced by CM Tupola who supports ICE raids in our vulnerable communities further marginalizing those in need of the most help. Our state needs to come together, not be further torn apart. I ask that you vote in the best interest of the state which is in opposition to this resolution.		

Name: Kawika Kekuawela	Email: kkekuawela5@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 08:55 PM
Testimony: I strongly support.		
Name: Cameron Dudoit-kamai	Email: cameronkamai22@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 08:55 PM
Testimony: I strongly support RES25-170		
Name: Liza Ryan Gill	Email: lizaryangill@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 09:00 PM
Testimony: Honorable Councilmembers, As a long-time advocate for public health and immigrant rights in our city and county, I strongly oppose RES25-170, which seeks to remove Councilmembers Weyer and Cordero from their current leadership roles. I am especially opposed to the proposed replacement of Councilmember Matt Weyer as Vice Chair of the Council. Councilmember Weyer has been a steadfast ally in the fight to protect our communities—whether it’s standing up for common-sense tobacco regulations or advancing policies that support and defend immigrant families. In a time when many in our city—especially those from immigrant and minority backgrounds—face rising threats of discrimination and instability, it is vital that our leadership reflects the values of inclusion, compassion, and evidence-based policymaking. Councilmember Weyer has consistently demonstrated those values. He has worked alongside community advocates to champion policies that improve health outcomes and ensure all residents, regardless of background, have a fair shot. His leadership has been principled and community-focused—not driven by political gamesmanship. I respectfully urge you to reject RES25-170 and allow leaders like Councilmember Weyer to continue the work they have		

done so well—uplifting public health, protecting our most vulnerable, and putting the community first.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Liza

Name: Iwalani Kaauwai-Herrod	Email: makaiwa93@yahoo.com	Zip: 96746
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 09:03 PM

Testimony:

I strongly Oppose Resolution 25-170. Vice Chair Matt Weyer supports unions, working families, equality and civil rights; the foundations of our great state. He should not be replaced by CM Tupola who supports ICE raids in our vulnerable communities further marginalizing those in need of the most help. Our state needs to come together, not be further torn apart. I ask that you vote in the best interest of the state which is in opposition to this resolution.

Name: Louise Fa	Email: arizonaluika@yahoo.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Keep the country country	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 09:17 PM

Testimony:

We can not handle any more traffic through our little town as it is. We do not need it and do not want it.

Name: Kelly Acuña	Email: kellyadleracuna@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 09:21 PM

Testimony:

Andria Tupola does not represent the majority of Hawaii's voters. Her values should not be represented in our City. It would be irresponsible and dangerous to have Andria Tupola as vice chair.

Name: Janice Berry	Email: janiceaje@gmail.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 09:34 PM

Testimony:

Aloha,

I'm writing to oppose the replacement of Vice Chair Matt Weyer with CM Andria Tupola.

We are already falling apart under the current administration and we need more champions in position who actually care about the people.

We need someone who supports Unions & working families, someone who strives for equality and someone who champions civil rights. These are crucial foundations to build healthy communities upon.

Everything Matt Weyer is and everything Andria Tupola is not.

We DON'T need another person who is supporting all these devastating ICE raids, ripping families apart.

Please.

Name:

Kawaiarii Keaulana

Email:

kkeaulana@hhhrc.org

Zip:

96815

Representing:

Self

Position:

Oppose

Submitted:

Jun 16, 2025 @ 09:37
PM

Testimony:

I oppose this resolution.

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Donna Buscemi

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Zip:

96797

Representing:

Self

Position:

Oppose

Submitted:

Jun 16, 2025 @ 09:41
PM

Testimony:

I strongly Oppose Resolution 25-170. Vice Chair Matt Weyer supports unions, working families, equality and civil rights; the foundations of our great state. He should not be replaced by CM Tupola who supports ICE raids in our vulnerable communities further marginalizing those in need of the most help. Our state needs to come together, not be further torn apart. I ask that you vote in the best interest of the state which is in opposition to this resolution.

Name:

Kate Hickey

Email:

Kate.abbott1@gmail.com

Zip:

96725

Representing:

Self

Position:

Oppose

Submitted:

Jun 16, 2025 @ 09:48
PM

Testimony:

I strongly oppose the removal of Matt Weyer as Vice Chair. If Matt Weyer is removed, I oppose the appointment of Andria Tupola who does not represent the views of the citizens of Hawaii.

Name: James Wallace	Email: diehd49@yahoo.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 09:54 PM

Testimony:

I support Adria Tupola because she voted on bills that helped citizens and our state and not bills that destroying our state like the democraps.They raise our water bill and electric bill then give themselves a raise.There crooks!!!They belong in jail!!!

Name: Cassie Roberts	Email: cassierberts93@gmail.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 09:55 PM

Testimony:

I strongly oppose Resolution 25-170. Vice Chair Matt Weyer has been a consistent advocate for civil rights, working families, and equality—the very values that uphold the strength and integrity of our state. Replacing him with CM Tupola, who has supported ICE raids targeting vulnerable communities, would be a step backward. These actions tear families apart and undermine trust in our local government.

It's important to remember: due process is not a privilege—it is a constitutional right afforded to all people, regardless of immigration status. No one should live in fear of being detained or deported without the protections guaranteed by our Constitution. Hawai'i must stand on the side of justice, compassion, and unity. I urge you to vote no on this resolution and choose leadership that reflects the best of who we are.

Name: Lisa GARCIA	Email: lgarciapsyd@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 09:55 PM

Testimony:

I as anyone should strongly oppose this resolution. Mainly because our youth are watching. There has not been enough grounds stated to support such a resolution. I am unaware of any issues with the current council members in which the

resolution plans to replace. In addition, I have not heard any additional contribution that the replacement would benefit. I am most concerned about our lgbtq+ Keiki, who have suffered enough discrimination, will see this as a further attack on their identities. Our LGBTQ+ MVPFAFF+ exist and are at risk. They have the highest rates of depression and suicidality. Studies have documented rapid rise by 2-3 fold in suicidality amongst our youth during campaigns that appears anti LGBTQ+ MVPFAFF+ and increase in political figures that were anti LGBTQ+ MVPFAFF+ . Removing 2 LGBTQ+ identified council members is not going unnoticed. Are you really willing to bet on the lives of your nieces, nephews, sons, and daughters?

Name: David Moskowitz	Email: davidmoskowitz16@gmail.com	Zip: 34236
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 10:00 PM

Testimony:
Councilmember Tupola represents the extremist minority of Oahu.
It is very wrong to replace the current vice chair to suit this extremist individuals views as a defacto endorsement of politics that has no Aloha at it heart
Elections could if she tries propel her to higher office if she wishes
This resolution places the rest of the councils members in support of Un Hawaii like politics
I vigorously oppose her appointment

Name: Catherine Lau	Email: jeremylau@aol.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 10:14 PM

Testimony:
I oppose putting Andria Tupola in as vice chair of the City Council. Someone who supports the lies of the corrupt Trump administration in opposition to what the majority of voters in Hawaii want, should not be in this position.

Name: Paul Bernstein	Email: paulbernstein2004@yahoo.com	Zip: 96821-1748
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 10:15 PM

Testimony:
Aloha Honolulu City Council Members,

I'm writing in strong opposition to Honolulu Resolution 25-170 as I see no reason that Council Member Matt Weyer should be replaced. He seems to have done a good job.

Mahalo,
Paul Bernstein
Aina Haina

Name: Brandace Collins	Email: brandacemorikcollins@gmail.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 10:30 PM

Testimony:
I oppose this meeting

Name: C Chang	Email: 99brazier-brands@icloud.com	Zip: 96814
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 10:44 PM

Testimony:

Aloha Council Chair Waters and Councilmembers,

I am writing in strong opposition to Resolution 25-170, Nishimoto's resolution to remove Councilmember Matt Weyer as Vice Chair and replace him with Councilmember Andria Tupola.

Councilmember Weyer made history as the first openly LGBTQIA+ Vice Chair of this Council. That visibility matters, especially now. At a time when LGBTQIA+ communities across the country are facing increasing threats, his leadership has been a symbol of progress, inclusion, and hope.

That makes this move especially hurtful. To strip away that representation and to do it during Pride Month sends a chilling message. Not just to queer residents, but to everyone who believes our government should reflect the diversity and dignity of its people.

To make matters worse, this resolution proposes to replace him with Councilmember Tupola, a politician who has aligned herself with the MAGA movement and its extreme, anti-democratic rhetoric. Her silence on attacks against immigrants, LGBTQIA+ individuals, and local autonomy speaks volumes.

Just this past Saturday, thousands of people across Hawai'i showed up to protest and resist this growing wave of authoritarianism and hate. We are paying attention. And we will not stand by while our local government mirrors the dangerous politics we're fighting against on the national stage.

Council leadership must reflect the values of all our communities not empower those who refuse to speak up for all of us.

I urge you: Do not gamble with the public's trust. Do not allow divisive, ethically questionable behavior to guide this Council's direction. And do not hand over leadership to someone who refuses to stand for equality and dignity.

Please vote NO on Resolution 25-170. Support equality. Lead with aloha, not hate.

Mahalo!

C. Chang

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Michelle Stefanik	michellestefanik@gmail.com	96738
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Jun 16, 2025 @ 10:52 PM
Testimony:		
I support Res25-170.		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
KIKA BUKOSKI	opala@maui.net	96817
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:00 PM
Testimony:		
In strong support of Resolution 25-170 which exercises the City Council's right as a body, to choose from among its membership, positions of leadership of the Council.		

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Dawn Morais	dmoraiswebster@gmail.com	96825
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:00 PM
Testimony:		
Especially after the outpouring nationwide by millions opposed to the cruel and undemocratic policies coming out of the		

current Federal administration, it is mind-boggling that the Council would be considering a resolution that might elevate a Trump supporter to a leadership position on the City Council. Matt Weyer is discharging his duties as Vice Chair well. Please do not move this resolution forward to remove him and replace him with a Trump supporter. Republicans in Hawaii should be distancing themselves from the mayhem that is being unleashed on the country and the world by Trump and a subservient GOP. They have yet to do so. We need to resist the mayhem and damage inflicted by new Federal "policies," not facilitate it.

Name: John Webster	Email: jfwebsterhi@gmail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:10 PM

Testimony:

Respectfully, I submit my opposition to Resolution 25-170 putting Andrea Tupola as Vice Chair of the Honolulu City Council.

She is a publicly declared supporter of President Donald Trump. In these challenging days for our democracy the last thing needed in such an important position in our city legislative body is one who supports his destructive courses of action.

Plese oppose this resolution.

Thank you,
John Webster

Name: Janet Matlock	Email: matlock.janet@gmsil.com	Zip: 96740
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:15 PM

Testimony:

I strongly Oppose Resolution 25-170. Vice Chair Matt Weyer supports unions, working families, equality and civil rights; the foundations of our great state. He should not be replaced by CM Tupola who supports ICE raids in our vulnerable communities further marginalizing those in need of the most help. Our state needs to come together, not be further torn apart. I ask that you vote in the best interest of the state which is in opposition to this resolution.

Name: Greg Harris	Email: s08gharris@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:18

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Testimony: It's absolutely absurd that we are even doing this. Someone trying to oust a gay man for not voting with them. Are we seriously this trumpian in Hawai'i? Andrea should not be in a position of authority in this state. Her hateful rhetoric is hateful and harmful to everyone! So not give her more power.		
Name: Frank Even	Email: frank.even@gmail.com	Zip: 96738
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:33 PM
Testimony: I strongly Oppose Resolution 25-170. Vice Chair Matt Weyer supports unions, working families, equality and civil rights; the foundations of our great state. He should not be replaced by CM Tupola who supports ICE raids in our vulnerable communities further marginalizing those in need of the most help. Our state needs to come together, not be further torn apart. I ask that you vote in the best interest of the state which is in opposition to this resolution.		
Name: Renee Rapoza	Email: rap.kat3311@gmail.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 16, 2025 @ 11:39 PM
Testimony: I wish to oppose RES25-170... I do not see any relevant reason to replace Weyer with Tupola. To restructure the board to align same mindset is not ethical		
Name: PIO PELESASA	Email: peleboypio@icloud.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 12:30 AM
Testimony: I strongly support RES25-170		
Name: Kayla DuBois	Email: dubois.kayla@gmail.com	Zip: 96819
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Oppose	Jun 17, 2025 @ 01:42 AM
Testimony: CM Andria's values do not represent mine or my community's. She will harm, not aid, me and my neighbors. Oppose. Oppose. Oppose.		
Name: Deborah McMenemy	Email: burma87@gmail.com	Zip: 96793
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 03:58 AM
Testimony: Does not represent Hawaii values.		
Name: maria santos	Email: duds.as@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 04:29 AM
Testimony: Aloha, I am a resident at O'ahu and a researcher at the University of Hawai'i. I am against removing Matt Weyer as Vice Chair (the first out LGBTQIA+ person to hold this position), and replacing him with anti-LGBTQIA+ and anti-union Council Member Andria Tupola.		
Name: Damon McCullar	Email: dcmccullar@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 05:13 AM
Testimony: I vehemently oppose the replacement of Matt Weyer as Vice Chair of the City Council.		
Name: Warren Gaoiran	Email: gaoiranwa@yahoo.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 05:15

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Testimony: I oppose the removal of Matt Weyer as Vice Chair of the City Council.		
Name: Troy Keithley	Email: onelifefitness99@gmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 05:18 AM
Testimony: In strong support		
Name: Anthony Villanueva	Email: newvillagetree@yahoo.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 05:25 AM
Testimony: I strongly support		
Name: Kevin Pupuhi	Email: kevin.pupuhi@yahoo.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 05:39 AM
Testimony: I strongly support RES25-170		
Name: Dylan P. Armstrong	Email: dylan.p.armstrong@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 05:47 AM
Testimony: DYLAN P. ARMSTRONG, INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY TESTIMONY: Resolution 25-170 (2025) June 17, 2023		

Honolulu City Council
c/o the Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair

Aloha mai kākou, Chair Waters, and esteemed Council Members:

I write in support of the measure. Although I do not know Member Tupola personally, I do acknowledge the readily apparent depth of her conviction and commitment to public service. I am better acquainted with Member Kia'āina, who previously served well and capably as Vice Chair of the Council, and is well-suited to serve as Floor Leader.

Politics is a very contradictory arena, one which defies the morals that I hold to spiritually. As such, I find these matters challenging.

What I can say is that the rules of reward and consequences are quite manifest in politics, and the failure to abide by them has consequences often unforeseen and sometimes severe. I am not remotely optimistic in that regard.

That said, one of the reasons why I helped the Honorable Tommy Waters as then Candidate Waters overthrow the previously dominant faction in the Council, is that politics guided by and dominated by revenge, and often very petty revenge, was an acid eating away at the good government of the City and County. Your Council must be based in forgiveness and fraternity as much as discipline. I have nothing personal against either of the two members affected by this resolution, and I wish them well as a friend and supporter.

When you use discipline to maintain order, it is important to use the least necessary force, and do the most minimal amount of harm. Do not be avengers. Who can say what each of us may yet achieve?

There is an instigator at the heart of the squashed conspiracy who is not affected directly by this resolution, yet is very much the elephant in the room. As much as I previously enjoyed his friendship, he also helped me better understand why betrayal is that sin populating the lowest level of Dante's depiction of Hell. Betrayers harm on a level not neatly calculated, not easily imagined. They shouldn't be permitted to betray again and again, for harm reduction's sake alone.

Furthermore, it's the foolishness of narcissism, of vanity, to believe that someone whose defining characteristic over a career is rank opportunism, with multiple readily committed acts of disloyalty against multiple parties, including former mentors and employers, will not in turn betray you. He will. Empower such at your own destruction.

As always, your friend.

Dylan P. Armstrong

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Keoki Mahelona

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kainoa_8@hotmail.com

Zip:

96744

Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 06:12 AM
Testimony: I am in strong support of Res25-170. Mahalo		
Name: Blake soares	Email: blakesoares@yahoo.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 06:16 AM
Testimony: I strongly support Res25-170		
Name: Kahana Ho	Email: kahanakitty@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 06:17 AM
Testimony: I am writing to express Strong Opposition to City Council of Honolulu Resolution 25-170 which would replace Vice-Chair Matt Weyer with Councilmember Tupola as Vice-Chair. As a lifelong resident of Honolulu, and a member of the Māhū/LGBTQ+ community, I finally have had a voice in the City Council through Councilmember and Vice Chair Weyer, to try to ensure that LGBTQ+ concerns, interests, civil liberties, and human rights are respected, honored, and defended at the municipal level. In light of Federal policy threats to my health, well-being, and livelihood as Māhū/LGBTQ+, i look to my local leaders to ensure that those Federal threats are mitigated to greatest extent possible. I, and the members of our Māhū/LGBTQ+ community need continued leadership and representation to oppose such threats, and rely on Vice-Chair Weyer for that. Councilmember Tupola has failed to demonstrate any opposition or concern about those threats, and as such, I must register my STRONGEST OPPOSITION to Resolution 25-170 which would remove Vice-Chair Weyer and replace him with Councilmember Tupola. Mahalo nūnui for your consideration. Kahana Ho		

Honolulu, Hawai'i		
Name: Kalani Morse	Email: kmorse@dmlmhawaii.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Durrett Lang Morse, LLC	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 06:20 AM
Testimony: For years we have worked with and watched Andria step up. She works unquestionably hard to represent her district and the people of Oahu. We have seen how she finds ways to craft reasonable compromises that get important things done while still standing on principles. She does it all with a can do attitude and always digs in to learn the critical details. Most importantly, she makes the effort to connect with the people: to get their input and explain what's happening and why. We unreservedly support this Resolution that recognizes and promotes her leadership on the Council. Mahalo,		
Name: Kale Ornellas	Email: kaleornellas@gmail.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 06:21 AM
Testimony: I am in strong support.		
Name: Dylan Armstrong	Email: dylan.p.armstrong@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 06:24 AM
Name: Pikachu Shelby Billionaire	Email: Presidentbillionaire@gmail.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: www.OhanaUnityParty.com	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 06:31 AM
Testimony: Subject: Conditional Letter of Support for Resolution 170 – Leadership Transition Dear Honorable Members of the Honolulu City Council,		

Aloha! As Chairman of the Ohana Unity Party, I pen this letter under the vibrant Hawaiian sun, with the winds of change whispering through our islands, to express conditional support for Resolution 170, set for discussion at today's special meeting at 2:00 PM. This resolution, proposing Councilmember Andria Tupola as Vice Chair and Councilmember Esther Kia'āina as Floor Leader, signals a potential shift in the Council's rhythm—a beat we hope resonates with accountability, action, and the pulse of our people, not the hollow drum of political posturing.

The Ohana Unity Party stands for unity, progress, and the fierce protection of our communities' well-being. We see promise in Councilmember Tupola's energetic leadership and her relentless focus on addressing the Honolulu Police Department's critical staffing shortages, which have ballooned to 456 vacancies, a 32% increase in four years. Her push for a task force to tackle this crisis and her success in securing \$1.7 million for the Waianae Police Station demonstrate a commitment to public safety that we applaud. Likewise, Councilmember Kia'āina's thoughtful approach—evident in her call to extend the HPD task force timeline to ensure actionable outcomes—reflects a dedication to substance over haste. These are leaders who, if they stay true to their records, could steer our city toward safer shores.

Yet, our support is not a blank check. The \$5.19 billion budget you've approved for FY 2026 is a behemoth, a leviathan of resources that must not be squandered on ego-driven agendas or bureaucratic bloat. Our streets are choking on challenges: sewage fees are climbing, with a 6-9% hike looming to fund a \$2.5 billion Sand Island Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade, while spills still haunt our waters. Crime festers, with violent incidents like the April 20, 2025, gunfire at Ala Moana Regional Park underscoring the urgency of HPD's staffing crisis. Homelessness surges statewide, with makeshift camps growing more dangerous, and drug use casts a shadow over our communities. These are not abstract issues—they are the daily realities of our ohana, and they demand leaders who will wield their gavels like tools, not trophies.

We support this leadership transition only with the ironclad expectation that Tupola and Kia'āina will prioritize accountability. We call on them to:

Champion transparency in how the \$5.19 billion budget is allocated, ensuring every dollar fights for our people, not political clout.

Accelerate solutions for HPD's vacancies, leveraging Tupola's task force to deliver concrete recruitment and retention strategies within 180 days.

Tackle sewage and infrastructure with urgency, questioning whether costly mandates like secondary treatment at Sand Island are truly necessary or if alternatives, like extending the outfall pipe, could save ratepayers millions.

Address homelessness and drug use with compassion and resolve, redirecting funds to housing and services, not just enforcement sweeps that scatter our most vulnerable.

This is not a time for leaders to climb political ladders or polish their resumes. We, the people of Honolulu, are

watching—not with pompoms, but with scorecards. If this transition becomes a circus of self-interest, we will call it out louder than a conch shell at dawn. But if Tupola and Kia’āina rise to the occasion, uniting the Council to face our crises head-on, they will have our fierce backing, like tradewinds filling a sail.

Let this special meeting be a turning point, not a photo op. Prove to us that Resolution 170 is about service, not status. The Ohana Unity Party stands ready to support a Council that fights for every resident, from the keiki in our parks to the kūpuna in our care.

With conditional support and unwavering vigilance,

Master Shelby "Pikachu" Billionaire, HRM
Kingdom of The Hawaiian Islands, H.I.
Ohana Unity Party, Chairman
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OhanaUnityChair@gmail.com (mailto:OhanaUnityChair@gmail.com)

Name: Ann Seng	Email: ann.seng@hotmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 06:35 AM

Testimony:

I respectfully submit my strong opposition to Resolution 25-170. Vice Chair Matt Weyer has consistently demonstrated support for unions, working families, civil rights, and equality—core values that reflect the foundation of our state and its people.

Replacing him with Councilmember Tupola, whose record includes supporting ICE raids that target and traumatize vulnerable communities, sends the wrong message. It risks undermining the trust and safety of those most in need and threatens to deepen divisions at a time when unity is critical.

I urge the Council to act in the best interest of Hawai’i’s residents by rejecting this resolution. We need leadership that uplifts, not leadership that alienates.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Name: Linda Pizzitola	Email: linda@kauaidesign.com	Zip: 96746
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 06:48

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Testimony: I strongly Oppose Resolution 25-170. Vice Chair Matt Weyer supports unions, working families, equality and civil rights; the foundations of our great state. He should not be replaced by CM Tupola who supports ICE raids in our vulnerable communities further marginalizing those in need of the most help. Our state needs to come together, not be further torn apart. I ask that you vote in the best interest of the state which is in opposition to this resolution.		
Name: Don D Dennerline	Email: dondennerline@yahpp.com	Zip: 96740
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 06:50 AM
Testimony: I support DEI and any official who supports has my support		
Name: Edison De Paula	Email: edisondp@yahoo.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 06:57 AM
Testimony: No to development in Haleiwa. No to Andi Anderson		
Name: Ashley Van Horn	Email: ashley214@gmail.com	Zip: 96791
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 06:57 AM
Testimony: I oppose this resolution. Mr. Weyer is the representative from my district (I voted for him) and I think his education and experience (from his website: Councilmember Weyer is a graduate of the University of Hawai'i's Richardson School of Law with certificates in Native Hawaiian and Environmental Law, and also received his Master of Public Administration from UH Mānoa. He is also a former domestic violence prosecutor and served most recently as a planner with the City and County of Honolulu's Department of Community Services) is better suited to the vice chair's position and serving the city and its needs than Ms. Tupola's experience background in music education.		
Name: Kathryn Lukas	Email: klukas@msn.com	Zip: 96707-3078

Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 07:02 AM
Testimony: Vice Chair Matt Weyer supports: Unions and Working Families, Equality, and Civil Rights. Hawaii needs someone who is for the people of Hawaii. Council Member Tupola does NOT, she is against everything above! And she does support the ICE raids and kidnapping people off of the streets. Hawaii need someone who is for the people and Tupola is not for the people. Please do not pass this resolution. Kathryn Lukas		
Name: Lisa Kawakami	Email: lisa.kawakami@gmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 07:11 AM
Testimony: Strongly support Res 25-170		
Name: Yvette Kay	Email: yvettekay_99@yahoo.com	Zip: 96740
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 07:11 AM
Testimony: I strongly Oppose Resolution 25-170. Vice Chair Matt Weyer supports unions, working families, equality and civil rights; the foundations of our great state. He should not be replaced by CM Tupola who supports ICE raids in our vulnerable communities further marginalizing those in need of the most help. Our state needs to come together, not be further torn apart. I ask that you vote in the best interest of the state which is in opposition to this resolution.		
Name: Tiva Tatofi	Email: tivatatofi@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Support	Jun 17, 2025 @ 07:12 AM
Testimony: I strongly support Res25-170.		
Name: Danny Alama	Email: dalama@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 07:22 AM
Testimony: Please vote yes in support of RES25-170. Thank you		
Name: Elisabeth Sherman	Email: elisabeth.sherman@me.com	Zip: 96755
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 07:24 AM
Testimony: I oppose replacing Matt Weyer with Andria Tupola.		
Name: Keith Daniel	Email: keitheowen@gmail.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 07:24 AM
Testimony: Please select Ms. Andria Tupola to be the Chair and Presiding Officer. Mr Waters should not be leading the City Council.		
Name: Troy Maruoka	Email: troyzu123@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 07:25 AM
Testimony: I strongly support res25-170		
Name:	Email:	Zip:

Erich Wida	ewida@hawaii.rr.com	96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 07:26 AM
Testimony: I, Erich Wida do NOT support Tommy Waters or Esther Kai'aina in these positions. Their greed was exposed when the voted themselves those ridiculous raises and they will surely be voted out next election. I do support Andria Tupola though.		
Name: Choon James	Email: ChoonJamesHawaii@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 07:26 AM
Name: George keala	Email: georgekeala@yahoo.com	Zip: 96766
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 07:28 AM
Testimony: I support RES25-170		
Name: Amanda Myers	Email: brodster1122@yahoo.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 07:33 AM
Testimony: I strongly Oppose Resolution 25-170. Vice Chair Matt Weyer supports unions, working families, equality and civil rights; the foundations of our great state. He should not be replaced by CM Tupola who supports ICE raids in our vulnerable communities further marginalizing those in need of the most help. Our state needs to come together, not be further torn apart. I ask that you vote in the best interest of the state which is in opposition to this resolution		
Name: Ryan Aikala	Email: ryan.aikala@gmail.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 07:33

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Testimony: I support this Proposal		
Name: Alyssa MacDonald	Email: amh4@hawaii.edu	Zip: 96818
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 07:37 AM
Testimony: I am strongly opposed to resolution 25-170 that would move Dr. Andria Tupola to the position of Vice Chair, Replacing Attorney Matt Weyer. The Honolulu City Council is "responsible for serving and advancing the general welfare, health, happiness, and safety of the land and our communities" according to their website. However, Andria's voting record in the past shows that she is clearly unable to follow through on these responsibilities and at times conflicts her own ideals outlined on her website. She does not support public funding for abortion, making her "pro life" but is also against funding Medicaid expansion to care for those born into poverty. She supports stricter punishments to reduce crime and is a loud proponent of the Second Amendment, despite representing the area of the island with the most gun violence. Life should be supported at all stages, not just through birth and protected from the increased violence we are seeing around the islands. She supports providing tax cuts for "the people" and making up these shortfalls in the budget through "government efficiency" but cannot articulate a plan as to how this should be accomplished. She also voted to "cut corporate taxes and unnecessary regulation," drawing us into a further deficit in the budget and removing important regulatory controls on corporations. Finally, she would like to "protect the environment by partnering with local organizations" while at the same time "easing permitting processes for developers" and removing "EPA overreach." The EPA is the governing agency with legal standing to ensure that our environment is a priority when developing our lands. Without their oversight, the land we rely upon to survive will be destroyed. These ideals are not aligned to the responsibilities of the Honolulu City Council; therefore, I do not support placing Dr. Tupola in the Vice Chair role.		
Name: Alan Burdick	Email: burdick808@gmail.com	Zip: 96701-5228
Representing: Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 07:44

Hawaii		AM
Name: Keala Fung	Email: kealadancer@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 08:01 AM
Testimony: Dear Councilmembers, I am writing to strongly OPPOSE Res 25-170 which removes councilmember Matt Weyer and replaces him with councilmember Andria Tupola. I am a member of the LGBTQIA+ community and Matt Weyer stands up for us, gives us a voice, and protects us from politicians who would see our rights dismantled. Meanwhile, council member Tupola has consistently opposed civil rights protections for LGBTQIA+ people and aligned herself with far-right, exclusionary ideologies. In 2017, as a State Representative, she supported punishing her own colleague, Republican Minority Leader Beth Fukumoto, simply for criticizing Donald Trump- a petty, partisan act that revealed her unwillingness to stand for truth or justice when it meant confronting her political base. Andria is NOT good for me, our community, or Hawai'i. I do not trust her and I highly OPPOSE replacing Matt Weyer with anyone, ESPECIALLY Andria Tupola. Please REJECT Res 25-170. NO on res 25-170. Mahalo, Keala Fung		
Name: Gina LeTourneur	Email: kenuigal@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 08:08 AM
Testimony: I am 4th generation North Shore and I oppose this bill for a mall to be built on the North Shore! Traffic is unbearable as it is and all the mom pops stores and the feeling of Haleiwa will go away. It would drive the Kamaina people out and turn into a tourist town with no locals. We don't mind the tourists but don't forget the locals		
Name: Samantha Haney	Email: sailing_malolo@outlook.com	Zip: 96740
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Oppose	Jun 17, 2025 @ 08:08 AM
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Testimony:

I strongly Oppose Resolution 25-170. Vice Chair Matt Weyer supports unions, working families, equality and civil rights; the foundations of our great state. He should not be replaced by CM Tupola who supports ICE raids in our vulnerable communities further marginalizing those in need of the most help. Our state needs to come together, not be further torn apart. I ask that you vote in the best interest of the state which is in opposition to this resolution.

Name: Arthur Saumweber	Email: arthurmeb@live.fr	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 08:15 AM

Testimony:

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to strongly oppose the resolution proposed here. It is deeply troubling to see this action being taken simply because of a prior disagreement on the sewer bill, which was controversial in the first place!!! Dissent and open dialogue are essential to any functioning democracy, and punishing fellow councilmembers for expressing a different opinion undermines the very principles of public service and governance, which i am sure you will hear a lot!

In addition, to target LGBTQIA+ elected officials during Pride month is outrageous and sends a very clear message that cannot be ignored. Whether intentional or not, this move feels politically retaliatory and potentially motivated by bias. It appears punitive, not procedural, and the optics are deeply concerning to many in our community.

if the council chooses to proceed with this unjust action, please know that the public is watching, and we will NOT forget when election season arrives. We expect our leaders to uphold fairness, transparency and respect for all voices.

DO the right thing. Drop this resolution

Sincerely

Arthur Saumweber
96815
arthurmeb@live.fr

Name: Roger Branon Rodriguez	Email: rogerod@gmail.com	Zip: 96826
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 08:39

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Testimony: I am writing in strong opposition to Resolution 25-170, which seeks to remove Councilmember Matt Weyer from his position as Vice Chair of the Council. Councilmember Weyer has served his district and our city with integrity, compassion, and a deep commitment to equity. His leadership has been vital to advancing policies that support LGBTQ+ communities, protect marginalized residents, and uphold the values of inclusion that define the spirit of Aloha. The timing of this resolution—introduced during Pride Month—deepens the harm. While public trust depends on transparency and accountability, this action appears retaliatory. Councilmember Weyer’s decision to vote his conscience on recent legislation does not justify stripping him of his leadership role. Divergence in opinion is not dysfunction—it is the foundation of democracy. To compound matters, this resolution elevates a known Trump supporter to Vice Chair. Honolulu deserves leadership that reflects its diverse values and stands apart from the dangerous rhetoric and anti-LGBTQ+ policies we’ve seen at the federal level. We do not need our City Council aligning itself with extremist ideologies under the guise of reorganization. Removing one of the few LGBTQ+ voices in leadership diminishes not only representation but also the trust of queer residents who deserve to see themselves reflected in positions of power. This is not a neutral reshuffling—it is a regression. I respectfully urge the Council to vote no on Resolution 25-170. Do not reward political conformity at the cost of representation, diversity, and integrity. We are watching, and we believe Honolulu can—and must—do better. Mahalo for your time and consideration.		
Name: Mona Peck	Email: monapeck@yahoo.com	Zip: 96738
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 08:51 AM
Testimony: I very strongly oppose Resolution 25-170. Vice Chair Matt Weyer supports unions, equality, civil rights and hard-working families and should NOT be replaced by CM Tupola, who supports ICE raids in our Hawaiian communities, further disenfranchising those immigrants who need all of our help. Right now, instead of division and rancor, we need our State to come together instead of being ripped in two.		

In the best interest of the State of Hawaii, I implore you to vote in OPPOSITION to this resolution.

Mahalo.

Name: Michele Golojuch	Email: michelegolojuch@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 08:54 AM

Name: Shawn Murphy	Email: smurphy239@yahoo.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 08:56 AM

Testimony:

I strongly support RES25-170.

Name: Barbara Littenberg	Email: bgl@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 08:58 AM

Testimony:

I oppose the placing of Andrea Tupolo in the vice chair. Her positions are in opposition to those that benefit the residents of Hawaii.

Name: Frances Kama-Silva	Email: henrysequ001@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 09:01 AM

Testimony:

Aloha Council Members,

We are in full support of Resolution 25-170 especially as it relates to Ms. Andria Tupola being elected to the position of Council Vice-Chair. In the years that she has represented the Waianae coast she has proved herself as truly caring for the people of this area, taking leadership roles in various issues that directly impact us, bringing us together in working groups, meetings, community service events etc. Since the 1960's no one has taken a hands-on approach to inclusive problem solving like she has, at the City or State level. Her honesty, ability to look at and diagnose issues with a 360

degree view and her capacity to connect to others is truly refreshing. We have had the pleasure of working with her as a generational resident of Waianae, a business owner and livestock breeder/owner. We are sure she will excel in any leadership roll she takes on.

Name: Paahana Leslie	Email: paahanaleslie@gmail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 09:02 AM

Testimony:
I support res25-170

Name: Michelle Vazquez	Email: michelleleigh808@gmail.com	Zip: 96740
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 09:07 AM

Testimony:
Aloha! I strongly Oppose Resolution 25-170. Vice Chair Matt Weyer supports unions, working families, equality and civil rights; the foundations of our great state. He should not be replaced by CM Tupola who supports ICE raids in our vulnerable communities further marginalizing those in need of the most help. Our state needs to come together, not be further torn apart. I ask that you vote in the best interest of the state which is in opposition to this resolution. Mahalo

Name: Ian Ajimine	Email: ianajimine@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 09:07 AM

Testimony:
I support

Name: Louis Mansanas	Email: lmansanas@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 09:08 AM

Testimony:
I strongly support RES25-170

Name: Kanoa Gibson	Email: kanoag@outlook.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 09:08 AM
Testimony: I support res25-170		
Name: Zerek Bee	Email: beezerek@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 09:08 AM
Testimony: I strongly support RES25-170		
Name: Thomas Smith	Email: kaleosmith@gmail.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 09:09 AM
Testimony: I strongly agree		
Name: Bryan Talatala	Email: bryan_talatala@hotmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 09:09 AM
Testimony: I strong support RES25-170		
Name: Tyler Hayashi	Email: kealohahayashi53@gmail.com	Zip: 96819
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 09:09 AM
Testimony:		

I want to support keeping our island and state a self and proud place to live. Keeping our kamaina as first priority at all times.

Name: B.A. ALEXANDER	Email: babs@ladybuglan.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 09:10 AM

Testimony:

I wish to submit the following testimony RE: Res. 25-170:

I am in agreement with the resolution. I want to specifically note that Council Member Tupola has been an advocate for her community as well as greater O'ahu.

I would be re-miss if i did not also mention that I admired her stance on the outrageous salary increases that were slid into place last year. Unfortunately, Chair Waters and Vice-Chair Kia'aina had no objection to those increases.

I admire the work and dedication of the current Chair and Vice-Chair. Vice-Chair Kia'aina, in particular, works extremely hard for her constituents.

So, on the whole i am in favor of this resolution.

Name: Charles Hill	Email: hanchulsu@aol.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 09:14 AM

Testimony:

My comment is that the City Council constructs and officers should be as is without change and without partisan favoritism or the possibility of retribution being acted out in order to marginalize specific groups who presently are being represented justly and fairly and rightly in the current makeup of the City Council leadership. For these reasons, I encourage The City Board to do its work together in harmony with aloha as the residents of Honolulu expect them to do. Be fair, diverse, and inclusive in leadership. This is our way of aloha.

In conclusion, I vehemently oppose RES25-170 RELATING TO THE OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU. Thank you for the opportunity to share testimony out of heartfelt concern over this bad resolution that smells of a rat.

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Asiah Fox Dudoit	fox.asiah@yahoo.com	96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 09:16 AM
Testimony: I am in support of this matter		
Name: Mel Chew	Email: lokahi02@msn.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 09:20 AM
Testimony: I support Res 25-170		
Name: Bernadette Luning	Email: bernymluning@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 09:22 AM
Testimony: I'm in support of Andria Tupula. While Andria represented us on the Wai`anae district as the House Representative, she always made herself available whenever there was traffic, accident or any other issues. Her support and commitment for the Westside is invaluable. She is hands on and works well with everyone no matter which party you represent! Andria's energy and continued leadership has been proven within and outside of her community. We need her leadership, voice and CHANGE.		
Name: John Witeck	Email: jwiteck@yahoo.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 09:30 AM
Testimony: I oppose the selection of Tupola as Vice Chair. She opposes unions and is a supporter of would-be dictator Donald Trimp. Please do not appoint her.!!		
Name: Sergio Alcubilla	Email: sergioalcubilla3@gmail.com	Zip: 96813

Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 09:36 AM
Testimony: I support keeping Councilmember Matt Weyer as Vice Chair!		
Name: Paquito Capillan	Email: kalei21511@icloud.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 09:37 AM
Testimony: I highly support Res25-170		
Name: Frank Lee	Email: leef026@hawaii.rr.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: LGBTQ Rights Protection Hui	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 09:39 AM
Testimony: I oppose the resolution as stand.		
Name: Jerry Ferguson	Email: hwnmanu@gmail.com	Zip: 968164500
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 09:39 AM
Testimony: Do not allow Andria Tupola in this office		
Name: Gina Kerr	Email: Ginabaconkerr@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 09:41 AM
Testimony: Please continue toward diversity with Weyer, and away from exclusionary thinking.		
Name:	Email:	Zip:

Albert Andrade	aandradeiv@hawaii.rr.com	96791
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 09:44 AM
Testimony: Support the bill		
Name: Azure Fox	Email: fox.azure@yhao0.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 09:44 AM
Testimony: I support this matter		
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 09:45 AM
Testimony: I support this matter		
Name: Elleazar Fox	Email: fox.elle@yahoo.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 09:46 AM
Testimony: I support this matter		
Name: Gernie Fox	Email: fox.gernie@yahoo.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 09:47 AM
Testimony: I support this matter		

Name: Gemmi Fox	Email: fox.gemmi@yahoo.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 09:48 AM
Testimony: I support		
Name: Abraham Cavaco-Amoy	Email: Cavacoamoy@yahoo.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 09:49 AM
Testimony: I support this		
Name: Jana Amoy	Email: jana.amoy@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 09:50 AM
Testimony: Fully support		
Name: Kali Cortez-Amoy	Email: kali.cortez.amoy@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 09:51 AM
Testimony: I support this		
Name: Alika Cavaco-Amoy	Email: Alika.Camoy@yahoo.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 09:51 AM
Testimony:		

Yes! I support		
Name: Nalani Maukele-Fox	Email: nalanimaukele@gmail.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 09:53 AM
Testimony: I support this matter		
Name: Mara HANSON	Email: marachanson@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 09:54 AM
Testimony: I am a resident and consistent voter from Makakilo, in District 1, and I wholeheartedly oppose Resolution 25-170. The current Vice Chair, Matt Weyer, supports our hard-working local families through his support of unions and the good jobs and great benefits local workers gain because of collective Union efforts. Because of his union support, he gained the support of many of our local unions, like the HSTA, Local 5, the Carpenters' Union, BAC Local 1, and Local 368. He has also demonstrated his real concern for local families through things like his previous support of Habitat for Humanity and his work prosecuting domestic abusers. This shows his commitment to building people up when they are in a time of need, and helping community members get free of oppressive and dangerous situations in their lives. I feel Vice Chair Weyer should remain in his current role as his positions closely align with those of the majority in our county. In contrast, Council Member Tupola supports irresponsible and incompetently executed ICE raids, like the one that put hard-working, legal resident teachers on Maui at risk and left hundreds of students without a teacher or a substitute for the beginning of that school day, only to find out the residents of the home were legal residents sponsored by our state government! I have worked in education, on and off, as a Teacher and Substitute Teacher, at nearly every school in the Cambell-Kapolei Complex since 2016. I am also a former student of both Ilima Intermediate and Nanakuli Intermediate and High School, both schools that serve predominantly underserved communities. So, Mrs. Tupola's support for Resource Officers - Police stationed in our schools - to treat our children like criminals or prisoners and expect them to learn anything except to stay quiet and keep their heads down, is very concerning to me. This type of person, who supports an atmosphere of oppression and tyranny over the populations she is supposed to serve, is not who we need in a role like Vice Chair. I ask you to vote in the best interest of the majority of our community members and vote against this resolution.		

Name: Conrad Cavaco	Email: ccavaco@gmail.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 09:55 AM
Testimony: Yes I support		
Name: Nathan Fox-Keohohina	Email: nathanfk@gmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 09:56 AM
Testimony: I support this		
Name: Judith Lindner-McCluskey	Email: redy2rust@aol.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 09:56 AM
Testimony: Andrea Tupola will not act in the best interest of the people and especially the working people.		
Name: Manuel Rezentes	Email: mannyrezentes@gmail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 09:56 AM
Testimony: Support		
Name: Von Kaanaana	Email: vonkaanaana@gmail.com	Zip: 96814
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 09:56 AM
Testimony:		

I represent Kānaka Maoli who oppose the shuffling of leadership in order to secure a vote on a measure that is NOT supported by the constituents of the districts Weyer and Santos-Tam represent. Replacing our leaders with a talking head like Tupola to satisfy Tommy Waters is HEWA! Tommy Waters is the one who should be replaced with gross oversight of power! Just because members of the council disagree shouldn't mean they should lose their seat! THAT IS DEMOCRACY- find a resolution that supports the interests of the CONSTITUENTS! A'ole!

Name: Yvonne Rezendes	Email: yvonne1105@gmail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 09:57 AM

Testimony:
Support

Name: JAMES VALLEE	Email: vr814@yahoo.com	Zip: 96741
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 09:59 AM

Testimony:
I strongly Oppose Resolution 25-170. Vice Chair Matt Weyer supports unions, working families, equality and civil rights; the foundations of our great state. He should not be replaced by CM Tupola who supports ICE raids in our vulnerable communities further marginalizing those in need of the most help. Our state needs to come together, not be further torn apart. I ask that you vote in the best interest of the state which is in opposition to this resolution.

Name: Michael Marshall	Email: mikemarsh@gmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 09:59 AM

Testimony:
Support

Name: Sheila Medeiros	Email: Sheilamedeiros411@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 09:59 AM

Testimony:

Aloha Council Members,

I am writing to express my strong support for Council Member Andria Tupola and her outstanding work in serving our community in District 1, which includes my home in Kapolei. Council Member Tupola has consistently demonstrated a hands-on, dedicated approach to addressing the needs of our community with compassion and effectiveness.

Her efforts in tackling critical issues such as houselessness, through proactive placement programs and outreach initiatives, have made a tangible difference in the lives of our most vulnerable residents. Additionally, her commitment to combatting human trafficking, organizing community clean-ups, and addressing crime in collaboration with the Honolulu Police Department reflects her unwavering dedication to the safety and well-being of our neighborhoods.

Council Member Tupola's partnership with the Department of Transportation to improve infrastructure further showcases her ability to advocate for practical solutions that enhance the quality of life on the West Side. Far from being absent, she is actively engaged, consistently present, and deeply invested in our community's progress.

I am truly grateful for Council Member Tupola's love for the West Side and her tireless efforts to make Kapolei and the surrounding areas a better place for all. Her leadership is both inspiring and impactful, and I wholeheartedly support her continued work on behalf of our district.

Mahalo,

Sheila Medeiros

Kapolei Knolls,

Resident

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Julia Jay	juliahanks155@gmail.com	96744

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Jun 17, 2025 @ 10:03 AM

Name:	Email:	Zip:
Carolyn Golojuch	gomama808@gmail.com	96707

Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Rainbow Family 808	Oppose	Jun 17, 2025 @ 10:03 AM

Testimony:

As the Founder and President of Rainbow Family 808, a non-profit since 2013, I am familiar with the rules pertaining to

non-profits. All of our donations are spent on food for Homeless Youth. No one in our organization is paid from the funds because we honor our mission for the youth.

I write in Strong Opposition to 25-170 because I believe in Social Justice and abiding by the laws of our state. I believe that no one is above the law, no matter what level of government. On Saturday, June 14, 2025, I participated in the protest against the corruption in DC. 7,000 to 10,000 of us protested the corruption because a DC leader believes he is above the Law. Please don't allow a member of your Council to act as if they are above the law.

Honolulu cannot follow the corruption in DC regarding one leader who works against the law daily. To ignore the misuse of a government office phone and government e-mail is to condone such violations of the laws in Hawai'i.

Please do not allow a member of your body to violate the laws of Hawai'i by voting down Resolution 25-170.

In testifying today, I'm following my responsibility to speak up in the face of a violation of the laws.

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Carolyn Golojuch, MSW
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"If more people believed in justice, freedom, and justice would be reality

Name: Drake Rickard	Email: drakemrickard@yahoo.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 10:09 AM
Testimony: I strongly support Res 25-170.		
Name: Dylan P. Armstrong	Email: dylan.p.armstrong@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 10:09 AM
Testimony: I stand on my previously submitted written testimony but seek to add oral testimony.		
Name:	Email:	Zip:

Alexander Fox-Peralta	alexfperalta@gmail.com	96795
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 10:11 AM
Testimony: Support this		
Name: Eileen Amoy	Email: Eileen.amoy@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 10:12 AM
Testimony: I support this		
Name: Will Caron	Email: willcaronforhawaii@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 10:14 AM
Testimony: My name is Will Caron and I am a resident of Kahaluu, where I grew up. I am testifying in strong opposition to resolution 25-170. To begin with, I wanted to note that I had to drive to downtown Honolulu today to borrow wifi in order to submit this testimony because Hawaiian Telcom customers on most of the windward side have been without internet service for more than 24 hours now. I bring this up because issues like Internet access, traffic in and out of the urban core, and even basic electric utility power, are issues that rural communities like mine deal with frequently. These are issues that will require significant government investments in our communities from the local level on up to the federal level in order to properly address. Funding those investments will require that we rethink how to assess fair taxes on wealth and how we re-invest that wealth into a shared prosperity that lifts all families in Hawaii from the bottom up. I have known both council members Weyer—who is my council member—and Cordero for years now and have followed their work in the council closely. I believe both of these council members understand and grasp the importance of this philosophy of fair taxes and collective investments in our future. This is a deal-breaker stance for me because everything hinges on creating a public budget that supports the well-being of the people over private profit. Both Weyer and Cordero are smart, capable and care deeply about their communities. They are both independent		

thinkers as well, as shown by their stances in opposition to the council chair on the issue of sewer fees (and council raises for Cordero). Both have integrity and make decisions not out of their own best interests, but the interests of their constituents. They are both model council members. To punish them for their opposition stances—their independent thinking, really—because of a policy disagreement that caused bruised egos, is childish and unbecoming of elected leaders who are given power from the people in order to serve our collective best interests.

This is especially true when we consider the real-world consequences of replacing council members who understand the crucial, existential need to invest wealth back into our communities with at least one council member who supports tax cuts for the wealthy that will destroy the budgets for programs that support working families, that upgrade our aging infrastructure and that build shared prosperity. These “trickle-down” policies being rammed through at the federal level will cause extreme harm, especially to rural communities like mine.

This resolution would strip my council member, who does a good job of championing the kind of smart, long-term investment policies that we desperately need more of, of his vice chair position and replace him with a council member who believes billionaires should get richer while the rest of us—already struggling to get by—are stripped of any kind of government support that might help us survive. This is an outrageously stupid resolution to advance given that real-world context.

“Oh, but the council is nonpartisan,” you say. Please don’t insult our intelligence. Everything is political and every politician knows it. The fact that this resolution is being advanced out of spite because of a bruised ego makes it all the more shameful. It ought to be withdrawn before a vote even takes place. If a vote does go forward, I urge the council members looking at this petty motion from the sidelines to recognize it for the embarrassment that it is and vote no.

With all due respect.

Will Caron
Kahaluu, Oahu

Name: Kylie Hew-Len	Email: kyliebrookealoha3147@gmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 10:14 AM
Testimony: Yes		
Name: Jon-Louis Siracusa	Email: jonlouis1@gmail.com	Zip: 96822

Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 10:19 AM
Testimony: I strongly support		
Name: Frank Tramontano	Email: oboytram@gmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 10:23 AM
Testimony: I oppose Haleiwa "back yards project" !! Enough is too much!		
Name: yukie shiroma	Email: shiromamonkey@gmail.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 10:31 AM
Testimony: WHY are you replacing Matt Weyer as Vice Chair?! He is an experienced hard working and compassionate representative of his community. I oppose resolution 25-170!		
Name: Derwin GEALON	Email: dgea808@hotmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 10:35 AM
Testimony: I strongly support RES25-170		
Name: Cheryl Ho	Email: hiipoikealoha@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 10:39 AM
Testimony:		

I strongly oppose this measure!!! I believe that this is part of the movement to discredit and disempower members of the LGBTQ community in the City and County of Honolulu. I appeal to Council members to oppose this measure!!

Sincerely,

Cheryl O. Ho, Nuʻuanu

Name: Linda Wong	Email: lindawong9@yahoo.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 10:40 AM

Testimony:

We need to keep the aloha spirit by representing & supporting our LGBT+ / Mahu communities. Representation matters for all, especially the minorities.

Name: Ryan Okinaka	Email: ryanokinaka@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 10:46 AM

Testimony:

I am writing today to express my strong opposition to Resolution 25-170, which seeks to remove Councilmember Matt Weyer from his role as Vice Chair and replace him with Councilmember Andria Tupola.

Councilmember Weyer has proven himself to be a dedicated and effective leader who consistently advocates for equity, inclusion, and the well-being of all Honolulu residents—particularly those in our most marginalized communities, including our TLGBQ+ 'ohana. His leadership reflects the values of fairness, collaboration, and progress that our city deeply needs.

Replacing him with Council member Tupola—whose record and affiliations include open support for Donald Trump and far-right policies—would send a harmful message to many communities that are already vulnerable. This is not just a political reshuffling; it is a move with real consequences for the people who rely on ethical, inclusive, and compassionate governance.

At a time when TLGBQ+ rights are under attack across the nation, Honolulu must remain a place where diversity is honored, and representation matters. Removing one of the only openly pro-TLGBQ+ leaders from a position of council leadership undermines that principle and risks regressing on the progress we've made as a city.

I urge the Council to reject Resolution 25-170 and stand firmly on the side of equity, accountability, and inclusive representation.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Name: ellen lubrano	Email: lnlubrano53@gmail.com	Zip: 96740
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 10:53 AM

Testimony:

"I strongly Oppose Resolution 25-170. Vice Chair Matt Weyer supports unions, working families, equality and civil rights; the foundations of our great state. He should not be replaced by CM Tupola who supports ICE raids in our vulnerable communities further marginalizing those in need of the most help. Our state needs to come together, not be further torn apart. I ask that you vote in the best interest of the state which is in opposition to this resolution."

Name: Kawika Sarmiento	Email: ksarmiento@hhhrc.org	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 10:53 AM

Testimony:

I feel this is retaliation and pushing on some other agenda.

Name: Maria Kaniela	Email: Mariakaniela@gmail.com	Zip: 96814
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 10:54 AM

Testimony:

Strong support for Res 25-170.

Name: Malia Souza	Email: malias@gmail.com	Zip: 96814
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 10:56 AM

Testimony:

I fully support Res25-170. Mahalo		
Name: Noelani Lee	Email: noelanilee@yahoo.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 10:57 AM
Testimony: I support resolution 25-170		
Name: Tiffany Coke	Email: tchuruk@hotmail.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 10:57 AM
Testimony: I am strongly opposed to resolution 25-170 that would move Dr. Andria Tupola to the position of Vice Chair, Replacing Attorney Matt Weyer. The Honolulu City Council is "responsible for serving and advancing the general welfare, health, happiness, and safety of the land and our communities" according to their website. However, Andria's voting record in the past shows that she is clearly unable to follow through on these responsibilities and at times conflicts her own ideals outlined on her website. She does not support public funding for abortion, making her "pro life" but is also against funding Medicaid expansion to care for those born into poverty. She supports stricter punishments to reduce crime and is a loud proponent of the Second Amendment, despite representing the area of the island with the most gun violence. Life should be supported at all stages, not just through birth and protected from the increased violence we are seeing around the islands. She supports providing tax cuts for "the people" and making up these shortfalls in the budget through "government efficiency" but cannot articulate a plan as to how this should be accomplished. She also voted to "cut corporate taxes and unnecessary regulation," drawing us into a further deficit in the budget and removing important regulatory controls on corporations. Finally, she would like to "protect the environment by partnering with local organizations" while at the same time "easing permitting processes for developers" and removing "EPA overreach." The EPA is the governing agency with legal standing to ensure that our environment is a priority when developing our lands. Without their oversight, the land we rely upon to survive will be destroyed. These ideals are not aligned to the responsibilities of the Honolulu City Council; therefore, I do not support placing Dr. Tupola in the Vice Chair role		
Name: Christopher Hanalei	Email: Hanaz44@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 10:59 AM

Testimony: Support Res25-170. Thank you		
Name: Hoku Fujimoto	Email: hokufujimoto@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 10:59 AM
Testimony: Strong support for RES 25-170		
Name: Kekoa Tanaka	Email: kekoa.tanaka@gmail.com	Zip: 96814
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:00 AM
Testimony: I am in favor of RES25-170		
Name: Kyle Kodama	Email: kylekodama@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:00 AM
Testimony: I strongly support		
Name: Tiare Kamaka	Email: tiarekamaka@gmail.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:01 AM
Testimony: I support the Council's ability to restructure leadership.		
Name: Levi Kaeo	Email: Lkaeo@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:02

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Testimony: I support resolution 25-170		
Name: Nakoa Lee	Email: nlee13@outlook.com	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:02 AM
Testimony: SUPPORT		
Name: Reed Among	Email: keakuanui@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:03 AM
Testimony: I strongly support RES25-170		
Name: Brandon Myers	Email: brandondmyers@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:03 AM
Testimony: I strongly Oppose Resolution 25-170. Vice Chair Matt Weyer supports unions, working families, equality and civil rights; the foundations of our great state. He should not be replaced by CM Tupola who supports ICE raids in our vulnerable communities further marginalizing those in need of the most help. Our state needs to come together, not be further torn apart. I ask that you vote in the best interest of the state which is in opposition to this resolution		
Name: Leilani Wong	Email: leilaniwong@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:03 AM
Testimony: I am in favor of RES25-170		

Name: Makena Wong	Email: mwong@gmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:03 AM
Testimony: I support resolution 25-170		
Name: Diane Woodring	Email: woodringdc@gmail.com	Zip: 96713
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:05 AM
Testimony: Dear Council Members, Please oppose bill RES25-170. Haleiwa does not need anymore commercial developments. Thank you!		
Name: Kaimi Nakamura	Email: kainakamura@gmail.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:06 AM
Testimony: I am in favor of RES25-170		
Name: Chloe Nakasone	Email: cnakasone@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:07 AM
Testimony: Strong support for RES25-170		
Name: Moana DeSilva	Email: moanadesilva@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:

Self	Support	Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:08 AM
Testimony: I am in favor of RES25-170		
Name: Kamalei Paaluhi	Email: kpaaluhi@gmail.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:08 AM
Testimony: I support the county council's intent to restructure its leadership with RES25-170		
Name: Alika Ball	Email: alika.ball@gmail.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:09 AM
Testimony: I am in favor of RES25-170		
Name: Jonah Santos	Email: jsantos@yahoo.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:10 AM
Testimony: I support RES25-170		
Name: Alika Chang	Email: alikachang@gmail.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:10 AM
Testimony: I am in favor of RES25-170		
Name: Malia Pono	Email: malia.pono@gmail.com	Zip: 96730

Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:11 AM
Testimony: I am in favor of RES25-170		
Name: Kuulei Mahoe	Email: kmahoe@gmail.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:12 AM
Testimony: I support RES25-170.		
Name: Ana Nakasone	Email: islandgyrl17@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:12 AM
Testimony: Aloha and thank you for allowing me to support this resolution.		
Name: Kekoa Kahale	Email: koakahale@gmail.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:12 AM
Testimony: I am in favor of RES25-170		
Name: Scott Okada	Email: sokada@gmail.com	Zip: 96731
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:13 AM
Testimony: I support Resolution 25-170		
Name:	Email:	Zip:

Jennifer Lum	j.lum808@gmail.com	96826
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:13 AM
Testimony: Strongly support this Res. Mahalo		
Name: Noelani Kimura	Email: noelanikimura@gmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:14 AM
Testimony: I am in favor of RES25-170		
Name: Thomas Watanabe	Email: watz808@hotmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:14 AM
Testimony: Strong support. Mahalo		
Name: Pono Ishikawa	Email: ponoishikawa@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:15 AM
Testimony: I am in favor of RES25-170		
Name: Teuila Manuma	Email: Tmanuma@gmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:15 AM
Testimony: Strong support for Res25-170		

Name: Ilima Akana	Email: ilimaakana@gmail.com	Zip: 96816
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:16 AM
Testimony: I am in favor of RES25-170		
Name: Kaulana Paoa	Email: kaulanap@gmail.com	Zip: 96717
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:16 AM
Testimony: In strong support of Res25-170. Thank you		
Name: Nathan Kamealoha	Email: nkamealoha@gmail.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:16 AM
Testimony: I support resolution 25-270		
Name: Aurora Capes	Email: aurorakawachi@gmail.com	Zip: 96791
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:17 AM
Testimony: I strongly oppose City Council Resolution 25-170 which removes Councilmember		
Name: Kaleo Mendoza	Email: leomendoza@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:17 AM
Testimony:		

I am in favor of RES25-170		
Name: Pili Makanani	Email: pmakanani@gmail.com	Zip: 96786
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:18 AM
Testimony: I stand in support of RES25-170		
Name: Michelle Reyes	Email: mreyes@yahoo.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:18 AM
Testimony: In support of Res25-170		
Name: Kaleo Fernandez	Email: fernz808@hotmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:20 AM
Testimony: Thank you for your time in supporting Res25-170. Mahalo		
Name: Joseph Yuen	Email: lokomokojoe@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:21 AM
Testimony: I strongly support RES25-170		
Name: Nohea Kim	Email: kimchee18@gmail.com	Zip: 96818
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:22 AM

Testimony:

In huge support of Res25-170, thank you for your time.

Name:

Ann Kaopua

Email:

akaopua@aol.com

Zip:

96797

Representing:

Self

Position:

Support

Submitted:

Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:24
AM

Testimony:

I strongly support

Name:

Manuel Moreno

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Venusinfurs138@gmail.com

Zip:

96816

Representing:

Self

Position:

Oppose

Submitted:

Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:25
AM

Testimony:

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I urge the Council to reject Resolution 25-170 and stand firmly on the side of equity, accountability, and inclusive representation.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Name: Haunani Ortiz	Email: naniortiz@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:25 AM
Testimony: I am in favor of RES25-170		
Name: Brandon Parks	Email: bparks@hotmail.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:26 AM
Testimony: In support of this resolution. Mahalo		
Name: Emmett Vidal	Email: 89evidal@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:26 AM
Testimony: Don't reward bigotry with power: Reject resolution 25-170.		
Name: Makana Lee	Email: makanalee@gmail.com	Zip: 96826
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:26 AM
Testimony: I am in favor of RES25-170		
Name: Anuheia Kamaau	Email: anukamaau@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:27 AM
Testimony:		

I am in favor of RES25-170		
Name: Leilani Rosario	Email: rosebud@gmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:28 AM
Testimony: Thank you for allowing me to support res25-170		
Name: Ikaika Santos	Email: ikaikasantos@gmail.com	Zip: 96717
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:28 AM
Testimony: I am in favor of RES25-170		
Name: Puanani Higa	Email: nanihiga@gmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:30 AM
Testimony: I am in favor of RES25-170		
Name: Keone Yamashita	Email: oneshita@gmail.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:31 AM
Testimony: I am in favor of RES25-170		
Name: Sione Fonoti	Email: sfonoti@gmail.com	Zip: 96826
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:31 AM

Testimony: I support resolution 25-170. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify!		
Name: michael harada	Email: mikeyharada@gmail.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:31 AM
Testimony: As a long time resident of Aiea, I strongly DISAGREE with replacing Radiant Cordero on the City Council. She is an energetic active responsive leader who responds to her community and works hard for her constituents! I oppose Resolution 170.		
Name: Maile Fujimoto	Email: mailefujimoto@gmail.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:32 AM
Testimony: I am in favor of RES25-170		
Name: Kalani Silva	Email: silvasurfah@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:32 AM
Testimony: Strong support of res25-170		
Name: Mahealani Park	Email: mpark@yahoo.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:33 AM
Testimony: I support RES25-170. Thank you!		
Name: Kalani Davie	Email: kalanidavie@gmail.com	Zip: 96731

Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:33 AM
Testimony: I am in favor of RES25-170		
Name: Jacob Kealoha	Email: haynrunnah@hotmail.com	Zip: 96826
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:34 AM
Testimony: Support res25-170 thank you		
Name: Luana Ahuna	Email: luanaahuna@gmail.com	Zip: 96707
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:34 AM
Testimony: I am in favor of RES25-170		
Name: Dustin Akeo	Email: dakeo@gmail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:34 AM
Testimony: I stand in support of resolution 25-170. Aloha!		
Name: Meleana Duarte	Email: mduarte@gmail.com	Zip: 96822
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:35 AM
Testimony: Strong support of res25-170		
Name:	Email:	Zip:

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Testimony: I am in favor of RES25-170		
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:35 AM
Testimony: I support resolution 25-170. Thank you.		
Name: Robert Decker	Email: decker.ikaika@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:36 AM
Testimony: Strongly support RES25-170. Mahalo		
Name: Nani Aiona	Email: Aiona50808@gmail.com	Zip: 96850
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:36 AM
Testimony: Supporting res25-170		
Name: Ailani Kauhane	Email: ailanikauhane@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:36 AM
Testimony: I am in favor of RES25-170		

Name: Ezekiel Ulu	Email: E.ulu@gmail.com	Zip: 96730
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:37 AM
Testimony: Strong support for resolution 25-170.		
Name: Ryan Matsuda	Email: ryanmats@yahoo.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:37 AM
Testimony: Support res25-170. Thank you		
Name: Joshua Mueller	Email: joshuaaim@hawaii.edu	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:37 AM
Testimony: I strongly support Res 25-170		
Name: Kekoa Kaneshiro	Email: kekoakaneshiro@gmail.com	Zip: 96818
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:37 AM
Testimony: I am in favor of RES25-170		
Name: Rachel Nakamura	Email: Rnakamura@gmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:38 AM
Testimony:		

I support resolution 25-170. Thank you for the opportunity to testify!		
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Testimony: I am in favor of RES25-170		
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:38 AM
Testimony: In support of res25-170		
Name: Kainalu Chang	Email: naluchang@gmail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:39 AM
Testimony: I am in favor of RES25-170		
Name: Josh Aipa	Email: jaipa@yahoo.com	Zip: 96712
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:39 AM
Testimony: I support RES25-170. Aloha		
Name: Elijah Timoteo	Email: teotimo44@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:40 AM

Testimony: Strong support for res25-170		
Name: Alani Rodrigues	Email: lani.rodrigues@gmail.com	Zip: 96819
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:40 AM
Testimony: I am in favor of RES25-170		
Name: Momi Akiona	Email: makiona@gmail.com	Zip: 96782
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:40 AM
Testimony: I support Resolution 25-170, Thank you!		
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:41 AM
Testimony: I am in favor of RES25-170		
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:41 AM
Testimony: Strong support for RES 25-170. Mahalo		
Name: Sophia Valdriz	Email: svaldriz@gmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:41

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Testimony: Support res25-170. Mahalo for your hard work		
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:42 AM
Testimony: I am in favor of RES25-170		
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:42 AM
Testimony: I strongly support.		
Name: Kaila Parker	Email: kailaparker@gmail.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:43 AM
Testimony: I am in favor of RES25-170		
Name: Keahi Lau	Email: laulau62@gmail.com	Zip: 96762
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:43 AM
Testimony: Support for 25-170 thank you		
Name: Iwalani Kanoa	Email: Ikanoa@gmail.com	Zip: 96818

Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:43 AM
Testimony: I stand in support of RES25-170. Thank you!		
Name: Kainoa Kawaa	Email: kaikawaa@gmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:44 AM
Testimony: I am in favor of RES25-170		
Name: Naomi Kalua	Email: kaluapig@hotmail.com	Zip: 96717
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:44 AM
Testimony: Thank you and supporting res 25-170		
Name: Hiilani Fernandez	Email: lani.fernandez@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:45 AM
Testimony: I am in favor of RES25-170		
Name: Liko Wong	Email: wongway808@gmail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:45 AM
Testimony: Support 25-170		
Name:	Email:	Zip:

Kapono Nishimura	pono.nishimura@gmail.com	96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:46 AM
Testimony: I am in favor of RES25-170		
Name: Robina Browne	Email: designingmyife@hotmail.com	Zip: 96738
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:46 AM
Testimony: "I strongly Oppose Resolution 25-170. Vice Chair Matt Weyer supports unions, working families, equality and civil rights; the foundations of our great state. He should not be replaced by CM Tupola who supports ICE raids in our vulnerable communities further marginalizing those in need of the most help. Our state needs to come together, not be further torn apart. I ask that you vote in the best interest of the state which is in opposition to this resolution."		
Name: Hoku Kahele	Email: hkahele@yahoo.com	Zip: 96791
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:47 AM
Testimony: Mahalo, supporting res25-170		
Name: R L Hughes	Email: hughes.rachellynn@gmail.com	Zip: 96826
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:47 AM
Testimony: Oppose RES25-170. Vice Chair Matt Weyer is the first out LGBTQIA+ vice chair in this council's history. For the good of our community, and the civil rights of the individuals this council represents, Weyer should remain in this position.		
Name:	Email:	Zip:

Devin Kaleo	dkaleo@gmail.com	96815
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:47 AM
Testimony: I support Resolution 25-170		
Name: Kanani Morikawa	Email: nani.morikawa@gmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:47 AM
Testimony: I am in favor of RES25-170		
Name: Mason Ho	Email: mhoho96744@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:48 AM
Testimony: Strong support of res25-170		
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:48 AM
Testimony: I am in favor of RES25-170		
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:49 AM
Testimony: Support for res25-170		

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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:49 AM
Testimony: I am in favor of RES25-170		
Name: Jordan Chang	Email: changy808@gmail.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:50 AM
Testimony: Supporting strongly res25-170. Thank you		
Name: Makalapua Matsumoto	Email: makamoto@gmail.com	Zip: 96701
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:50 AM
Testimony: I am in favor of RES25-170		
Name: Kaipo Kuulei	Email: kaipokuulei@gmail.com	Zip: 96791
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:51 AM
Testimony: I am in favor of RES25-170		
Name: Deborah Kissinger	Email: captkiss@aol.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:53 AM
Testimony:		

I strongly Oppose Resolution 25-170. Vice Chair Weyer supports unions, working families, equality and civil rights; the foundations of our great state. He should not be replaced by Ms. Tupola. Our state needs to come together, not be torn apart. I ask that you vote against this resolution.

Name: Patrick Bruno	Email: brunopatrickj@gmail.com	Zip: 96766
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 11:57 AM

Testimony:
I oppose this bill because it goes against the principles of love and aloha. Our communities are stronger because we have aloha. We love our immigrants. They are our friends and neighbors. We don't want people who represent us cooperating with ICE.

Name: Dan Gershon	Email: dangershon@aol.com	Zip: 96814
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 12:04 PM

Testimony:
I strongly oppose RES 25-170!

Name: EMILY GRAVE	Email: emilygrave@gmail.com	Zip: 96825
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 12:11 PM

Testimony:
I AM STRONGLY AND VEHEMENTLY OPPOSED TO the removal of Matt Weyer as Vice Chair and the replacement with Andria Tupola. V.C. Weyer has already demonstrated his commitment to helping working families, like my own, and has voice strong support for Labor and laws that support families, again like my own. Whereas, Ms. Tupola has only demonstrated she will act for big donors (only) and not the City of Honolulu nor its constituents. She is a disgrace to labor policies and favors corporations and shareholders more than the people she should be serving. Please vote NO on RES25-170. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Name: Gerald Montano	Email: ronsonreeves@icloud.com	Zip: 96732
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 12:13

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Testimony: I oppose the removal of the only member of the council from the LGBTQ Community. This action is discriminatory and a power grab.		
Name: Michael Jaubert	Email: michael.jaubert@gmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 12:18 PM
Testimony: I strongly oppose replacing Matt Weyer with Andria Tupola and Radiant Cordero with Esther Kia'aina. While Matt Weyer does not directly represent my district, I have been very pleased with his work during this legislative session. In contrast, I am extremely unhappy with the work of Representative Esther Kia'aina who, from what I've seen, seems to focus on the "issues" or "problems" with other Council Member proposals, without providing any realistic and tangible solutions herself. It is my opinion that her skillset would not make her a good floor leader. The sewer rate fee hike is obviously not very popular. But trying to punish and oust our leaders for the way they voted on this issue seems like a huge overreaction. We need stable leadership to make positive progress, and reshuffling leadership every time someone is unhappy with the results of a democratic vote undermines thoughtful governance.		
Name: Laura Tyacke	Email: tackylaura@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 12:24 PM
Testimony: I strongly Oppose Resolution 25-170. Vice Chair Matt Weyer supports unions, working families, equality and civil rights; the foundations of our great state. He should not be replaced by CM Tupola who supports ICE raids in our vulnerable communities further marginalizing those in need of the most help. Our state needs to come together, not be further torn apart. I ask that you vote in the best interest of the state which is in opposition to this resolution.		
Name: Martin Soto	Email: sotomartin1775@gmail.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 12:31 PM
Testimony: I strongly Oppose Resolution 25-170. Vice Chair Matt Weyer supports unions, working families, equality and civil rights; the		

foundations of our great state. He should not be replaced by CM Tupola who supports ICE raids in our vulnerable communities further marginalizing those in need of the most help. Our state needs to come together, not be further torn apart. I ask that you vote in the best interest of the state which is in opposition to this resolution.

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BT Chang

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Zip:

96744

Representing:

Self

Position:

Oppose

Submitted:

Jun 17, 2025 @ 12:31 PM

Testimony:

Aloha Councilmembers,

I strongly oppose Resolution 25-170. Removing Councilmember Matt Weyer, the first openly LGBTQIA+ Vice Chair, during Pride Month is decisive and sends the wrong message. Replacing him with a MAGA aligned figure like Andria Tupola, who stays silent on attacks against LGBTQIA+ people and immigrants, is unacceptable.

Thousands just marched across Hawai'i to reject hate and authoritarianism. Council leadership should reflect all of us, not reward silence and division.

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96822

Representing:

Self

Position:

Oppose

Submitted:

Jun 17, 2025 @ 12:32 PM

Testimony:

This resolution, which proposes removing Councilmember Matt Weyer as Vice Chair, is more than a procedural reshuffling—it is a symbolic step backward. Councilmember Weyer is not only a capable and principled public servant, but also the first openly LGBTQ+ person to hold the position of Vice Chair in Honolulu City Council's history. His presence in leadership is not just overdue, it's essential.

As a Honolulu resident, and a member of the LGBTQ+ community, I find it deeply troubling that a city grounded in the values of aloha, inclusion, and cultural respect would move to sideline such representation. I would like to remind you that in traditional Native Hawaiian society, māhū were revered as teachers, healers, and caretakers of culture. They held respected roles and were seen as vital members of the community.

To remove an LGBTQ+ leader from a position of visibility and replace him with someone aligned with ideologies that have historically marginalized queer voices is more than disappointing—it's a betrayal of that legacy.

This action does not reflect the people of Honolulu or the values we hold dear. Our city is one of the most diverse in the world. Representation should not be treated as expendable or political—it should be protected. LGBTQ+ youth, Native Hawaiian youth, and future generations are watching. They need to see leaders who reflect them. They need to know they are seen.

I urge you to vote no on Resolution 25-170. Stand for diversity, equity, and inclusion to reflect the community you represent.

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96738

Representing:

Self

Position:

Oppose

Submitted:

Jun 17, 2025 @ 12:34

PM

Testimony:

Aloha kākou, my name is Avalon Paradea and I am writing in opposition of Resolution 25-170, which aims to replace Councilmember Matt Weyer with Councilmember Andria Tupola.

Mr. Weyer is our first out LGBTQ+ Vice Chair in the history of the Council. In stark contrast, Ms. Tupola aligns her practices and ideologies with those of the far right -- by denouncing protections for our māhū/ queer communities, failing to protect workers rights, and standing by a movement that promotes dangerous bigotry and xenophobia.

We absolutely cannot allow people like Ms. Tupola to be given any semblance of power. Not now, not ever.

Our BIPOC, queer, and working-class communities need Council Members who will prioritize our well-being.

Please do not endanger our communities further.

Sincerely, Avalon Paradea

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96716

Representing:

Self

Position:

Oppose

Submitted:

Jun 17, 2025 @ 12:34

PM

Testimony:

I support Weyer who supports unions and working families. Tupola would be bad for Hawaii because he would cooperate with ICE, dividing and traumatizing our community. This would be terrible for Hawaii which is why I oppose this bill.

Name:

Email:

Zip:

Gabriel Stietzel	gstietzel32@yahoo.com	96825
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 12:35 PM
Testimony: I strongly support RES25-170		
Name: Tanja Kaia Kala	Email: alohalways@gmail.com	Zip: 96738
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 12:35 PM
Testimony: I strongly Oppose Resolution 25-170. Vice Chair Matt Weyer supports unions, working families, equality and civil rights; the foundations of our great state. He should not be replaced by CM Tupola who supports ICE raids in our vulnerable communities further marginalizing those in need of the most help. Our state needs to come together, not be further torn apart. I ask that you vote in the best interest of the state which is in opposition to this resolution.		
Name: Rebecca Rank	Email: rebanka@gmail.com	Zip: 96826
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 12:35 PM
Testimony: I strongly Oppose Resolution 25-170. Vice Chair Matt Weyer supports unions, working families, equality and civil rights; the foundations of our great state. He should not be replaced by CM Tupola who supports ICE raids in our vulnerable communities further marginalizing those in need of the most help. Our state needs to come together, not be further torn apart. I ask that you vote in the best interest of the state which is in opposition to this resolution.		
Name: Ian Black	Email: blackey_808@yahoo.com	Zip: 96821
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 12:35 PM
Testimony: I support RES25-170		
Name:	Email:	Zip:

Lance Luning	lkluning@gmail.com	96792
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 12:37 PM
Testimony: I TOTALLY SUPPORT ANDRIA TUPUOLA FOR A CHAIR POSTION AS HER CONCERN AND DEDICATION TO PEOPLE OF HER COMMUNITY, SHOWS HER TO BE A VALUEABLE RESOURCE IN ANY POSTION, OR DECESIONS MAKING PROCESS.		
Name: Nelson Lopez	Email: n7opez@gmail.com	Zip: 96817
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 12:38 PM
Testimony: I fully support RES25-170		
Name: June Moore	Email: casshelby@juno.com	Zip: 96746
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 12:40 PM
Testimony: I strongly oppose and anyone who cares about our state should oppose.		
Name: Kevin Keaveney	Email: dry_manhattan@hotmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 12:40 PM
Testimony: I am writing today to express my strong opposition to Resolution 25-170, which seeks to remove Councilmember Matt Weyer from his role as Vice Chair and replace him with Councilmember Andria Tupola. Councilmember Weyer has proven himself to be a dedicated and effective leader who consistently advocates for equity, inclusion, and the well-being of all Honolulu residents—particularly those in our most marginalized communities, including our TLGBQ+ 'ohana. His leadership reflects the values of fairness, collaboration, and progress that our city deeply needs.		

Replacing him with Councilmember Tupola—whose record and affiliations include open support for Donald Trump and far-right policies—would send a harmful message to many communities that are already vulnerable. This is not just a political reshuffling; it is a move with real consequences for the people who rely on ethical, inclusive, and compassionate governance.

At a time when TLGBQ+ rights are under attack across the nation, Honolulu must remain a place where diversity is honored, and representation matters. Removing one of the only openly pro-TLGBQ+ leaders from a position of council leadership undermines that principle and risks regressing on the progress we’ve made as a city.

I urge the Council to reject Resolution 25-170 and stand firmly on the side of equity, accountability, and inclusive representation.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Name: Ian Peiler	Email: i.peiler01@gmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 12:42 PM
Testimony: I support		

Name: Helena Bierens	Email: helenabierens@gmail.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 12:42 PM

Testimony:
I respectfully submit my strong opposition to Resolution 25-170. Vice Chair Matt Weyer has consistently demonstrated support for unions, working families, civil rights, and equality—core values that reflect the foundation of our state and its people.

Replacing him with Councilmember Tupola, whose record includes supporting ICE raids that target and traumatize vulnerable communities, sends the wrong message. It risks undermining the trust and safety of those most in need and threatens to deepen divisions at a time when unity is critical. It’s also a slap in the face to the LGBTQI+ community that has already been so marginalized this legislative session.

I urge the Council to act in the best interest of Hawai’i’s residents by rejecting this resolution. We need leadership that

uplifts, not leadership that alienates.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Helena Mari Moenahele Bierens

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Nancy Neubauer

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96749

Representing:

Self

Position:

Oppose

Submitted:

Jun 17, 2025 @ 12:44
PM

Testimony:

I strongly oppose this resolution. Matt Wyer supports unions, working families, equality and civil rights.

CM supportsTupola ICE raids and other Maga extremist agenda. ABSOLUTELY NOT IN HAWAII.

NO

NO

NO

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Rob Shinn

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96825

Representing:

Self

Position:

Oppose

Submitted:

Jun 17, 2025 @ 12:45
PM

Testimony:

100% Oppose the change in leadership

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C Chang

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Zip:

96814

Representing:

Self

Position:

Oppose

Submitted:

Jun 17, 2025 @ 12:51
PM

Testimony:

Aloha Council Chair Waters and Councilmembers,

I am writing in strong opposition to Resolution 25-170, Nishimoto's resolution to remove Councilmember Matt Weyer as Vice Chair and replace him with Councilmember Andria Tupola.

Councilmember Weyer made history as the first openly LGBTQIA+ Vice Chair of this Council. That visibility matters, especially now. At a time when LGBTQIA+ communities across the country are facing increasing threats, his leadership has

been a symbol of progress, inclusion, and hope.

That makes this move especially hurtful. To strip away that representation and to do it during Pride Month sends a chilling message. Not just to queer residents, but to everyone who believes our government should reflect the diversity and dignity of its people.

To make matters worse, this resolution proposes to replace him with Councilmember Tupola, a politician who has aligned herself with the MAGA movement and its extreme, anti-democratic rhetoric. Her silence on attacks against immigrants, LGBTQIA+ individuals, and local autonomy speaks volumes.

Just this past Saturday, thousands of people across Hawai'i showed up to protest and resist this growing wave of authoritarianism and hate. We are paying attention. And we will not stand by while our local government mirrors the dangerous politics we're fighting against on the national stage.

Council leadership must reflect the values of all our communities not empower those who refuse to speak up for all of us.

I urge you: Do not gamble with the public's trust. Do not allow divisive, ethically questionable behavior to guide this Council's direction. And do not hand over leadership to someone who refuses to stand for equality and dignity.

Please vote NO on Resolution 25-170. Support equality. Lead with aloha, not hate.

Mahalolo!

C. Chang

Name: DeWaine Tollefsrud	Email: actionAdvocates25@gmail.com	Zip: 96749
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 12:51 PM

Testimony:

I am a 71 yo white cis male and I say an emphatic NO to Silencing queer voices and especially installing a MAGA aligned member. Our state is too small for ANY MAGA supporters. In 1935 France, Poland, and Germany such people would be called collaborators. No room for hate here.

Name: V Lewis	Email: vlewis808@aol.com	Zip: 96814
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 12:53

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Testimony: Aloha Councilmembers, I urge you to vote NO on Resolution 25-170. This decision should be about what's right for the people of Hawai'i, not politics, not personal agendas. Councilmember Weyer has served with integrity and represents a diverse, growing part of our community. Replacing him with someone who does not stand for all of us undermines public trust and weakens the Council's credibility. Do what's right. Lead for the people. Vote NO.		
Name:	Email:	Zip:
R Lewis	rodlewis1920@att.net	96744
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Oppose	Jun 17, 2025 @ 12:56 PM
Testimony: Aloha Councilmembers, I strongly oppose Resolution 25-170. This isn't about personalities, it's about public service. Council leadership should reflect the values and needs of all Hawai'i residents. Councilmember Weyer has served with integrity and accountability. Replacing him with someone who has not shown a commitment to representing all communities is a step backward. Make decisions based on what's best for the people, not politics. Vote NO.		
Name:	Email:	Zip:
Lindsey Luning	lluning@hotmail.com	96706
Representing:	Position:	Submitted:
Self	Support	Jun 17, 2025 @ 01:11 PM
Testimony: Dear Chair Tommy Waters, I am in support of Andria Tupola regarding Resolution 25-170 concerning the proposed officers of the City & County council. Andria has done a great job for West O'ahu and Honolulu. She has shown exemplary leadership with the community I live in. I am positive that Andria will serve Honolulu well in this leadership position. Thank you for letting me		

share my short testimony.

Name:

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96707

Representing:

Self

Position:

I wish to comment

Submitted:

Jun 17, 2025 @ 01:16

PM

Testimony:

I am writing today to express my strong opposition to Resolution 25-170, which seeks to remove Councilmember Matt Weyer from his role as Vice Chair and replace him with Councilmember Andria Tupola.

Councilmember Weyer has proven himself to be a dedicated and effective leader who consistently advocates for equity, inclusion, and the well-being of all Honolulu residents—particularly those in our most marginalized communities, including our TLGBQ+ 'ohana. His leadership reflects the values of fairness, collaboration, and progress that our city deeply needs.

Replacing him with Councilmember Tupola—whose record and affiliations include open support for Donald Trump and far-right policies—would send a harmful message to many communities that are already vulnerable. This is not just a political reshuffling; it is a move with real consequences for the people who rely on ethical, inclusive, and compassionate governance.

At a time when TLGBQ+ rights are under attack across the nation, Honolulu must remain a place where diversity is honored, and representation matters. Removing one of the only openly pro-TLGBQ+ leaders from a position of council leadership undermines that principle and risks regressing on the progress we've made as a city.

I urge the Council to reject Resolution 25-170 and stand firmly on the side of equity, accountability, and inclusive representation.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Name:

Elise kroll

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96822

Representing:

Self

Position:

Oppose

Submitted:

Jun 17, 2025 @ 01:19

PM

Testimony:

I strongly oppose resolution 25-170. Vice Chair Matt Weyer supports unions, working families, equality and civil rights; the foundation of our great state. He should not be replaced by CM Tupola who supports ICE raids in our vulnerable

communities further marginalizing those in need of the most help. Our state needs to come together! I ask that you vote in opposition to this resolution.

Name: Albert Bee	Email: albert.bee28@gmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 01:21 PM

Testimony:
I strongly support RES25-170

Name: Luke Kaakau Jr	Email: luke.k.kaakau@gmail.com	Zip: 98444
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 01:22 PM

Testimony:
I am in strong support of Councilmember Andria Tupola to become Vice Chair for the City Council. I've known and admired Andria's commitment to her district and our state for many years and has served brilliantly as Councilmember. I feel she is capable and ready to serve in this new position and I urge all members to support her. Mahalo and Aloha.

-Luke Kaakau Jr.

Name: Nhumey Tropp	Email: ntropp@comcast.net	Zip: 96738
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 01:22 PM

Testimony:
"I strongly Oppose Resolution 25-170. Vice Chair Matt Weyer supports unions, working families, equality and civil rights; the foundations of our great state. He should not be replaced by CM Tupola who supports ICE raids in our vulnerable communities further marginalizing those in need of the most help. Our state needs to come together, not be further torn apart. I ask that you vote in the best interest of the state which is in opposition to this resolution."

Name: Julianne Singh	Email: juliesingh@gmail.com	Zip: 96810
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 01:35 PM

Testimony: I am in support of RES25-170		
Name: Luke Perreira	Email: lperreira@gmail.com	Zip: 96789
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 01:35 PM
Testimony: In strong support of res25-170.		
Name: Elizabeth Conklin	Email: econklin@forth.com	Zip: 96815
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 01:36 PM
Testimony: I strongly oppose replacing Matt Weyer with Andria Tupola and Radiant Cordero with Esther Kia’aina. This looks like a politically motivated move by Waters and will certainly not ‘bring more innovation’ into leadership.” Hammond wrote. “As HI tries desperately to resist the federal changes negatively impacting this state, we need progressive leaders who staunchly stand with democracy against the radical Right direction of the current national government. I urge you to reject this resolution and keep Weyer and Cordero in their current roles.		
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 01:37 PM
Testimony: In strong support		
Name: John Stanley	Email: j.stanley@gmail.com	Zip: 96795
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 01:37 PM
Testimony: I am in support of RES25-170		

Name: Jerome Kupukaa	Email: jkupukaa@yahoo.com	Zip: 96734
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 01:38 PM
Testimony: Strong support for 25-170		
Name: Darius Kila	Email: repkila@capitol.hawaii.gov	Zip: 96813
Representing: Self	Position: I wish to comment	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 01:38 PM
Name: Ty Fu	Email: localboi44@hotmail.com	Zip: 96744
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 01:39 PM
Testimony: In strong support of res25-170		
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 01:39 PM
Testimony: I am in favor of RES25-170		
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 01:40 PM
Testimony: In strong support of res25-170		
Name:	Email:	Zip:

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Testimony: I am in favor of RES25-170		
Name: Eugene Paaluhi	Email: roughrider@hotmail.com	Zip: 96826
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 01:42 PM
Testimony: Strong support of res25-170		
Name: Cole Kashimoto	Email: ckash@gmail.com	Zip: 96706
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 01:43 PM
Testimony: In strong support for res25-170		
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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 01:45 PM
Testimony: Support res25-170		
Name: Kehau Tampon	Email: ktamz@yahoo.com	Zip: 96792
Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 01:46 PM
Testimony: In strong support of res25-170		

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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 01:48 PM
Testimony: In strong support of res25-170		
Name: Damien Alvarez	Email: dkalvarez67@gmail.com	Zip: 96797
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 01:58 PM
Testimony: I strongly oppose this resolution and encourage all members of this council to do the same. This resolution would set a precedent that could have massive consequences for our city and community for years. This is regressive, unnecessary, and uncalled for. Democracy needs opposition, not retaliation. Our community needs balanced representation, not suppression. Voices heard, not silenced. Opposition in government is good, it's good in sports, no one wants a weak opponent. Strong opposition makes leaders stronger and forces compromise. We need to practice opposition without hate. Please reject this resolution.		
Name: Heather Chapman	Email: Drhchappy@gmail.com	Zip: 96189
Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Jun 17, 2025 @ 01:59 PM
Testimony: I oppose this as the nation ramps up it's illegal and inhumane discourse against lgbtq and trans rights, I OPPOSE!!! NO MAGA IN HAWAII.		



Where LGBTQIA+ Rights Meet the Labor Movement
A constituency group of the Hawai'i State AFL-CIO

June 15, 2025

Honolulu City Council
Honolulu Hale
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Honolulu, HI 96813

Hearing: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 2:00 PM

RE: STRONG OPPOSITION for House Bill 613 HD 1

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Weyer, and Members of the Honolulu City Council,

Pride at Work – Hawai'i submits this testimony in **strong opposition** to Resolution 25-170 and the proposed appointment of Councilmember Andria Tupola as Vice Chair of the Honolulu City Council.

Councilmember Tupola's record is clear: she has consistently stood against civil rights protections for the Māhū, LGBTQIA+, QTPI+, and MVPFAFF+ communities. Her opposition to inclusive policies is not just a matter of political difference—it is a direct threat to the safety, dignity, and equality of those she seeks to represent in a leadership role. Leadership positions on the Council must be reserved for those who stand up for all communities, especially those that have historically been marginalized.

Her history of voting to punish former Representative Beth Fukumoto simply for speaking out against Trump is yet another red flag. That vote revealed a willingness to side with authoritarian partisanship over principles of free speech, democratic accountability, and justice.

Moreover, Councilmember Tupola has shown a repeated lack of support for organized labor and working families—core constituencies of Pride at Work. Her alignment with the Trump administration, which openly attacks unions, immigrants, LGBTQIA+ people, and Indigenous communities, is disqualifying for a leadership role on any local governing body, especially in a place as diverse and inclusive as Honolulu.

To make matters worse, this resolution would oust Councilmember Matt Weyer—the **first out LGBTQIA+ Vice Chair** of the Honolulu City Council. Removing a historic voice for the queer community in the middle of **Pride Month** is not just tone-deaf—it's a profound insult. It undermines the very progress that LGBTQIA+ people in Hawai'i have worked so hard to achieve.

Finally, this appointment would send a chilling message to the many minority communities who have been targeted by the current federal administration, an administration which Councilmember Tupola continues to support. It would say to our most vulnerable residents: your rights, identities, and lived experiences can be traded away for political convenience.

Pride at Work – Hawai'i urges this Council to vote **NO** on Resolution 25-170 and preserve the integrity of the Council's leadership by rejecting this dangerous and regressive proposal.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

[Pride at Work – Hawai'i](#)

I respectfully opposed Honolulu resolution 25-170 to replace council member Matt Weyer who is currently serving as Vice-Chair with Andria Tupola. Council member Weyer, who is an attorney with certificates in Native Hawaiian and Environmental law and is a former domestic violence prosecutor, is eminently more qualified for this leadership position. He has represented the voice of Honolulu citizens by his commitment to public health issues, family values, equality, and the civil rights of all our residents.

To the contrary, Ms. Tupola is out of touch with the values of the community by her opposition to union workers and family values, equality, and civil liberties, and by her support for heavy-handed and at times violent federal law enforcement actions. Her actions represent and support the executive overreach now taking place in the Federal government. That does not represent the values of our community.

Thousands of people gave up their Saturday to show the values that our community holds dear. The city council members should listen to those voices of their community!

Honolulu needs strong leadership that stands up for our values and is not cowed to speak truth to power for the citizens of Honolulu. Matt Weyer is that person.

For these reasons I forcefully oppose Resolution 25-170 and request that the city council either vote it down, or amend it to name council member Matt Weyer as Vice-Chair of the Council of the City and County of Honolulu.

Thank you for your consideration,

Joe Cooper, Kailua

Honolulu, HI 96813

June 15, 2025

Re: Resolution 25-170

Dear Council Members and Concern Citizens of Honolulu,

The current uproar over Chair Waters effort (Res 25-170) to replace the Council's LGBTQ+ Vice Chair with a Trump aligned replacement and to remove another LGBTQ+ Council Member from his readership position has largely missed the crossroads that the citizens of Honolulu are at. The discussion at Tuesday's meeting should not be the appropriateness and justification of Chair Water's planned changes, but for the need to recognize it cannot be business as usual at the Council at this fraught political moment and that **Chairman Water's must be removed from the Chairman role.**

First, for ground-level context, Waters (in plain sight) is practicing the bullying tactics and patronage politics that just last year Honolulu finally grew tired of and sent Speaker Scott Saiki packing. Waters and Saiki before him locally use the same swamp tactics that nationally we all watch horrified as Trump has made Congress a feckless body. This "do as I say or lose your committee position" is the last thing that we need as our City and State try to decide collectively our best path forward. Millions filled our streets this weekend to warn the country of leaders who think that their power should go unchecked. **Does anyone feel following Chair Waters blindly while he silences opposition is our City's best strategic move?** That is what he is asking you to do.

Waters' history is of taking care of himself and insiders and ignoring small businesses who have been squeezed to their last breaths since Caldwell's disastrous pandemic response. We shouldn't let a debate over a sewer tax be used by Waters to convince the public that he is a man of and for the people. While issuing hallow press releases on the importance of diversity and his caring for the marginalized, Waters:

- fought for and raised City Council (his own) pay from \$76,968 to \$123,292 (a 60% raise!)
- LAST WEEK, approved a HART (rail) budget of \$968m. In addition to the patronage money pit that the rail has been for over a decade, the ongoing (and endless) rail construction has destroyed the small businesses up and down Dillingham making Kahili an isolated wasteland. (This is the last thing needed for this chronically struggling neighborhood.)

- allowed Chinatown, another small-business-dominated neighborhood, to be gutted of vital festivals and support that are the lifeblood of the entertainment and cultural community. The streets of Chinatown are full of papered up windows (frequently broken) and barely surviving businesses that need customers not politicians bloviating on a sewer fee.
- led 5 funding resolution approvals totaling close to \$1m for legal fees to defend the much-documented actions of the Honolulu Liquor Commission toward LGBTQ+ businesses and other (frequently immigrant owned) small businesses. It must be noted that the legal fees went to a political insider firm and donor to Water's campaigns. After 3-years of rubber stamp approvals for legal fees, the City then settled for almost \$750k.

Chairman Waters has been bad for Kahili, bad for Chinatown, bad for small businesses, bad for the LGBTQ+ community and on and on. We cannot let Waters try to take the moral high ground. Waters is part of the old boy network and old boys always prioritize taking care of old boys.

If looking at the proverbial rearview mirror isn't enough to convince you that Waters needs replaced, you should consider the fact that Water's is trying to promote CM Andria Tupola, a vaccine skeptic who spread misinformation during the pandemic, to a leadership role.

HHS Director RFK Jr. with support of misinformed politicians like Tupola is gutting our vaccine infrastructure. (Waters seems oblivious to Governor Green's efforts in DC and in national media to detail how dangerous RFK's plans and recent actions are.) The measles tragedy in Samoa cannot be forgotten about on Oahu, especially by one of our most powerful politicians. **Waters support of elevating Tupolo to Vice-chair is by action, a support of her vaccine position. It is dangerous and must not be allowed.**

From vaccines, to HART, to not understanding the importance of LGBTQ leadership visibility, Waters is on the wrong side of the battles that we will need to fight in the immediate future. **There must be a vote of "no confidence" in Waters and he must be removed from his position of leadership.**

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Sobieralski

TO: Members of the Honolulu City Council

FROM: Natalie Iwasa
808-395-3233

DATE: Tuesday, June 17, 2025

SUBJECT: Resolution 25-170, Council Officers – **COMMENTS**

Aloha Chair Waters and Councilmembers,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on Resolution 25-170, which changes the council's vice chair and floor leader by replacing Matt Weyer with Andria Tupola and Radiant Cordero with Esther Kiaaina, respectively.

It was reported that this proposed switch is retaliation for the vote on sewer fees. If that is the case, I oppose the resolution. Our county council is no place for such childish behavior.

Duties of the vice chair, per council rules, are as follows:

- (a) To assist the chair in the supervision over agencies and staff of the legislative branch of the city.
- (b) To assist the chair in the coordination of all administrative activities of the legislative branch of the city.
- (c) To serve with the chair as spokesperson and representative for the council.
- (d) To assist the chair in providing adequate administrative and staff support to the chairs and members of committees and subcommittees.
- (e) To assist the chair in anticipating issues and problems deserving or in need of special meetings.
- (2) In the absence of the chair, the vice-chair shall exercise all the duties and powers of the chair.

Duties of the floor leader, per council rules, are as follows:

- (a) To assist in the coordination of all proceedings pending before the council.
- (b) To consult with committee chairs to set forth the legislative intent on the legislative matter before the council.
- (c) To be the council's parliamentarian to advise the chair, when requested, as well as any other councilmember. The parliamentarian may seek assistance from legal counsel.
- (d) Except as provided in Rule No. 8.E, in the absence of the vice-chair, the floor leader shall exercise all of the duties and powers of the vice-chair, and in the absence of the chair and the vice-chair, the floor leader shall exercise all of the duties and powers of the chair.
- (e) To perform such other duties as may be assigned by the council or as may properly pertain to such office.
- (2) In the absence of the floor leader. the presiding officer may designate a floor leader pro tempore.

Testimony in Support of Resolution 25-170 – Relating to the Officers of the Council of the City and County of Honolulu

Submitted by Richie Breaux

Founder & Owner, ATN Construction | All Things New

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Council,

My name is Richie Breaux. I am the founder and owner of ATN Construction, also known as All Things New. I write today with strong support for Councilmember Andria Tupola as a continued and elevated leader within the Honolulu City Council through Resolution 25-170.

As a general contractor deeply rooted in West O‘ahu, I have experienced firsthand the challenges that come with navigating the permitting system, helping families maintain safe and livable homes, and keeping small construction businesses afloat amid red tape. What makes Councilmember Tupola stand apart is her relentless, transparent, and strategic advocacy for streamlining these very processes, fighting not just *for* the people, but *with* them.

Andria leads with integrity, truth, and an unshakable commitment to the law. She listens to homeowners, contractors, and vendors alike, and then acts decisively to champion bills and efficiencies that make real, tangible improvements. I’ve seen her efforts to open doors for timely repairs, protect local jobs, and support small businesses. These are not just policies for her; they are personal.

Through her leadership, she has launched the *Priced Into Paradise* campaign, a movement built on education, access, and opportunity. From promoting local loan programs to connecting realtors, contractors, and vendors with families who need them, Andria has fostered a powerful network of tools and relationships that help our community not only survive, but also stay in Hawai‘i.

I’ve had the honor of working with her behind the scenes, hosting her on my podcast, and with the exhibition at the Blaisdell for *Priced Into Paradise*. What I saw then and continue to see is a woman who leads with heart, humility, and courage. There is no discrimination in her approach. She sees people. She listens to their needs. And she prioritizes justice and truth above all else.

Councilmember Tupola is more than a public servant; she is a community builder, a collaborator, and a fearless advocate for the future of West O‘ahu and all of Honolulu.

I urge you to support her continued leadership through Resolution 25-170. Our communities, our businesses, and our people need champions like Andria in positions of influence now more than ever.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

With gratitude,

Richie Breaux

Founder & Owner

ATN Construction | All Things New



Scarlet Honolulu / Gay Island Guide
Resolution 25-170 - STRONGLY OPPOSE

Council Members,

We had written a long testimony and were going to include our public statements. After reading the passionate public testimony we've deleted that. We believe at Scarlet and Gay Island Guide our role is to listen to our community and amplify their voices. The community came out strong in defense of CM Weyer and against CM Tupola. We don't want to take attention away from their voices. We suggest you go and read all of the opposition submissions. Nothing we could write could express the feelings of our community better than their own words. **THEIR FEAR IS REAL, THEIR CONCERN IS REAL, THEIR ANGER IS REAL.** They each took time to express this to you and there are thousands behind them that didn't who feel the same way. **We implore you to read them all.**

Although, there is something we need to bring to this bodies' attention. When we sat down to write this testimony there were ZERO testimonies in support. Then CM Tupola sent out an email at 11:10am **FROM HER GOVERNMENT ACCOUNT** pandering to her email list to submit testimony to help her rise to power. We aren't sure if that's illegal but it sure feels unethical and at the very least is disgusting.

See below;

Begin forwarded message:

On Monday, June 16, 2025, 11:10 AM, Andria Tupola
<atupola@citycouncil.honolulu.gov> wrote:

The image is a screenshot of an email graphic. At the top left, it says 'TUPOLA' in large white letters on a black background, with 'HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL - 31 | WEST O'AHU' in smaller white text below it. To the right of this is a small photo of a woman. Below the header, the text reads 'RESOLUTION 25-170 - OFFICERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL' in bold black letters. Underneath that is 'SUBMIT TESTIMONY!!' in bold black letters. Then, 'RESOLUTION 25-170 - RELATING TO THE OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.' in smaller black letters. At the bottom, it says 'This measure will be heard' in black, followed by 'JUNE 16, 2025 at the 2:00 PM Council Meeting.' in black, with 'JUNE 16, 2025' underlined in pink.



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TESTIMONY OPPOSING RESOLUTION 25-170

TO: Chair Waters, Vice-Chair Weyer, & Council Members

FROM: Nikos Leverenz, Policy & Advancement Manager

DATE: June 17, 2025 (2:00 PM)

Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center (HHHRC) **opposes** Resolution 25-170, which would replace Councilmember Weyer as Vice-Chair and Councilmember Cordero as Floor Leader.

HHHRC's mission is to reduce harm, promote health, create wellness, and fight stigma in Hawai'i and the Pacific. We work with many individuals impacted by poverty, housing instability, and other social determinants of health. Many have behavioral health problems, including those related to substance use and mental health conditions, and have also been deeply impacted by trauma related to histories of physical, sexual, and psychological abuse.

As an organization that is deeply committed to justice and equity, HHHRC is troubled by the prospect of stripping Councilmember Weyer of his position as Vice-Chair during Pride Month.

Pride Month began in 1970 to mark the Stonewall Uprising in New York City in 1969. Members of the trans and LGBTQ community demonstrated against ongoing raids of nightclubs by the New York City Police Department. Decades of criminalizing sexual and gender minorities, including harassment by law enforcement, perpetuated severe and lasting stigma. A criminal record for free association and fashion choices, along with forced outing and heated political rhetoric, precluded full participation in civic and economic life.

This pernicious legacy of invidious discrimination against sexual and gender minorities was also present in Hawaii, which has subsequently amended its laws and policies to provide specific protections. This posture was especially harmful during the height of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the 1980s and 1990s. Last year Hawaii finally repealed Article I, Section 23, of the state constitution, which reserved the right of the state legislature to limit marriage to opposite-sex couples. Its insertion into the constitution in 1998 was an untoward expression of majoritarian animus against a historically disfavored minority.



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HHHRC was honored to attend a recent event with Mayor Rick Blangiardi and the Lei Pua Ala Queer Histories of Hawaii Project at Queen's Surf, marking the venue's importance for the queer community in the latter part of the 20th Century.

Mayor Blangiardi, his executive team, and this Council understand very well that representation matters. We commend the Mayor and this Council for its efforts last year to ensure that the City & County of Honolulu's non-discrimination policies cover any classification of persons protected by federal, state, or city laws.

Vice-Chair Weyer and Councilmember Tyler Dos Santos-Tam have comported themselves with dignity and professionalism and have been accessible to the trans and LGBTQIA+ community. Each have been advocates for civil rights and public health, including expansion of access to nasal naloxone.

A reshuffling of the leadership at this time—over a single vote on urgently needed and mandatory infrastructure improvements—deters the kind of public service that dares to lead with independence and integrity. A reshuffling will also not sit well with residents of our city who have faced the less than equanimous exercise of government authority.

With the understanding that the current council's membership is reflective of our county's diversity, we are also concerned with prospective demotion of Councilmember Cordero. Despite comprising a significant portion of the larger population, there is a continued underrepresentation of Filipinas in positions of leadership in city and state government. There is also a persistent underrepresentation of Filipinos in Hawaii's learned professions.

HHHRC remains committed to supporting leaders who reflect the diversity, dignity, and lived experiences of the communities they represent. At a time when public trust in government institutions is eroding, this Council has the opportunity to maintain fairness, transparency, and aloha in its leadership choices.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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The Honorable Tommy Waters, Council Chair
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street
Honolulu Hale, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Waters and Councilmembers

Subject: Resolution 25-170

The Mutual Housing Association of Hawai'i, Inc. ("Mutual Housing") supports Resolution 25-170, concerning the proposed officers of the Council for the City & County of Honolulu. We specifically want to share our support for Councilwoman Andria Tupola as the proposed Vice-Chair of the Council based on her exemplary and many years of strong leadership for West O'ahu and Honolulu.

Mutual Housing is local non-profit that owns, develops and manages low-income rental housing focused on Hawai'i's families. We have developed and manage two large rental communities in East Kapolei and have plans for third development of 348 low-income rentals. Councilwoman Tupola has always been strong supporter of our efforts and we know that we can count on her to advocate for our families and families in the area. We appreciate that she has been a strong and balanced voice when important issues in the area need to be addressed such as gun violence, traffic concerns and affordable housing.

We know that she will serve Honolulu well in this new leadership position. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Sincerely,

David M. Nakamura
Executive Director



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TO: HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION 25-170: RELATING TO THE
OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF
HONOLULU.

Hearing

DATE: Tuesday, June 17, 2025
TIME: 2:00pm

Aloha Honorable Chair Waters and Honolulu City Councilmembers,

The Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' International Association Local 630 (OPCMIA Local 630) is a trade union of over 900 plasterers and cement masons. Plasterer members of the union finish interior walls and ceilings of buildings and apply plaster on masonry, metal, and wire lath or gypsum. While cement mason members are responsible for all concrete construction, including the pouring and finishing of slabs, steps, wall tops, curbs and gutters, sidewalks, and paving. Local 630 is proud to represent its members in all matters related to the construction industry, while improving the quality of construction and protecting the public interest.

Financial Secretary-Treasurer & Business Manager of OPCMIA Local 630, Peter T. Iriarte, and the members of OPCMIA Local 630 stand in strong support of Resolution 25-170 which allows for Councilmember Tupola to serve as the Vice-Chair of the Honolulu City Council.

After having worked with her for many years, we find Councilmember Tupola to be both in support of organized labor and of working families county-wide. We feel strongly that her leadership will have a positive impact on the lives of the working men and woman of Honolulu.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Resolution 25-170.



Tuesday, June 17, 2025

TESTIMONY OF ABBY SIMMONS

Chair, Stonewall Caucus – Democratic Party of Hawai‘i

IN STRONG OPPOSITION TO RESOLUTION 25-170

To: Chair Waters and Members of the Honolulu City Council

Re: Resolution 25-170 – Electing Andria Tupola as Council Vice Chair

Aloha Chair Waters and Councilmembers,

My name is Abby Simmons, and I am submitting this testimony on behalf of the members of the Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i residing in the County of Honolulu. **We stand in strong opposition to Resolution 25-170, which would elevate Councilmember Andria Tupola to the position of Vice Chair:**

1 Misuse of Council Resources

First, it has come to our attention — through circulating screenshots on social media — that Councilmember Tupola has used her official government e-mail to campaign for herself, soliciting support for this resolution. This is deeply troubling. Using an official Council e-mail to further personal political advancement is at best an ethical gray area and, at worst, a misuse of taxpayer resources. It signals a willingness to push ethical boundaries to secure power — behavior that closely mirrors the troubling tactics of Donald Trump, whom Councilmember Tupola has historically praised.

2 Silent Endorsement of Harmful Federal Policies

Equally disturbing is Councilmember Tupola’s deafening silence on some of the most harmful policies championed by the Trump administration and perpetuated under his current leadership. To date, she has issued no public statements condemning:

- The violation of sanctuary city protections and state sovereignty through cruel and aggressive ICE raids that have terrorized immigrant families here in Honolulu.
- The devastating federal funding cuts that continue to threaten major non-profit organizations on O‘ahu and weaken the University of Hawai‘i’s capacity to serve local students.
- The forced adoption of an extremist right-wing agenda that undermines diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts — values cherished by our local communities.
- The unjust expulsion of transgender service members who have served honorably, solely because of who they are.
- The systematic, relentless attempts to erase the LGBTQIA+ community — especially our transgender siblings — from public life.

Testimony of Abby Simmons, Chair, Stonewall Caucus – Democratic Party of Hawai‘i
IN STRONG OPPOSITION TO RESOLUTION 25-170

Councilmember Tupola has remained silent while these injustices directly harm her constituents. Given her past support for Trump’s MAGA movement, her silence leaves us to conclude that she tacitly endorses these damaging policies.

3 Wrong Direction for Honolulu Leadership

The Honolulu City Council should be a beacon of integrity, inclusion, and trust. Replacing an openly LGBTQ+ councilmember who has proven his commitment to protecting public health and civil rights with a Trump-aligned official risks undoing vital progress and alienating thousands of residents who rely on local leaders to stand up for them.

Council leadership must reflect the values of all our communities, not empower an official whose silence on attacks against immigrants, LGBTQIA+ individuals, and local autonomy speaks volumes.

🗨 Therefore, on behalf of our Stonewall Caucus members residing in the County of Honolulu, I urge you to vote NO on Resolution 25-170. Do not gamble with the public’s trust. Do not allow divisive, ethically questionable behavior to guide the Council’s direction. And do not hand over leadership to someone who refuses to speak up for all of us.

Mahalo nui loa for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
Abby Simmons (she/her)
Chair, Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i
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Chair Waters, Vice Chair Weyer, and Members of the Council:

My name is Brandon Wolff, and I serve as International Vice President of ILWU Hawaii. I submit this testimony in **strong support** of Resolution 25-170 and the Honolulu City Council's right and responsibility to organize its leadership in alignment with its goals and priorities.

As a labor union representing working families across the state, ILWU Hawaii values democratic governance and respects the Council's authority to make internal decisions in the best interest of the people of Honolulu County. Leadership alignment is critical to maintaining unity of purpose, accountability, and the ability to address the complex challenges facing our communities.

We respectfully urge all involved to refrain from narratives that could divide the public or misrepresent the intent of this resolution. We have no doubt that every member of this Council is committed to serving their constituents with integrity and care.

The public expects and deserves a City Council that works collaboratively, even through disagreement, to provide strong, transparent, and effective leadership. ILWU Hawaii fully supports the Council's use of the democratic process to restructure itself.

Thank you for the opportunity testify.

Respectfully,

Brandon Wolff
International Vice President
ILWU Hawaii

MICHAEL J. GOLOJUCH, JR. (he/him)

Civil Rights Activist
Kapolei, HI 96707-1340

June 16, 2025

To: Honolulu City Council
Honolulu Hale
530 S. King Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

From: Michael Golojuch, Jr. (he/him)
Makakilo, HI 96707

RE: Testimony In Strong Opposition to Resolution 25-170

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Weyer, and Members of the Honolulu City Council,

My name is Michael Golojuch, Jr., and I am submitting this testimony in my personal capacity, in **strong opposition** to Resolution 25-170. The reason for this opposition is that the resolution seeks to name Council Member Andria Tupola as Vice Chair of the Honolulu City Council under its current draft.

While it is always important to foster collaboration and respectful governance, it is equally important that those elevated to leadership positions uphold the highest ethical standards and maintain a clear distinction between personal political ambitions and public service. Unfortunately, Council Member Tupola has shown a troubling pattern of blurring those lines.

Specifically, the use of her foundation's social media accountⁱ to promote and support her personal political campaigns is an abuse of the public's trust and violates the spirit—if not the letter—of campaign finance and nonprofit regulations. Foundations and nonprofits are not to be used as shadow campaign apparatuses. Doing so raises serious concerns about transparency, accountability, and the improper use of charitable resources for political gain.

I also want to raise a serious concern: Councilmember Tupola has listed her taxpayer-funded government email address as the point of contact for a private social media account connected to her nonprofit organization. While I am not an ethics expert, [I have completed the State's ethics training—freely available online](#)—and this appears to be a clear violation of the State's ethics policy. I would hope that the City and County of Honolulu's ethics guidelines align with those at the state level. This raises an important question: Is it legal for an elected official to use a government-funded email address to conduct nonprofit business—especially for a nonprofit whose social media presence appears to be used to promote that same elected official's political campaigns? I urge the Council to seek an official ruling on this matter and ensure the findings are shared with all Councilmembers.

These kinds of behavior, in my opinion, are disqualifying for a leadership position on the Council. The Vice Chair must be someone who leads by example and adheres strictly to ethical norms, both in public perception and in actual practice. To reward this conduct with one of the highest positions in the Council sends the wrong message to the people of Honolulu—that misuse of platforms and public trust will be overlooked in pursuit of political convenience or expediency.

I urge this body to reject Resolution 25-170 as it currently stands and reconsider any leadership appointments that would place Council Member Tupola in a role that demands greater ethical responsibility and integrity.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Michael Golojuch, Jr. (he/him)
Makakilo Resident, Council District 1
In Personal Capacity

c: Jan Yamane, Executive Director of the Honolulu Ethics Commission

Note: Per DCCA filings the non-profit in question was originally (founding 2011) called “Make A Joyful Noise Project”, then in 2018 it was renamed to “Andria Tupola Foundation”, and it is currently called “Empower Hawaii Foundation”.

Other Filings			
Date	Description	Remarks	
Oct 3, 2019	Name Change	FROM: ANDRIA <TUPOLA> FOUNDATION	
Dec 5, 2018	Name Change	FROM: MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE PROJECT	
Mar 7, 2011	Articles of Incorporation	Articles of Incorporation	

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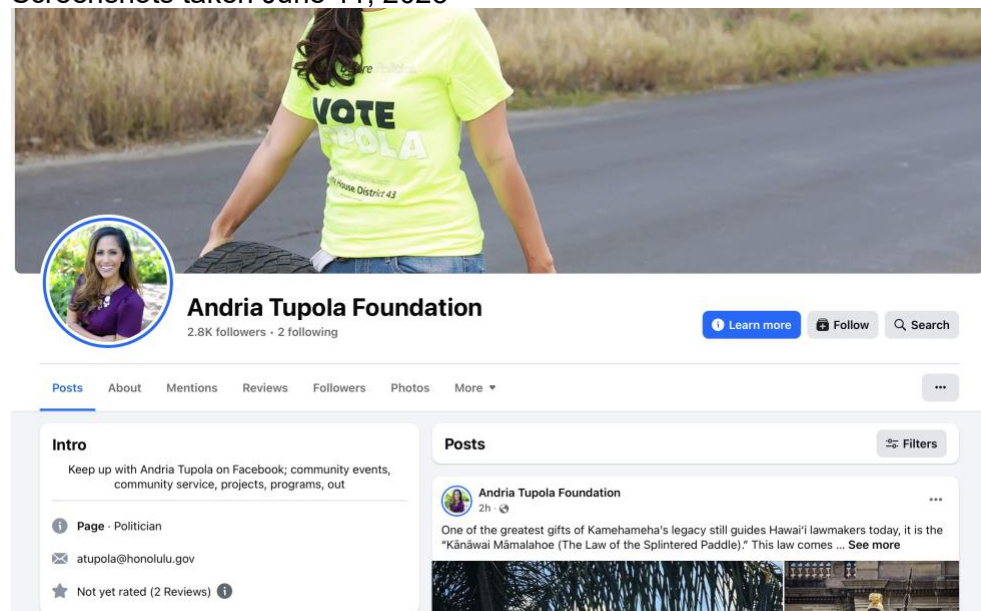
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Per then State Representative Tupola’s 2015 State Ethics Disclosure form shows that she claimed ownership of “Make A Joyful Noise Project”

https://files.hawaii.gov/ethics/disc/2015/FinLong_5481.pdf

i Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/cmtupola> (CM = Council Member?)

Screenshots taken June 11, 2025



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Is an elected official allowed to use their tax-payer funded email address to run a foundation?



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June 16, 2025

Honorable, Tommy Waters, Honolulu City Council, Chair
Honorable, Matt Weyer, Vice Chair
Honorable Members of the Honolulu City Council

RE: Resolution 25-170- Relating to the officers of the Council of the City and County of Honolulu.

Chair Tommy Waters, Vice Chair, Esther Kia'āina, Vice Chair, and Members of the Honolulu City Council on Zoning,

My name is Ana Tuiasosopo. I am the District Representative and Trustee for Operating Engineers Local 3. We are the largest Construction Trades Local in the United States. I and the members of Operating Engineers Local 3 would like to offer comments on Resolution 25-170.

For much of the time the members of the Honolulu City Council have supported developments and projects that have supported the people of Hawaii and the working men and women of the construction industry.

We understand that changes are coming, but despite these changes we look forward to the council's continued commitment to supporting future projects that deal with affordable housing, the Paradise Cove Redevelopment, and finishing rail to UH.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ana Tuiasosopo', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Ana Tuiasosopo
Hawaii District Representative, Trustee
Hawaii Operating Engineers Local 3

Kenneth Nishimura
Director of Operations
Keep it Flowing
info@keepitflowingmedia.com

June 16, 2025

Honolulu City Council
530 S. King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, HI 96813

Attn: Council Leadership Selection Committee

Subject: Strong Support for Council Member Andria Tupola as Vice Chair of the Honolulu City Council

Aloha Chair and Members of the Honolulu City Council,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for Council Member Andria Tupola as Vice Chair of the Honolulu City Council. As a community partner who has had the privilege of working closely with Council Member Tupola over the past decade, I have seen firsthand her professionalism, vision, and deep-rooted commitment to serving the people of O‘ahu.

Council Member Tupola is a leader who doesn’t just advocate for change—she creates it. Her ability to galvanize communities, lead by example, and remain grounded in cultural values and civic responsibility makes her exceptionally qualified for this role. Her collaborative style, ability to unite diverse stakeholders, and passion for youth engagement and wellness have directly impacted the success of numerous programs I have led or participated in.

Here are just a few examples of her leadership and partnership in action:

- **Nānākuli Community Wellness and Beautification Mural (Spring 2016):** Council Member Tupola co-organized a large-scale public mural effort that brought over 150 volunteers of all ages together. Her leadership was pivotal in bringing to life a 25,000 sq ft mural that continues to inspire pride and wellness in the Nānākuli community.
- **Niu Valley Middle School Painting Initiative (Fall 2019):** I participated in this school rejuvenation effort led by Council Member Tupola. Her organizational ability and motivational leadership helped transform the campus in a single day through teamwork and shared commitment.
- **Lōkahi Mural Program at Olomana School, Hawai‘i Youth Correctional Facility (Spring 2023):** Her presence and willingness to share leadership wisdom with incarcerated youth demonstrated her care for all members of our society—especially those often overlooked.
- **Drive with Aloha Mural (Fall 2023):** As the first installment in our statewide initiative to promote responsible driving, this mural in Nānākuli included Council Member Tupola delivering a heartfelt message to drive sober—resonating deeply with the community.

- **Drive with Aloha Impaired Driving Prevention Event at Honolulu Hale (May 2025):** Council Member Tupola co-organized this critical event during graduation season to address impaired driving. Her initiative helped amplify public awareness and provided a platform for healing and prevention.

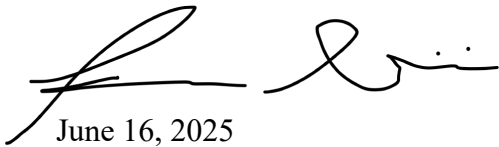
Council Member Tupola exemplifies the type of leader who brings people together across generations and sectors. She leads with heart, follows through on commitments, and remains grounded in community values while promoting innovation and action. Her work ethic, empathy, and integrity are exactly what is needed in Council leadership today.

I urge you to strongly consider appointing Council Member Andria Tupola as Vice Chair. Her proven record of service and impact across the island makes her an ideal candidate to help lead our City Council into a more inclusive, thoughtful, and effective future.

Mahalo for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Mahalo nui,

Kenneth Nishimura

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June 16, 2025

***DYLAN P. ARMSTRONG, INDIVIDUAL
TESTIMONY: BILL RES 25-170 (2025)***

17 June 2023

*Honolulu City Council
c/o the Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair*

RE: RES 25-170, Relating to the Officers of the Council of the City and County of Honolulu

Aloha mai kākou, Chair Waters, and esteemed Council Members:

I write in support of the measure. Although I do not know Member Tupola personally, I do acknowledge the readily apparent depth of her conviction and commitment to public service. I am better acquainted with Member Kia‘āina, who previously served well and capably as Vice Chair of the Council, and is well-suited to serve as Floor Leader.

Politics is a very contradictory arena. It defies the morals I hold to spiritually. As such, these matters challenge me deeply. What I can say is that the rules of reward and consequences are quite manifest in politics, and the failure to abide by them has consequences which are often unforeseeable and sometimes severe. I am not remotely optimistic in that regard.

That said, one of the reasons why I helped the Honorable Tommy Waters as then Candidate Waters overthrow the previously dominant faction in the Council, is that politics guided by and dominated by revenge, and often very petty revenge, was an acid eating away at the good government of the City and County. Your Council must be rooted in forgiveness and fraternity as much as discipline.

As for the two unnamed members affected by this resolution, I wish them well as a friend and supporter. I intend nothing untoward them in any way with my support here. And when you use discipline to maintain order, it is important to use the least necessary force, and do the most minimal amount of harm. Do not be avengers. Who can say what each of us may yet achieve?

There is an instigator at the heart of the squashed conspiracy who is not affected directly by this resolution, yet is very much the elephant in the room. As much as I previously enjoyed his friendship, he also helped me better understand why betrayal is that sin populating the lowest level of Dante's depiction of Hell. Betrayers harm on a level not neatly calculated, not easily imagined. They shouldn't be permitted to betray again and again, if only for harm reduction's sake.

Furthermore, it's the foolishness of narcissism, of vanity, to believe that someone whose defining characteristic over a career is rank opportunism, with multiple and readily-committed acts of disloyalty against multiple parties, including former mentors and employers, will not in turn betray you. He will. Empower these to your own destruction.

As always, your friend.



DYLAN P. ARMSTRONG, INDIVIDUAL

**SPECIAL MEETING CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
10TH SESSION TUESDAY,
JUNE 17, 2025 2:00 P.M.**

[RES25-170](#) Measure Title:

RELATING TO THE OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

Date Introduced:

Jun 6, 2025 Introduced By: SCOTT Y. NISHIMOTO, VAL OKIMOTO

To: Chair Waters and Council members

From: Choon James, ChoonJamesHawaii@gmail.com

It's been said that this proposed leadership change is related to **Bill 60** - the sewer fees increases and various attempts to massage yet another increased costs of living for Oahu.

Whatever the motives may be for the City Council changes today, I'm taking this opportunity to register my severe concerns that there were insufficient advocacy into putting our residents first for the adoption of **Bill 60**.

I was unable to remain all day on June 4 to testify on **Bill 60**. It was going to pass anyways, with or without our public testimonies.

For this sewer fee increase issue, Oahu was fortunate to have concerned professionals like Mr. Frank Doyle who has been working with the city's sanitation departments since 1977. Frank Doyle's institutional and knowledge of the frontline workings of city's sanitation issues, including the EPA CONSENT DECREE, are invaluable. There are some who still remember the county spilling raw sewage into the Ala Wai Canal and ocean waters. Then Mayor Mufi Hanneman and Senator Daniel Inouye resisted the EPA's efforts to mitigate the environmental contamination. They were confronted with an EPA lawsuit and a Consent Decree.

Unfortunately, Doyle's compelling and written testimony (attached below) to Bill 60 was ignored. His group's professional (*over 200 combined years of water quality management experience drawn from scientific, engineering, operating and regulatory sectors*) suggestions to you was ignored. Their over-arching and costs-savings directions, including revisiting the EPA Consent Decree, that could make life less costly for our residents were ignored.

Frank Doyle's written testimony to Bill 60 that would have made life easier for our residents was ignored. Unfortunately, the Blangiardi Administration/City Council Status Quo to continue to spend and push the \$2.5 Billion development prevailed with the adoption of Bill 60 on June 4, 2025.

Testimony City Council 6/4/25

Aloha Chairman and Members of the Committee. My name is Frank Doyle. I am a member of a group of scientists and engineers with over 400 collective years of experience protecting Hawai'i's sensitive and precious near-shore and deep-ocean waters. For the past four years, our group of has been engaged in discussions around the ill-advised need for secondary treatment at the Sand Island Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) which is projected to cost more than \$2.5 billion dollars and will not bring any measurable environmental benefits or added public health protection to Oahu's citizens.

With the passage of Bill 60 on third reading and its inclusion in the FY 26 Budget, the Council will have agreed to fund approximately 10.1 billion dollars for wastewater capital improvement projects over the next ten years, including the unjustified \$2.5 billion dollar 2010 Consent Decree requirement for secondary treatment at Sand Island. Funded by bonds and repaid through a ten-year program of sewer fees proposed by the City Administration, and with final approval by the City Council, this financial undertaking is one of the most single significant expenditures for the City and County of Honolulu currently and for the foreseeable future.

Over the past four months, proposals have been made to restructure sewer fee rates and financing methods to reduce taxpayer burden. Council approval requires clear and sufficient detail on the purpose, cost, and benefits of proposed projects to make informed decisions on the work and related expenditures. The request for more detailed information has been made by the Council to the City Administration. The question is how and when will an oversight process be forthcoming.

The high multi-billion dollar capital cost for the Sand Island WWTP secondary treatment facilities has been discussed extensively, but there has been little discussion on the very high operation, maintenance, and replacement costs. The new facilities will require very large expenditures for energy, labor, and supplies. The proposed secondary treatment process depends on a large amount of mechanical and electrical equipment that require knowledgeable operators and skilled mechanical/electrical support staff. With our high salinity septic wastewater and exposure to salt-laden air in coastal areas, corrosion challenges are significant immense. Both concrete structures and mechanical/electrical equipment can have vastly reduced services lives if not well maintained. Good intensive maintenance to minimize is both costly and labor intensive.

The City is already facing significant struggles in adequately staffing its wastewater treatment plants. This struggle is significant due to retirement, employees seeking other job opportunities with better compensation and better/cleaner working environments, and lack of new entry level employees.

The wastewater industry as a whole is struggling due to the younger "cell phone" generation not being mechanically inclined and not wanting to "get their hands dirty." The challenges in providing good operation and maintenance are already evident in the large backlog of and equipment replacement work. Challenges and dire consequences associated with staffing shortages are already significant and the added needs of the new Honouliuli WWTP secondary facilities and startup of the new 20 mgd secondary facilities at the Sand Island WWTP will only exacerbate the situation.

While automation can reduce the number of staff required, there are still challenges with finding skilled electronic technicians that have more lucrative job opportunities elsewhere. The labor pool of highly skilled computer specialists and technicians in Hawaii is extremely small. Sophisticated electronic equip also does not fare well in corrosive environments. This has been demonstrated in treatment plants throughout Hawaii.

In addition to the 10.1 billion dollars of capital projects proposed there are also other competing water, waste water and stormwater projects that should be prioritized as noted in the 2021 INTEGRATED PLANNING FOR CLEAN WATER ON OAHU document provided in Council Correspondence [CC-051\(25\)](#) in order to determine the best benefit for cost, In addition, we understand that the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) (HR 7279), allows municipalities to use Integrated Planning to meet CWA requirements.

The City Department of Environmental Services (ENV) has recently completed its Integrated Planning Feasibility Study Final Report which recommended ENV pursue an integrated planning process. The Council should require that completion of the Final Integrated Planning process be completed so that the six-year plan for capital projects can be prioritized and included in the FY27 Budget. We believe in doing so secondary treatment at Sand Island will be significantly modified, or given such a low priority that it will be eliminated because as confirmed by the City Administration there are no significant public health or environmental

concerns with the present Sand Island treated effluent and therefore, no meaning benefits to be gained.

Conclusion, we recommend that all funding for secondary treatment should be suspended until the Final Integrated Planning process is completed.

In addition, we continue to support Council Resolution 287, urging the City Administration to revisit the 2010 Consent Decree requirement for secondary treatment at Sand Island and perhaps other Consent Decree requirements. To date, however, except for our group's letter sent to the EPA Municipal Ombudsman, it appears no other effort, to initiate discussions, has been made. Why not, considering the removal of secondary treatment could reduce the cost of Sewer Fee rates by 25 percent or more. We are concerned that The City Administration appears to be spending at speed, in order to have funding for the design and construction of secondary treatment at Sand Island under contract as additional justification for continuing the completion of this \$2.5 billion dollar project.

Conclusion, we again recommend that all funding for secondary treatment at Sand Island be suspended until meaningful discussions with the EPA and others are ongoing.

We have time to pause and take a breath. Provisions in the 2010 consent decree allow for justified increases in the schedule for completion to 2038.

As you are aware, our group has appeared at various meetings and venues over the past four years stating our opposition to secondary treatment at the Sand Island WWTP. Though we speak as a group of concerned citizens, we reflect over 200 years of water quality management experience drawn from the scientific, engineering, operating and regulatory sectors. Since the 1960's, members of our group have been involved in the planning, design, construction, operation and regulation of numerous collection, treatment and disposal facilities throughout O'ahu that have restored, enhanced and protected the inland and coastal waters of the island. No individuals or group of individuals have been more vocal or engaged in environmental and public health advocacy for the past fifty years, from creating the Water Quality Program for O'ahu to establishing water quality standards for the State of Hawai'i. Our commitment to environmental and public health protection is uncompromising.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify and be a part of the FY26 Budget process.





Environmental Caucus of The Democratic Party of Hawai‘i

<https://hnlldoc.ehawaii.gov/hnlldoc/testimony>

June 17, 2025

Aloha, Members of the Honolulu City Council!

Re: **Res 25-170**, Relating to the Officers of the Council of the City and County of Honolulu; Hearing June 17, 2025, 2:00 p.m.

The Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i strongly **opposes** this Resolution! The Resolution would remove Councilmember Matt Weyer as vice chair of the Council and replace him in that position with Councilmember Andria Tupola.

Member Weyer has been a strong advocate for labor and working families in his District. While we respectfully did not fully agree with his recent vote against the very steep increases in sewer rates, we recognize that these increases are extremely burdensome for his low-income district. By contrast, Member Tupola is a strong supporter of the Trump Administration in Washington, with which we have far more serious and fundamental disagreements. Regretfully, we have observed that Member Tupola has enthusiastically endorsed many of those policies.

Accordingly, for us in the Environmental Caucus, the choice is clear: Matt Weyer should remain as vice chair of the Council. We respectfully urge the Council to vote against Resolution 25-170.

/s/Alan B. Burdick
Co-Chair
Burdick808@gmail.com

Testimony of Michele Golojuch

In Strong Opposition to Resolution 25-170

Submitted in Personal Capacity

Aloha Chair Waters, Vice Chair Weyer, and Members of the Honolulu City Council,

My name is Michele Golojuch. I am a proud resident of Makakilo, an early childhood educator, and a citizen deeply committed to the well-being and safety of our keiki and broader community. I am submitting this testimony in my personal capacity to express my strong and unequivocal opposition to Councilmember Andria Tupola being crowned Vice Chair of the Honolulu City Council, as proposed in Resolution 25-170.

As someone who works closely with Hawai‘i’s youngest and most vulnerable populations on a daily basis, I believe that leadership must be grounded in trust, responsibility, and a commitment to public health and ethical conduct. Councilmember Tupola’s actions during the COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated the opposite.

Let us not forget that COVID-19 was the most significant public health crisis in recent history, and the Waianae Coast—the community Councilmember Tupola represents—was consistently among the hardest hit. Despite this, she chose to publicly declare that she was unvaccinated: <https://www.civilbeat.org/2021/08/city-council-member-andria-tupola-will-not-run-for-governor-next-year>

More disturbingly, she spread vaccine misinformation, citing a completely unsubstantiated anecdote that a child developed a brain tumor after vaccination—an irresponsible claim that has no basis in medical science:

<https://www.staradvertiser.com/2021/08/05/hawaii-news/city-council-member-andria-tupola-not-vaccinated-and-not-planning-a-run-for-governor-next-year>

She went even further by inviting national anti-vaccine activists to testify before the City Council, giving a platform to fringe voices and prompting well-deserved public criticism from Council Chair Tommy Waters:

<https://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/video/2021/10/20/council-chair-criticizes-speakers-promoting-dangerous-views-about-covid-vaccines>

And when she did choose to participate in pandemic response efforts, it was not out of a sense of civic duty. Councilmember Tupola took a high-level role at S&G Labs Hawaii—a pop-up testing operation that acted without coordination from public health authorities. This venture, which appeared financially motivated, was ultimately ruled by the Honolulu Ethics Commission to have improperly used City funds:

<https://www.civilbeat.org/2022/03/honolulu-councilwoman-tupola-likely-violated-ethics-laws-commission-finds>

Taken together, her actions during the pandemic reveal a pattern that disqualifies her from leadership within the City Council:

1. She promoted anti-science rhetoric and public misinformation.
2. She abandoned those beliefs when it suited her financially, reflecting profound moral inconsistency.
3. She broke ethical rules, further eroding public trust in local government.

At a time when we need responsible, principled leadership, appointing someone with this track record to a position of greater power sends the wrong message to the people of O‘ahu—especially our children who deserve adults they can look up to.

I respectfully urge you to oppose Councilmember Andria Tupola’s appointment as Vice Chair and to prioritize leadership that is consistent, ethical, and rooted in community care.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Michele Golojuch

Early Childhood Educator

Kapolei Resident

Voter and Advocate

Aloha,

My name is Julia Jay, and I am writing as a concerned resident and as a proud gay woman who found refuge, freedom, and acceptance when I moved to Hawai'i. I am strongly opposed to the proposed removal of Council Member Matt Weyer and his replacement with Andria Tupola.

Council Member Weyer has demonstrated a commitment to inclusivity, community empowerment, and upholding the values that make Hawai'i a unique and welcoming place for all people. To replace him with someone whose record is deeply aligned with a political movement that has repeatedly targeted LGBTQIA+ individuals, immigrants, people of color, women, and labor rights would be deeply harmful and regressive.

Andria Tupola has vocally supported President Donald Trump—a figure whose administration banned transgender people from serving in the military, dismantled vital healthcare protections, attacked public education, and worked to erode civil rights. She even supported the punishment of her colleague Beth Fukumoto for speaking out against Trump's dangerous rhetoric. That kind of loyalty speaks volumes.

I am passionate about this issue not only because of my own identity but because Hawai'i has long stood as a beacon of diversity and acceptance. Moving here gave me the freedom to live openly as a gay woman—something I had not experienced before. That freedom and sense of safety came not only from the beautiful land but from the inclusive spirit of the people who live here.

The contributions of LGBTQIA+ people and other marginalized communities are not new to Hawai'i—they are rooted in its cultural and historical foundations. Māhū, for example, were traditionally respected in Native Hawaiian society as caretakers of culture and spiritual guides. They were not just accepted; they were honored. That legacy must be preserved and protected, not threatened by the rise of exclusionary and harmful politics.

To allow someone with a record like Tupola's to step into a position of power over a district that values diversity, inclusion, and justice would send the message that those values are negotiable. They are not. We cannot afford to take steps backward.

Please do not replace Matt Weyer with someone whose views do not reflect the soul of Hawai'i or the values of its people.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Julia Jay



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Hale o nā Luna Makaʻāinana

STATE OF HAWAII
STATE CAPITOL
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July 17, 2025

Meeting: June 17, 2025, 2:00 p.m.

Special Meeting, City Council Chamber
Honolulu, Hawaiʻi

RE: Testimony in Support of Resolution 25-170
RELATING TO THE OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY
OF HONOLULU

Aloha Chair, Vice-Chair, and esteemed members of the Council,

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide comments on Resolution 25-170, which formalizes the election of new Council officers.

While this resolution focuses on procedural leadership transitions, I would be remiss not to recognize and uplift the deeper significance of this moment: for the first time in recent history, the Honolulu City Council would be led by three Native Hawaiian leaders, Council Chair Tommy Waters, Council Vice-Chair Andria Tupola, and Council Floor Leader Esther Kiaʻāina. This is a powerful reflection of the changing face of leadership in Hawaiʻi, and a reaffirmation that Native Hawaiian voices are not only present but guiding the path forward for our island communities.

Even more notably, two of these leaders, Vice-Chair Tupola and Floor Leader Kiaʻāina are Native Hawaiian wāhine. In a society where Native Hawaiian women have often been underrepresented in formal government structures, their leadership today honors the legacy of Wāhine Aliʻi, like Queen Liliʻuokalani and Princess Ruth Keʻelikōlani, whose courage, wisdom, and stewardship of the land still inspire us.

This is more than representation. It is restoration of values, cultural grounding, and generational continuity. It sends a clear message to keiki across the pae ʻāina that leadership can and should reflect the people and place it serves.

Representative Darius K. Kila

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City and County of Honolulu, City Council
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I extend my aloha and congratulations to the Council officers, and I urge continued collaboration, inclusion, and vision as you lead the City and County of Honolulu into the next chapter.

Very truly yours,

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Darius K. Kila
Representative, House District 44
Mā'ili, Nānākuli, Honokai Hale, Ko 'Olina