

**TESTIMONY OF
LARRY S VERAY**

**TO THE
CITY COUNCIL
CITY & COUNTY HONOLULU**

MOST STRONGLY SUPPORT RESOLUTION 25-205

**RENAMING THE PEARL CITY DISTRICT PARK POOL AS PEARL CITY DISTRICT
PARK TO THE KEN SUENAGA PEARL CITY DISTRICT PARK POOL**

SEPTEMBER 1, 2025

Aloha, Chairman Tommy Waters, Vice Chair Andrea Tupola and City Council members. I am Larry Veray and I presently serve as Chairman for the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 and Vice Chair of the Neighborhood Commission. I am submitting this testimony on behalf of the Pearl City Neighborhood Board as a whole.

The Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 is in total agreement and it is most deserving to rename the Pearl City District Park Pool in honor of retired coach Ken Suenaga based on several accolades the board received in testimony from the community at our last Pearl City Neighborhood Board meeting on Tuesday, August 23, 2025.

For the past 50 years, retired coach Ken Suenaga, trained, mentored and certified hundreds of Pearl City aquatics swimming team members leading them to win numerous swimming meets for Pearl City. He personally shaped and inspired generations of swimmers in Pearl City and did so by his amazing commitment to the sport of swimming. He was not just a great coach, he was a great man, father and grandfather as well. He inspired so many of his students to be achievers. His love for life and love for all his swimmers. He made the team into a family that resulted in students to be better swimmers and better young people, respecting the sport and importantly respecting others. He is not only a legend in Pearl City but for the entire state. He made such a great impact in his community for so many of our residents who are now much older but never forget the love and kindness of coach Ken Suenaga.

Retired coach Ken Suenaga has just celebrated his 94th birthday and it is so deserving that we rename the Pearl City District Park Pool in honor of his name.

Therefore, the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 most strongly urges you to approve Resolution 25-205. Mahalo!

Larry S. Veray