

RES26-045
Testimony

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Meeting Date: Mar 25, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 2

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 0

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Representing: Self	Position: Support	Submitted: Mar 19, 2026 @ 05:51 PM
Testimony: TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION 26-045 March 25, 2026 – Honolulu City Council Aloha Chair and Members of the City Council, My name is Dr. Mel Ona, and I am a resident of East Honolulu. I am writing in strong support of Resolution 26-045, which would accept a gift of three pickleball net systems, including installation, for Kamilo Iki Community Park. This proposal represents a simple but meaningful investment in community health, connection, and accessibility. Pickleball has become one of the fastest-growing recreational activities across our state, bringing together individuals of all ages—from keiki to kupuna—in a way that promotes physical activity, social connection, and overall well-being. At its best, it is more than just a sport—it is a gathering point for community. In East Honolulu, we have seen increasing demand for safe, accessible spaces where residents can come together to stay active and engaged. Kamilo Iki Community Park is uniquely positioned to serve this need, and the addition of dedicated pickleball nets will help transform this community space into a vibrant hub for recreation and connection. As a physician, I see firsthand the importance of preventive health—keeping people active, reducing isolation, and creating environments that support both physical and mental well-being. Small investments like this can have an outsized impact on long-term health outcomes for our community. This gift is offered with deep appreciation for our community and with the hope that it will serve as a lasting resource for residents for years to come. I respectfully urge the Council to adopt Resolution 26-045. Mahalo for your time, your leadership, and your continued commitment to enhancing the quality of life for the people of Honolulu. With gratitude and aloha, Dr. Mel A. Ona East Honolulu Resident		

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TO: Members of the Honolulu City Council

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DATE: Wednesday, March 25, 2026

SUBJECT: Resolution 26-045, Gift of Pickleball Equipment - **SUPPORT**

Aloha Chair Waters and Councilmembers,

Thank you for allowing testimony on Resolution 26-045, which would accept pickleball equipment and related installation from Mr. and Mrs. Mel Ona at Kamilo Iki Community Park. I support this resolution and the underlying gift.

Pickleball is a fast-growing sport within our communities and a good way for residents to get some fun exercise.

Please vote “yes” on Resolution 26-045.