

Resolution 21-34 Testimony

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Written Testimony

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
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Aloha Councilmembers,

Written Testimony I have served on my neighborhood board for several years and have seen an increase in productivity, participation and transparency during our recent virtual meetings due to the global pandemic. Increased flexibility and options for conducting NB meetings would give more access to community members and catapult this important civic process into the new age of technology we are currently in. By remaining stagnant and enforcing outdated NB policies, we are only doing a disservice to the communities these boards serve. Thank you for your consideration.

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Written Testimony

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization Self

Aloha. I'm Bill Hicks, Chairman of the Kailua Neighborhood Board, but writing as an individual in support of Resolution 21-34 that would broaden the options for Neighborhood Boards to include remote member and public participation using teleconference technology.

Written Testimony

The Kailua Neighborhood Board was able to conduct socially distanced and masked in-person meetings in June, July, and August, 2020. All of these summer meetings were also broadcast to a wide audience using facebook live, and three of these received between 1,300 and 1,900 views. The July and August, 2020 meetings included a hybrid of in-person board member attendance augmented by some remote board member attendance via ZOOM.

All Kailua Neighborhood Board meetings since October, 2020 have been conducted exclusively using WEBEX.

We have evolved and grown with the introduction of technology and I believe it is clear that including remote participation expands public participation. Even as we look forward to a return to in-person meetings - as I believe in-person attendance can be more effective -- the value of the added participation that can be achieved by incorporating remote is important to preserve.

Mahalo!

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Aloha Councilmembers,

Written Testimony I testify in strong support of Res 21-34, CD1, which will improve public access and participation in government. As former head of the Neighborhood Commission Office (2015 - 2019), I strongly believe there is an opportunity to utilize technology to facilitate more accessible and efficient neighborhood boards meetings, thereby increasing participation, as stated in the City Charter.

Mahalo,

Shawn Hamamoto

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