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TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2012

10:30 A.M.

IN REGARD TO DISCUSSION OF THE STATUS OF KOKOHEAD SHOOTING RANGE;
MAINTENANCE, OPERATIONS, AND FEE USAGE.

I have to be at my Rotary Club meeting at 1130, so I am not able to attend this discussion, but I wish to express my thanks for your putting it on the agenda. The Koko Head range, to my knowledge, is the only public range on Oahu, and as such it gets intensive use. On weekends, when I take young people to the range to teach them how to shoot safely, sometimes every shooting station is occupied. In addition, parts of the shed roof have disappeared, and the structural supports show a lack of maintenance. This is typical for city owned and operated facilities, like our parks and recreational facilities, roads and sidewalks, and plantings. The city tends to install facilities and then not maintain them. I urge the city council to audit the way appropriated funds are actually spent on maintaining facilities, and see if something can be done about the condition of the Koko Head facilities in particular. We all have to live with the deplorable condition of our pot hole filled roads, homeless occupied parks, and neglected landscapes. For the shooting community, we have to live with inadequate, overused, and poorly maintained facilities at Koko Head. Let's maintain our public investment in the public facilities, and in fact let's expand our shooting facilities to better serve the citizens of West Oahu, and the North Shore, so that they do not have to drive all the way across the island to find a safe place to shoot.

Thank you for your consideration of my views.

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