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My name is Becky Zienkiewicz and I am one the women who exercise at Kailua Beach Park with a mommy group called Stroller Strides. Our group meets with our Keikis & strollers at the Beach Park 3x a week for 1 hr and 15 minuets.

SS is not just an exercise group, we are role models, a support group, a social networking, an ohana. Many of the moms walk to the beach park to participate, and we hold play groups for our children every week in the park. Play groups come and go but SS has provided its services to countless Kailua mommies for over a decade now, and it weighs heavy on my heart that this small group will no longer be able to meet at KBP if Bill 11 is passed.

I am lucky enough to have been born and raised in Kailua so I understand the importance of keeping our growing town from becoming the "Next Waikiki". That being said, Bill 11 has many valid and important point but, by preventing ALL COMMERCIAL activities in the park you are affecting not only the Kayak companies and tourists busses, but also small local businesses that cater to the Kailua community like SS.

Our group does a lot more than just exercise. We babysit each other's children, we provide meals when someone is sick, has a baby or suffers the loss of a loved one, and most importantly we give back to the community. Last year, we raised thousands of dollars for the American Cancer Society by participating in the Relay for Life. We donated bags of clothing to the Salvation Army after hosting a clothing exchange. We do park clean ups, picking up trash and debry around the beach park. We collected boxes of food for the Hawaii Food Bank. Each month we have dinner at a different Kailua restaurant bringing in hundreds of dollars of business. We support other local businesses, such as Kalapawai Market, Baby Showers Hawaii, Little Sprouts, Book Ends, and so on. We aren't just a bunch of moms running around the park. We are active participants in this community and are much happier because we start our day with Stroller Strides.

Kailua has always been a family oriented community, that is one of the many reasons why I love where I live. Stroller Strides is designed for families. It is for mothers with small children to congregate together, exercise, stimulate our children, be active participants in the community and support one another in the difficulties of mother hood and parenting. SS is a very prominent part of my life (as well as many other moms) and has helped me and my kids in so many ways.

It's a modest business that mostly pays in satisfaction and feeling a sense of purpose. It bring health, fitness, and friendship to a community of stay-at-home mothers who needed to get out of the house and socialize. This is what Kailua Beach Park is meant to do! If you look at Stroller Strides the business, you can only find positive results from its existence.

I truly hope that we can come to a compromise and allow the distribution of a minimal amount of permits for commercial activities in the KBP area.

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