

Item #9

TO: Parks and Cultural Affairs

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SUBJECT: Bill 11, CD1 Commercial Activities at Certain County Parks - COMMENTS

Aloha Councilmembers,

Thank you for allowing additional testimony on Bill 11, CD1, which would ban commercial activities, except filming, at two parks in Kailua. While I understand the intent of this bill, I urge councilmembers to proceed with caution and work toward a compromise.

There are already rumblings on the north shore about another park that residents would like to see have no commercial activities. I'm sure if you ask residents near various other parks, you would find others who would like to secure their parks for non-commercial use as well.

In addition, there are sure to be unintended consequences of this bill as we saw with the tent-by-permit-only bill and its impact on Hanauma Bay. Are there non-intrusive commercial activities that this bill would impact?

Rather than ban commercial activities from Kailua parks, current rules and laws should be enforced. I also urge council to work toward a compromise with businesses and the community.