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For Council meeting on August 15, 2012

Please vote NO on the Bill 11 override.

Testimony of Bob Twogood

Mayor Carlisle rightly vetoed Bill 11 because he saw the flaws in this legislation, and because he recognized that there are issues that need to be addressed at Kailua Beach Park, but to address them with a total ban of all commercial activity in the park is not the best way to handle the situation.

A ban of all commercial activity in the park will take away all the activities that are completely appropriate for our park and used by Oahu residents and visitors alike. It will also put our company and several others in Kailua out of business and our workers out of jobs.

A large part of the problem at the park has been a lack of enforcement of current laws governing these activities. Whatever new rules are created, if they are not enforced, the situation at the park will not improve.

Bill 5, which bans commercial activity at Kailua Beach Park from 1pm Saturday and all day Sunday, has recently gone into effect on July 1. It's clear there are not a large number of residents using the park on weekdays, which Bill 11 addresses, as there are on weekends. So, doesn't it just make sense to vote NO on this override vote and come back with Bill that would create a permit system that would regulate the number and types of activities? If such a system is enforced, it would solve the problems that some people have with activities at the park, and it will avoid all the unnecessary damage that Bill 11 will do.

Please vote NO on this override of Bill 11 vote.

Thanks for your time and consideration,

Bob Twogood

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