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Aloha Kym,

This is David Loganbill. I am writing to you again in support of the dawn to dusk Lifeguard hours for the city and county of ocean safety division lifeguard services.

As I wrote to you before, In my 26 years of service working the east side of Oahu, mainly Sandy beach and Makapuu, and also 18 years as a jet ski rescue unit operator, I have seen or heard after the fact, on so many occasions, of people getting injured, being rescued, and worst of all, dying off the shores of our beaches and rugged coastlines before our shifts start at 9am and after our shifts end at 5:30pm. I know most of those rescues, injuries and deaths could of been prevented if we were on duty.

I always remember, and it still happens every day, when I would be leaving Sandys or Makapuu at 5:30 pm after our shift ends and thinking it is absolutely absurd that we are not working until dusk, while hundreds of people are still at the beach and in the water. Leaving any incidents that may happen for the unequipped local surfers and bodyboarders to do the job, then HFD coming from their fire stations to clean up the rest. We could have efficiently prevented these incidents or could of made the rescues and provide immediate first aid and or CPR if we were still on duty. I also have been a part of some of these rescues while off duty.

I also do not feel right getting off at 5:30 pm when I work the jet ski unit that covers all out rugged coastline of cliffs, caves and steep lookouts. It is beyond belief how many people venture down to these dangerous areas and even jump in the water off of these cliffs then need to be rescued. Many of them on the edge of death and drowning and/or sustaining terrible injuries. It doesn't feel right to be off duty at 5:30 pm and shutting down our jet ski operations when the sun is still out and our visitors and locals alike, are sooner than later going to need the ocean safety jet ski.

That is the same feeling I get during our big East and south swells that slam our corner of the island. Starting at 9 am and leaving at 5:30pm when surfers are in the water and spectators are near the shore or cliffs with breaking waves feet away watching the action. It is beyond belief to me that in 2016, with the mass amount of tourism, mass increases of our population and social media enticing more and more people to some of the most dangerous areas of coastline on earth, we are covering only 8-1/2 hours of daylight.

These old ways should be over with. The time has come for Hawaii /Oahu Ocean safety Lifeguards to step into the new Echelon of public safety. We've been held back to long and that includes our budget. This should be just the beginning of Oahu residents and our visitors getting the full potential of ocean safety lifeguard services, coverage and professionalism.

Thank you Council Member Pine for spearheading this extremely important and long overdue issue.

God bless you and Much Mahalos

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