

# Resolution 19-178

## Testimony

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 18, 2020 8:27 AM  
**Subject:** Parks, Community Services and Intergovernmental Affairs Speaker  
Registration/Testimony

## Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks  
Agenda Item Resolution 19-178  
Your position on the matter Oppose  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony  
I strongly believe this is a very significant Historical site referenced, by King Kamehameha III, himself, of the Honorable Return back by the British to the Sovereign Rule of the Independent Nation, Hawaii Nei.  
As history knows, King Kamehameha III, uttered these strongly stated words which became Hawaii's motto. I think it is blatantly inappropriate to skim over history from the past, present and into the future for generations to come. Mahalo for your consideration.

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## Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks  
Agenda Item Resolution 19-178  
Your position on the matter Oppose  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No  
Written Testimony Caldwell already ruined the original park. Keep Thomas Square name.  
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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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Registration/Testimony

## Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Parks
Agenda Item	19-178
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Do you wish to speak at the hearing?	No
Written Testimony	No renaming of Thomas Square. Ever. (The date of meeting on any vote on resolution unknown....date noted here arbitrary!
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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH  
Committee Parks  
Agenda Item Resolution 19-178  
Your position on  
the matter Oppose  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Do you wish to  
speak at the  
hearing? No

### Written Testimony

I strongly oppose the renaming of Thomas Square. To do so is to go against the express wishes of King Kamehameha III. The King wanted the people of Hawai'i to honor and remember Admiral Richard Thomas for his role in restoring the sovereignty of the Hawaiian Kingdom after six months of illegal occupation by the British in July 1843. There is no need to change the name now and to do so dishonors both King Kamehameha III and Admiral Thomas. Please vote against the subject resolution. Mahalo for considering my testimony.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks  
Agenda Item RESOLUTION 19-178  
Your position on the matter Oppose  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No  
Written Testimony When and where does this end .The erasure of the history of the Kanaka Maoli of who i am a descendant of has to stop . The King wanted it this who are we to change it  
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## Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks  
Agenda Item 19-178  
Your position on the matter Oppose  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No  
Written Testimony Strongly opposite renaming Thomas Square park. Why is the city actively trying to destroy Hawaiian history and trying to make Honolulu a worse place?  
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## Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks  
Agenda Item Resolution 19-178  
Your position on the matter Oppose  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

I write in OPPOSITION to proposed Resolution 19-178 to rename Thomas Square.

On January 22, 1850, the Privy Council of the Kingdom of Hawaii met with King Kamehameha III. Those present were Robert Wyllie (Minister of Foreign Relations), Richard Armstrong, (Minister of Public Instruction), Charles Kana'ina (father of King Lunalilo), Governor Mataiao Kekuanao'a (father of Kamehameha IV and Kamehameha V), Abner Pahi (father of Bernice Pauahi Bishop), Caesar Kapa'akea (father of Lili'uokalani), Bennett Namakeha (uncle of Queen Emma and the first husband of Queen Kapi'olani), and Asher Bates (Kamehameha III's attorney).

Written  
Testimony

At that meeting, the Privy Council voted to lay out a square "to be called by the name of Admiral Thomas". On March 8, 1850, after Kamehameha III and the Privy Councilors found the "Square of Admiral Thomas" as laid out in a survey to be too small, the Privy Council directed that eight additional lots be added to the Square, taking its Waikiki boundary to Victoria Street. Government Registered Map No. 394 shows the additions.

The proposal to rename Thomas Square is another instance of the current administration's assaults on the historic park, perhaps incident to a larger plan to incorporate it somehow in an expanded development including Blaisdell Center.

The merits of the oversized statue of Kamehameha III are debatable. Renaming a park

known as Thomas Square “King Kamehameha at Thomas Square” makes no grammatical sense (the name describes the statue, not the park) and needlessly revisits the action of the high chiefs and others who originally named the park in commemoration of historic events many of them actually witnessed at the site: the restoration of Hawaiian sovereignty by Admiral Thomas.

Please leave the name alone.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks  
Agenda Item Res. 19-178  
Your position on the matter Oppose  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

I am opposed to Resolution 19-178, which would rename Thomas Square.

The name was given to the area designated as a park by King Kamehameha III and the Privy Council of his closest advisors.

### Written Testimony

It has a unique place in the history of Hawaii.

Please leave the name "Thomas Square" as it has been since the park's establishment.

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January 20, 2020

*Aloha mai kakou, esteemed committee members,*

I am writing in support of the renaming of Thomas Square to Kamehameha III at Thomas Square. It's important that community, locals and visitors alike, understand the relationship the King of O'ahu at the time, Kauikeaouli, or Kamehameha III, had to this specific location.

The focus on the English captain, Admiral Thomas, who sailed to O'ahu with news that the government recognized the sovereignty of Hawai'i, a country they had a treaty with, is really not the point. Thomas was simply a messenger. The point is that the sovereignty of the land was restored to the people. The king of the time, depicted by the recently commissioned statue of Kamehameha III (that many mistake for Admiral Thomas), is the historical figure worth acknowledging in this space. Not only did Kamehameha III proclaimed words that became our state motto at this location, he also wrote our first constitution, created the fire department and the Royal Hawaiian Band and was instrumental in making education the utmost priority for Hawaiians. He was a true leader of the people. I believe that it's vital to honor his impact on the people of Hawai'i, as well as his presence in the park.

The Park has carried Admiral Thomas name for many years. This naming does not feel purposeful or relevant and may be in need of a refresh. What history and what story do you want to tell in 2020? Please consider honoring Kamehameha III, a vital historical leader.

*Mahalo for your consideration,*

Maile Meyer

Na Mea Hawai'i / Pu'uhonua Society

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**From:** CLK Council info  
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## Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks  
Agenda Item Re-naming of Thomas Square  
Your position on the matter Oppose  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? Yes  
Written Testimony As a long time member of Maikiki NB-10 who works with Food not Bombs to feeds the homeless every Sunday at Thomas Square. I don't see any good reason to change the name. This is a bad idea!  
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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks  
Agenda Item Resolution 19-178  
Your position on the matter Oppose  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? Yes

Written  
Testimony

As the Historic Hawaii Foundation has pointed out, this homage to the King is actually going against the King's wishes who named the park in gratitude to Admiral Thomas for helping to save the sovereignty. On the practical side, new signage would create more expenses as would lei draping ceremonies annually for the statue. Can't we use our taxpayer money for the real needs of our city and not for the useless whims and eccentricities of those who come up with these ideas? Please oppose this and put it to rest. Thank you!

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks  
Agenda Item Resolution 19-178  
Your position on the matter Oppose  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written  
Testimony

I am testifying in opposition to Resolution 19-178, which would rename Thomas Square to "the Kamehameha III at Thomas Square." King Kamehameha III himself named the park in honor of Admiral Thomas for his help in restoring the Kingdom of Hawaii's sovereignty. The resolution would go against the King's wishes, and would dishonor both the King and Admiral Thomas.

The proposed name, "The King Kamehameha III at Thomas Square" doesn't even make sense. It sounds like a tourist time-share program.

Please kill this resolution.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH  
Committee Parks  
Agenda Item Reso 19-178  
Your position on  
the matter Oppose  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Do you wish to  
speak at the  
hearing? No

Written Testimony The King named this park Thomas Square for a reason. To honor him would be to keep the park named as is. This park has already been damaged by the City's efforts, please do not continue to further try and dictate the history of these islands as you see fit. OPPOSE this measure.

Mahalo

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 21, 2020 10:06 AM  
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Registration/Testimony

## Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks  
Agenda Item Resolution 19-178  
Your position on the matter Oppose  
Representing Self  
Organization  
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

I am writing in OPPOSITION to the proposal to rename Thomas Square.

Written  
Testimony

In 1843 Captian Lord George Paulet occupied the Hawaiian Island and raised the British Flag at Fort Honolulu. This was a result of exaggerated claims by British Consul Richard Charlton who claimed that British citizens' right were not being respected. The handwritten correspondence between Charlton, Paulet, and Kamehameha is available in the State Archives. Dr. Gerrit Judd was the physician who became an advisor, translator and Foreign Minister to Kamehameha III. Judd sent emissaries to London to appeal to Queen Victoria. Admiral Thomas was off the coast of Peru when he got word of Paulet's occupation. He came to Honolulu and investigated. Thomas removed Paulet as Captain and returned the Kingdom to Kamehameha III. In appreciation for righting a wrong, Kamehameha II named the park Thomas Square in Admiral Thomas' honor. Changing the name of the park demonstrates a lack of knowledge and understanding of the importance of Thomas Square. The name was given by Kamehameha III and should remain, thereby complying with the Ali'i's wishes. As a result of the Paulet Affair, Hawaii also gained a treaty of recognition with Britain, France, and the USA. This was the first international treaty recognizing Hawaii as a sovereign nation. Please do not be shortsighted. Leave the name for its historical significane. It is a wahi pana.

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