

Resolution 20-12 Testimony

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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Meeting Date 01-21-2020
Council/PH Committee Parks
Agenda Item Equity in Women's Surfing
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization
Organization Still Stoked
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written
Testimony

Gender equality isn't a new idea. And yet women are still having trouble being heard. I represent the largest online platform for women in action sports, StillStoked.com. We believe it is hard to be what you cannot see. Our 50,000 monthly readers have made it clear, they want to hear more about the women who breaking down barriers. Today's little girls growing up on the North Shore need to see aunties out there fearlessly charging North Shore waves in competitive situations. If not, then we send them the message, "girls sports are just for fun and should not be taken seriously. This sounds a lot like the message of a previous generation where women were encouraged to go to college just for the experience but were still expect to be home makes. Please end the blatant gender discrimination now.

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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks
Agenda Item Woman surf contest
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony

As a father of three daughters, I would like to share my opinion. All three of my daughters would like to have gender equality when it comes to surf contest and prize money. Currently there is very few woman events

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item 20-12
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written
Testimony

I have dreamed of the opportunity to surf in a women's division at the Pipeline Masters since I was 7 years old. Girls and boys can do anything when given the opportunity. I believe equal access to compete in high profile events and to be paid equally in those events is what's fair and in support of leveling the playing field for all athletes regardless of their sex.

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Council/PH Committee Parks
Agenda Item Resolution 20-12
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

I support Resolution 20-12 because the year is 2020, the Nineteenth Amendment was ratified a 100 years ago. Half the population of Hawaii are women.

Written Testimony Thank you for all you do on behalf of Hawaii
Aloha,
Joan

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Council/PH Committee Parks
Agenda Item Resolution for Gender Equality in Surfing
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? Yes

Aloha, my name is Shannon Marie Quirk and I am a resident of Haleiwa. I have worked in the surf industry for the last 12 years as the founder of The Surf Channel Television Network, producing series and tv shows to tell the unique stories of waterwomen. I also create and coordinate surfing events worldwide, working the past 7 years for the Big Wave World Tour as an announcer and event coordinator. This past year, I have worked as the managing editor of Freesurf Magazine - Hawaii's surf mag. I would like to read a quote from our recent Wahine Issue (Freesurf's annual women's issue) in which I interviewed 15-year-old Honolulu surfer, Leila Riccobuano:

Written Testimony "Equal opportunity to compete is what I envision to get closer to equality. Now we have equal pay, but the girls are invited to fewer events than the boys. My hope for women's surfing is the have the same amount of contests as the guys, because they always get a lot more opportunity. I would love to see more events for the Hawai'i girls, just as many as the boys have." - Leila Riccobuano

If this 15-year-old so clearly sees the need for female inclusion, what is taking us so long to make space for female athletes? The demand is clear, and we see it in the water and on the beaches of Oahu every single day. I feel it is my duty as a woman to speak up on behalf of the growing sport's need for female inclusion, in particular because the surf industry as a whole is well behind the curve which is why we are all here today. We are hopeful that Olympic inclusion for surfing women in Tokyo2020 will wake up the rest of the sports' decision makers, but in all of my pursuits to create platforms for surfers to be seen and

decision makers, but in all of my pursuits to create platforms for surfers to be seen and heard across various mediums, it has come to my attention that local wahine here—in the birthplace of surfing—are at the biggest disadvantage to following this dream of becoming a professional surfer due to female exclusion and gender discrimination.

espnW holds a powerful annual summit in which leaders of sport gather to share stories and compare notes. It was at their conference in which I learned that there is statistical evidence demonstrating the correlation between female athletic participation and the well-being of a community. Girls that play sports are not only less likely to develop breast cancer, obesity, and many forms of disease, they are also much more likely to hold executive positions in the workplace and provide more income to their families. They are team players, better communicators, and stronger humans. We need to encourage women to be active, not discourage them because of their gender. How would you feel if your daughter was told she could not swim in the ocean because she is a girl? It sounds ridiculous, right? Not only are we limiting their potential and discouraging women to strive for optimal health, we hold back the entire community if we do not empower women.

I want to thank you for listening to me today and to the ladies in this room, who represent a growing demographic of female surfers (numbers) many of which were born and raised in the Hawaiian Island chain. These women have to travel far and wide for opportunity in this sport (if their parents have the means to support them), due to an obvious lack of female-inclusion in all of the most important world tour qualifying events, in particular the Triple Crown of Surfing. It is important to listen to the cries of our youth to consider inclusion of both men and women in all water sports. Equal pay, equal play. Mahalo!

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Council/PH Committee Parks
Agenda Item Resolution 20-012
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

I support the inclusion of professional surfing events for women on the North Shore.

Women from around the world would love to have the opportunity to compete on the legendary North Shore of Oahu.

Written
Testimony

There are so many ways an event could benefit the local community and if the council will support such an event I am certain they will be well supported by businesses (both endemic and non endemic to the surf industry), individuals (spectators and competitors), and be a powerful voice of endorsement for the global womens surf community.

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Council/PH Committee	Parks
Agenda Item	20-12
Your position on the matter	Support
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Do you wish to speak at the hearing?	No
Written Testimony	I am in full support of this resolution to give fair rights to women surfers
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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks
Agenda Item Resolution No20-12
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony I fully support equal rights for women in all sports. The imbalance of state permits issued needs to change giving equal opportunity to female surfers. I fully support Resolution No 20-12. State needs to comply ensuring gender equity for all surf events - statewide.

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Agenda Item 20-12
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Council/PH Committee Parks
Agenda Item 20-12
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? Yes

Dear Honorable Council Parks Committee,

Please vote to pass Resolution 20-21. Gender equality is the law and should be applicable in equitable access to public resources such as the limited number of surf contest days/time allowed on the North Shore. The Olympic Committee has scheduled, for the first time, surfing to be included as a sanctioned sport. with equal divisions and competitors for both male and female. The stakes have dramatically changed. Gold medals are on the line for both Hawaii and the United States. Tsurigasaki Beach in Chiba, Japan from July 24 to August 9, 2020, is when and where it will all go down. Moving forward we can't afford to not give our wahine an equal opportunity to represent all of us and a achieve on this very prestigious world stage the Olympics represents. The North Shore is the undisputed Capitol of professional surfing as such provides an invaluable training resources for wold class surfers both from Hawaii and around the world. As such it's contest calendar should reflect the laws and values of Hawaii and provide an equal amount of time for women. With all of that said in no way should the number of contest days on the North Shore be expanded. The North Shore community has very graciously hosted surfing competitions since the inception of professional surfing - the only caveat being the long respected cap on surfing days.

Respectfully,
Carol Philips
Haleiwa

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Agenda Item 20-12
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Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written
Testimony

To start with I can't believe it's gone this long without women getting an equal opportunity in these men's events that are here on the North Shore for years the companies have taken advantage of this for many years using a state resources and tax money
I highly stress that there should not be any added contest we should just be able to enter the events with equal rights to be able to compete in them.the ones that are already here
Please do not add more events either because that is not fair for the public who want to surf.
Without reiterating the stated gender equality progression we are seeing in the surf industry currently, I believe we still need to address the importance of a law. I believe the law will secure a place for women in the lineup and financial support for women will follow.
The style, message, and talent of each female surfer should be valued and given an equal opportunity in the industry. I believe surfing is a passion and art, that should have never taken the path it did, but it did. So now I feel it needs gender equality, rules and regulations, due to it's position in the world. Surfing is now being considered a job, a sport, a career, an Olympic opportunity and in some cases an elective in school and college. Surfing has stepped into a realm that requires it to conform, and follow the law.

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Aloha City Council members,

My name is Jen Miles, and I am in support of Resolution 20-12, pertaining to our city and state departments adapting to the new rules relating to gender equality in city permitting of surf events on the North Shore.

Without reiterating the stated gender equality progression we are seeing in the surf industry currently, I believe we still need to address the importance of a law. I believe the law will secure a place for women in the lineup and financial support for women will follow.

I am 1 of 3 professional female shapers in the World and a former WCT semi-pro competitor. Later in life I started a women's nonprofit to support all female athletes, after seeing how the industry mishandles our female athletes. With an equality law, people like myself can spend more time gathering support for the contest and less time fighting for a permit.

To see iconic female athletes such as Megan Abudo, Meliane Bartels, Rechelle Ballard and the list goes on, leave the industry after putting in such dedication and love for the "sport" saddens me. Here we are 20 years later still fighting for equality. If I remember correctly, all these women had to find other ways to make a living after 30yrs old, due to sponsor loss and lack of contest options.

A woman shouldn't have to sacrifice her body in the many ways we have, in order to push the female surfing and stay in the industry. Equality within the foundation, will bring longevity, health, financial stability and create a positive ripple effect for our future female surfers and event holders. Progressing our female youth toward these big contests, through local events on the North Shore, will better prepare them for the iconic events we are just throwing out there.

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Agenda Item Resolution 20-12
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? Yes

Written
Testimony

I support Resolution 20-12, the Roaring 20's are here and Women need to have equal rights to our surf breaks and equal opportunity to have the chance to be professional surfers without being stifled by the system. The North Shore and all of Hawaii is an important venue for any surfer to make a name for themselves. Winning or placing in one competition can mean much media notoriety and sponsor opportunities and women need this more than anyone. There just has to be rule changes and the City and State have to be responsible to abide by our civil rights laws and equity laws now. No excuses by anyone, promoter or league. Let there be more opportunities for Women surfers and let's get the rules of surf contests to reflect changes for Women surfers.

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Council/PH Committee Parks
Agenda Item Support Resolution 20-12
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written
Testimony

Without reiterating the stated gender equality progression we are seeing in the surf industry currently, I believe we still need to address the importance of a law. I believe the law will secure a place for women in the lineup and financial support for women will follow. The style, message, and talent of each female surfer should be valued and given an equal opportunity in the industry. I believe surfing is a passion and art, that should have never taken the path it did, but it did. So now I feel it needs gender equality, rules and regulations, due to it's position in the world. Surfing is now being considered a job, a sport, a career, an Olympic opportunity and in some cases an elective in school and college. Surfing has stepped into a realm that requires it to conform, and follow the law.

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Council/PH Committee Parks
Agenda Item Resolution 20-12
Your position on the matter Comment
Representing Organization Self
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

I respectfully urge the respective departments and committees involved in ultimately deciding upon and crafting these new rules to conduct adequate discussions with event owners, operators and sponsors as you work towards instituting these changes.

To ensure that the desired effects of these worthy goals outlined in Resolution 20-12 are achieved, it is going to require a very intricate balance of resources, time, logistics, investment and experience in this arena.

Written Testimony

These rules have the potential to either elevate or undermine not only progress in the area of gender equity in professional surfing, but also opportunity across the board at every level of the sport and within the local community and Hawaii at large.

Please adequately research these details and implications with the appropriate stakeholders to create true and effective progress.

Mahalo.

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Council/PH Committee Parks
Agenda Item 20-12
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony . We strongly support gender equity for all professional surfing competitions held on Oahu. We respectfully urge the committee to support gender equality in professional sports by voting for Resolution 20-12. We appreciate the effort and staff time that went into drafting a resolution that is consistent with federal and state civil rights laws.

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Council/PH Committee Parks
Agenda Item HR20-12
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization

Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Aloha Committee Members,
Happy New Year!
Remember Patsy Mink and what she fought so bravely for.
Mahalo for your time,

Written Testimony

Jenn Lucien
Surfer & Mother

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Testimony in support of:
City and County of Honolulu **Resolution 20-12:**
A Resolution for Surf Equity

Submitted by:
Emelia von Saltza
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Hearing Held
January 21, 2020

Dear Chair Tsuneyoshi, Vice Chair Elefante, Councilwoman Pine, & Councilwoman Kobayashi,

My name is Emelia von Saltza; I am a North Shore resident, an Economist, and a surfer; and **I strongly support Resolution 20-12.**

In 1920 women fought and secured the right to vote. We're celebrating the 100th anniversary of that accomplishment this year, and with that, we are also grieving the fact that women, 100 years later, are still fighting for their legal rights for equity.

Many of the women behind this resolution surf waves taller than your office buildings - and they do so while working multiple jobs and raising kids. There is little professional or financial incentive to surf these challenging waves.

Hawai'i is the birth place of surfing; but it has not been a *leader* in surfing. Hawai'i reaps the marketing benefits of the over-sexualized indigenous female surf icon, but does little to *support* its female athletes. Compared to competitive markets like California and Japan, *Hawai'i is behind on surf gender equity.*

Between 1972 and 1978, U.S. high schools rapidly increased their female athletic participation rates in order to comply with Title IX. Economist Betsey Stevenson's "Beyond the Classroom: Using Title IX to Measure the Return to High School Sports" analyzes pre- and post-cohorts and demonstrates that female sports participation led to higher female college attendance and female labor force participation later in life. In particular, greater opportunities to play sports led to greater female participation in previously male-dominated and high-skilled occupations.

While this resolution differs in that it is asking for gender equity in the professional and competitive circuits, not just in schools, the point holds: *the impacts of sports equity transcend beyond just athletics.*

Professional athletics give women and young girls advanced opportunities to push their limits, develop self esteem, work ethic, confidence, and perseverance. They will gain financial independence and leadership skills; their success will be that of the whole county and island economy.

Councilmembers, I trust you all will join us on the winning side of history and support this resolution.

Mahalo for the opportunity to speak,

Emelia von Saltza



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Council/PH Committee Parks
Agenda Item Resolution 20/12
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony

My deepest respect to all of the men and women that have worked diligently and tenaciously towards the success in the sport of professional surfing over the years. As a former competing professional surfer and resident of Sunset Beach, I feel a strong need for women's surfing events across the board, from amateur, Junior, WQS and up WCT events. When I was growing up on Kauai, one of the biggest goals and challenges was to surf the North Shore and compete at Sunset and Haleiwa. In the peak of my career, we had the opportunity to compete in the women's Triple Crown of Surfing. I have trophy's from the WCT at Sunset Beach and amazing memories and experiences that were a huge part of my surfing career and value as a professional surfer.

Today, we have a 4 time world champion from Oahu that is not able to showcase her amazing surfing in competition on her own home Island. We also have an amazingly strong and beautiful pool of talent & dynamic display of women's surfing history and future in Hawaii. Unfortunately there are little to no events to showcase these women in competition on the North Shore, the ultimate proving grounds of both men's and women's surfing. It is a shame to see this happening in the aloha state where women's surfing has such a deep profound history

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Agenda Item Item 6, Res. 20-12
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No
Written Testimony I support the intent of this Resolution. Considering the Title IX was championed by our own Patsy Mink, creating more opportunities for women in surfing is in keeping with this.
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Agenda Item Res20-012
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Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

In light of equality, our community of female surfers are here today asking for you to join us in our effort to give equal opportunity to women to succeed not only just in sport, but in business, opportunity, and respect.

Surfing is at the forefront of the equality plight. The WSL is the first major sports league to pledge equal pay, and it has now begun to inspire other major sports to do the same.

Surfing has long been a sport of celebration, especially in Hawaii, where Queens and Kings looked to riding waves as an absolute celebration of life. And that it is, every one of us can tell you there is innate joy in being in the ocean. For many women who don't surf, there has been an intimidation of crowds and of men keeping them from getting into the sport, let alone the mighty power of the ocean can be daunting to some.

Written
Testimony

Yet for the women who have chosen surfing as their athletic sport to pursue, they can come to the most famed surfing frontier in the world, the North Shore, and never witness a women's competition.

I began filming the Triple Crown of Surfing on the North Shore as a live camera operator for the WSL(then the ASP) in 2008. My favorite part was surely filming the women surf. As a striving professional surfer myself, acutely watching and filming these women surf the North Shore's famed waves not only gave me much to study, but it also filled me with hope of something to strive towards. But by 2011, there was no more Women's events in the

Triple crown, “no money for it” apparently. So what once was a yearly reunion on the north shore for the best female surfers in the world, was now gone, and quickly the lineups diminished back to male dominated crowds. Women were no longer as visible on the North Shore.

Thank goodness for Betty Depilito, who has continually dedicated her time and personal money into getting at least one permit a year to have an event for women, yet that event was always shared with the Junior Boys, who always ended up getting the better waves of the 2 day allowance.

Currently, the level of female surfing is on the rise, and so is the amount of women participating. The world may not see it as such, but I think if we had events on the famed North Shore, the world would see we are ripe to shine.

Women like Keala Kennelly, who I filmed in the Triple Crown 12 years ago, is still at the forefront of pioneering Women’s Big Wave Surfing. She’s a representation of the courage and dedication women can have to furthering what is possible for us.

Give us a chance to shine at places like Haleiwa, Sunset, even Pipeline. There’s young girls all around the world that will be empowered by seeing these women be super heroes. Thank you for your consideration to let us impress you with our love, might, community, and skill.

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Agenda Item	Women attendance in surf contest
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Self
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Do you wish to speak at the hearing?	No
Written Testimony	I support women's surfing in Hawaii
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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Bill 12 20 gender equality
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony Please support gender equality in surfing! It's the right thing to do for our future generations. I want my granddaughter to be able to have equal opportunity to compete as her male surfers counterparts.

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Aloha City and County Council Members,

I am in support of resolution 20-12 to ensure gender equity in surf competitions on O'ahu's North Shore.

Ever since I was a little girl, I had to struggle to prove to male counterparts that a woman is as strong and capable in ocean sports as them. Gender equality is the law and this has to be represented in the surf competitions on the North Shore as well. Hawaii is the birth place of surfing and the recognition of the skill and expertise of female surfers has deep roots in many Hawaiian mo'olelo (stories). The story of Kelea (also Keleanuinoho'ana'ap'iapi) describes a chiefess whose surfing skills surpasses everyone in the island chain. She was kidnapped by another chief to become his wife and life inland; her love for ocean and freedom helped her break free and return to living and playing in the ocean.

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Today we have many female role-models in Hawaii to inspire the next generation of girls. Paige Alms and Keala Kennelly take on massive waves Jaws, Carissa Moore has brought the surfing world title back to Hawaii again this past season. What is standing out about this female athletes is not only their competence in surfing, but also their commitment to the community in helping and encouraging girls to take on surfing. Unfortunately, the event organizers don't reflect this effort and women competitions are not part of the big events on the North Shore. We cannot allow this inequity any longer. It is the year 2020 and we cannot succumb to the narrative that women are inferior or not as marketable as athletes any longer. The World Surfing League has stepped up and guarantees equal prize money for females surfers since last year. 2020 is also the year of the first Olympic Games that feature

surfing with no discrimination against female surfers.
Dear council members you have the unique opportunity now, to guarantee gender equity to female athletes by supporting this resolution.
Mahalo

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Written Testimony

Thank you so much to those fighting for gender equality regarding surf contests! As a female and former college athlete, I have experienced first hand the incredible impact sport can have on the life of an individual. Sport has helped shape me into the leader and friend that I am today. I hope that the women of our community can continue to pursue their dreams and build their character in an even greater arena, through the sport of surfing - especially in the surf mecca of the world. Mahalo for seeking out more opportunities for them to grow and make a positive impact on this world through their athletic talents and platform.

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