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***Via e-mail only***  
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Kirk Caldwell  
Office of the Mayor  
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**Re: Surf Competition Rules & Permit Process: Equity in  
Competitive Surfing**

Greetings Mayor Caldwell,

The Committee for Equity in Women's Surfing (CEWS) represents professional athletes and stakeholder groups. Since 2015, we've been assisting state and local agencies in creating greater access and equity in competitive surfing. We advocate for fair and equal access to coastal waters. We support public policy that requires the inclusion of women and men in surf competitions, equal prize money, and promotional parity among competitors. For example, we always request that permitting entities require a multi-heat women's division in surf competitions that include a multi-heat men's division.

We have been following the media reports and have read the Shore Water Rules published on the City and County of Honolulu website. We would like an opportunity to participate as stakeholders in any group/s formed to evaluate and update the administrative rules that govern surf competitions. We are requesting that you include CEWS in the process for updating surf competition permitting.

In reviewing the Shore Water Rules, we were impressed to find the term "equitable" used in the introduction. We were also pleased to learn that "gender" and "diversity" are prioritized in Section 19-4-12, page 21. This is an excellent foundation to build on. We fully support a fair and equitable permitting process that results in fair, equitable, and inclusive surf competitions.

We respect the history and culture of surfing in Hawaii and seek to support the continued highlighting of the sport at the locations within your jurisdiction. Consider CEWS and women surfers as resources and advocates for your work in creating an improved permitting process.

We respectfully ask that you consider including a representative from CEWS on any stakeholder group formed to evaluate and update the permitting process.

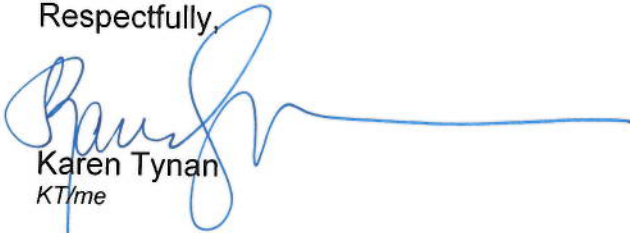


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Please let us know your thoughts, ideas, and comments regarding this request.  
Thank you.

Respectfully,



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