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Monday, January 27, 2020

Chair Ikaika Anderson and Councilmembers
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: **Support Resolution 20-12**

Dear Chair Anderson,

Sport Equity works to end gender discrimination in professional athletic competitions held on public land, public roadways and in public facilities.

We strongly support gender equity for all professional surfing competitions held on Oahu.

We respectfully urge the Council 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.

We support equal access, playing time and pay for all athletes in all professional sports competitions held on land, property, roadways or facilities owned by the City and County of Honolulu and the State of Hawai'i.

Please allow me to provide some background. In 2015, I advocated for the inclusion of women in the Mavericks big wave surf competition by asking the California Coastal Commission to require a women's heat.

In 2016, I co-founded the Committee for Equity in Women's Surfing and developed a plan for the inclusion of a women's division at Mavericks. The Coastal Commission unanimously approved the plan.

In 2018, the Committee for Equity in Women's Surfing won the fight for global pay parity in professional surfing. Our work is the subject of two documentary films and hundreds of news stories. In February 2019, a feature story by Dan Duane was published in New York Times Magazine, "[The Fight for Gender Equality, In One of the Most Dangerous Sports on Earth.](#)"

In early 2019, I founded Sport Equity and fought for the inclusion of cycling in California Assembly Bill 467. That spring and summer, at the Capitol in Sacramento, I lobbied for the inclusion of state highways and roadways, equal racing time and equal pay for women cyclists in the Tour of California. My advocacy resulted in the "streets and roadways" amendment.

On Sept 9, 2019, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill 467 into law. The new law requires equal pay for athletic competitions held on state lands and roadways that include gendered categories/divisions for women and men.

Increasing the number of events and the number of awards for women, as well as offering equal prize money, is the only way to achieve meaningful equity in competitive sports.

Please vote to support Resolution 20-12.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sabrina". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a small flourish at the end.

Sabrina Brennan
Founder, Sport Equity
Moss Beach, CA