

Testimony in Support of Agenda Item J-4: Issuance of Revocable Permit to AccesSurf Hawaii, Inc. for Storage of a Container and a Vehicle in the Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor

Aloha members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Scott Davis, and I am submitting a testimony in undeniable support of the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation's request to approve the issuance of a Revocable Permit to AccesSurf Hawaii, Inc. for the storage containers and vehicle at the Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor.

AccesSurf has been an incredibly transformative force in our community and in my life, providing individuals with disabilities the opportunity to experience the healing power of the ocean through adaptive surfing and adaptive activities. This critical program fosters empowerment, physical well-being, and social inclusion for people of all abilities. In order to continue these life-changing services, AccesSurf requires storage for essential equipment, including surfboards, adaptive devices, and vehicles, which are necessary to facilitate their programs. Having a centralized space that is also close to beach access will have a tremendous impact on AccesSurf sustainability and operations.

The approval of this permit will ensure that AccesSurf can maintain and access the equipment required to provide its year-round services to people with disabilities, allowing for greater outreach and program expansion. Furthermore, AccesSurf plays an important role in promoting a positive image of Hawai'i as a place where inclusion and accessibility are prioritized, and it contributes significantly to the local community by fostering diversity and unity.

I respectfully urge the Board to approve the issuance of the Revocable Permit to AccesSurf Hawaii, Inc. so they can continue their important work in our community.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

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