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Sent:

Thursday, July 13, 2017 5:39 PM

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**DBEDT HCDA Contact** 

Subject:

Public Testimony Website Submission Bike share Hawaii / biki sstation installtion in

Kolowalu Parl

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## **Project Name**

Bike share Hawaii / biki sstation installtion in Kolowalu Parl

## Do you support or oppose?

Oppose

## Comment

Dear HCDA and HCDA Board of Directors:

I along with 100+ residents and homeowners in the Ward Village area and Ko'olani and Hokua buildings are opposed the installation of the Bike Share / biki station in Kolowalu Park due to safety, noise, congestion and environmental concerns. We are requesting that the installation in Kolowalu Park - be stopped ASAP and are proposing an alternate installation location across Queen St. on the MAUKA side of Kolowalu Park. This location is a safer location for both cyclist and pedestrians and is still accessible to Ward Village tourists and residents.

Please see the attached files for details and signatures. More signatures are on the way. We have also contacted Bike share Hawaii and have received no response.

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Subject:

HCDA and Bike Share Hawaii community outreach?

## Dear HCDA,

I am a Kaka'ako resident and live at 1177 Queen St. I am writing to you on behalf of over 100 residents in the community. It has recently come to our attention that a decision was made on June 7, 2017 to allow Bike Share Hawaii to install a bike stand (biki stop) in Kolowalu Park.

The majority of residents and management in both Ko'olani and neighboring buildings were not notified of this decision until a few days ago.

# Did the contract between HCDA and Bike Share Hawaii include a plan for community outreach?

If so, then it appears that Bike Share Hawaii has fallen short because residents who live on or close to the park were not notified. Had we been informed we would have expressed our concerns in regards to noise, safety, environment and congestion/traffic. We would have also worked with HCDA and Bike Share Hawaii to come up with an alternate location. Why were we not given this opportunity?

We look forward to a response.

Respectfully,

Sophia Pieridis and Kaka'ako community members

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Residents of Ward Village, Koolani, and Hoku are against the installation of a biki stop (Bike Share Hawaii) station in Kolowalu Park because of safety, noise, congestion and environmental concerns.

**Action Petitioned For:** Bike Share Hawaii to cease installation of biki stop/station in Kolowalu Park, makai side. Proposed alternate location in Kolowalu Park, mauka side.

Kolowalu Park (MAKAI) Existing installation location along the fence that is shared with the park and Hokua driveway. This location poses the following concerns:

Kolowalu Park (MAUKA) Proposed alternate location is a better option because it is:

SAFETY HAZARD - Children and seniors use the walking path on a regular basis. The bike station/users may obstruct the path and cause collisions/injuries.

NOISE NUISANCE - The station is available 24hrs/day. This will increase noise and draw more people to the park during early morning and late hours.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES** - Trees and plants will be removed to make room for a 60ft. metal rack and gravel.

INCREASED CONGESTION/BLOCK
DRIVEWAY - The portion of Queen St.
which runs between the park and South
Shore market already gets backed up,
especially when pedestrians cross it. The
traffic will increase once Anaha and Whole
Foods open. Adding a bike station to that
corner will increase congestion and back
up, blocking the entrance to the Hokua
parking garage.

**SAFER** - This side of the park is less crowded. There is a decreased risk of collision with children, seniors, pedestrians, and cyclists.

ECO-FRIENDLY - The space is already flat with several paved areas by the picnic tables ( across from the Nordstrom Rack parking garage entrance) . No trees or plants will need to be removed.

**EASY ACCESS-** Multiple entry and exit points for bikers.

LESS CONGESTED - Bikers will not be blocking driveways or causing traffic back up.

BETTER LOCATION - Ideal location halfway between Whole Foods Flagship store and Ala Moana center. Direct route downtown.

CLOSE PROXIMITY- Neighbors/tourists Ward Village still have access to the bike stations.

**SAFER FOR BIKERS** - Less crowded large flat area gives novice bikers a safe place to get a feel for the bikes.