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Your Position on Matter* I just wish to comment

Representing* Self

Insert Written Testimony

I prefer that the stairs remain and be improved, but only if a government agency or private operator takes complete control, relieving BOW of all responsibility. If this happens, I think there should be an entrance fee coupled with a release of liability agreement which lists all potential risks, especially if a government agency takes control. Of course, the stairs would have to be repaired or replaced by whoever takes control. The stairs are a spectacular attraction for both residents and tourists. Perhaps busing users would reduce impact on nearby residents. Also, limiting the number of daily entrants would add to safety. Entrants should be required to have adequate water, appropriate shoes and, when certain weather conditions exist, a waterproof jacket .

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Your Position on Matter* Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

Representing* Self

Insert Written Testimony

I hiked the stairs long ago when it was still under Coast Guard control. There were no problems back in those days, you signed in, climbed, and signed out. Then people moved into the trailhead area and the coast guard access was closed off. This created problems. This is a no-brainer. Establish access that doesn't impose on nearby residents, save the money that would be spent on removal, and charge access fees to limit numbers and either add to State coffers or be used to maintain the condition of the stairs. This is not only THE MOST awesome hike in Hawai'i, but it is also accessible to people who ordinarily could not see such awesome views. It is also a National Historic Site that underscores our resistance to invasion in World War II. Preserve the stairs. Taking them down is close to criminal.

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Your Position on Matter* Oppose Removal of Haiku Stairs

Representing* Self

Insert Written Testimony

The stairs are a magnificent, irreplaceable asset that offers an unmatched opportunity for recreation, environmental, historical and cultural education. You can't rebuild something like this. In fact it has been recognized by National Geographic as one of the top ten endangered trails in the world. <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/adventure/lists/hiking-backpacking/endangered-hikes-trails/#/92033.jpg> Once the stairs are removed - they will be gone for good. While there has undoubtedly been issues with neighborhood disturbances, it has nothing to do with the intrinsic nature of the stairs and everything to do with the illegality of the stairs and the undeniable world class attraction of the stairs. We have here an opportunity to manage the stairs, generate income, to self sustain the maintenance and operation of the stairs. Why not give that a chance first before destroying it. Please save the stairs

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Representing* Organization

Insert Written Testimony

Dear Board Members, I represent the Babice Radio Station Culture Park Association from Poland. A very distant organization, yet bound with the Haiku location and Haiku Stairs by history - the world-range radio communication network, built in the 1920s. At this time many of world's largest antenna systems, capable of global range on Very Low Frequencies, were constructed - some of them were destroyed (Babice, Poland), some of them are now historic (Grimeton, Sweden - UNESCO!), some of them are survived by amazing examples of engineering in difficult environmental conditions - like the Haiku Stairs, with the help of which the enormous VLF antenna was physically brought up between the hills. The Stairs are today unique in the world's scale; their total removal would effectively erase a great part of the history of both mechanical/radio engineering and the development of Haiku, as well as destroy a great touristic potential, not achievable in other parts of the world. If, as it was stated, the case of the Stairs lies outside the scope of the BWS, then this entity should refrain from any actions regarding this case (as this is 'not in its scope'). The aspects of the Stairs' maintenance and promotion should be taken up together by BWS as solely the administrator and an entity or entities responsible for both historic and touristic/environmental aspects of Haiku (including entities formed solely for the purpose of the maintenance of the Stairs). Any issues regarding the preservation,

maintenance, security and promotion should be solved in close cooperation (also in financial aspects). The Stairs, even today, are becoming to be worldly recognized. They hold a significant historic and touristic importance. As they are also a unique structure in the world, there is a UNESCO potential in them. Destroying such heritage would be catastrophic and simply short-sighted. Yours sincerely, Tomasz A. Miś, M.Sc. Vice-president of the Babice Radio Station Culture Park Association Stare Babice / Warsaw, Poland trcn.pl facebook.com/radiostacjababice

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Your Position on Matter* I just wish to comment

Representing* Self

Insert Written Testimony

I am a resident of Castle Hills. I do not want the access to the Haiku stairs to come through our neighborhood. There will be additional traffic and parking. We have limited parking on our streets currently. Hikers will leave rubbish and be noisy. We have a nice and clean neighborhood and would like to keep it this way.

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Your Position on Matter* Support Removal of Haiku Stairs

Representing* Self

Insert Written Testimony

This is a revision to my previous testimony submission as the "Position on the Matter" was indicated incorrectly. As a member of the community impacted by the movement of Haiku Stairs, I am fervently against the development of a new, legal trailhead access for the Haiku Stairs hike being constructed near/in our neighborhood. We are a private neighborhood, with privately owned streets, and should the trailhead be opened in close proximity to our community, we will not be able to control hikers coming in and out of our residences. This would also cause an increase in traffic and illegal parking in our community, making parking difficult for those living in the community. Currently, we already have hikers illegally parking in our neighborhood to illegally access the trailhead, and should the trailhead become legal this will only increase and intensify. With enabling legal access to the hike, we would also be placing the children in our community at risk, as neighborhood children frequently ride their bikes, skateboard, and play in the streets and on the sidewalks. Moving and creating a legal trail access point for Haiku Stairs is not a solution to neighborhood complaints that are currently occurring, it only redistributes the problem to another community. While it would appease one community

and demographic, it would place an unneeded burden on another community. Since Kualoa Ranch is open to moving the stairs to their property, this seems like a logical solution that would appease both the broader community in Hawaii and the neighborhood communities living in the windward area. Kualoa Ranch would also be able to maintain the trailhead and hiking points and manage traffic and parking. Please protect the local communities and those that live in the communities where an increase of traffic and populations due to tourist attractions, like Haiku Stairs, would impact. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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I am in favor of the removal of the Stairs. I think the lack of upkeep and unauthorized use by trespassers are the main reasons, let alone it being very dangerous. I'm also opposed of any trespassers entering through Castle Hills Subdivision/Anchor Church thus avoiding possible liability for anyone attempting to head climbing the stairs!

Katherine Ching

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Katherine

From: [Mary Lee](#)
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Today is Saturday, April 18, 2020, and it is now 8:53p.m. Due to Covid-19 we are mandated to stay home by Governor Ige and Mayor Caldwell, yet we are dealing with illegal trespassing hikers in real time. We continue to deal with this constant disruption and inconsideration 24/7, 365 days a year even with a mandate in place. Why is it they are NOT obeying the mandate and coming into our neighborhood potentially bringing diseases, viruses, germs, and bacteria compromising our right to safety? When is enough enough? Military has been approached about their people coming into this community disrupting and disrespecting us as if we're the ones in violation with a lame response of, "we know there's a mandate in place but they also have the right to continue to exercise." Really? They have the right to illegally trespass under the premise that they're exercising? That's pushing the envelope as if to say we're the idiots—I don't think I walk around with idiot written across my forehead. Where does our rights begin and theirs end???

We need to STOP pussy footing and skirting around this issue by doing the right thing (pono) by allowing Kualoa Ranch to purchase the stairs from the City and move/place it on their land. Kualoa has adequate parking, restroom facilities and they're in a position to control it. It is my humble opinion that this is a WIN WIN resolution for all concerned.

Remember/Reminder:

-this is Caldwell's last term in office and if he's successful in having another City department to take over the stairs from BWS, it'll be status quo and the problems will continue, business as usual. And Caldwell don't care—the pisser is he won't be around to deal with the problems and conflicts (Jeremy Harris repeat)

-friends of Haiku Stairs does not have the funding or manpower to successfully manage and control the number of people going up and coming down and entering our neighborhoods compromising our safety and putting us at risk. It's time to get real and remove those stairs!!!

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From: [Shiyana Thenabadu](#)
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Please do not tear down the Haiku Stairs. If the Honolulu Board of Water Supply is unwilling to maintain and manage the trail, please hand it over to the Friends of Haiku Stairs or some other entity that is willing to manage it. Friends have already identified a trail access that does not disturb the neighborhood.

This is a world class hike and the stairs have a historical significance. To tear it down would be giving into a vocal minority of a couple dozen people (mostly those living in Haiku Village by the Stairs) that the HBWS is working for the tiny minority and not the vast majority of us who wants this historical treasure saved.

Is Mr. Lau going to be known as the weak director who bowed down to a vocal minority or is he going to do the right thing and work to preserve and open the Stairs as a safe and legal hike for all who enjoy an amazing hike up 4,000 steps? Haiku Stairs is one of the safest hikes on Oahu. Do not tear this treasure down. Save it for us kama'aina and future generations. BWS - if you don't want this treasure, hand it over an entity that will care for it.

Sincerely,
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