

Public Testimony and/or agency comments received by the Planning Department at least **24 hours prior** to the August 8, 2023, Planning Commission Meeting regarding the following item:

- F.2.c. CLASS IV ZONING PERMIT (Z-IV-2023-12) and USE PERMIT (U-2023-9) to construct a new gymnasium on the Waimea High School campus in Waimea Town, and VARIANCE PERMIT (V-2023-3) to deviate from the height requirement within the Residential zoning district, situated approximately 550 feet mauka of the Ola Road/Kaumuali'i Highway intersection, further identified as 9707 Tsuchiya Road, Tax Map Keys: 1-6-010:004 and 1-6-009:023, and containing a total area of 11.11 acres = **STATE OF HAWAII, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**. [Director's Report Received July 25, 2023].

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Waimea United Church of Christ

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Waimea, HI, 96796-0457

27th of July, 2023

To: Commissioners of the County of Kauai Planning Department

Re: August 8th, Agenda Item #3 (Class IV Zoning Permit and Use Permit TMK 1-6-009-023 & 1-6-010-004) Waimea High School Gymnasium.

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Blessings and peace,

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**From:** Taeyong Kim <environcom1@gmail.com>  
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**Attachments:** Westside Basketball Club.pdf; WHS LetterofSupport.Gym.24.pdf; Kiakahi VBA.pdf; Kauai Economic Development Board.pdf; Waimea HS\_Principal Mahina Anguay.pdf; Aysa Tenouri.pdf

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Dear Planning Commission,

Attached are six letters of support for the proposed gymnasium project which will be heard at the August 8, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting. This project is listed as Item 3 on the agenda as CLASS IV ZONING PERMIT (Z-IV-2023-12), USE PERMIT (U-2023-9) and VARIANCE PERMIT V-2023-3.

If you have any questions, please contact me via email or phone.

Mahalo,

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July 27, 2023

Aloha, Principal Anguay,

I am writing this letter to express my wholehearted support for the construction of a new gymnasium facility at Waimea High School. As a member of the community and a very active business partner, I firmly believe that an upgraded gymnasium is a crucial addition to the school's infrastructure and will bring numerous benefits to our students, staff, and the overall education environment.

The current gymnasium, while functional, has become inadequate in meeting the demands of our growing student population and diverse athletic programs. The lack of sufficient space and modern amenities limits the opportunities for physical education, sports, activities, and extracurricular events, hindering our students' holistic development.

A new gymnasium would provide ample space to accommodate various sports and physical activities, enhancing the overall educational experience for students. Additionally, it would create opportunities for more diverse and inclusive athletic programs, encouraging students to engage in healthy and active lifestyles.

The positive impact of a new gymnasium would extend beyond the school premises. It will attract more community members to attend sporting events and other school functions, promoting a stronger bond between school and community.

In conclusion, I strongly support the construction of a new gymnasium at Waimea High School. Such an investment would not only improve the educational experience for our students but also contribute to a healthier, more vibrant school community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jaclyn Kaina", is written over the typed name.

Jaclyn Kaina  
Executive Director

August 2, 2023

County of Kauai  
Planning Department  
Lihue, Hawaii 96766

Aloha Members of the Planning Department

It is with excitement and enthusiasm that I compose this letter of support for the construction of the new gym for the students, faculty, and community of Waimea High School. As an alumnus of Waimea High School, Class of 1971, I believe the stakeholders of the Westside community have waited patiently (74 years) and are ready for this day, our dream of an updated, multi-faceted gymnasium.

First and foremost, the new gymnasium will be a hub that will afford people of all generations the opportunity to watch their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren participate in sporting and cheer events. They will not just be spectators in a modern gym; moreover, a new sense of pride and history will begin to unfold. This new facility will offer equal opportunity for girls (Title IX) to practice their cheer and a wrestling room as well.

Secondly, the new gymnasium will be an evacuation center for the Westside community. Although the current gym has provided us with years of service and use, the new gym will be designed and constructed with this in mind. This will bring about peace of mind and a sense of safety knowing that there is a facility in your backyard where patrons can seek shelter and safety. This gym will create a safe venue for all.

Third, as with all high schools, there are many rich legacies born out of tradition. Waimea High School has a reputation for great teams, players, and coaches. In my day, coaches like Richard Doi, Melvin Tsuchiya, Ed Bales, Basilio Fuyertes, Stanley Dela Cruz, and Tommy Rita were hailed as premiere coaches who developed boys. When you align lifestyle and legacy, this new gym will be the epicenter for the Westside community. We embrace sports to the fullest!

The aforementioned is a summative accounting for the support of a new gymnasium for Waimea High School and the Westside community. Thank you for considering my support for this new gym and please allow for ample parking in the design. This new gym will bring in a lot of spectators, young and old.

With Gratitude and Appreciation,

Russ Hasegawa  
Waimea Alumni and Friends Foundation





# **WESTSIDE BASKETBALL CLUB**

Date: July 30, 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is written in support of Waimea High School's new gymnasium. The Clem Gomes Gym has been a fixture at Waimea High School for over seventy years. It has provided our community with a lifetime of memories for many generations of families on the west side of Kauai. It has supported Westside Basketball Club, the last seventeen years and provided our club with opportunities to promote basketball to the youth of our community.

Waimea High School's new gymnasium will bring renewed pride within our community and a new chapter of memories for future generations. The new gymnasium will be in line with all the recent public and private high school gyms built throughout the state. The new gymnasium will free up Clem Gomes Gym exclusively for sporting events, community events and activities. Our club's players, parents and supporters will not need to drive to Kalaheo, Lihue, Kapaa, and Kilauea to participate in leagues, tournaments, and clinics. The new gymnasium will bring numerous opportunities for community organizations such as Westside Basketball Club. Having another venue to organize leagues, tournaments and clinics will bring people to the west side and support our many local businesses in the community. Finally, the new gymnasium will be the future home of all of our youth athletes who are looking forward to representing Waimea High School.

Mahalo,

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July 28, 2023

Aloha Kauai Planning Department,

I write this letter in support of the new proposed gymnasium at Waimea High School.

This project will allow Waimea High School to have an upgraded facility that has far reaching benefits for our students, our families and West Kauai community. Besides the obvious benefits of having a new facility to replace our 80 year old current gym, I feel a new gym increases enthusiasm in physical fitness and athletics, keeping students engaged in their personal wellness while also building school pride. With new weight training equipment, a new gym can spark a love for working out and help to keep our students strong and resilient which are valuable personal characteristics for young adults.

The proposed gym also has dedicated space for a wrestling and cheer room which we currently do not have. These two sports have always split space with other teams in our current gym and athletes have to drag their (very expensive) mats across campus to open classroom spaces after school.

I feel that the architects have done an excellent job of maximizing space and resources in this project, from physically fitting the gym on our front lawn to brainstorming parking solutions with the school and County of Kauai. I appreciate how they incorporated the design of the new gym into the overall look and feel of our existing classroom buildings and I especially appreciate how they were able to save the stage and front lawn area so we can continue to have student and community activities there.

I hope you will consider allowing this project to proceed as I feel it will greatly benefit not only my students but our entire community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mahina Anguay".

Mahina Anguay  
Principal, Waimea High School

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**Fwd: Community gyms needed!**

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Wed, Aug 2, 2023 at 6:17 AM

Another letter...

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Aloha,

I am writing you to express the importance of the WHS gym to be built! Our keiki need community areas to host sports teams and recreational activities. With the already limited number of resources for the community it is very important not only to build new spaces, but to also have the existing gyms remain open and to be available to our community. I appreciate your time and commitment to our youth! Please help us continue to provide the environment and opportunities for our keiki to grow physically and socially.

Best Regards,  
Aysha Tenouri  
813-750-5575

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## Fwd: Support letter for the WHS new Gymnasium

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Wed, Jul 19, 2023 at 9:10 AM

Letter #1

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Dear To Whom It May Concern,

The Waimea High School Girls Volleyball would benefit in the building of the new gym in many ways. It not only provides a gym with a safe area to practice and build their emotional, physical, and intellectual attributes to become better citizens in the future. The players as well as their parents will have a greater self -esteem and to be proud to be part of the Waimea Big Blue community.

The Kiakahi VBA will also benefit of the new gymnasium because it would provide a avenue to have a practice facility and have a building to have their tournaments to experience the challenge of playing other teams in the community and throughout the

State of Hawaii. The players as well as their parents will enjoy the new gym for the rest of their lives and their children.

I highly support the building of the new gym at Waimea High School. It is a positive way to build the pride of our students to want to participate in various sports and events that will have a long- term benefits to the community.

Sincerely Yours,

Ginny K. Hori  
Waimea High School Girls Varsity Coach  
Kiakahi VBA Board Member

Ainsley H. Hori  
Waimea High School Girls Assistant Coach  
Kiakahi VBA Board Member

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