

Memorandum

May 2, 2019

I'm supporting the movement of banning all tour helicopters from over flying heavily populated areas on the Hawaiian Islands.

As a pilot I am quite aware of the dangers to people on the ground if the aircraft can engage into auto rotation.

We have had too many copter crashes in the last few years on the islands, and we cannot longer tolerate this situation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Othmar Mazenauer", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Subject: Public Safety and Welfare Speaker Registration/testimony

Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Meeting Date	09-04-2019
Council/PH Committee	PublicSafety
Agenda Item	19-188, CD1
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Self
Organization	
Do you wish to speak at the hearing?	No

Written
Testimony

Question: How much tourism is too much?

Answer: When it severely impacts the lives of residents.

I live in the Diamond Head/Kapahulu area and tour helicopters and fixed wing aircraft disrupt my life, all day, every day, at least 12 hours a day. The constant loud noise of aircraft passing over my home, in front of it and behind it at low altitudes creates a constant high decibel stressful sound. It disrupts conversations, sleep, breakfast, lunch, dinner, quiet time (no more) and even television programs. Friends from around the island speak of their frustration about this noise pollution and their stories have a common thread: it is too much and too loud. It is invasive and it is stressful. It is potentially dangerous. A volunteer at Pearl Harbor finds it difficult to conduct tours because of the loud noise of helicopters buzzing overhead; horses at a riding school are being spooked by low flying helicopters and endangering students; families are buzzed by helicopters as they spend the day at the beach or at the park. The distress expressed has a common theme: too much noise and too many safety concerns. The stories I've heard from friends wrap around the island of Oahu. We are being barraged by air tours and we want our representatives to take a stand to help us take back our lives. The helicopter companies cry that they will lose income and jobs. That is not a valid argument. Residents have complained for years, and what did the helicopter companies do? They expanded their operations, continued to fly low and loud and aggressive. They have made NO attempt to work with the community. I fully support resolution 19-188 and I urge members of the City Council to pass the resolution.

Testimony
Attachment

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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee PublicSafety
Agenda Item Resolution 19-188
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self

Aloha,

I'm writing in support of Councilmember Waters' Resolution 19-188 regarding the regulation of air tour operations on Oahu. As a professional pilot and business owner myself, I understand the dynamics of sharing the beauty of our islands with visitors, running a profitable business, and practicing the respect and safety deserved to those who are both in the air and on the ground.

I've become concerned over the past few years as safety protocols and regulations have been more flagrantly ignored, and the time has come to address this issue head-on. I have the privilege of serving on the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board as the Vice-Chairman, and we also experience these same issues on a daily basis. In particular, we often find many of these situations are caused by our tour helicopter operators. Residents are not only bothered by the noise but are also concerned for their safety. Concerns have risen exponentially after recent events such as the Novictor helicopter crash happened right next door in Kailua.

Written
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Safety always has been and always will be the cornerstone of our aviation industry. The majority of pilots such as myself take great pride in ensuring the lives of our passengers and those who are on the ground are protected at all costs. We accomplish this through strict laws and redundant procedures practiced every flight. To see a small group of aviators who disrespect the rules, endanger our community, and risk hurting innocent people makes me so disappointed and eager to find solutions to fix this problem.

I support Councilmember Waters and continue to eagerly follow this issue to create a safe and enjoyable aviation environment for each and every one of us to enjoy.

Mahalo,
Daniel Kaanana
Kaneohe Resident
Kaneohe Neighborhood Board, Vice-Chairman