

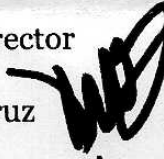
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TO: Mr. Lester Chang, Director
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VIA: Mr. Wayne Hashiro, Managing Director

FROM: Council Chair Donovan M. Dela Cruz 

RE: North Shore Surf Contest Permit Applications

As I entered my first year of office in 2003, one of the recurring issues was the scheduling of surf contests. The number of requests made it impossible to accommodate all of these competitive events. This increasing demand will not change. The prior administration put together a "Blue Ribbon Panel" including community residents and promoters who worked to formulate a means to rate each contest to determine which contest would qualify for a permit. The final report for this process was never completed or received by my office.

One of the original mandates was to address all the different categories such as long board, boogie board, body surfing and surfing with mandates on gender equity, amateur and age also taken into consideration.

I was surprised to hear from Mr. Alan Lennard, promoter for Pipeline Bodysurfing Classic, the major and only event for bodysurfing, that he was denied a permit for this event. There are not many events that are open to all and has no age qualification. This event is looked upon as the epitome of bodysurfing competition worldwide.

I believe that there is a surf contest permit appeal process that has been in place for years. Mr. Lennard did submit an appeal but has received no response. Therefore, I would like to request a status of Mr. Lennard's appeal. Attached is his e-mail to the Mayor explaining his predicament.

I look forward to your expeditious response. Should you require any additional information or questions, please call me or my Legislative Aide, Reed Matsuura, at 527-5561.

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Attach.

Cc: Mr. Alan Lennard