RESOLUTION NO. 253 17**A RESOLUTION URGING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO EXPEDITE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SKATE PARK FACILITY IN THE SOUTH HILO DISTRICT.**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 24, Vehicles and Traffic, Section 24-4 of the Hawai‘i County Code 1983 (2016 Edition, as amended) prohibits the use of coasters, roller skates, roller blades, skateboards, or any similar devices upon any roadway or any sidewalk, with limited exceptions; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 15, Parks and Recreation, Section 15-31 of the Code prohibits the use of roller skates and skateboards in parks and recreational areas “except in locations designated by the director by the posting of appropriate signs”; and

**WHEREAS**, with the support of private donations and varying levels of financial assistance from the County, community skate parks have been built in Honoka‘a, Waimea, Kapa‘au, Waikoloa, Kailua-Kona, Volcano Village, and Pāhoa; and

**WHEREAS**, there exists no legal permanent designated facility to enjoy roller skates and skateboards in the South Hilo District; and

**WHEREAS**, the construction of a public skate facility is likely to reduce illegal skate activity on roads and sidewalks, while providing “healthful, educational, and aesthetic advantages for the people in the County and its visitors, and for the orderly and progressive development of such facilities to accommodate the expanding and diversified needs of the people,” which is listed as one of the purposes of Chapter 15 of the Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Parks and Recreation is working to identify an appropriate location for a permanent skate park facility in South Hilo; and

**WHEREAS**, the skating community has formed the Hilo Skateplaza Coalition, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization which advocates for the building of a skate park facility in Hilo and raises funds for the same; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hilo Skateplaza Coalition has demonstrated community support by raising private funds totaling approximately \$12,000, and intends to continue raising funds for the construction of a public skate park facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hilo Skateplaza Coalition is also willing and able to provide skate park layout and design specifications, as well as donate construction materials, manual labor, and various supplies to ensure that the skate park is constructed to the highest industry standards; and

**WHEREAS**, there are available fair share funds in the amount of approximately \$500,000 earmarked for park facilities in South Hilo; and

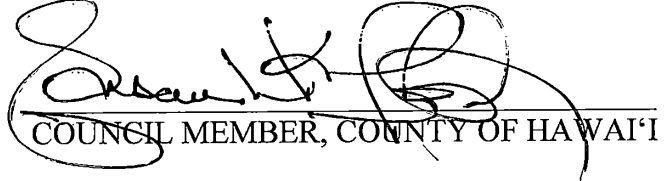
**WHEREAS**, the development of a quality public skate park facility in Hilo will require a meaningful commitment by the County to provide additional funding and resources in collaboration and partnership with the Hilo Skateplaza Coalition; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I** that the Mayor and the Director of Parks and Recreation are urged to expedite the construction of a public skate park facility in the South Hilo District.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the County Clerk shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Mayor and the Director of Parks and Recreation.

Dated at   Hilo  , Hawai'i, this   7th   day of   September  , 2017.

INTRODUCED BY:

  
COUNCIL MEMBER, COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

COUNTY COUNCIL  
County of Hawai'i  
Hilo, Hawai'i

I hereby certify that the foregoing RESOLUTION was by the vote indicated to the right hereof adopted by the COUNCIL of the County of Hawai'i on   September 7, 2017  .

ATTEST:



COUNTY CLERK



CHAIRPERSON & PRESIDING OFFICER

ROLL CALL VOTE

	AYES	NOES	ABS	EX
CHUNG			X	
DAVID	X			
BOFF	X			
KANUHA	X			
LEE LOY	X			
O'HARA	X			
POINDEXTER	X			
RICHARDS			X	
RUGGLES	X			
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Reference:   G-385/PWPRC -23  

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