

CHARTER PROPOSALS

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CITY GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: General

- ▶ # 50 Transfer DEM, Citizen Advisory Commission on Civil Defense, Royal Hawaiian Band, and Office of Housing from MD's Office to other departments.
- ▶ # 51 Allow DES to negotiate with non-city entities for use of city lands and property & disperse revenues.
- ▶ # 54 Require Functional Plans for ENV, DFM, DPP, DPR, DTS, and BWS.
- ▶ # 56 Move all core parking functions to DES.
- ▶ # 77 Add planning, engineering, design, construction, and installation to DDC, DES, ENV, DFM, DTS, DIT, and DPR.
- ▶ # 82 Add to DFM, vehicle and equipment fleet maintenance and stormwater quality responsibilities.
- ▶ # 90 Align Central Purchasing with the Procurement Code and remove obsolete requirement for an appointed standardization committee.

CITY GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: General

- ▶ # 91 Correct earlier reorganization of Department of Emergency Management by replacing obsolete references to “civil defense”.
- ▶ # 110 Establish lesser, more manageable administrative/ municipal districts consisting of similar neighborhoods and communities (Deferred)
- ▶ # 120 Require 20-year plus functional plans for wastewater, transportation, and parks and recreation facilities.

CITY GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: ELECTIONS

- ▶ # 2 Amend Special Elections timing.
- ▶ # 7 Limit political contributions and prohibit campaign contributions by organizations. (Deferred)
- ▶ # 36 Modify the deadline by which the Charter Commission must send Charter proposals to the City.
- ▶ # 57 Provide for initiative, referendum and recall; and prohibit gifts to politicians.
- ▶ # 67 Require City Clerk to take part in “Get out the Vote.”
- ▶ # 68 Require the City Clerk to produce and distribute voter guides on candidates and in “plain English” for ballot issues.
- ▶ # 69 Require an instant run-off system for county elections to fill vacancies.

CITY GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: ELECTIONS

- ▶ # 99 Increase the number of elected officials in city government and make more positions elected (City Auditor, COR, BWS Board & Director, HART Board & Executive Director, Fire Commission, Police Commission, Parks Commission, and Transportation Commission).
- ▶ # 132 Restore partisan elections for Mayor and Council, but not necessarily for the Prosecuting Attorney.
- ▶ # 137 Establish alternative campaign financing by creating a Clean Election Fund and Commission to administer it.

CITY GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: TERMS OF OFFICE

- ▶ # 12 Extend the terms of Council members.
- ▶ # 21 Limit terms of office for all elective county offices to two consecutive six-year terms (Mayor, the City Council members, the Prosecuting Attorney, and the Neighborhood Boards).
- ▶ # 44 Establish term limits of: Three four-year terms for the Mayor, Councilmembers, and the Prosecuting Attorney; and Six two-year terms for Neighborhood Board members.
- ▶ # 134 Establish a four-year term of office for the Prosecuting Attorney; and clearly specify that it is an elective office.

CITY GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: FINANCE

- ▶ # 17 Repeal the Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund; Affordable Housing Fund; Grants in Aid Fund; and Charter section allowing for creation of new funds.
- ▶ # 29 Establish budget autonomy for the Prosecuting Attorney.
- ▶ # 78 Allow the Mayor to create a fund, with Council approval.

CITY GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: PUBLIC RECORDS & OPEN GOVERNMENT

- ▶ # 23 Conform the county public records law to state requirements.
- ▶ # 25 Require city agencies to assist the public in getting public records and make the process more efficient.
- ▶ # 26 Prohibit charging for copies of records when obtaining copies is in the public interest.
- ▶ # 59 Open the Municipal Library at least one day a week.
- ▶ # 147* Communications.
- ▶ # 147* Government secrecy.
- ▶ # 150 Telecast all Charter Commission meetings on Olelo.

CITY GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: CLIMATE CHANGE, RESILIENCY, & SUSTAINABILITY

- ▶ # 52 Create a Climate Change Commission attached to DFM to review the latest science of climate change and advise the Director on adaptation measures to protect city properties and facilities.
- ▶ # 70 Require Honolulu to operate on the basis of sustainability to preserve natural resources and environmental health into the future.
- ▶ # 73 Create an office for policy framework, leadership, and coordination for climate change and resiliency across all relevant city agencies, other counties, and the State.
- ▶ # 74 Require enactment of ordinances to adequately facilitate resilience and increased adaptive capacity for climate change.
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- ▶ # 115 Require enactment of ordinances to adequately facilitate resilience and increased adaptive capacity for climate change.

MAYOR'S OFFICE AND EXECUTIVE BRANCH: GENERAL

- ▶ # 49 Provide for a second Managing Director and reorganize the departments for a more narrow and achievable span of control.
- ▶ # 80 Allow the Mayor to delegate the signing of documents.
- ▶ # 142 Delete the position of Managing Director.
- ▶ # 144 Provide for a professional City Manager appointed by the City Council; and Remove the position of Mayor. (Deferred)
- ▶ # 149 Change to a City Manager form of government without a Mayor. (Deferred)

MAYOR'S OFFICE AND EXECUTIVE BRANCH: HOUSING

- ▶ # 3 Increase the availability of the Affordable Housing Fund by allowing it to be used for persons earning 60% or less of median household income, allowing mixed use and mixed income projects, and limiting the time required for the housing to remain affordable to 60 years.
- ▶ # 11 Re-establish a housing agency to provide and develop affordable housing and implement the City and County of Honolulu's housing policies.
- ▶ # 66 Consolidate all housing functions into one department and rename DCS to the Department of Housing and Community Services to emphasize affordable housing, senior housing, special needs housing, and homelessness.
- ▶ # 96 Allow the Affordable Housing Fund to also be used for operating expenses.
- ▶ # 109 Create a Residential Rent Stabilization and Arbitration Board to address Honolulu's housing crisis by limiting rent increases and reasons for eviction and to be funded through newly created rental unit fees.

MAYOR'S OFFICE AND EXECUTIVE BRANCH: HOUSING

- ▶ # 121 Expand DCS duties to centralize housing functions, eliminate the Mayor's Office of Housing, and rename the Department to the Department of Housing and Neighborhood Services.
- ▶ # 122 Change the period of affordability for use of the Affordable Housing Fund to 60 years versus in perpetuity.
- ▶ # 124 Rename DCS to the Department of Housing and Community Services and include housing concerns in the context of community development.
- ▶ # 143 Change the Mayor's Office of Housing into a department.

MAYOR'S OFFICE AND EXECUTIVE BRANCH ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

- ▶ # 72 Amend ENV duties to focus on generation reduction and recycling as the primary strategy for waste management practices.
- ▶ # 83 Remove cesspool treatment and pumping as a core function of ENV.
- ▶ # 84 Consolidate and clarify management of wastewater and solid waste by amending the powers, duties, and functions of the ENV Director.
- ▶ # 135 Ensure that wastewater is not discharged into waters of the U.S. and treat all wastewater to the tertiary level. (Deferred)

MAYOR'S OFFICE AND EXECUTIVE BRANCH: CORPORATION COUNSEL

- ▶ # 4 Authorize City Council to remove the Corporation Counsel by a vote of two-thirds of the entire Council membership.
- ▶ # 5 Include Deputy Corporation Counsels in civil service
- ▶ # 97 Make COR less connected to the Mayor's Office by providing the City Council with the power to remove the Corporation Counsel, making the Corporation Counsel an independently elected position, or adding COR duties to PAT.
- ▶ # 133 Require the Corporation Counsel to be the Revisor of the Charter, to maintain the Charter in its current form as amended along with the legislative and electoral history of all revisions, and publish and make readily available the Charter in its current form both as a user-friendly hard copy and in a user-friendly electronic format.
- ▶ # 148 Consolidate COR and PAT into one office.

CITY COUNCIL AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

- ▶ # 9 Expand the City Council to 36 members.
- ▶ # 33 Provide for the timely filling of a vacancy in the office of any Councilmember.
- ▶ # 63 Eliminate first reading of bills.
- ▶ # 98 Add more Councilmembers and make each district smaller.
- ▶ # 103 Allow citizens to submit ordinances for consideration and provide for publicly initiated referendum.
- ▶ # 112 Increase the City Council from 9 to 13; the four additional positions to come from super districts.
- ▶ # 117 Change Council districts to align with six traditional moku; 2 members per district; to support better governance, stewardship and sustainability: Kona, `Ewa, Wai`anae, Waialua, Ko`olauloa, Ko`olaupoko.

CITY COUNCIL AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

- ▶ # 127 Amend the process of codification of ordinances
- ▶ # 131 Increase the number of members on the City Council from 9 to 11 or 13 to improve accessibility opportunities for constituents, allow for more contiguous and compact districts, and distribute committee and other workload assignments

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS: GENERAL

- ▶ # 24 Require boards and commissions to have an internet presence and use electronic communications to distribute board information.
- ▶ # 35 Repeal the requirement that no more than a majority of members of the Reapportionment Commission can be members of the same political party.
- ▶ # 40 Provide for the sunset of every board and commission and review the necessity of every board and commission at least every five years.
- ▶ # 46 Delete the duties of the Transportation Commission to evaluate the DTS Director and review the rules, budget, and public transit and other transportation system contractors
- ▶ # 64 Eliminate the Transportation Commission.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS: GENERAL

- ▶ # 102 Establish a Youth Commission to, among other things involve youth in the policymaking process, facilitate pro-youth policies, increase youth voter turnout, and promote leadership development for the next generation.
- ▶ # 104 Provide for equal female/male representation on boards and delete Charter references to parties.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS: NEIGHBORHOOD BOARDS & COMMISSION

- ▶ # 19 Reduce the number of Neighborhood Boards to one per Council District.
- ▶ # 30 Limit Neighborhood Boards' advisory rules to City and County matters and consider abolishing the Neighborhood Boards by reviewing participation and other factors.
- ▶ # 42 Prohibit Neighborhood Board members from serving on the Neighborhood Commission.
- ▶ # 89 Change the Neighborhood Commission title of "Executive Secretary" to "Executive Director."
- ▶ # 105 Abolish the Neighborhood Commission or keep it for administrative purposes only, and assign the Neighborhood Boards to the Office of Council Services.
- ▶ # 113 Elect members of Neighborhood Boards in the same cycle as council members of each district and require nomination papers with at least 40 signatures of voters registered in the district

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS: NEIGHBORHOOD BOARDS & COMMISSION

- ▶ # 126 Make various amendments to Article XIV on Boards and Commissions to address significant issues regarding the relationship between the Executive Secretary and the Neighborhood Commission, their respective roles, powers, duties, and functions, and the organization of the neighborhood system.
- ▶ # 128 Prohibit concurrent service on the Neighborhood Commission and a Neighborhood Board.
- ▶ # 129 Confer civil service status on Neighborhood Commission staff except for the Executive Secretary.
- ▶ # 130 Change the Neighborhood Commission title of “Executive Secretary” to “Executive Director. ”

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS: HPD & POLICE COMMISSION

- ▶ # 16 Amend the terms of service of the Police Commissioners to ensure a broad representation so that decisions reflect the diverse communities.
- ▶ # 18 Allow the Police Commission to punish officers for misconduct or bad behavior, and allow the Mayor to fire the Police Chief with the support of the majority of the Police Commissioners.
- ▶ # 22 Establish an Office of the Inspector General attached to the Police Commission.
- ▶ # 28 Keep the identities of complainants against the police confidential until the case is completed.
- ▶ # 31 Authorize the Police Commission to place the Police Chief on leave due to an ongoing investigation
- ▶ # 58 Create an independent citizen agency to review police misconduct.
- ▶ # 85 Authorize the Police Chief to appoint six assistant chiefs in addition to two deputies.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS: HPD & POLICE COMMISSION

- ▶ # 111 Investigate HPD officers based on anonymous complaints relating to domestic abuse, other violence or corruption, and make limited information regarding final disciplinary actions against HPD officers public 30 days after finalization.
- ▶ # 147* Treat HPD officers the same as civilians if they commit crimes.
- ▶ # 151 Increase the number of members on the Honolulu Police Commission from 7 to 10, limit terms to 4 years with a maximum of 3 terms, and require at least 3 Police Commissioners to have specified qualifications and experience in enforcement, etc.
- ▶ # 152 Improve the functioning of the HPD and help restore the public's trust in the HPD by authorizing the Police Commission to override a disciplinary decision of the police chief, make recommendations directly to the Mayor on the hiring and dismissal of the police chief, and deleting language preventing the Police Commission from interfering with the administrative affairs of the Police Department.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS: HFD & FIRE COMMISSION

- ▶ # 27 Establish a five-year term for the Fire Chief.
- ▶ # 37 Establish a five-year term for the Fire Chief; and delete the authority of the Fire Commission to remove the Fire Chief.
- ▶ # 60 Address the use of sirens late at night primarily by the Fire Department. (Deferred)
- ▶ # 86 Amend the description of the powers, duties, and functions of the Fire Chief to better reflect prevention, preparedness, and emergency response and require the Fire Chief to promulgate rules and regulations necessary for organization and internal administration.
- ▶ # 87 Increase the number of members on the Fire Commission from 5 to 7.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS: ETHICS AND ETHICS COMMISSION

- ▶ # 15 Require recusal of elected or appointed officials from participating, deliberating, voting, or implementing policies or decisions which will have a financial or political impact on other institutions where they or their spouses, children, or parents are officers, members, or beneficiaries.
- ▶ # 107 Create an Office of the Inspector General to replace the Ethics Commission not under the control or administrative authority of the Corporation Counsel.
- ▶ # 114 Support the independence of the Ethics Commission by clarifying that the Ethics Commission administers the Ethics Codes and locating it within the Office of the City Auditor.
- ▶ # 147* Allow public access to Ethics Commission rulings, decisions and reasoning.
- ▶ # !47* Gift disclosures
- ▶ # 153 Provide a clear standard of conduct provision in the ethics language about gifts from lobbyists.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS: SALARY COMMISSION

- ▶ # 39 Authorize the Salary Commission to set salary ranges for Ethics Commission attorneys.
- ▶ # 41 Authorize the Salary Commission to establish salary ranges for department heads or deputy department heads in positions with recruitment challenges and require the salary for a particular position within the applicable salary range be specified by the appointing official or entity.
- ▶ # 43 Require that the Salary Commission recommendations go into effect within sixty days if they have two-thirds majority vote.
- ▶ # 62 Make Salary Commission decisions final without the need for approval by the City Council or the Mayor
- ▶ # 100 Make Salary Commission recommendations binding.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS: PLANNING AND PLANNING COMMISSION

- ▶ # 1 Require APA training for Planning Commissioners and every Corporation Counsel assigned to the Planning Commission and specifically apply the Sunshine Law to the Planning Commission.
- ▶ # 8 Ensure public comment for wind machines by requiring a major conditional use permit.
- ▶ # 32 Create a Land Use Enforcement Officer position.
- ▶ # 38 Make detailed revisions to DPP duties.
- ▶ # 81 Establish dimensional zoning variance criteria.
- ▶ # 106 Create a Land Use Enforcement Officer position.
- ▶ # 108 Create Land Use Enforcement Officer position.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS: PLANNING AND PLANNING COMMISSION

- ▶ # 118 Change Planning Districts to the six traditional Hawaiian moku: Ko`olaupoko, Kona, `Ewa, Wai`anae, Waialua, Ko`olauloa.
- ▶ # 119 Add a second DPP deputy
- ▶ # 154 Create a 3-member project-review board for each multi-million dollar public works project with specific expertise and experience related to the project, require that no member or relative have any monetary interest in the project, and require each such project to provide specified public information well in advance of a referendum for approval of the project

BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY

- ▶ # 6 Provide more City Council oversight of BWS.
- ▶ # 20 Subject BWS Board to oversight by the City Council and to Charter standards of conduct
- ▶ # 53 Remove the State Director of Transportation as an ex officio member of the Board of Water Supply
- ▶ # 79 Require BWS contracts to be approved for form and legality by Corporation Counsel.
- ▶ # 88 Clarify that additional revenues for BWS may come from land and property development.

HART & TOD

- ▶ # 10 Terminate HART and allow the Mayor and Council to control the rail functions.
- ▶ # 13 Require that HART Board members meet specific knowledge and professional experience in specified areas and Board members ride HART once a week on average.
- ▶ # 14 Establish a single transit agency for bus, rail, and HandiVan service on Oahu.
- ▶ # 45 Require that the HART budget be submitted to the Council through the Mayor with or without recommendation no less than 120 days prior to the end of the fiscal year.
- ▶ # 47 Establish a single entity for transportation operations and maintenance of public transportation.
- ▶ # 61 Establish a new department for TOD and Strategic Partnerships.

HART & TOD

- ▶ # 71 Eliminate HART and TOD, and demolish what's been built so far; or end the rail at Aloha Stadium. Restore bus routes to 2010. (Deferred)
- ▶ # 76 Remove operation and maintenance authority from HART and the DTS and create a new municipal public transit entity.
- ▶ # 79 Require HART contracts to be approved for form and legality by Corporation Counsel
- ▶ # 92 Establish a single authority for bus, handi-van, and rail by the time that city funds are needed for operations and maintenance
- ▶ # 93 Establish a Transition Committee to recommend Charter amendments by the 2016 general election, on the best governance structure and process to implement a unified transit authority, authority of the Mayor and City Council to have approval authority over the transit authority's budgets, and qualifications for members of the transit authority.

HART & TOD

- ▶ # 94 Authorize the City Council to provide additional revenues for HART and limit HART revenues to capital projects only.
- ▶ # 95 Allow HART to issue any kind of bonds, not just revenue bonds.
- ▶ # 139 End the HART rail project at Aloha Stadium. (Deferred)
- ▶ # 140 Establish an independent review board to review 5, 10, 15, 20 year financial projections to determine how rail endangers the City's fiscal health especially in the face of rising rail costs and their relation to the City's ability to meet its existing financial obligations.
- ▶ # 146 Eliminate HART and turn over its functions to the Department of Transportation Services; End the rail at Middle Street (Deferred)
- ▶ # 147* Rail full of lies, deceptions, scams, conflicts.

HONOLULU CITY CHARTER

- ▶ # 34 Publish a new and updated edition of the Charter at least every 10 years by July 1 of the year following the general election and ending in “6”.
- ▶ # 48 Amend powers of the City to include sustainability and resource protection and emphasize that inclusiveness, transparency, and participation by the citizenry is a fundamental principle of conduct
- ▶ # 55 Revise the Charter through an omnibus provision to eliminate unnecessary or out-of-date materials. For example, eliminate Article XVI which is no longer needed.
- ▶ # 123 Require the Charter Commission to specify the purpose of Charter amendments or revision, use metrics to measure past performance of amendments or revision, require the City Auditor to report annually to the City Council on the results and findings of a yearly examination of the performance metrics and progress toward the stated goal of the amendments or revision.

HONOLULU CITY CHARTER

- ▶ # 125 Add historical citations, case note annotations, and tables of disposition to the City Charter.
- ▶ # 145 Put the City Charter and City Ordinances on-line in a form that is up-to-date and easy to read.
- ▶ # 150 Require live Olelo telecasts for all Charter Commission meetings. Consider using the latest technology and teleconferencing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

- ▶ # 17 Repeal the Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund to provide the City with improved flexibility in allocation of the real property tax revenues
- ▶ # 116 Amend the Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund to de-politicize the funding and implementation process.
- ▶ # 138 Ban toxic lawn pesticides on municipal parks and playgrounds and schools adjacent to municipal parks, provide a 24-hour notification of any pesticide application on school or park property, track the use of pesticides; and establish an integrated pest management method to reduce pesticide use on City properties. (Deferred)
- ▶ # 141 Label genetically modified products as “genetically modified organism.” (Deferred)

OTHER

- ▶ # 65 Investigate public ownership of Hawaiian Electric Company. If the public has the right to own it, the question should be put on the 2016 ballot. (Deferred)
- ▶ # 101 Require that excess property be put to the highest and best use. (Deferred)
- ▶ # 136 Raise minimum wage to \$15 an hour. (Deferred)