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Proposal Submittal Information

Providing responses to these items will help the Commission's deliberations, especially when additional information or research is required. Please be aware that these documents will be part of the public record and may be available to the public.

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Charter Amendment Proposal Form

1. Please provide a brief description of: The Proposed Charter amendment, the purpose of the proposed Charter amendment, the issue or problem to be addressed by the proposal, and how the proposal would address the issue or problem.:

Neighborhood Boards were established to provide community input to city government officials. Over the years, interest in these boards have dwindled where several boards do not have a sufficient number of members to even make a quorum. Another problem has been that through interpretation, the boards have expanded their advisory role to voice concerns directly related to pure state issues. As a creation of the City and County of Honolulu, the boards should have been restricted to city and county matters only. Boards have also directly interfered with private matters and one board was sued.

It seems that only a few individuals take advantage of these boards and most residents do not even bother unless there is an issue directly related to their neighborhood or community. In lieu of these boards, it might be more fiscally responsible for the city council members to determine when issues need to be addressed and hold town meetings. I request the Charter Commission to research board membership numbers in relation to having a quorum, voting results, and actual nonmember participation to determine that these boards should be abolished. The research should also consider the individuals who are voted to the boards. I believe some have mental issues, like there was one board member who claimed he was a law enforcement professional but admitted his police application was rejected, but since he always wanted to be a police officer, that was his profession.

I believe it is a waste of resources to have police and fire officials, who are required to attend, provide reports, many times giving common sense reports like, "turn pot handles away from the front of the stove", "Now that school is in session, remind students not to speed", "do not use lit candles near Christmas trees" and many, many more. If board members do not have common sense, they should not be providing advice to others.

2. If applicable, list the Charter provision(s) affected by the proposal::

N/A

3. If the proposal is based on a provision or provisions in the charter or laws of another jurisdiction (e.g., another county, city, or municipality), name the jurisdiction and, if possible, attach a copy of each provision or law.:

N/A

Relevant Provision:

N/A

4. If the proposal is based on any written materials you have, please attach a copy of each with a citation to its source.:

N/A

5. Attach the text of the proposed Charter amendment in Ramseyer format (see instructions below).:

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Ramseyer format:

- **AMENDING AN EXISTING CHARTER PROVISION:** Indicate by underscoring, any language being proposed to be added to the Charter and indicate by [bracketing], any language being proposed to be deleted from the Charter.
- **REPLACING AN EXISTING CHARTER PROVISION:** [Bracket] the article, chapter, or section of the Charter proposed to be deleted, and underscore the text of any provision proposed to replace the deleted material.
- **ADDING A NEW CHARTER PROVISION:** Provide the text of the new provision and, if possible, indicate where in the Charter the new material should be added.

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