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Proposal Submittal Information

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Kellen Smith

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Wai'anae Neighborhood Board

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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.:

Aloha,

Mahalo for considering changes to the City Charter. My proposal is to increase the number of council members to 36. Some of our constituents in Wai'anae have expressed concern over the lack of representation we all have on the City Council. Currently there are 9 council members for a population of nearly 1 million. At the state legislature, we have 50 senators and representatives that represent O'ahu. For the City & County government, which represents that same population on O'ahu, there are only 9 council members. The ratio of constituents to representatives for the state legislature for O'ahu is approximately 19,000:1. For the City & County, the ratio of constituents to representatives is approximately 105,000:1. This is absurd and opens the door for widespread corruption. If I was a developer and wanted to lobby the City Council for a project that would benefit my company, I only have to make contributions to 9 people to persuade them to vote my way. Many groups are alleging that this is already happening in our current government. My proposal is to have one council member for every neighborhood board on the island of O'ahu. There are currently 36 neighborhood boards on the island, so my proposal is that we increase the number of council members at the City & County to 36 to ensure more adequate representation. This would lower the constituent to representative ratio to just over 24,000:1, a much more manageable number. Please consider this proposal and understand our concerns about the lack of representation. Mahalo,

Kellen Smith
Co-Vice Chair
Wai'anae Neighborhood Board

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).:

N/A

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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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