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**Proposal Submittal Information**

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**Name:**

Kenneth Conklin

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**Representing:**

Myself

**Organization:**

N/A

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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.:**

Elected or appointed officials of the City and County of Honolulu should be required to recuse themselves 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. The most obvious and dangerous example is the Native Hawaiian governing entity now in the process of being created by OHA-funded agencies Kana'iolovalu and Na'i Aupuni, together with a U.S. Department of Interior rule-making process. If successful, the resulting sovereign government, backed by the U.S. Department of Interior, will place demands upon the City and County of Honolulu for money, land, and jurisdictional authority. No elected or appointed official of CC Honolulu who is a member or beneficiary of that "tribe", or whose spouse or child or parent is a member or beneficiary of that tribe, should be able to negotiate or make decisions on behalf of CC Honolulu that would transfer money, land, or jurisdictional authority to that tribe.

For example, at least two members of the current Honolulu Charter Commission have very strong conflicts of interest regarding the amendment I am proposing; and if my amendment had been adopted previously, they would now be required to recuse themselves from debating or voting upon my proposed amendment. The two examples are: (1) John Waihee III, because he is head of the Native Hawaiian Roll Commission and his son John Waihee IV is a trustee of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs which funded the Roll Commission and is funding the election now underway; and (2) Cheryl Soon, whose husband Ray Soon was Director of Land Development for Department of Hawaiian Homelands; Director and Chairman of Hawaiian Homes Commission and Director of DHHL; Vice President for Community Relations for Kamehameha Schools (Bishop Estate); Chairman of the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (a consortium of race-based institutions which pushed hard for the Akaka bill and for the current Department of Interior rulemaking process); and many other leadership positions in race-based institutions. Note that DHHL is prominently named in the most recent rulemaking proposal; Kamehameha Schools previously spent large sums of money gathering information for a relocation of its headquarters to the Cheyenne River Sioux tribal reservation on the mainland in order to get protection for its racial admissions policy and to avoid taxation of its business ventures; and both DHHL and KSBE are likely to join the anticipated Hawaiian tribe.

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

Section 11-102. Conflicts of Interest --

Part 1. No elected or appointed officer or employee shall:

\*\* Add the following item:

(f) Participate in or make any decision on a city matter if that city/county officer or employee, or a spouse, parent, or child of that officer or employee, is also an officer, employee, member, shareholder, or beneficiary of any other foreign or domestic government, corporation, foundation or institution which stands to gain money, land, or jurisdictional power because of the city/county decision. In every such situation the city/county officer or employee is required to make public disclosure of the conflict of interest and to recuse himself/herself from making, participating in, or implementing city/county policies or decisions.

**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).:**

Proposed amendment.txt

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