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**Proposal Submittal Information**

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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.:**

The Charter should be amended to include ability to divide Oahu into a number of lesser administrative/municipal districts comprised of similar communities and neighborhoods.

Several models from communities across the country could serve as examples for subdividing Honolulu County into more manageable municipal bodies.

One example is the Miami/Dade County Home Rule Charter. It allows for diversity between communities but retains many county-wide services for economy of operation. A key section of that Charter reads:

"Each municipality shall have the authority to exercise all powers relating to its local affairs not inconsistent with this Charter. Each municipality may provide for higher standards of zoning, services and regulation than those provided by the Board of County Commissioners in order that its individual character and standards may be preserved for its citizens."

The City and County of Honolulu is the largest municipally run entity in the United States, if not the world. The island of Oahu has the same total area (596 square miles) as Baltimore, Boston, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Miami, Minneapolis, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, San Francisco and Washington, D.C., combined.

The diversity of interests and activities within that 596 square miles is notable. Here are some selected communities with similar sounding names yet with very dissimilar needs and desires:

1. Waialae and Waimanalo
2. Waikiki and Waipahu
3. Kapolei and Kapalama
4. Hawaii Kai and Kalihi
5. Downtown Honolulu and Hauula
6. Waipio and Waialua

Does one size fit all? Are we currently meeting the needs of our different communities? We need to formulate a government structure on this island that will better serve our very different communities.

The Federal government already recognizes and distinguishes different statistical areas on Oahu. We should follow suit in order to allow the people of Oahu to have a greater role in self-governance and to not be excluded from potential programs and services because of their inclusion in the larger "Honolulu" grouping.

**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.:**

Miami/Dade Florida. <http://www.miamidade.gov/charter/library/charter.pdf>

**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