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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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The Trust for Public Land

Static Content:**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.:

In 2006, an overwhelming majority of voters supported the establishment of the Clean Water and Natural Fund, which set aside half-a-percent of real property taxes to protect O`ahu's special places. These proposed amendments (1) clarify that

monies from the fund are to be spent in a manner consistent with the priorities, recommendations, and rankings of a citizen-expert appointed Commission, (2) split appointment power of the nine-member citizen-expert Commission between the City Council and the Mayor, (3) clarify that grants may be mad from the fund to other public agencies and non-profit organizations, and (4) clarify that the City and County of Honolulu need not provide any matching funds for purchases made by the City and County of Honolulu. These amendments seek de-politicize the funding and implementation process. The fund has not completed as many projects as expected despite ever increasing development pressures on O`ahu and high demand by voters for more conservation of land.. This failure to complete projects is due to many factors. One major factor is different elected officials' desires to re-prioritize or overrule projects recommended by the Commission. It takes many months if not years to put together a land conservation project and delays in funding because of shifting priorities can turn landowners away from conservation alternatives. In addition, cooperation between the City Council and Mayor (over several administrations) on completing projects has not occurred, due to the perception by different Mayors that the Commission is appointed and controlled by the Council. There is also confusion and additional expense and potential liability triggered by lack of clarity as to whether the funds may be granted to other public agencies and non-profits without the City owning a conservation easement. And finally, it is not clear whether the City is exempt from matching funds requirements for City owned projects. These proposals attempt to address or clarify these issues or problems.

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

9-204(2), 9-204(7).

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:

CHAPTER 2.pdf

(http://honolulu charter commission.org/images/jsuniform/jsuniform_uploads/2/201510312102st26_13075871256_chapter 2.pdf)

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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All proposals must be submitted by October 31, 2015.

If for any reason you are having difficulty using our online submission process, you may submit your proposal by mail or email:

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