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HAWAII COUNTY
CHARTER COMMISSION**

TO: HAWAII COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSION

FROM: ALAPAKI NAHALE-A, CHAIRPERSON, AD HOC COMMITTEE
FORMED TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF AMENDING
ARTICLE III SECTION 3-2 OF THE HAWAII COUNTY CHARTER

RE: COMMITTEE REPORT AND FINDINGS

The Ad Hoc Committee formed to investigate the possibility of amending Article III Section 3-2 of the Hawai'i County Charter consists of Chairperson Alapaki Nahale-a and members Daphne Honma, Joseph Kealoha, and Todd Shumway.

The Committee discussed and considered, among other things, if the composition of the county council should remain as one member from each of the nine districts, if council terms should increase from two years to four years, what the council term limits should be if the term of office was increased from two to four years, and if staggered terms should be utilized if council terms are extended from two to four years.

After thoughtful deliberation, the Committee recommends that the charter be amended to extend council terms from two years to four years and in conjunction that term limits be decreased from four terms to two terms. Your Committee also recommends that elections for council not be staggered and that all council seats are up for election every four years.

Although your Committee was in favor of the concept of staggered terms, they believe that reapportionment could create an untenable situation whereby two sitting council members could end up residing in the same council district. We believe having all seats up for election every four years resolves this conflict.

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