

To: Charter Commission

Date: September 11, 2009

Fr: Margaret Wille

Re: Proposal to Recognize the Importance of the County's Civil Defense Agency and Modify the Description of this agency to better describe its actual mission and incorporate the current direction and thinking in the area of disaster preparedness.

Add new chapter to Article VI "The Executive Branch: the Managing Director and Agencies under the Managing Director"

ADD CHAPTER 11 :

"DEPARTMENT OF RESILIENCE AND CIVIL DEFENSE"

Section 11-1.1 Organization.

There shall be a department of Resilience and Civil Defense consisting of a director, a deputy director, and the necessary staff.

Section 11.1.2 Statement of Policy.

It is hereby declared to be the purpose of this chapter to establish in the county a system for disaster resilience, including action plans for risk assessment, prevention, mitigation, and surge capacity building through coordination with other governmental agencies at the county, state, and federal levels, as well as collaborative partnerships with non-governmental entities and community organizations to ensure prompt and effective action when man-made or natural disaster threatens or occurs anywhere in the County of Hawaii. Consideration shall be given to the following threats:

1. pandemic illness
2. earthquakes
3. volcanic eruption
4. hurricane
5. landslides
6. food shortages
7. drought
8. surge flooding
9. tsunami
10. wildfires
11. air pollution --vog
12. widespread water and soil contamination
13. any other wide spread disaster risks.