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Honorable Edmund Haituka and Members of the
County of Hawai'i Charter Commission
c/o Hawai'i County Council
25 Aupuni Street
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RE: Additional Comments about Charter Amendment Proposal CA-12

Dear Chairman Haituka and Commission Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide additional comments on proposed Charter amendment CA-12 which would amend section 15-1 "Initiation of Amendments or Revisions" of Article XV "Charter Amendment or Revision" of the current Charter.

In Communication 95, dated November 5, 2009, I stated that despite other concerns, I took no position on changing the signature requirement for a charter amendment petition from at least twenty percent of registered voters for the last general election to twenty percent of the number of votes cast in the preceding general election.

After discussing this matter with Election Administrator Pat Nakamoto, I respectfully request that the Commission amend CA-12 by deleting the language "votes cast in the last preceding general election" and replacing that language with "total ballots cast in the last preceding general election" or in the alternative "valid votes cast in the last preceding general election".

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There are two reasons for this suggestion. First the certified results as provided by the State Office of Elections are by total ballots cast. Secondly, current Charter language found in Section 13-27 "County Election" uses the term "all votes validly cast."

If I can provide further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 961-8271.

Yours, very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "K. Goodenow", written in a cursive style.

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