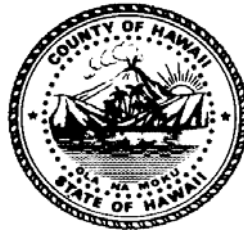


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Honorable Edmund Hiatsuka and Members of the  
County of Hawai'i Charter Commission  
c/o Hawai'i County Council  
25 Aupuni Street  
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Dear Chairman Hiatsuka and Commission Members:

RE: Comments in Opposition to Charter Amendment Proposal CA-9

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to proposed Charter amendment CA-9 which would amend section 13-20 of the current Charter as it relates to notice of special meetings.

In a situation where time is of the essence and notice needs to be provided by radio or television broadcast, the inability to post an electronic notice caused by technical problems with the county's website may result in severe consequences. I note that Rule 2.2(b) of the current *Rules of Procedure of the County of Hawai'i* states, "[a]n agenda for the special meeting shall be posted outside the Council offices and, if possible, on the website."

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".

KENNETH G. GOODENOW