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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: Testimony in Opposition to Charter Amendment Proposal CA-16

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in opposition to proposed Charter amendment CA-16 which would amend section 15-1 "Initiation of Amendments or Revisions" of Article XV "Charter Amendment or Revision" of the current Charter by replacing the current procedure "with the same process as outlined in Article XI – [I]nitiative and Referendum of this charter".

Simply put, the procedures outlined in Article XI specifically refer to initiative and referendum, e.g., numerous references to ordinances, and are not appropriate for the amendment or revision of our Charter.

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 black ink, appearing to read "K. Goodenow".

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