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To: Chair Edmund K. Haitsuka and  
Members of the Hawai‘i County Charter Commission

From: Levi K. Hookano, Attorney

Date: January 13, 2010

RE: Relating to CA-17: Reapportionment to Redistricting  
Relating to CA-23: Electronic Notices with Newspaper Notices  
Relating to CA-26: Conservation  
Relating to CA-29: Prosecuting Attorney Powers  
Relating to CA-30: Board and Commission Websites  
Relating to CA-36: Housekeeping Amendments

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Dear Chair Haitsuka and Members of the Hawai‘i County Charter Commission,

There does not appear to be any legal issues with the above referenced proposals. The only significant thing to mention relates to CA-17. CA-17 requires that the redistricting<sup>1</sup> commission be appointed by July 1 of the year immediately prior to the redistricting year. The next redistricting year is 2011. If CA-17 were to become effective upon approval by the electorate, it would be impossible for the commission to be appointed by July 1 of the year immediately prior since that date would have already passed. Therefore, I recommend that a transition provision be included in this amendment that indicates when the July 1 provision takes effect and how the passage of this amendment will impact the work of the upcoming redistricting commission.

If you have any questions regarding these matters, please do not hesitate to contact me.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Levi K. Hookano'.

Levi K. Hookano  
Commission Attorney

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<sup>1</sup> The term “redistricting” will be used in this memo instead of “reapportionment” since that is the purpose of the proposed amendment.