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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
City Councilmember Tom Berg  
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**ARE WE GETTING HEAVY OR LIGHT RAIL  
AND OTHER QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS AT TOWN HALL FORUM  
DECEMBER 6, 2011 MISSION MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM 6:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.**

**(HONOLULU HALE) September 16, 2011** – City Councilman Tom Berg representing the Leeward Coast on Oahu is fighting for rail to be done right or not at all. The State of Hawaii is profiteering off the GET rail surcharge with roughly \$16 million a year diverted into the State's coffers. The State Legislature, the Mayor of Honolulu and the Honolulu City Council all appear to have no problem with this scam ...making money off of the taxpayers of Oahu desperate for traffic relief. This was a tax designed to sustain the rail endeavor for the City of which when implemented, has morphed into a money making plot for the State Legislature.

“It is absolutely criminal that no one at the helm, being HART, the Mayor, or City Council, has intervened to fight for the taxpayer to get the best rail product at the best price. We have the rail car manufacturer Ansaldo charging us \$250 million more than needed to build the rail cars and the losing bidder, Bombardier, that could save the rail project \$250 million off the bat and create 150 local jobs to boot, has been thrown to the curb.

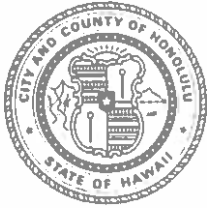
Experts cannot even agree as to whether we are getting light or heavy rail and most have forgotten that to finish the 34 mile segment to Waikiki and UH Manoa will require another hefty tax increase,” stated Berg.

Berg has scheduled a slew of panelists to take part in a open forum discussion with the public to get answers on the many inconsistencies thus far brought forth to help advance clarity and cohesion for this project. “We know we are getting the most expensive rail project in U.S. history and the oldest, noisiest technology that is available but the voters said yes to it. What was missing in the City's propaganda for steel wheel on steel rail scheme was that Maglev is not really proprietary as proclaimed by the City and Monorail is very doable here. Both of these rail technologies cost less and are much, much more quieter than steel on steel and impose a smaller footprint upon the landscape,” added Berg.

“What the public needs to know is that it is not too late to save money and get a better rail product without losing one penny of federal funding. On top of that, we are to finance millions more to put art in the rail stations when our public and private schools could adorn the stations with artwork for free. From false reports of ridership to changing the route and price-tag, the public needs to hear the experts go head-to-head so we get the facts and clear the air,” Berg lauded.

The public is welcome to attend the rail forum to be held at the Mission Memorial Auditorium on December 6, 2011, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. See the invitation letter included in this press release.

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September 16, 2011

The Honorable Peter Carlisle, Mayor  
City and County of Honolulu  
530 South King Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Mayor Carlisle,

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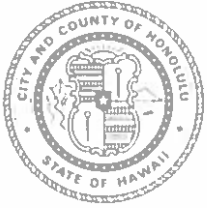
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Ben Cayetano  
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Honolulu, HI 96816

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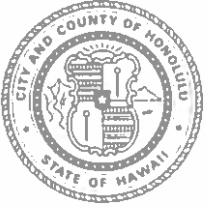
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Frank Genadio  
92-1370 Kikaha Street  
Kapolei, HI 96707

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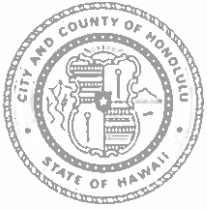
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2922 Pacific Heights Road  
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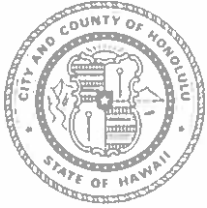
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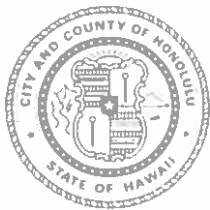
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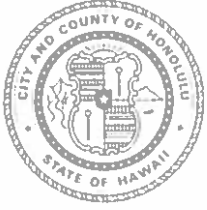
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State Senator, District 20  
Hawaii State Capitol  
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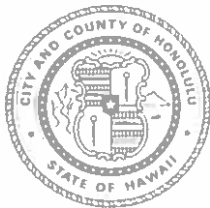
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September 16, 2011

The Honorable Rida Cabanilla  
State Representative, District 42  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 442  
Honolulu, HI 96813

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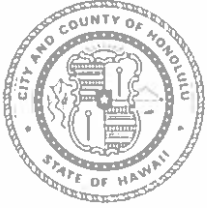
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State Representative, District 40  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 438  
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State Representative, District 43  
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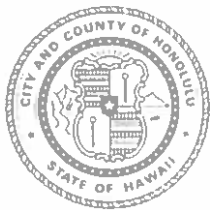
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Toru Hamayasu, Interim Executive Director  
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1099 Alakea Street, Suite 1700  
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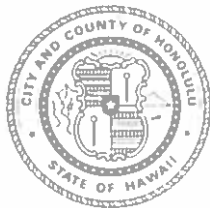
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