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Dear Madame Clerk:

RE: REPORT AND FINAL REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN OF THE
2011 COUNCIL REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Pursuant to Section 3-103 of the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu, the 2011 Council Reapportionment Commission submits the Final Reapportionment Plan to govern the election of the members of the next succeeding Councils of the City and County of Honolulu. This report outlines the work of the Commission and explains the rationale of the Plan.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION

Members of the 2011 Council Reapportionment Commission were selected by City Council Chair Nestor Garcia and approved by the entire Council by adoption of Resolution No. 11-162, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit I, in accordance with the provisions of Section 3-103.2 of the City Charter.

In accordance with Section 3-103.2 of the City Charter, the Office of the City Clerk furnished secretarial and technical staff services.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Commission expresses its gratitude to Deputies Corporation Counsel Diane Kawauchi, Dawn Spurlin, and Krishna Jayaram for legal assistance and advice.

The Commission acknowledges Mr. Kenneth Schmidt of the Department of Planning and Permitting, Honolulu Land Information System for allowing the Commission to utilize geographic information system software products and services.

The Commission also expresses its gratitude to Mr. David Rosenbrock, Project Manager of the 2011 State Reapportionment Commission and Mr. Royce Jones, Hawaii-Pacific Manager of ESRI who presented an overview of the State legislative redistricting and a technical overview of the redistricting tools and products, respectively.

I. SUMMARY OF PROCESS

Election of Chair and Vice Chair. The Commission's first action, in accordance with the City Charter, was to elect a chair from its members. Although not required by the City Charter, the Commission also elected a vice chair to preside in the absence of the chair.

Rule of Procedure. The City Charter also required the Commission to establish its own procedures and to that effect, the 2011 Commission Rules attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit II, were adopted to govern the conduct of Commission meetings and the manner in which the Commission would accomplish its objective.

Preparatory Work. The Commission members familiarized themselves with the applicable City Charter provisions and various legal decisions pertaining to reapportionment and redistricting. A briefing was also provided by the Department of the Corporation Counsel on these and other administrative legal issues. The Commission also reviewed the report of the 2001 Reapportionment Commission and other relevant information on redistricting principles and guidelines.

Criteria and Considerations. In effecting reapportionment, the Commission was governed by criteria established by Section 3-103.3 of the City Charter.

Population Base. The 2011 Commission adopted the U.S. Bureau of the Census, Public Law 94-171 population base data without any adjustments. The Commission discussed whether or not to include non-resident populations of military personnel, their dependents, felons and college students. However, the Commission also considered that the availability to the Commission of additional resident data for military personnel to enable the assignment of each military member to a census block was uncertain due to revised military security and privacy policies.

II. DEVELOPMENT OF THE PLAN

Preliminary Plans. The Commission directed the staff to draft four proposals for consideration that were compliant with the City Charter and honored and did not split census blocks.

The first plan would start at Kaena Point and proceed to create districts clockwise around the island.

The second plan would start at Makapu'u Point and proceed to create districts counter-clockwise around the island.

The third plan, the Kaena/Makapu'u Dual Point Plan, would start from both Kaena and Makapu'u points and would utilize the Waianae and Ko'olau mountain ranges as boundaries. The urban Honolulu districts were drawn from the remaining portions of Oahu.

The fourth plan, the Modified Existing Districts Plan would be based generally upon the existing council district boundaries; while maintaining existing boundaries as much as possible, with adjustments made for population changes.

Upon review by the Commission, it was determined that the Modified Existing Districts Plan would be presented for public comment at public hearings around the island.

Public Hearings. The Commission held three public hearings around the island. The first was held on October 3, 2011 at James B. Castle High School, the second on October 4, 2011 at Kapolei High School, and the final hearing on October 11, 2011 at City Hall in Honolulu. All public hearings commenced at 6:30 pm on a weekday in the interest of obtaining increased public attendance. The legal notice for the public hearings was published on September 23, 2011 in the Honolulu Star Advertiser. The affidavit of publication and legal notice is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit III.

Proposed maps and plan information were also available for public review on the 2011 Council Reapportionment Commission website http://www.honoluluelections.us/election_info/Reapportionment and at the Office of the City Clerk.

III. THE FINAL REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN

Description. At the Commission meeting on November 10, 2011, two amendments to the fourth plan, the Modified Existing Districts Redistricting Plan, were proposed, one by Commissioner Montes and another by Commissioner Funakoshi. After full discussion, deliberation, and vote the Commission adopted the Modified Existing Districts Redistricting Plan (henceforth, "Final Reapportionment Plan") as initially drafted without any amendments.

The Final Reapportionment Plan redistricts a population of 953,207 persons within the City and County of Honolulu among nine council districts. The

target district population was 105,912 per district and the total deviation of the Plan is 4.3%, as illustrated in Exhibit IV that is attached hereto and incorporated herein. Any population in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands is incorporated into District III.

General Features. Due to the increases in population on the leeward portion of the island, there were significant shifts to the existing district boundaries.

The Council District Census Block Listing attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit V describes each Council District by assignment of each census block to a Council District. For ease in interpretation, narrative district boundary descriptions and a map are attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibits VI and VII, respectively. The general description of each district is as follows:

- District I – Includes Waianae, Nanakuli, Honokai Hale, Kapolei, Makakilo, Kalaeloa, and portions of Ewa Villages and Ewa Beach.
- District II – Includes Mililani Mauka, Wahiawa, Mokuleia, Waialua, Haleiwa, Pupukeya, Sunset Beach, Kahuku, Laie, Hauula, Punaluu, Kahana, Kaaawa, Kualoa, Waiahole, and Kahaluu.
- District III – Includes Ahuimanu, Heeia, Haiku, Kaneohe, Maunawili, Kailua, Olomana, Enchanted Lake, and Waimanalo.
- District IV – Includes Hawaii Kai, Kuliouou, Niu Valley, Aina Haina, Wailupe, Waialae-Iki, Kalani Valley, Kahala, Wilhemina Rise, Kaimuki, portions of Kapahulu, Diamond Head, Black Point, Waikiki, and Ala Moana Beach Park.
- District V – Includes Kaimuki, Palolo Valley, St. Louis Heights, Manoa, Moiliili, McCully, and portions of Ala Moana, Kakaako, and Makiki.
- District VI – Includes portions of Makiki, Downtown Honolulu, Punchbowl, Pauoa Valley, Nuuanu, Alewa Heights, Papakolea, Fort Shafter, Moanalua, Halawa, Aiea, Kalihi Valley, and portions of Liliha and Kalihi.
- District VII – Includes Kalihi, Iwilei, Sand Island, Kalihi Kai, Mapunapuna, Salt Lake, Aliamanu, Hickam, Foster Village, Ford Island, and Sand Island.
- District VIII – Includes, Pearl City, Pearl City Peninsula, Waimalu, Crestview, Waipio Gentry, portions of Waipahu.
- District IX – Includes Waikele, Village Park, Royal Kunia, Mililani Town, West Loch, Iroquois Point, and portions of Ewa Villages and Ewa Beach.

The Council District Census Block Listing shall control in identifying the location of each Council District Boundary in the event of any conflict with the narrative district boundary descriptions or map.

IV. CONCLUSION

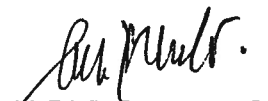
The Final Reapportionment Plan was adopted by a vote of 7-2, with Commissioners Montes and Funakoshi voting in opposition. The minutes of the Commission meetings, including the minutes of the November 10, 2011 meeting

noting the final adoption of the redistricting plan are attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit VIII.

Pursuant to the 2011 Commission Rules, a copy of this Final Reapportionment Plan will be posted online at http://www.honoluluelections.us/election_info/Reapportionment and will also be available in hard copy upon request.

Finally, the Commission expresses its gratitude to the Honolulu City Council for its confidence in and the resources it provided to the Commission to perform the 2011 City Council redistricting. The Commission finds that its Final Reapportionment Plan adopted on November 10, 2011, complies with the principles and legal requirements for redistricting of the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii.

Respectfully submitted,


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