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September 26, 2008

Senator Colleen Hanabusa
President of the State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 409
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear President Hanabusa:

This is to inform you that Resolution 08-183, CD1, urging the Hawaii State Legislature to appropriately amend the Hawaii Revised Statutes to require that nomination papers for elective office be obtained at least 24 hours prior to the filing deadline, was adopted by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu at its meeting on Wednesday, September 24, 2008.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Denise C. De Costa".

DENISE C. DE COSTA
City Clerk

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Attachment



RESOLUTION

URGING THE HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE TO APPROPRIATELY AMEND THE HAWAII REVISED STATUTES TO REQUIRE THAT NOMINATION PAPERS FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE BE OBTAINED AT LEAST 24 HOURS PRIOR TO THE FILING DEADLINE.

WHEREAS, Section 12-2.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) provides that "[n]omination papers shall be made available from the first working day of February in every even-numbered year; provided that in the case of a special primary or special election, nomination papers shall be made available at least ten days prior to the close of filing"; and

WHEREAS, since there is no statutory deadline by which a person seeking candidacy for elective office must obtain nomination papers, such papers may currently be obtained until the filing deadlines imposed under Section 12-6, HRS; and

WHEREAS, during the 2008 nomination period, there were news accounts of people obtaining nomination papers within 30 minutes of the filing deadline, leading to chaos and controversy as they attempted to file the nomination papers prior to the statutory deadline; and

WHEREAS, requiring nomination papers to be obtained no later than 24 hours prior to the filing deadline would help to avoid chaos and controversy caused by last minute filings of nomination papers; and

WHEREAS, the city clerk is responsible for managing the election filing process and last minute filings can create a substantial burden on the city clerk's office; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Hawaii state legislature is urged to appropriately amend the Hawaii Revised Statutes to require that nomination papers for elective office be obtained at least 24 hours prior to the filing deadline; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii State Association of Counties is requested to consider including in the 2009 HSAC legislative package a measure to amend state law to require that nomination papers for elective office be obtained at least 24 hours prior to the filing deadline; and



CITY COUNCIL
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 HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. 08-183, CD1

RESOLUTION

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the governor, all members of the Hawaii state house of representatives and Hawaii state senate, the chief election officer, and the president of the Hawaii State Association of Counties.

INTRODUCED BY:

Charles Djou

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

August 5, 2008
Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

CITY COUNCIL
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII
CERTIFICATE

RESOLUTION 08-183, CD1

Introduced: 08/05/08 By: CHARLES DJOU

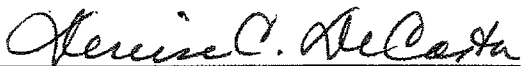
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AFFAIRS

Title: RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE TO APPROPRIATELY AMEND THE HAWAII
REVISED STATUTES TO REQUIRE THAT NOMINATION PAPERS FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE BE OBTAINED
AT LEAST 24 HOURS PRIOR TO THE FILING DEADLINE.

Links: [RES08-183](#)
[RES08-183_CD1](#)

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS	9/4/08	CR-277 AND RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION IN CD1 FORM.
COUNCIL	9/24/08	CR-277 AND RESOLUTION AS AMENDED (RES08-183, CD1) WERE ADOPTED.
	APO Y	CACHOLA Y DELA CRUZ Y DJOU Y GARCIA Y
	KOBAYASHI Y	MARSHALL Y OKINO Y TAM Y

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.



DENISE C. DE COSTA, CITY CLERK



BARBARA MARSHALL, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER