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F R O M: Michael P. Victorino, Chair 
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SUBJECT: **TRANSMITTAL OF LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL RELATING TO
PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS** (PIA-10(14))

The attached legislative proposal pertains to Item 10(14) on the Committee's agenda.

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Attachment

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PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE REVISED CHARTER OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI (1983), AS AMENDED, TO REQUIRE COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS, ALLOW THE COUNCIL TO INITIATE REMOVAL OF DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS, AND ALLOW ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS TO BE ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended ("Charter"), provides for a process by which the Council shall confirm or deny the confirmation of the Mayor's appointments of the Corporation Counsel, Prosecuting Attorney, and Director of Water Supply; and

WHEREAS, although other department directors appointed by the Mayor are also charged with responsibilities that warrant the Council having approval authority over the appointments, no such process exists for the Mayor's appointments of department heads other than the Corporation Counsel, Prosecuting Attorney, and Director of Water Supply; and

WHEREAS, the Council should have the same authority as the Mayor to initiate removal of a department head; and

WHEREAS, the Charter sets forth general qualifications for department directors, but there is a need to allow flexibility to establish, by ordinance, more specific qualifications and to adjust those qualifications with time; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That pursuant to Charter Section 14-1(1), it hereby proposes that Charter Section 3-8, pertaining to Restrictions on Council and Council Members, be amended to read as follows:

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“Section 3-8. Restrictions on Council and Council Members.

[1. Neither the council nor any of its members shall, in any manner, dictate the appointment or removal of any officer or employee appointed by the mayor or by the mayor's subordinates.

2.] Neither the council nor its members shall give orders to any county employees or county officers other than those appointed pursuant to Section 3-7 or Article 5, either publicly or privately. Any willful violation of the provisions of this subsection by a member of the council shall be sufficient grounds for the councilmember’s removal from office by impeachment.”;

2. That pursuant to Charter Section 14-1(1), it hereby proposes that Charter Section 6-2, pertaining to the Appointment and Removal of Officers and Employees, be amended to read as follows:

“Section 6-2. Appointment and Removal of Officers and Employees.

1. The administrative head of a department may not appoint more than the staff for which appropriations have been made by the council.

2. No appointing authority shall appoint any person to any office or position exempted from civil service until satisfied by proper investigation that the person to be appointed is fully qualified by experience and ability to perform the duties of the office or position.

3. The term of office of any administrative head of a department who is appointed by the mayor[, including the corporation counsel and the prosecuting attorney,] shall end with the term of office of the mayor, except that any such administrative head may be earlier removed as provided for in this charter. Such officers shall not hold over more than sixty (60) days after their respective terms of office, and shall immediately vacate their respective offices at the end of the 60-day period or upon the appointment of a successor in accordance with this charter, whichever occurs first.

4. The mayor shall have the authority to appoint, on a temporary basis, an administrative head of any department, provided that such department is one where the administrative head is appointed by the mayor.

5. Within sixty (60) days of taking office, or within sixty (60) days after a vacancy is created, the mayor shall

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appoint the managing director, corporation counsel, [and] prosecuting attorney, director of finance, director of public works, director of parks and recreation, planning director, director of housing and human concerns, director of water supply, director of transportation, and director of environmental management, with written notice of the appointment to the council. The council shall confirm or deny the [confirmation] appointment within sixty (60) days after receiving notice of the appointment by the mayor. If the council does not act within the 60-day period, the appointment shall be deemed to be confirmed. The [corporation counsel and prosecuting attorney] appointee shall take office upon appointment by the mayor but shall not continue in office if the council denies [confirmation.] the appointment. If the appointment is [not confirmed] denied by the council, the mayor shall make a new appointment within sixty (60) days of the council's denial, and the council shall confirm or deny within sixty (60) days after receiving notice of the new appointment by the mayor. If the council does not act within the 60-day period, the appointment shall be deemed to be confirmed.”;

3. That pursuant to Charter Section 14-1(1), it hereby proposes a new Charter Section 6-4, pertaining to the Specific Qualifications of Administrative Heads of Departments, be inserted to read as follows:

“Section 6-4. Specific Qualifications of Administrative Heads of Departments. In addition to any qualifications set forth in this charter, specific qualifications for administrative heads appointed by the mayor may be established by the council by ordinance.”;

4. That pursuant to Charter Section 14-1(1), it hereby proposes that Charter Section 8-1.2, pertaining to the Managing Director, be amended to read as follows:

“Section 8-1.2. Managing Director. The managing director shall be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council and may be removed by the mayor[.] with the approval of the council, or by resolution approved by a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the council. The

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managing director shall have had a minimum of five years of experience in an administrative capacity, either in public or private business, or both.”;

5. That pursuant to Charter Section 14-1(1), it hereby proposes that Charter Section 8-2.2, pertaining to the Corporation Counsel, be amended to read as follows:

“Section 8-2.2. Corporation Counsel. The corporation counsel shall be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council and may be removed by the mayor with the approval of the council~~[.]~~, or by resolution approved by a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the council. The corporation counsel shall be an attorney licensed to practice and in good standing before the Supreme Court of the State and shall have engaged in the practice of law for at least three years.”;

6. That pursuant to Charter Section 14-1(1), it hereby proposes that Charter Section 8-3.2, pertaining to the Prosecuting Attorney, be amended to read as follows:

“Section 8-3.2. Prosecuting Attorney. The prosecuting attorney shall be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council and may be removed by the mayor with the approval of the council~~[.]~~, or by resolution approved by a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the council. The prosecuting attorney shall be an attorney licensed to practice and in good standing before the Supreme Court of the State and shall have engaged in the practice of law for at least three years.”;

7. That pursuant to Charter Section 14-1(1), it hereby proposes that Charter Section 8-4.2, pertaining to the Director of Finance, be amended to read as follows:

“Section 8-4.2. Director of Finance. The director of finance shall be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council and may be removed by the mayor~~[.]~~ with the approval of the council[.], or by resolution approved by a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the council. The

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director of finance shall have had a minimum of five years of experience in a public or private financial position, at least three [years] of which shall have been in an administrative capacity.”;

8. That pursuant to Charter Section 14-1(1), it hereby proposes that Charter Section 8-5.2, pertaining to the Director of Public Works, be amended to read as follows:

“Section 8-5.2. Director of Public Works. The director of public works shall be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council and may be removed by the mayor[.] with the approval of the council, or by resolution approved by a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the council. The director of public works shall have had a minimum of five years of experience in an administrative capacity, either in public service or private business, or both.”;

9. That pursuant to Charter Section 14-1(1), it hereby proposes that Charter Section 8-6.2, pertaining to the Director of Parks and Recreation, be amended to read as follows:

“Section 8-6.2. Director of Parks and Recreation. The director of parks and recreation shall be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council and may be removed by the mayor[.] with the approval of the council, or by resolution approved by a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the council. The director of parks and recreation shall have had a minimum of five years of experience in an administrative capacity, either in public service or private business, or both.”;

10. That pursuant to Charter Section 14-1(1), it hereby proposes that Charter Section 8-8.2, pertaining to the Planning Director, be amended to read as follows:

“Section 8-8.2. Planning Director. The planning director shall be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council and may be removed by the mayor[.] with the approval of the council, or by resolution approved by a

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two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the council. The planning director shall have had a minimum of five years of experience in the field of planning, at least three of which shall have been in an administrative capacity[.], either in public service or private business, or both.”;

11. That pursuant to Charter Section 14-1(1), it hereby proposes that Charter Section 8-10.2, pertaining to the Director of Housing and Human Concerns, be amended to read as follows:

“Section 8-10.2. Director of [the Department of Housing and Human Concerns. The director of [the department of] housing and human concerns shall be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council and may be removed by the mayor[.] with the approval of the council, or by resolution approved by a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the council. The director of [the department of] housing and human concerns shall have had a minimum of five years of experience in an administrative capacity, either in public service or private business, or both.”;

12. That pursuant to Charter Section 14-1(1), it hereby proposes that Charter Section 8-11.5, pertaining to the Director and Deputy Director of Water Supply, be amended to read as follows:

“Section 8-11.5. Director and Deputy Director of Water Supply. The director of [the department of] water supply shall be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council, and may be removed by the mayor with the approval of the council[.], or by resolution approved by a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the council. The director of [the department of] water supply shall have had a minimum of five years of experience in a management capacity, either in public service or private business, or both. The deputy director of [the department of] water supply shall be appointed by the mayor and may be removed by the mayor. The director or deputy director of [the department of] water supply shall be a registered engineer.”;

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13. That pursuant to Charter Section 14-1(1), it hereby proposes that Charter Section 8-14.2, pertaining to the Director of Transportation, be amended to read as follows:

“Section 8-14.2. Director of Transportation. The director of transportation shall be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council and may be removed by the mayor[.] with the approval of the council, or by resolution approved by a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the council. The director of transportation shall have had a minimum of five years of experience in an administrative capacity, either in public service or private business, or both.”;

14. That pursuant to Charter Section 14-1(1), it hereby proposes that Charter Section 8-15.2, pertaining to the Director of Environmental Management, be amended to read as follows:

“Section 8-15.2. Director of Environmental Management. The director of environmental management shall be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council and may be removed by the mayor[.] with the approval of the council, or by resolution approved by a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the council. The director of environmental management shall have had a minimum of five years of experience in an administrative capacity, either in public service or private business, or both.”;

15. That material to be repealed is bracketed and new material is underscored;

16. That the County Clerk prepare the necessary ballot for presentation to the voters at the next general election;

17. That, pursuant to Section 14-2(1) of the Charter, it hereby proposes that the following question be placed on the next general election ballot:

Shall the Charter be amended to ease restrictions on the Council relating to the approval and disapproval of

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Department Director appointments, to require Council approval of the Mayor's appointment and removal of department directors, to allow the Council to remove department heads by two-thirds vote of its entire membership, and to allow additional qualifications for department directors to be established by ordinance?;

18. That, pursuant to Section 14-2(2) of the Charter, the County Clerk shall publish the proposed amendment in a newspaper of general circulation;

19. That, pursuant to Section 14-2(3) of the Charter, upon approval by the majority of the voters voting on the proposed amendment and upon official certification of such result, the amendment proposed herein shall take effect; and

20. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Corporation Counsel, and the County Clerk.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

Department of the Corporation Counsel
County of Maui

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