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MEMO TO: Michael P. Victorino, Chair
Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

F R O M: Riki Hokama 
Councilmember

SUBJECT: **TRANSMITTAL OF LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL RELATING TO
PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS (PIA-10)**

The attached legislative proposal pertains to Item 10 on your 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 PROHIBIT THE
CORPORATION COUNSEL AND THE
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, AND THEIR
DEPUTIES, FROM AIDING IN THE ELECTION
OR DEFEAT OF ANY CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY
PUBLIC OFFICE

WHEREAS, to maintain neutrality, promote public trust, avoid undue political influence, and properly exercise the powers, duties, and functions of the Office of the County Auditor, Section 3-9.1(3) of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended, provides: "Except for exercising the right to vote, neither the county auditor nor any staff member of the office of the county auditor shall support, advocate, or aid in the election or defeat of any candidate for county public office."; and

WHEREAS, attorneys within the Department of the Corporation Counsel and the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney are charged with important, confidential, and politically sensitive responsibilities that warrant similar safeguards with respect to the conduct of the Corporation Counsel, Prosecuting Attorney, and their respective deputies; now, therefore,

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

1. That, pursuant to Section 14-1(1), Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended, it hereby proposes that Section 8-2.2 of the Charter, pertaining to the Corporation Counsel, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 8-2.2. Corporation Counsel.

1. 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. The corporation counsel shall be an attorney licensed to practice and in good

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standing before the Supreme Court of the State and shall have engaged in the practice of law for at least three years.

2. Except for exercising the right to vote, neither the corporation counsel nor any deputy corporation counsel shall support, advocate, or aid in the election or defeat of any candidate for county public office.”; and

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

“Section 8-3.2. Prosecuting Attorney.

1. 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. 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.

2. Except for exercising the right to vote, neither the prosecuting attorney nor any deputy prosecuting attorney shall support, advocate, or aid in the election or defeat of any candidate for county public office.”; and

3. That new material is underscored; and

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

5. 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 prohibit the Corporation Counsel and the Prosecuting Attorney, and their deputies, from supporting, advocating, or aiding in the election or defeat of any candidate for

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County public office, except for exercising the right to vote?; and

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

7. 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

8. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and the County Clerk.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

Department of the Corporation Counsel
County of Maui

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