

PIA Committee

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Hello,

Please find attach written testimony concerning Item 10 (16) noticed to be considered on Monday at the Committee's meeting (06_27_16)

Thank You

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Chairperson Michael Victorino and
Members of the Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

TESTIMONY: Item 10 (16) related to Governance

Currently, our Charter provides to the Council and the Board of Ethics both a responsibility and authority to cure the ills sought to be addressed at this meeting by ten of eleven proposed amendments. This indicates that the problem has not been accurately assessed. Clearly, this circumstance cannot be corrected by ordinance nor provision. And the proverbial “buck” belongs in this Chamber.

The Council is authorized to conduct investigations, to hire special council; it can set fees, fines; reprimand by resolution that declare no confidence. In the face of executive dysfunction, the Council did not act. Instead it appoints a group of citizens to advise it, and they advise to eliminate executive authority of the mayor. The scheme it recommends puts the Office of Corporation Counsel second in command and it appears this Office shares responsibility for demolition of the Old Wailuku Post Office.

I hope this Committee will take the time to accurately assess its own failings before it considers the question posed at Item 10 (16): whether citizens would be in a better circumstance ruled by a hired gun, instead of an elected one. You are charged to decide and answer a very complex question on my behalf, in my stead. You have the time and resources; and by that comprehension to make the right decision. (e.g. Britain comes to mind, where a proposition seems to have been sold rather than explained to those voting.)

signed: Jim Smith
Dated: 06_27_16