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MEMO TO: Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Chair  
Policy, Economic Development, and Agriculture Committee

F R O M: Don S. Guzman  
Councilmember



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

The attached legislative proposal pertains to Item 10 on your Committee's agenda.

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Attachment

# Resolution

No. \_\_\_\_\_

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE  
REVISED CHARTER OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI  
(1983), AS AMENDED, TO ESTABLISH AN  
OFFICE OF CLIMATE CHANGE,  
SUSTAINABILITY, AND RESILIENCY

WHEREAS, Maui County's tri-isle communities are particularly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and sea-level rise; and

WHEREAS, creating an Office of Climate Change, Sustainability, and Resiliency with defined responsibilities will promote stewardship of natural resources, increase community preparedness through coordinated policies and actions, and strengthen resiliency of communities and coastal areas; 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 ("Charter"), it hereby proposes that Article 8, Chapter 1, of the Charter, pertaining to the Department of Management, be amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

**"Section 8-1.4. Office of Climate Change, Sustainability, and Resiliency.** There shall be an office of climate change, sustainability, and resiliency headed by an executive for climate change, sustainability, and resiliency who shall be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council and may be removed by the mayor. The executive for climate change, sustainability, and resiliency shall:

1. Seek local information from scientists and track climate change science and potential impacts on county facilities.
2. Coordinate actions and policies of departments within the county to:
  - a. Increase community preparedness.
  - b. Protect economic activity.
  - c. Protect the coastal areas and beaches.

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- d. Develop resilient infrastructure in response to the effects from climate changes.
  3. Develop or coordinate county policies and programs that will improve environmental performance of county operations and advance environmental priorities.
  4. Integrate sustainable and environmental values into county plans, programs, and policies.
  5. Promote resiliency of communities and coastal areas.
  6. Report to the mayor and council regarding overall performance in meeting sustainability and environmental targets and objectives.
  7. Coordinate with federal and state agencies regarding climate change, sustainability, and the environment.
  8. Convene a climate change commission consisting of five members with expertise in climate change in Hawaii, which commission shall meet no less than twice annually for the purpose of gathering the latest science and information on climate change effects in the city and providing advice as is deemed appropriate to the executive for climate change and sustainability, the mayor, council, and executive departments of the county.”; and
2. That new material is underscored; and
  3. That, pursuant to Section 14-2(1) of the Charter, this resolution be submitted to the voters of the County of Maui at the next general election; 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 14-1(1) of the Charter, it hereby proposes that the following question be placed on the next general election ballot:

“Shall the Charter be amended, effective January 2, 2019, to establish an Office of Climate Change,

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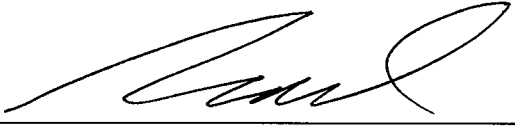
Sustainability, and Resiliency, to promote stewardship of the County's natural resources and strengthen resiliency of communities and coastal areas?"; and

6. That, pursuant to Section 14-2(2) of the Charter, the County Clerk shall publish this proposed amendment as set forth in this resolution in its entirety in a newspaper of general circulation; and

7. That, upon approval by the majority of the voters voting on the proposed amendment, the amendment proposed herein shall take effect as of January 2, 2019; and

8. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, and the Corporation Counsel.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY



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Department of the Corporation Counsel  
County of Maui

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