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### **COUNCILMEMBER DJOU: INSTITUTE TERM LIMITS FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD**

Today, Honolulu City Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, East Honolulu) will introduce a charter amendment to establish an eight consecutive year term limit for Neighborhood Board members.

“Following up on the recommendation by the Neighborhood Board Task Force, I will introduce a term limit resolution for neighborhood board members. Regular turn over in our government helps the vibrancy of our democracy. Term limits will ensure fresh perspectives are regularly introduced to the Neighborhood Board system just as it has at the City Council and the mayor’s office,” stated Councilmember Djou.

The Neighborhood Board Task Force submitted its report to the City Council last month. Although the task force suggested a number of administrative changes to improve the neighborhood board system, term limits was the only legislative suggestion made by the task force. Councilmember Djou’s proposal would limit Neighborhood Board members to no more than four consecutive two-year terms. Djou’s eight-year term limit resolution would give neighborhood board members the same eight-year term limit as the mayor and city council. Djou’s resolution allows term-limited neighborhood board members to return to a neighborhood board after sitting out a two-year election cycle.

Councilmember Djou is currently in his second and final term on the City Council. Djou is opposed to repealing term limits for City Council members and has already pledged not to seek re-election in 2010 even if the City Council’s two-term limit is repealed.

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