



# CITY COUNCIL

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### **COUNCILMEMBER DJOU: INDEPENDENCE MORE IMPORTANT THAN POWER Council Chair Marshall Ousts Djou and Names Tam to Chair the Zoning Committee**

Today, Barbara Marshall moved to further consolidate her power as Chair of the Honolulu City Council. Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, East Honolulu) resigned as Chair of the City Council Zoning Committee after a request from Marshall (Windward Oahu), who informed Djou that she intended to replace him with Councilmember Rod Tam (Makiki, Liliha, Chinatown).

“My political independence is more important to me than any particular title. I will never bargain away my integrity for political convenience. I would rather lose the chairmanship of the powerful zoning committee than have to ‘play ball’ and compromise my views. Council Chair Marshall expressed to me that Councilmember Tam would be more cooperative with her as Zoning Chair and I wish both of them the best. The public should expect continued sharp questioning of the status quo from me from whatever post I hold. I ultimately only answer to the voters, not the mayor, the council chair or any other political boss.”

This reorganization will be the eighth reorganization of the Honolulu City Council in the last five years. The ouster of Councilmember Djou follows the removal of Councilmembers Donovan Dela Cruz (North Shore, Wahiawa, Ahuimanu) and Ann Kobayashi (Manoa, Makiki) from the Transportation Committee earlier this month.

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