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### **COUNCILMEMBER DJOU: ELECTIONS CHIEF MUST GO**

Today, Honolulu City Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, East Honolulu) introduced a resolution declaring a lack of confidence in Hawaii State Elections Chief Kevin Cronin.

“The counties are responsible for administering Hawaii’s elections. The incompetence by the State Elections Chief, Kevin Cronin, has made the counties’ job of running a smooth election this fall particularly challenging. Mr. Cronin’s failure to register to vote is an embarrassment, but his failure to simply follow the law in allowing for inspection of ballots by party officials and his poor handling of the election machines contracts has led to a loss of my confidence in him,” stated Councilmember Djou. “Kevin Cronin’s service at the Office of Elections strikes me as a 2008 version of Evan Dobbelle’s terrible tenure at UH. Mr. Cronin lacks credibility and I hope the City Council joins me in making a clear statement that he must go to preserve a basic level of public respect in Hawaii’s electoral system.”

Since becoming Hawaii’s Elections Chief, Kevin Cronin’s tenure has been marked by:

- Failure to register to vote, in violation of the law, until prompted by the news media;
- Failure to allow inspection of election ballots by party officials, as required by law; and
- Stern rebuke by the State Procurement Board for improperly handling the contract for Hawaii’s ballot machines.

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