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### **COUNCILMEMBER DJOU: KAWAMOTO NEEDS TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIS MANSIONS**

Honolulu City Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, East Honolulu) introduced a resolution asking the Japanese Consulate for assistance in reaching Genshiro Kawamoto to ask him to comply with Kahala property covenants.

“Hawaii’s property market has been very profitable for Genshiro Kawamoto, but Mr. Kawamoto has not always been the best neighbor for Hawaii’s residents. Mr. Kawamoto owns over two dozen multi-million dollar mansions in the Kahala area, but has utterly failed to follow legal property covenants to properly maintain those properties,” stated Councilmember Djou. “I compliment Mr. Kawamoto for allowing few families to enter Kahala, but he has only opened a tiny fraction of his Kahala mansions to renters. The vast majority of Mr. Kawamoto’s mansions are vacant and becoming eyesores because of poor upkeep.”

Reso. 08-218, introduced by Councilmember Djou, was prompted by a request from the Waialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board and numerous complaints by neighbors of Genshiro Kawamoto’s vacant properties. Kawamoto has not responded to inquiries from the city or community about his properties. Djou’s resolution will be heard in the City Council’s Executive Matters Committee at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 1.

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