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**COUNCILMEMBER DJOU REACTS TO NOMINATION OF
KIRK CALDWELL AS MANAGING DIRECTOR**

Honolulu Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, East Honolulu) reacted to the nomination of former State Representative Kirk Caldwell as the City's Managing Director by Mayor Mufi Hannemann.

"Kirk Caldwell's nomination deserves a fair hearing before the City Council. I look forward to thoroughly reviewing Mr. Caldwell's background and any backroom deals that were made between him and Mayor Hannemann regarding the circumstances surrounding Mr. Caldwell's abandonment of his State House seat and unsuccessful attempt to run for the City Council," stated Councilmember Djou. "Mr. Caldwell's record in the legislature has also been exceptionally partisan and I hope to hear his views on how he will handle a non-partisan position at City Hall."

During the mayoral election Mufi Hannemann repeatedly attacked Ann Kobayashi for a supposed 'back room deal' between her and now Councilmember-elect Duke Bainum. Councilmember Djou will question Caldwell on what 'back room deal' Caldwell and Hannemann made to get Caldwell to abandon his legislative seat to run for Ann Kobayashi's City Council seat and any promises made regarding Caldwell becoming mayor in 2010 if (or when) Hannemann should leave the mayorship mid-term to seek another office.

The Managing Director becomes acting mayor in the event the Mayor of Honolulu vacates office until a special election is held. The last managing director to become mayor was Jeremy Harris, who became acting mayor when Frank Fasi resigned to run for governor in 1994.

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