



**REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION
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Ms. Genevieve G. Wong
City Clerk
City and County of Honolulu
530 South King Street, 100
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Madame Clerk:

**RE: REPORT AND REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN OF THE
2001 COUNCIL REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION**

Pursuant to Section 3-103 of the Charter of the City and County of Honolulu, the 2001 Council Reapportionment Commission submits as approved and adopted by the Commission, the Final Reapportionment Plan to govern the election of the members of the next succeeding councils of the City and County of Honolulu. This report outlines the work of the Commission and explains the rationale of the plan.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION

Commission Members. The members of the 2001 Council Reapportionment Commission were appointed by Chairman Jon Yoshimura, Presiding Officer of the City Council, and approved by the entire Council in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter. The members of the Commission are:

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Staff. Pursuant to Section 3-103 of the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu, the Office of the City Clerk furnished secretarial and technical staff services. The staff included:

Roxanne Vagay, Departmental Executive Staff Assistant
Glen I. Takahashi, Elections Administrator
Faith K. Chung, Assistant Elections Administrator
Chadd T. Kadota, Elections Specialist
Susan Asuncion, Secretary
Allyson Hong, Clerk/Web Page Designer
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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The members of the Commission had the opportunity to hear from David Rosenbrock, Project Manager of the 2001 State Reapportionment Commission, who presented the Commission with an overview of the State Commission's methods and insight as to might be expected while achieving their goal. The Commission also acknowledges the support of the State Office of Elections and State Chief Election Officer Dwayne D. Yoshina for lending his staff's technical assistance, data, and other information.

The Commission also acknowledges the assistance of Deputy Corporation Counsels Chris Diebling and Tammy Kaneshiro for interpretation of various case law and advice on general legal matters.

Lastly, the Commission would like to acknowledge the following individuals for their assistance to the City and County of Honolulu.

2001 State of Hawaii Reapportionment Commission Staff:

Lawrence Chun, Administrative Assistant
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Department of Planning and Permitting:

Ken Schmidt, Honolulu Land Information System
Eloise Yamamoto, Project Support Team

I. SUMMARY OF PROCEDURE

Election of Chair and Vice Chair. The Commission's first action, in accordance with the City Charter, was to elect a chair from its members. Although not required by the City Charter, the Commission also elected a vice chair to preside in the absence of the chair.

Rule of Procedures. The Charter also required the Commission to establish its own procedures and to that effect, the Rules of Procedure attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit I were adopted to govern the manner in which the Commission would accomplish its task.

Preparatory Work. The Commission members familiarized themselves with the applicable City Charter provisions and various legal decisions on reapportionment and redistricting. A briefing was also provided by the Department of the Corporation Counsel on reapportionment legal issues. The Commission also reviewed the report of the 1991 Reapportionment Commission and other relevant information on redistricting principles and guidelines.

Criteria & Considerations. In effecting reapportionment, the Commission was governed by criteria established by the City Charter. The Commission also utilized neighborhood board boundaries to serve as guidelines of where communities begin and end. The Commission also strongly felt that it should produce a plan with a total population deviation well below the 10% presumptively constitutional limit.

Population Base. The Commission utilized an adjusted population base for the redistricting plan. The population base consisted of U.S. Bureau of the Census, Public Law 94-171 data with the exclusion of self-declared non-resident military personnel and non-resident students. Population exclusion data was obtained via the State of Hawaii Reapportionment Commission from Defense Manpower Datacenter West and registrars of Oahu universities.

II. DEVELOPMENT OF THE PLAN

Preliminary Plans. The Commission directed the staff to draft three proposals for consideration.

The first plan would start at Kaena Point and proceed to create districts counter-clockwise around the island.

The second plan would start at Makapu'u Point and proceed to create districts counter-clockwise around the island.

The third plan, the Kaena/Makapu'u Dual Point plan, would start from both Kaena and Makapu'u points and would utilize the Waianae and Ko'olau mountain ranges as boundaries. The Dual Point Plan started at Kaena Point and proceeded along the Waianae/Ewa coastline to define one district, then restarted at Makapu'u Point and proceeded up the Windward coast to define another district. The plan then defined the North Shore district by starting where the Windward district ended and proceeding to the northernmost point of Oahu and then south through the Central Oahu plain between the Waianae and Ko'olau mountain ranges. Lastly, the urban Honolulu districts were drawn from the remaining portion of Oahu.

Upon review by the Commission, it was concluded that the Kaena/Makapu'u Dual Point plan was the most suitable for progression. The Commission then directed staff to produce three maps based on this plan. These maps represented boundary adjustments in the Ewa/Kapolei region and the Kalihi/Downtown urban core.

Proposed Plans. It was decided by the Commission that the Kaena/Makapu'u Dual Point Plan Scenario A and an additional Scenario B would be presented for public comment at hearings around the island.

Public Input. The Commission held three public hearings around the island. The first meeting was held at the Waipahu District Park, the second at Castle High School in Kaneohe, and the last at City Hall in Honolulu. Notices for all public hearings were published in a weekly paper ten days prior to the day of the meeting.

With new means of disseminating information, proposed maps and information were also available for public review on the City and County Reapportionment Commission website www.co.honolulu.hi.us/council/rcindex and at the Office of the City Clerk.

Based upon input gathered from the public hearings, the Commission amended the boundaries of Scenario A and B by moving the Kaneohe district boundary farther north to include more of the windward area into the district. In response to public comment received, the Commission felt that the Kaena/Makapu'u Proposed Scenario A Draft 2 was the most appropriate redistricting plan to govern for the next ten years.

The Commission also agreed to renumber the council districts starting with the leeward coast as District 1 and proceeding clockwise around the island in similar fashion to past reapportionment plans.

III. THE REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN

Description. The final plan has dual starting points, Kaena Point and Makapu'u Point. The plan apportions the adjusted population count of 830,172 on Oahu among the nine council districts. With a target population of 92,241 per district, the total deviation of

the plan is 5.9%, as illustrated in Exhibit II that is attached hereto and incorporated herein. The population count of the five persons in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands shall be incorporated into District 3.

General Features. Due to the dramatic increase in population on the leeward portion of the island, there were significant shifts to the existing district boundaries. A District Boundary Descriptions and a map are attached as exhibits III and IV, respectively. The general composition of each district is as follows:

- District 1 – Includes Waianae, Nanakuli, Honokai Hale, Kapolei, Barbers Point, Ewa, and Ewa Beach.
- District 2 – Includes Mililani Mauka, Wahiawa, Mokuleia, Waialua, Haleiwa, Pupukeya, Sunset Beach, Kahuku, Laie, Hauula, Punaluu, Kahana, Kaaawa, Kualoa, Waiahole, Kahaluu, Ahuimanu, and portions of Heeia.
- District 3 – Includes portions of Heeia, Haiku, Kaneohe, Maunawili, Kailua, Olomana, Enchanted Lake, and Waimanalo.
- District 4 – Includes Hawaii Kai, Kuliouou, Niu Valley, Aina Haina, Wailupe, Waialae-Iki, Kalani Valley, Kahala, Wilhemina Rise, portions of Kapahulu, portions of Kaimuki, Diamond Head, Black Point, Waikiki, and Ala Moana Beach Park.
- District 5 – Includes portions of Kapahulu, Waialae, Palolo Valley, St. Louis Heights, Manoa, portions of Kaimuki, Moiliili, McCully, Ala Moana, Kakaako, and portions of Makiki.
- District 6 – Includes portions of Makiki, Downtown Honolulu, Punchbowl, Pauoa Valley, Nuuanu, Alewa Heights, Liliha, Papakolea, Kalihi Valley, and portions of Kalihi.
- District 7 – Includes portions of Kalihi, Iwilei, Sand Island, Kalihi Kai, Mapunapuna, Salt Lake, Aliamanu, Hickam, Foster Village, and Sand Island.
- District 8 – Includes Fort Shafter, Moanalua, Halawa, Aiea, Pearl City, Pearl City Peninsula, Waimalu, Crestview, and Waipio Gentry.
- District 9 – Includes Waikele, Waipahu, Village Park, Makakilo, Kunia, and Mililani Town.

Recognizing that physical boundary descriptions can be subject to interpretation, in the event of legal conflict/challenge, the Commission notes that the census tract block listing (for each council district) attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit V should control.

IV. CONCLUSION

The minutes of the November 14, 2001 meeting noting the final adoption of the redistricting plan are incorporated herein as exhibit VI and are approved by virtue of the signatures below.

A copy of the plan will be posted on the City and County of Honolulu's web site. Finally, pursuant to rules adopted by the Commission, a final description of the plan will be published and upon the expiration of the legal challenge period or resolution of any legal action.

In conclusion, the Commission believes that its Final Redistricting Plan adopted by the Commission on November 14, 2001, meets the requirements of reapportionment and redistricting, complies with the principle of one-man, one-vote, and satisfies all applicable requirements and laws of the State of Hawaii and the City and County of Honolulu.

Respectfully Submitted,

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