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CITY COUNCIL WANTS A TERM LIMIT FOR HONOLULU PROSECUTOR

The Honolulu City Council today voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 19-35, which would place a question on the ballot for the 2020 general election asking voters whether or not a term limit should be established for the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu.

Council Chair Emeritus Ron Menor introduced Resolution 19-35 after hearing many complaints from the public about the ongoing corruption investigations that have tarnished the reputation of certain city agencies, including the Office of the Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney.

“We must do everything we can to restore public trust,” said Chair Emeritus Menor. “It’s only right that the Honolulu Prosecutor, who was voted into office by the people, should abide by a term limit as myself, my colleagues on the City Council and the mayor of Honolulu.”

Resolution 19-35 points out that the same policy reasons for limiting the terms of certain City officials should apply to the Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney because of the possibility of abuse of power by the Prosecuting Attorney, who has the authority to initiate criminal proceedings and to threaten the initiation of criminal proceedings against any person within the City.

The following question will be placed on the ballot for the 2020 General Election:

“Shall the Revised City Charter be amended to establish for the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu a term limit of two consecutive full four-year terms, the same term limit as is applicable to the Mayor and Councilmembers of the City and County of Honolulu?”

For more information on this resolution or the Honolulu City Council, please go to the following web sites: <http://www.honolulu-citycouncil.com> or <http://www.honolulu.gov/council>

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