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## **CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCES VENUE CHANGE FOR TESTIFIERS**

Due to the alarming number of positive COVID-19 cases, Honolulu City Council Chairman Ikaika Anderson today announced a change of venue for anyone planning to provide in-person testimony at this week's Council Meeting and next week's committee meetings.

The recent troubling spike of positive cases included several City and County of Honolulu employees, which triggered the Mayor to close Honolulu Hale to the public. Because the building remains closed, the public will not be allowed to enter the Council Chambers for this Wednesday's Council Meeting and the Committee Meetings scheduled for August 25, 26 and 27. However, the public will be directed to the Mission Memorial Auditorium where individuals, who want to testify, will be allowed to deliver their testimony remotely via video/audio broadcast.

***"After consulting with Council leadership, I decided to change the venue for the sake of public safety," said Chairman Anderson. "As stated before, this is our COVID reality and we must continue to adapt and make smart choices to ensure everyone's public health interest."***

The Office of the City Clerk will notify the public and all those who have already signed up to testify about the change of venue and provide directions. Hard copies of the change and directions to Mission Memorial Auditorium will be provided to anyone who shows up at Honolulu Hale on the upcoming meeting days to testify.

Chairman Anderson continues to urge everyone to remain vigilant about public safety, to stay away from Honolulu Hale if possible. The Council and the entire legislative branch have been encouraged to use technology to minimize or replace in-person meetings and to telecommute as much as possible to avoid the risk of exposure.

The Council and Committee Meetings will continue to be telecasted and, as always, the public can watch the public proceedings on 'Ōlelo, Channel 54 or by going to the following links: <http://www.honolulu.gov/council> or <http://www.honolulucitycouncil.com/>

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