CITY COUNCIL

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. 12-305

RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION INTO PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED DURING THE 2012 GENERAL ELECTION.

WHEREAS, free and fair elections are the foundation of representative democracy, and the legitimacy of democratic government relies on the public's trust in the elections process; and

WHEREAS, state and county governments should strive to conduct elections in a professional, nonpartisan, and transparent manner; and

WHEREAS, on general election day, November 6, 2012, miscalculations in the number of voters expected at certain precincts resulted in ballot shortages, resulting in long waits for some voters, leading some to abandon voting altogether; and

WHEREAS, an investigation into the lack of sufficient paper ballots at various precincts, and the Office of Elections' poor preparation and response to the problem, is necessary to ensure the public's confidence in the fairness of election results; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Council urges the Governor to conduct an investigation into the problems experienced during the 2012 general election and report all findings to county councils, the state legislature, the Attorney General, and the State Elections Commission; and

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the Chief Elections Officer.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tom Berg

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

NOV 14 2012

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

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Introduced: 11/14/12 By: TOM BERG Committee: COUNCIL

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Voting Legend: Y= Aye, Y* = Aye w/Reservations, N = No, A = Absent, ABN = Abstain

COUNCIL	11/14/12	RESOLUTION ADDED TO THE AGENDA.									
ANDERSON	Y	BERG	Y	CHANG	Y	GARCIA	Y	HARIMOTO	Y		
KOBAYASHI	Y	MANAHAN	Y	MARTIN	Y						
		RESOLUTION 12-305 WAS ADOPTED.									
ANDERSON	Y	BERG	Y	CHANG	Y	GARCIA	Y	HARIMOTO	Y		
KOBAYASHI	Y	MANAHAN	Y	MARTIN	Y						

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.

BERNICE K. N. MAU, CITY CLERK

ERNEST Y. MARTIN, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER