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## RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE CITY AUDITOR TO PERFORM A COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE HONOLULU ETHICS COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, Section 11-107 of the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973, as amended ("Charter"), establishes an Ethics Commission ("Commission"), within the Department of the Corporation Counsel for administrative purposes, comprised of seven members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council to five-year terms; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has the basic duties of rendering advisory opinions and conducting investigations concerning the application of the City's standards of ethical conduct and recommending appropriate disciplinary action against City officers and employees who violate the standards; and

WHEREAS, the Commission's stated goal is to establish and build an ethical culture in City government so that the public may justifiably trust City government officers and employees and their respective actions; and

WHEREAS, recent events have strained the relationship between the Commission's former Executive Director and staff members, Commissioners, and the City administration; and

WHEREAS, the public's trust in the Commission's ability to carry out its duties has been undermined, as media reports have indicated, by events such as:

- A. The imposition of a media policy that, among other things, prohibited the Commission's staff members from engaging in media activities to air their concerns or grievances regarding the Commission's operations or comment on the Commission's decisions and opinions;
- B. The suspension of the Commission's former Executive Director following an internal personnel investigation;
- C. The implementation of a requirement for Commission's staff members to complete daily timesheets that detail by tenth-of-an-hour increments legal and administrative tasks performed; and
- D. The resignation of the Commission's former Executive Director and staff members; and



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WHEREAS, the City Council finds that, given the current state of the Commission, a comprehensive management and performance audit is necessary to determine how to improve the Commission's operations and efficiency in carrying out its duties and to help restore the public's trust in the Commission; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the City Auditor is requested to perform a comprehensive management and performance audit of the Honolulu Ethics Commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council requests the City Auditor to report its findings and recommendations for improving the Commission's operations and efficiency in carrying out its Charter-prescribed duties; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Chair of the Honolulu Ethics Commission, and the City Auditor of the City and County of Honolulu.

INTRODUCED BY:

Trevor Ozawa

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

June 29, 2016  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII  
CERTIFICATE

**RESOLUTION 16-164, CD1**

Introduced: 06/29/16 By: TREVOR OZAWA

Committee: EXECUTIVE MATTERS  
AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

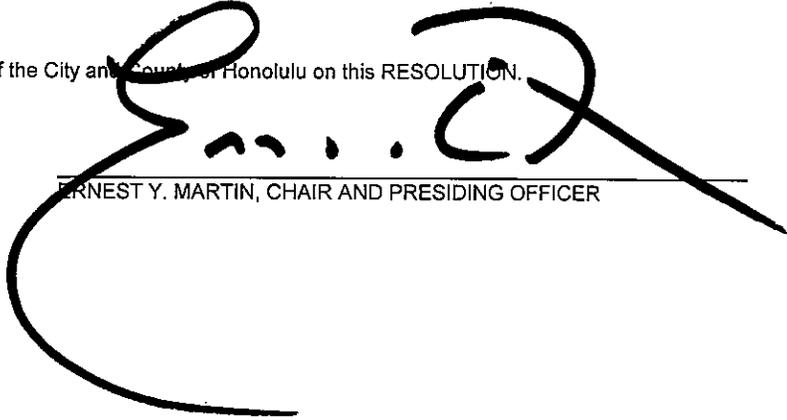
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Voting Legend: \* = Aye w/Reservations

08/23/16	EXECUTIVE MATTERS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS	CR-251 - RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION AS AMENDED IN CD1 FORM.
09/07/16	COUNCIL	CR-251 AND RESOLUTION 16-164, CD1 WERE ADOPTED. 9 AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MARTIN, MENOR, OZAWA, PINE.

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.

  
GLEN J. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK

  
ERNEST Y. MARTIN, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER