

# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE MATTERS

Romy M. Cachola, Chair; Ann H. Kobayashi, Vice-Chair; Donovan Dela Cruz, Charles K. Djou,  
Mike Gabbard, Nestor R. Garcia, Barbara Marshall, Gary H. Okino, Rod Tam, Members

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Committee Meeting Held  
February 5, 2004

Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz  
Chair, City Council  
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Executive Matters, to which was referred Resolution 04-16,  
entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO  
REGISTER “HONOLULU.GOV” AS THE CITY’S INTERNET ADDRESS,”

reports as follows:

The purpose of this Resolution is to request the Director of Information Technology to apply to the U.S. General Services Administration for registration of the domain name “honolulu.gov” for the City. At present, the name is lengthy and cumbersome: [www.co.honolulu.hi.us](http://www.co.honolulu.hi.us).

The introducer of this Resolution indicated that it is intended to result in the simplification of the City’s domain name. Last year, the State simplified its name to “hawaii.gov.”

The introducer further reported that the Director of Information Technology already has been working on registering “honolulu.gov” for the City. Registration, however, has not been successful mainly because a local entity named “Honolulu” exists in Alaska. In order to avoid confusion, the General Services Administration has not allowed the City to register the “honolulu.gov” name.

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## CITY COUNCIL

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII

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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 58

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Your Committee finds that the registration of the "honolulu.gov" name for the City and County of Honolulu is appropriate. "Honolulu, Hawaii" is world famous and apparently more populous than "Honolulu, Alaska." Thus, your Committee supports the Director of Information Technology's effort to register the name.

Your Committee has amended the title and first "Resolved" paragraph of this Resolution to express support for the Director's effort. The amendment is intended to recognize the Director's past effort in addition to supporting any future effort.

Your Committee also has amended this Resolution by directing the Clerk to send copies to the Administrator of the General Services Administration and Executive Director of the Alaska Municipal League for forwarding to the chief elected local officer representing Honolulu, Alaska.

Your Committee on Executive Matters, by unanimous vote of members present (Cachola, Dela Cruz, Djou, Gabbard, Garcia, Kobayashi, Marshall, Okino, and Tam voted aye), is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 04-16, as amended herein, and recommends that it be considered for adoption in the form attached hereto as Resolution 04-16, CD1.

Respectfully submitted,



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Committee Chair

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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII

ADOPTED ON FEB 18 2004

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 58



# CITY COUNCIL

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. 04-16, CD1

## RESOLUTION

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SUPPORTING THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY'S EFFORT TO REGISTER "HONOLULU.GOV" AS THE CITY'S INTERNET ADDRESS.

WHEREAS, the Internet and World Wide Web have rapidly become a leading avenue and repository through which citizens obtain government information and services; and

WHEREAS, through the City's official website, the public is able, for example, to obtain information about City programs and services, City ordinances and rules, legislation pending before the Council and the Council's legislative process, and communicate with City officials and agencies; and

WHEREAS, the City's Internet address (i.e., domain name and uniform resource locator (URL)) for its official web site is "www.co.honolulu.hi.us"; and

WHEREAS, although the address follows the standard format for local governments, "www.co.honolulu.hi.us" is a lengthy, cryptic and cumbersome address, which is difficult to remember, understand, type for entry, or identify with Honolulu city government; and

WHEREAS, as other local governments have found and adopted for their websites, the use of a shorter and more intuitively descriptive domain name, such as "honolulu.gov" in the Internet dot-gov domain (i.e., domain names ending with a ".gov" suffix) would be more readily associated with City government, and more easily remembered and used by Internet users; and

WHEREAS, federal rules promulgated in 41 CFR Chapter 102, Subchapter F, Part 102-173, govern the registration of domain names in the dot-gov domain, over which the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) has been delegated jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with 41 CFR Section 102-173.55, the dot-gov domain naming convention establishes that the preferred naming format for city governments is to denote the State postal code after the city name, which may be separated by a dash (e.g., "chicago-il.gov," or "detroitmi.gov"); and

WHEREAS, however, 41 CFR Section 102-173.55 further provides, in part, that the GSA reserves the right to make exceptions to this naming convention on a case-by-case basis in unique and compelling cases, which may allow for the approval of the domain name "honolulu.gov" by the GSA; and

Attachment to CR-58



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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, other cities that have adopted the dot-gov domain name or versions thereof include Milwaukee, Philadelphia, Phoenix, San Antonio, Seattle, and Tempe; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that this body supports the Director of Information Technology's effort to register with the U.S. General Services Administration the domain name "honolulu.gov" as the City's Internet address; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon GSA approval, the Director of Information Technology is requested to widely publicize "honolulu.gov" as the City government's official Internet address and URL, and to link the superceded "www.co.honolulu.hi.us" domain name and URL to it; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Clerk is directed to transmit certified copies of this Resolution to the Director of Information Technology, Mayor and Managing Director of the City and County of Honolulu; Administrator of the U.S. General Services Administration; and Executive Director of the Alaska Municipal League for forwarding to the chief elected local officer representing Honolulu, Alaska.

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

January 15, 2004

Honolulu, Hawaii

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