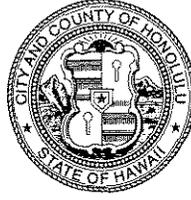


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The Honorable Todd Apo, Chair  
and Members of the Budget Committee  
Honolulu City Council  
530 South King Street, Room 202  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Apo and Councilmembers:

Subject: Support for Vacant Funded Position FY09 Proposed Budget for Mayor's  
Office of Economic Development

This provides clarification about the vacant funded position within City Management, under the Office of the Managing Director which is to be reduced by \$20,864 as proposed in Bill 18 (2008) CD1.

This position is for a Planner III SR20C in the Mayor's Office of Economic Development (OED) and is responsible for coordinating and providing administrative support for the City's 24 existing Sister-City relationships and on-going international relations activities.

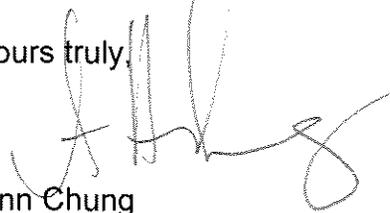
This position was vacated on May 31, 2007 and was inaccurately described as having "remained vacant for a period of several years." In fact, a candidate had been selected in July 2007, but once offered the position, the candidate requested part-time status. We have been actively recruiting since then and have plans to fill this position within weeks.

The proposed reduction of \$20,864 (half of the salary of this position) would prevent us from filling this position until January 2009. We urge the Committee to reconsider and fund this position.

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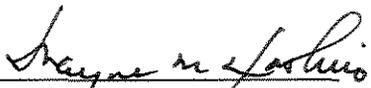
Should you have any questions, please contact me at 527-5761.

Yours truly,



Ann Chung  
Director of Economic Development

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