

Downtown-Chinatown Neighborhood Board No. 13  
Resolution 2024-05

URGING ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT REFORMS RECOMMENDED BY THE  
COMMISSION TO IMPROVE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

WHEREAS, the Downtown-Chinatown Neighborhood Board No. 13 (“NB 13”) operates under the Neighborhood Plan (“NP”) of the City & County of Honolulu within the state of Hawai‘i (the “State” or “Hawai‘i”); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of neighborhood boards under NP §2-13-101 is to increase and assure effective citizen participation in the decisions of government; and

WHEREAS, following House Resolution No. 9 in 2022, the Commission to Improve Standards of Conduct was established and on December 1, 2022, a report of recommendations and legislative proposals was released to the Hawai‘i State House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, although some reform bills were approved since the release of the report, some believe that certain of the most impactful and consequential reform recommendations have not been fully considered by the legislature (either scheduled for a public hearing or a full vote in either or both chambers); and

WHEREAS, some notable examples that could be considered for future sessions include (1) Increasing partial public financing available for elections, (2) Expanding the prohibition against government contractor campaign contributions to include owners, officers, and immediate family members, and (3) Amending chamber rules to limit committee chairs’ unilateral power to prevent a measure from being heard or voted upon; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that NB 13 urges the Hawai‘i State Legislature to consider additional government reforms recommended by the Commission to Improve Standards of Conduct.

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