

HONOLULU AUTHORITY for RAPID TRANSPORTATION

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The Honorable Ernest Y. Martin, Chair  
and Members  
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Dear Chair Martin and Councilmembers:

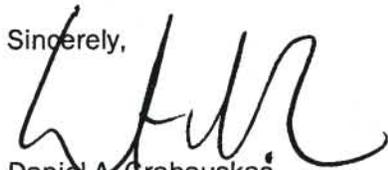
Subject: Resolution 12-100, Initiating Amendments to the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973, As Amended, Relating to Personal Services Contracts

The Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) appreciates the City Council's ongoing efforts to work with the Department of Corporation Counsel and the Managing Director's office to address the City Administration's concerns as it relates to Resolution 12-100, regarding the proposed Charter Amendment relating to personal services contracts. HART would like to go on record in opposition to the current version of Resolution 12-100, specifically as it applies to HART. HART uses personal services contracts extensively for various reasons all related to the best interests of the residents of the City and County of Honolulu.

HART is currently set up as a Transit Authority for the construction of a fixed guideway system. The make up of the HART workforce will change significantly once the rail system enters into operations. It would not be prudent to establish permanent civil service positions for HART as a construction organization in view of the fact that once the system is built, the types of positions needed to operate the system will be significantly different from the types of positions currently needed to design and build the system. This is consistent with guidance received from City Council in the form of provisos to HART's Operating Budget for Fiscal Years 2011 and 2012 limiting permanent civil service positions and specifically citing the use of personal services contracts.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony and HART looks forward to working with the City Council in this regard.

Sincerely,



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cc: Douglas S. Chin, Managing Director  
Michael R. Hansen, Director  
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