



2010 GENERAL ELECTION PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY CHARTER AMENDMENT QUESTION

The Facts

On November 2nd, the voters of O`ahu will be asked to vote on a proposed amendment to the City Charter. Its passage will lead to the establishment of a public transit authority to govern the activities of the Honolulu Rail Transit Project.

The question on the ballot will read: *"Shall the revised City Charter be amended to create a semi-autonomous public transit authority responsible for the planning, construction, operation, maintenance, and expansion of the City's fixed guideway mass transit system?"*

What does this mean?

Voters will have the opportunity to decide whether a public transit authority should be established. A **YES** vote means that you support creating the transit authority. A **NO** vote means you do not support creating the transit authority. A **BLANK** or **SPOILED** ballot will not be counted. Regardless of the outcome of the vote, work on the project will continue.

Will this cost more money?

No, there would be no additional cost to create the transit authority as it utilizes existing staff and facilities. Members of the transit authority's board of directors would be volunteers.

What are the benefits of creating a new public transit authority for the rail transit system?

As the City Council determined in putting this question on the ballot, if established, an appointed transit authority would provide for timely and efficient management of the planning, construction, operation, maintenance, and expansion of the rail transit system, with sound principles and objectives for project delivery. A transit authority would have the ability to make decisions more quickly because of its singular focus: the success of the rail transit system.

The transit authority would manage the rail transit system's budget and fares, and be required to properly maintain the agency's financial status. It would also work hand-in-hand with the City Council and include the public in crucial issues such as setting fares and adopting a budget, further enhancing transparency and accountability.

For more information on the charter amendment, visit

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