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To: Elections Commission

From: Scott T. Nago  
Chief Election Officer

Re: STATUS OF OPERATIONS

The Office of Elections, in addition to its normal preparations for the 2012 Elections, has been focused on supporting the Reapportionment Commission and working with the Department of Accounting and General Services on civil service conversion.

Reapportionment

The Reapportionment Commission met on August 3, 2011, August 5, 2011, and August 17, 2011 to discuss and finalize its proposed plans (Congressional, State House, and State Senate) for public hearing. Upon completion of its proposed plans, they were published in newspapers statewide along with a notice of various public hearings that would be held to receive testimony regarding the plans. A total of thirteen hearings were scheduled to be held statewide from August 30, 2011 through September 16, 2011 at various schools and other facilities. We are currently in the process of conducting those public hearings.

The Reapportionment Commission is tentatively scheduled to reconvene during the week of September 19, 2011 to consider changes or modification of the plans, as a result of the hearings. Ultimately, the Reapportionment Commission has to file the plans with the Chief Election Officer by September 26, 2011, in order to meet its constitutional deadline. Within fourteen days of the filing of the plans, we will give public notice of the plans in newspapers statewide. The deadline for any legal challenges to the plans is within forty five days of the plans having been initially filed with the Chief Election Officer. If no legal challenges are filed with the Hawaii Supreme Court, the plans will be considered final. We will then file a report summarizing the work of the Reapportionment

Commission with the Legislature. The deadline for the report is December 29, 2011, twenty days before the Legislature convenes.

### Civil Service Conversion

The last of the draft position descriptions for all of the positions to be converted to civil service have been submitted to the Department of Accounting and General Services – Personnel Division (DAGS-Personnel). The positions are being reviewed and applicable classifications series will be recommended. The review includes onsite audit inspections for each position, some of which have already occurred. The audit inspections consist of interviews with the incumbents of the positions intended to be converted.

The recommendations of DAGS-Personnel will be submitted to the Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD). After DHRD determines the appropriate civil service classifications, the recruitment process will be initiated and eligible applicants will be interviewed and subsequently hired for the civil service positions. It is our expectation that the process will be completed by the end of the year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (808) 453-VOTE (8683) or 1-800-422-VOTE (8683).