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December 19, 2022

The Honorable Tommy Waters
Chair and Presiding Officer
and Members
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair and Councilmembers:

SUBJECT: Resolution 22-207, CD1 – Relating to the Liquor Commission

On October 5, 2022, Resolution 22-207, CD1 was adopted by the City Council, urging the Administration to work with the Honolulu Liquor Commission (Commission) on issues identified in the 2015 Audit of Selected Management Issues and the 2019 Follow-up on Recommendations from Report No. 05-02¹.

For the past two months, the Commission has been recruiting to fill the vacant Administrator position and the Commission most recently completed their interviews of candidates. The Commission's selection announcement is tentatively scheduled for its January 5, 2023 meeting but may be delayed by the Administration's desire to also meet with shortlist candidates in advance of the Commission's selection. The Administration strongly believes the newly selected Administrator is critical to improving the Honolulu Liquor Commission from the inside out and any report back to the City Council with respect to Resolution 22-207 requires that Administrator's input and commitment. Therefore, we plan to work with the newly-selected Administrator in providing a report back to the City Council that is responsive to Resolution 22-207. Our goal is for the Commission to submit the report 60 days after the newly selected Administrator commences his/her role.

Please do not hesitate to contact Krishna Jayaram at 768-4811 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael D. Formby", is written over a horizontal line.

Michael D. Formby
Managing Director

¹ An interim response dated October 3, 2022 submitted by Acting Administrator Hirai (Departmental Communication 717), provided an update on progress made by the Commission on the enumerated tasks from the 2015 Audit of Selected Management Issues, as well as the Commission's response to the related 2019 Follow-Up on Recommendations from Report No. 05-02.