

**RES23-052**  
**Testimony**

**MISC. COMM. 192**

COUNCIL

## **COUNCIL Meeting**

Meeting Date: Apr 19, 2023 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 0

Oppose: 1

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Representing: Self	Position: Oppose	Submitted: Apr 19, 2023 @ 02:08 AM
<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Aloha Council Chair Waters &amp; members of the City Council:</p> <p>This testimony stands in opposition to Council Resolution 23-052 retaining taxpayer-funded legal services for the stated former city officials. In light of the magnitude of city crises ranging from a lack of affordable housing, growing houselessness and the perceived notion of police corruption and lack of credibility, throwing taxpayer dollars at former city officials to mount a defense against alleged crimes, when said city officials are more than capable of retaining their own legal services is nothing short of dereliction and disregard of the people &amp; taxpayers of the City and County of Honolulu.</p> <p>I urge members of the Council to vote NO to taxpayer-funded legal services for former police commissioner Max Sword, former city managing director Roy Amemiya, and former city corporation counsel Donna Leong.</p> <p>Mahalo nui, KEOLU PERALTO Kapehulu</p>		
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<p>Testimony:</p> <p>Relating to Reso 23- 52, 53</p> <p>Aloha,</p> <p>As we have consistently testified through the years that we are all human and we make mistakes. An employer should rightly provide legal services for errors and omission done by employees during the course of work.</p> <p>However, if illegal or corrupt actions are performed knowingly by an employee that contradict the Honolulu City Charter, or the State or US Constitution, then the taxpayers of Honolulu should not be forced to pay for such legal fees.</p> <p>Mahalo.</p>		