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Dawn Szewczyk, Chair  
Honolulu Charter Commission

**Re: Testimony on Proposal \*P006 (Concerning the Sunshine Law and City Council)**

My name is Dévi Chung. I am a legal fellow at the Public First Law Center, a nonprofit organization that promotes government transparency.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **strong support** of proposal \*P006, concerning the Sunshine Law and City Council. This proposal requires all elected City Council members to comply with Part I of HRS Chapter 92, the Sunshine Law, before taking office.

A charter amendment is the most straightforward way to ensure that the public's right to observe and participate in government begins the moment their representatives are elected, not weeks later.

We respectfully urge the Charter Commission to advance this proposal and look forward to submitting more substantive testimony as it moves through the process.