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## TRANSIT BALLOT QUESTION SET FOR NOVEMBER ELECTION

**HONOLULU, HAWAII, September 3, 2008** – Earlier today the Hawaii Circuit affirmed that ten percent of registered voters or 45,525 signatures are necessary to place any petition question on this year's General Election ballot. Based on the certification of 35,065 signatures by the City Clerk, the Stop Rail Now petition has failed. Therefore, the charter question posed by the City Council in Resolution 166, CD1, FD1 will appear on the November ballot. This ballot question will read:

*"Shall the powers, duties, and functions of the city, through its director of transportation services, include establishment of a steel wheel on steel rail transit system?"*

Comments from Honolulu City Council Vice-Chair Todd K. Apo:

"It is great that island voters now know the specific transit question on which they will vote. I believe both pro-rail and anti-rail supporters have agreed that this vote will be the final say on whether or not we move forward on this project. Given this, I hope we will now move away from legal challenges and move forward in this process by focusing efforts on educating the public about the pros and cons of the proposed transit project."

"Transportation solutions are needed island-wide. Representing West Oahu, it is obvious that transportation relief is needed. I hope that residents island-wide will understand the need for City Government to invest in this type of infrastructure for our island's future."

"Finally, I'd like to thank all of those who have been involved in the process. The effort that individuals have taken in this petition process has brought this issue to the point we are at today. Even with the failure of the petition, I believe we are at a point that was desired by a majority of our island – the opportunity to vote on the mass transit issue."

-Councilmember Todd K. Apo  
 Council Vice-Chair

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### CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the following is a true and correct tabulation of the result of my office's examination of Petition 53 (2008) proposing an ordinance by initiative power, which was deemed filed on August 4, 2008 by court order (Civil No. 08-1-1605 (KKS)) and tendered in this office on August 14, 2008.

Total Number of Signatures	49,472
Disqualifications:	
▪ Not registered/ not properly registered	11,309
▪ Illegible	1,036
▪ Signer provided only P.O. Box (Residence address required)	676
▪ Other (Self-cancelled, out of state registration, too young to vote, questionable address, no signature on petition)	693
▪ Duplicates	629
Withdrawals	64
Total Qualified Signatures -	35,065

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City and County of Honolulu to be affixed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2008.

DENISE C. DE COSTA  
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