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**STATEMENT FROM COUNCIL CHAIR ARRYL KANESHIRO
ON THE ARREST OF COUNCILMEMBER ARTHUR BRUN**

LĪHU'Ē, HAWAII: On a personal level it has been difficult to watch what has transpired with Councilmember Brun's personal situation. This is a testament of the hardships everyone deals with in their personal lives and the repercussion of the decisions we make as individuals. As Councilmembers, we are looked upon to uphold the integrity of the office. I hope Councilmember Brun will do what is right for his family, supporters, and the community.

As Councilmembers we are bound by the Charter of the County of Kaua'i and the Rules of the Council of the County of Kaua'i. The Charter of the County of Kaua'i (Specifically Sections 3.04 and 23.13) outlines the procedures that are in place regarding any disciplinary action that could be taken against a Councilmember. Section 3.04 of the Charter states "Any councilmember who removes said councilmember's residence from the county or is convicted of a felony shall immediately forfeit the office." Although this is Councilmember Brun's second arrest, he has not been convicted of a felony and no action can be taken until the criminal proceedings have run their course.

Section 23.13 of the Charter provides an avenue for a member of the public to initiate impeachment proceedings against any officer of the County, including elected Councilmembers.

The Rules of the Council of the County of Kauai (specifically Council Rule No. 2) outlines procedures for disciplinary action against a Councilmember that could be initiated by the Kaua'i County Council as a body. Please note that pursuant to this Rule, the action (disorderly or contemptuous behavior, or personal vilification) needs to occur in the presence of the body – during a Council meeting, etc.

The Kaua'i County Council is well aware of the sensitivity of this issue within the community and will continue to monitor whether any of these rules are enforceable as more information becomes available.

Lastly, Councilmember Brun does have the choice to resign his council seat at any time and that is a decision that only he can make.

For more information, contact the Office of the County Clerk, Council Services Division, at (808) 241-4188.

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