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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 14D-9

Solicitation/ Recommendation Statement Under Section 14(d)(4) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

CB BANCSHARES, INC.

(Name of Subject Company)

CB BANCSHARES, INC.

(Name of Person(s) Filing Statement)

Common Stock, Par Value \$1.00 Per Share

(Title of Class of Securities)

124785106

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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PUBLIC HEARING
Monday, December 8, 9:30 am o Hawaii State Capitol Auditorium
HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT A
HOSTILE TAKEOVER OF CITY BANK?

If you're concerned about the proposed hostile takeover of City Bank you now have an opportunity to speak out.

The State of Hawaii's Division of Financial Institutions will hold a public hearing on this important issue on Monday, December 8th, in the State Capitol Auditorium. This is your chance to tell government how you feel about a proposed merger of Hawaii's fourth and fifth largest banks, that is likely to cause:

- o Reduced competition
- o Branch closings
- o Elimination of jobs
- o Disruption to customers and communities
- o Fewer bank choices for Hawaii's small businesses
- o An overall negative impact on Hawaii's economy.

To testify, it is requested that you submit written testimony by Wednesday, December 3rd. Send your testimony to:
Division of Financial Institutions
State of Hawaii
P.O. Box 2054 Honolulu, HI 96805

For more information on the hearing and how to express your opinion, call 535-2586.

SPEAK OUT.

You owe it to yourself and to your community.

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