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To: [Michelle Melendez](#); [WPCtestimony](#); [LPCtestimony](#)
Subject: RE: Add Meeting Time for Working People!-2
Date: Thursday, January 30, 2025 8:37:03 AM
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Aloha Michelle Melendez,

Thank you for sharing your concerns regarding the scheduling of the General Plan review meetings. We understand the importance of ensuring accessibility for all members of the community.

The meeting schedule was developed based on the availability of the Planning Commissioners and the venue. To date, there have been seven opportunities for public input, including two evening meetings specifically designed to accommodate those who are unavailable during working hours. Of those seven, four meetings were held in Kona for the Leeward Planning Commission, and three were held in Hilo for the Windward Planning Commission.

At this time, we are not planning to add additional meetings beyond those already scheduled. We appreciate your understanding and continued participation in the process.

Thank you,

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Subject: RE: Official Request for and extended presentation
Date: Thursday, January 30, 2025 3:58:00 PM

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Subject: ATTENTION JEFF DARROW - REGARDS URGENT RESCHEDULING REQUEST
Date: Friday, January 31, 2025 4:04:50 PM
Attachments: [County Planning Urgent Request.pdf](#)

Aloha ,

This is for the prompt attention of Planning Director Jeff Darrow.

WE ARE REQUESTING THAT COUNTY OBSERVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUNSHINE LAW (HRS CHAPTER 92) TO HOST TWO OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS AT SUITABLE HOURS FOR FULL PUBLIC ACCESS FOR THE FINAL TWO CONSULTATIONS BEING OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE GENERAL PLAN.

WE ARE INVOKING THE SUNSHINE LAW REQUIREMENT OF THIS COUNTY ADMINISTRATION TO HOST MEETINGS WHERE MATTERS THAT REFLECT SERIOUS PUBLIC CONCERNS DURING NON-WORKING HOURS SO THAT THERE IS GREATER ACCESS TO PARTICIPATION.

THIS WOULD REQUIRE THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST WINDWARD PLANNING COMMISSIONERS TO RESCHEDULE TWO MEETINGS PLANNED FOR NEXT WEEK FEBRUARY 6 AND FEBRUARY 7.

WE ARE REQUESTING THAT PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND OFFICE OF THE MAYOR ASSIST WITH RESOURCES FOR PROMOTING PUBLIC MEETINGS ON RADIO AND IN PRINT AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Since this concerns a scheduling matter, this is an urgent request and we would request this is forwarded for Mr Darrow's immediate attention.

We are requesting that we have the engagement with the Mayor's office on this matter of a request to assist with public access to testimony.

We are further copying the following parties :

April Supranant who has managed the consultation of The General Plan 2045 , Louis Danielle III Commission Chair for Windward Planning

Melissa Salvador, coordinator for Windward Planning Commission

We are also requesting the engagement and assistance of Corporation Counsel since this involves invoking requirements of Sunshine Law for public engagements.

We are requesting the attention of Mayor Kimo Alameda as support may be needed to resource our request. This is an issue that has brought overwhelming opposition from the public.

We're including a link to a video that has nearly 900 views in two days and will continue to gain views. The channel has more than sixteen thousand subscribers and is created by one of the undersigned of this request.

- In this video you will hear a woman give testimony that she was required to take a day off work so that she could participate in the 9AM consultation of Leeward Planning Commission on 1/16/25. This is evidence in support of the fact that if this request is ignored there is a violation of Sunshine Law.
- Another testifier references how difficult it has been to access information about this General Plan and also the publicity about meetings.

We are a loosely affiliated group of concerned residents who all have attempted to communicate our concerns about this General Plan. We've also been frustrated at the lack of promotion and the lack of meaningful action to make changes to the General Plan 2045 (this is in spite of the numbers of people essentially expressing the same concerns).

Roger Christie will be calling The Planning Department and requesting an urgent meeting with Mr. Darrow either by phone or in person. A letter will follow by certified mail .

We thank all parties for respectful assistance on the matter of this request and we hope to be able to move forward in a positive direction.

Mahalo.

Megan Isaac (on behalf of the undersigned parties)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LmzwTylGAoM>

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Subject: Urgent Request to Reschedule Final General Plan 2045 Hearings for Public Accessibility

Dear Mr. Darrow,

Aloha, and thank you for your service to our island as our new Planning Director. We the undersigned are requiring your urgent attention. We are writing as residents deeply concerned about the General Plan 2045 process, particularly regarding public access and engagement. This Planning document remains highly contentious, with concerns being raised at every public meeting with overwhelming opposition. Since the General Plan has not yet been transmitted to the legislative body, taking public testimony and incorporating public feedback is a critical responsibility that your department bears.

While some meetings have been scheduled after work hours, the majority have not. The final two hearings before the plan is forwarded to the County Council are currently scheduled for **Thursday, February 6, and Friday, February 7, at 9:00 AM**. These times are prohibitive for many residents who work during the day, limiting the ability for meaningful public participation.

Given the repeated concerns raised about insufficient public notice and inadequate outreach efforts by the Planning Department throughout this process, ensuring maximum public access to these final meetings is imperative. Many testifiers have stated that public awareness of this plan remains low due to poor advertising.

The **Hawai'i Sunshine Law (HRS Chapter 92)** requires that "every meeting of all boards shall be open to the public" and that government bodies ensure transparency and accessibility. While the law does not dictate exact times for meetings, its intent is clear: meetings must be accessible to the general public. Scheduling critical hearings during standard working hours limits participation and undermines the principle of open government.

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We urge that you immediately coordinate with Windward Planning Commission coordinator Melissa Salvador and the Commission Chair Danielle Louis III to reschedule these final two meetings for a time that allows for maximum public participation—specifically at 5:00 PM for two dedicated hearings in February.

Furthermore, in recognition of a frequent complaint cited that insufficient notice has been provided to the community, we request that resources be allocated for public outreach efforts, including radio announcements, newspaper notices, and social media updates, to ensure that residents across the island are fully informed about these hearings.

We anticipate a prompt response from you as to both of these requests. Roger Christie is our contact for this request. He may be reached at 808 464 3966. The mayor is being asked to assist also as this is a matter of public access and trust which we can see is in jeopardy.

Please Kokua. Mahalo for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

Megan Isaac, Hilo

Roger Christie Hakalau

Share Christie, Hakalau

Pastor Kevin Hill, Hakalau

Pastor Kimberly Hill, Hakalau

Dr Angela Longo, Waimea

Fran Copp, Keaukaha

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Subject: Re: Official Request for and extended presentation-2
Date: Saturday, February 1, 2025 11:40:46 PM

Dear WPCtestimony,

Thank you for clarifying the limitations of public testimony. How can Michelle Melendez be given the necessary time to present very important and pertinent information about this general plan? The venue needs to be viewable such as on Zoom, and recorded and available for the public to see and hear. What is the purpose of taking public testimony if not to provide the commissioners and the public with other pertinent information that is not already included in the proposal? The general plan is easily downloadable for the public to read, there should also be on this website all of the supporting and opposing views available for the public to see, hear and read what their fellow Hawaiians' are thinking about this proposed plan. Please let me know how to make these requests happen. Openness in government is so important today, we are participating at the most basic and local political level and we have the power to bring trust back into government decision making, let's do it show us how!

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Ken Honma. Kurtistown 96760

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Subject: Biz Professional Opposes GP 2045 (he wishes to remain anonymous)
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2025 12:52:22 PM
Attachments: [Oppositioin Possiton to GP 2045.pdf](#)

Aloha Planning Commissioners, County Council and Mayor,

I received the attached pdf from a prominent business owner here on Big Island who wishes to remain anonymous.

He told me to do what I'd like with his comments so I'm sending them to all of you.

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Here's an opposition position to the General Plan 2045, challenging its feasibility, priorities, and potential consequences.

Opposition Position to the General Plan 2045

While the General Plan 2045 sets ambitious goals for sustainability, economic growth, and infrastructure development, there are critical flaws in its approach that could hinder its success. The plan lacks feasibility, overestimates resource availability, and places undue burdens on taxpayers and rural communities.

1. Unrealistic Transportation Goals

The plan prioritizes multi-modal transit and emerging technologies while neglecting practical infrastructure needs:

- **Mass Transit Limitations:** Expanding public transportation is idealistic, but given the low population density, mass transit will remain underutilized and costly.
- **Neglect of Rural Needs:** Vision Zero and Complete Streets focus on urban centers, but rural roads remain deteriorating without sufficient funding.
- **Autonomous Vehicles & Smart Roads:** Investing in future technology is premature when basic road maintenance remains underfunded.

2. Housing Policies Worsen Affordability

The plan's zoning changes and affordable housing policies may exacerbate the housing crisis rather than solve it:

- **Urban Growth Boundaries Increase Prices:** Restricting land use in rural areas artificially inflates property values, making housing even less affordable.
- **Overcrowding Solutions Overlook Economic Realities:** Policies ignore that overcrowding results from low wages and high living costs, not just housing shortages.
- **Regulatory Burdens on Developers:** Strict zoning and sustainability mandates deter private investment, reducing housing supply and increasing costs.

3. Infrastructure and Utility Investments Are Unfunded and Impractical

The plan assumes major infrastructure expansions without realistic funding mechanisms:

- **Green Infrastructure & Energy Transition:** Renewable energy projects are costly, and residents will bear the financial burden of transitioning away from fossil fuels.
- **Broadband Expansion:** While beneficial, the cost of rural broadband investment is unsustainable without private sector buy-in.
- **Water Conservation Mandates:** Restrictions and green infrastructure initiatives may increase costs for consumers without clear efficiency benefits.

4. Economic Development Overlooks Local Challenges

The plan assumes economic diversification will reduce reliance on tourism but fails to address key barriers:

- **Workforce Shortages in Tech & Healthcare:** While the plan emphasizes education and business services, Hawai'i struggles to retain talent due to the high cost of living.
- **Tourism Mismanagement:** Reducing tourism's footprint is economically dangerous, as it remains Hawai'i's largest industry. Balancing conservation and tourism is unrealistic without clear incentives.
- **Agricultural Growth Is Not Feasible at Scale:** Farming expansion requires land, water, and workforce, all of which are limited. Dependence on imports will persist.

5. Climate Resilience Efforts Are Costly and Overreaching

Climate change policies in the plan impose expensive regulations without clear economic benefits:

- **Sea Level Rise Restrictions Hurt Property Owners:** Over-regulating coastal development diminishes property rights and land values.
- **Renewable Energy Transition Increases Costs:** Shifting rapidly to renewables raises electricity prices and risks reliability issues.
- **Disaster Preparedness Funding Is Unclear:** Climate adaptation measures require significant public spending without clearly defined funding sources.

Conclusion: A More Balanced Approach Needed

The General Plan 2045 prioritizes idealistic goals over practical solutions. A more balanced approach should:

1. Focus on essential infrastructure first, ensuring roads, utilities, and housing affordability before investing in speculative technology.
2. Encourage private-sector solutions rather than increasing government intervention in housing and economic development.
3. Make climate policies cost-effective, ensuring that taxpayers are not burdened by aggressive renewable energy mandates.

While the plan's vision is commendable, its execution threatens affordability, economic stability, and individual property rights. A more pragmatic approach is necessary to ensure growth without overregulation and excessive public spending.

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Subject: MAJOR Mistake In Hawaii GP (Must not recommend it go through)
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2025 1:52:14 PM

Aloha Planning Commissioners,

I've been attending the GP meetings for over 6 months. NOT one person has shown-up saying they helped create this plan for Hawaii and are in full support of it.

The contrary is true.

99.9% of the people are opposing it! They are either angry, crying or stoic, but they are requiring you to not recommend this plan go through.

The **3 people** in 6-months that have supported this plan have had one personal issue the plan would assist with. Not one person has come to support the plan in its entirety.

Your position is to **represent the people** and they people have been telling you for over 6-months to NOT recommend this plan!

Will you honor your seat or has fascism already taken over this government?

Here is yet another reason why this plan should not be recommended:

At the January 16, Planning Commission meeting, a testifier said there was a "**mistake**" in the designation of a particular parcel of land. The new map showed it was set to be "**Conservation**" when it was designated "**Urban**" Land use. This is HUGE since Conservation will only allow a park, no living, farming, or building!

The Planning Director acknowledged the mistake and said it would be fixed but how many "**mistakes**" are in the map we don't know about?

This alone should require you to NOT recommend the Hawaii GP NOT go through!

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