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Planning commission members,

As a life-long resident of the Big Island I am providing you with my feedback on the proposed Hawaii General plan 2045. The main point is that this General Plan needs to be thrown out and redone.

Here are some of the reasons why:

- The plan is too vague. The language is not clear as to what the plan wishes to accomplish. There are many concerning sections in this plan that reads like our personal rights, freedoms, and property rights are at risk of being taken away without due process. Where is the caveat of the constitutional limitations that this planning document is limited to? This document reads as if there are no constitutional limitations on what this plan can do, and of the powers which this plan is intending its enforcers to wield.
- Page 111, section 17.4: *"Land use application shall identify as early as possible any existing or potential active living corridors that should be incorporated into the counties open space network."* This reads like you'll be looking at people's property to take it away at your discretion, in this case, for open space, because they apply for land use. That is a clear infringement of private property rights.
- 2.2 Biocultural Stewardship Goal (1.13): *"Incentive private land management practices that enhance natural resources and values and when appropriate pursue the acquisitions of lands for the protections of natural resources."* We've seen examples of these incentives like the tax incentives on Maui, which are costing people thousands if they don't do what the government wants. The planning commission wants to be given powers to acquire land to protect natural resources and values. It is the height of tyranny when an unelected group of people get to decide and pursue purchase and acquisition of private lands based on what they think are natural resources and values. Who defines those values? It is not anyone's right to "pursue" acquiring someone else's private property. Where is the due process clause?
- You have an entire section on climate change that reads like it will take away many freedoms and rights.
- There are close to 2000 credentialed scientists from around the world that state that there is no climate danger? <https://clintel.org/world-climate-declaration/> .
- Page 116, 19.7: *"Concurrency reviews should incorporate reduction in vehicle miles traveled to mitigate traffic impacts and achieve sustainability and demand management goals."* The Constitution gives us the right to travel unencumbered. It is the Planning department's responsibility to protect our constitutionally protected rights, not merely to achieve its made-up goals. The planning commission members' ignorance of the limitations placed on government by our constitution is a rebellious act and is especially insulting to the public when these members wield

their newly acquired powers as if they are working under the color of our constitutional government. This hypocrisy is not lost on the educated and aware public.

Sincerely,

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