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Subject: REJECT the 2045 Plan - keep THE 2005 Plan - STOP STEALING OUR LAND AND WATER AND RESOURCES
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Dear Windward Planning Department:

Do any of you folks that are pushing this live in rural areas? How can you draft this plan and tell us to our faces that you aren't going to support infrastructure that has been in place since you approved the substandard subdivisions in the Land and Power days??? You folks didn't write this plan, this is a New World Order Steal Our Property Plan and you don't get to do this!!!!

How can you change my AG designation to "Natural" Area. I already have a farm for 20 years No No and NO!!!

This junk 2045 plan says you aren't changing the zoning but you are! And then you go on and say the plan still has to be paid for and enacted by the Council but they can only approve the choices in the 2045 Plan - Period. What choice is that? It is no choice and you think your Planning Department head can take anyone's land whenever they want? And we have to pay money to contest it - FORGET THAT!!!

How can you possibly think you can allot me so many gallons of water - YOU DON'T OWN THE WATER!!!

How can you possibly think I should pay The County of Hawaii more because I am poor and live in a poor area with no roads and YOU WANT TO TAX ME CAUSE OF THIS - THIS PLAN SUCKS!!!

The Big Island General Plan 2005 **supported communities to thrive AND supported stewardship of the land.**

The current 2045 plan is a **complete 180 to the vision of the 2005 plan!** Please throw it out and start using the 2005 plan to move the Big Island forward!

To see the 2005 Big Island General Plan go to: <https://www.planning.hawaiicounty.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/301643/637204664141830000>

Here are a some reasons to throw out the 2045 plan:

- It is too vague. The language is not clear what the plan wishes to accomplish. There are MANY concerning sections that sound like rights, freedoms, and property are at risk with this plan.
- 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 sounds like you'll be looking at people's property to take for open space because they apply for land use. That is not Pono and is an invasion of privacy!
- 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 your incentives like the tax incentives on

Maui, which is costing people thousands if they don't do what the government wants. You want to acquire land to protect natural resources and values. Who gets to decide what are natural resources and values? Whose values are they? Why do you think it's your right to "pursue" acquiring someone's private property?!!

- You have an entire section on climate change that looks to take away many freedoms and rights. Did you know there are close to 2K credentialed scientists from around the world that state there is no climate danger? <https://clintel.org/world-climate-declaration/> The reason for this narrative is the change these policies will create will **increase** the pocket book of investors in renewable energy as it reduces freedoms for the general population.
- 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 says we have the right to travel! It is not the right of the Planning department to "demand" that your management goals reduce that right! Anything that reads, "Reduce vehicle miles traveled" should be removed from this plan!

Please take a look at this pdf that shares a lot more issues with this general plan. https://www.standtogetherhawaii.com/_files/ugd/86fc0c_b34739e4c99c461685de4c0207bf286e.pdf

The words home owner and farmer are **written zero times in the General Plan 2045**. Farmer is in the 2005 general plan 14 times and home owner is written 4 times. 2005 General Plan was created by people who know Hawaii, her people and the land. **That is the plan Big Island should use moving forward.**

There are many other reason to use 2005 General Plan other than GP 2045. The biggest is the amount of regulations that 2045 would put on current and future generations as it takes away freedoms and imposes more rules, and fines. It would completely change the way of life on the Big Island!

Again, You "planners" don't get to take our land and tell us where to live. You don't get to cut services, road and emergency response on the poor rural areas to focus on your urban clustering...

We will see you in court if you enact this land theft plan !

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