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Subject: General Plan 2045
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Aloha Commissioners and members of the council,

This email is in reference to many concerns contained in the proposed general plan put forward for 2045.

- Please recommend Stakeholder change to the following: "Local Communities". Local Communities are local Big Island farmers, homeowners, renters, organizations, businesses, and individuals who live on Big Island or have property on Big Island that will be personally affected by projects, decisions, or activities in the general plan. Effective local community engagement and management are crucial for the success and sustainability of any initiative, as it helps ensure that diverse perspectives and interests are considered.
- 2. The OSCER Department in the plan will null and void all public input and leave decisions to unelected officials. This is NOT okay! This department should not be created. This is on page 188, 40.8.
- 3. The Planning Department has sent out letters to homeowners telling them their land use will be changed from resident to recreation due to the General Plan 2045. This will drastically lower their property value and opens the door to rezone the area. This is not pono. It breaks the Aloha Spirit law § 5-7.5. This must be made pono again.
- 4. There is a huge section on climate change and things that will be affected. This needs to be further researched. There are over 1900 credentialed scientist that say there is no climate danger. Erroneous information has been put forward over past decades regarding various climate concerns that were later revised or curtailed upon further investigation. Here is the pdf showing the scientist and what country they are from. <https://clintel.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/WCD-241023.pdf>
- 5. Hilo does not have a Community Development Plan. How can a Big Island General Plan move forward without that? Hilo comprises 22% of the island population.
- 6. 1.13 under "Increase the biodiversity and resilience of native habitats" reads, *"Incentivize private land management practices that protect and enhance natural resource values and, when appropriate, pursue the acquisition of lands for the protection of natural resources."* "Incentives" mean more taxes. "Protection" means more rules. Who's "values" is this plan referring too because it's not the locals? "Pursue the acquisition of lands" - this type of phrasing is replete throughout the document and is ambiguous at best but more often confusing and misleading to the constituent reader.
- 7. This plan wants to turn land into "conservation". The exact opposite is what is needed for Big Island! Regarding alternatives, Steve Shropshire, a resident of Papaikou, has created an Ag Villages plan. This is just one example of alternatives that could be utilized rather than the guides put forward in the proposal

Papaikou Ag Village Objectives:

https://www.standtogetherhawaii.com/_files/ugd/86fc0c_2cb1cc6d604f4cdd971ad40831c745bc.pdf

Papaikou Site Plan:

https://www.standtogetherhawaii.com/_files/ugd/86fc0c_5e4cdb02efeb46a5ae949a3579aff00d.pdf

Papaikou Development:

https://www.standtogetherhawaii.com/_files/ugd/86fc0c_c2af52c8b3c645b1a6868a724eee8304.pdf

Mahalo for your time and investment toward a healthy and vibrant future for all residents of the Big Island

Sincerely,

Kate Kennedy

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