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Dear Commissioners,

I listened to the Leeward Planning Commission meeting held on Nov 21 several times. One main topic that 2 commissioners (Mr Au and Mr Kanuha) brought up which seriously concerned me, had to do with public involvement. If you total up all the numbers furnished by Director Kern (12,470 divided by 208,000, which is the total population of Hawaii County) you will find that only 5.9% of our population participated in this life changing event. That's way less than 10% of the population. That means that most of our residents are clueless as to how this general plan will affect them over the next 20 years. This is alarming!!!

If there is anyway for you to stop the process and get more people to participate, it would be greatly appreciated.

Also of concern is the newly created Resiliency Office (OSCER) which was created after Mayor Roth returned from his Climate Change meeting on the East Coast last year. This office needs to be heavily scrutinized. Why is it designated as the lead agency when it is so brand new? What other agenda does it bring with it that we should know about?

In closing, I want to quote what our former State Epidemiologist, Dr Sara said back in 2020, when members of the State Legislature did a surprise visit to her office after she questioned the Covid Contact Tracing Program. She said, "I don't think the people of Hawaii would want to live like the people of Communist China."

The next time you visit Walmart, take a look at the facial recognition screen located just above the entrance. That's the kind of surveillance that goes on in many cities in China on their entire population. Is that what you want for Hawaii County?

Mahalo,
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