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Thank you, from Mary Maxwell

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In regard to the General Plan, I offer this different way of looking at Big Island:

Every human wants three things. 1. He wants nice things and security for himself. 2. He wants to share his time and effort for the good of the community. 3. He wants to follow an authority.

That's theoretical. In reality, some people on Big Island own their home and therefore have a greater desire than others to see "home ownership" maintained. Also, some people are dissuaded from helping others if they feel the system is unfair or that they are being conned.

Let's ask, who is doing the conning? When I see key words on the Plan, such as Equality and Climate Change, I reckon it comes from the mainland or, still worse, from the UN. Hawaiians can think for themselves. They have exceptionally good values: aloha, pono, and Nature.

The aforementioned 'key words' seem to be driving the thought processes of the Planners. Pardon me, but I smell a fish market. From my experience (I have a PhD in Politics), there is usually a core group, or even just one strong boss, who DOES NOT SPEAK FOR THE INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE. She speaks for a set of individuals (outsiders) who are basically destructive. Because it is generally considered impolite, or mean, for me to say such an outrageous thing, it's unlikely to get aired. (Maybe you have already thrown this piece of paper on the floor?)

How about holding a meeting where you don't say "Everyone here wants what is best for all." It is better to recognize our selfishness and our pathetic fears and our habit of groveling to a boss.

But an even more sweeping statement should be made by the Planners. You should say: "We have been tasked with doing a Land Grab and this is just an early stage. Our leaders (unnamed) have instructed us to use a gentle method of bringing this about -- by disguising it." -- Whew!

A million apologies for my bluntness but I see these going on, all around the world. Humans are devalued. Humans are being treated as "pests." Actually, the Big Guys in charge are the really stupid pests. I honestly think they don't see how their destructiveness will work against THEM. They live in a fantasy. So, we can actually feel sorry for billionaires.

By the way, some billionaires bought land on Maui just before the 2023 fire. Apparently, we are supposed to believe that this has no significance. What! This goes to show how far we have turned off our brain. It's like when everybody believed the Emperor was wearing beautiful clothes, until a child asked "Why is he naked?" Oops.

Good luck. I do know that you are trying valiantly. Please make a wild show of courage. It will invigorate all others. So many lives are at stake. Mahalo for the opportunity to participate.

Very sincerely yours,

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