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Subject: POSTPONE & REVISE GENERAL PLAN 2045 TESTIMONY
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Aloha Leeward Planning Commission, and Windward Planning Commission:

Please postpone the General Plan 2045 going to the County Council this year, and advise the Hawai'i County Planning Department to increase their efforts to let everyone on the Big Island know about the Plan. They said they tried hard to get the word out, but their efforts have FAILED. When we ask people if they know about the General Plan, they ALWAYS say "No, what's that?" This General Plan 2045 development process has lacked transparency; therefore, Big Island residents deserve more time to learn about and comment on the Plan. This Plan will result in new regulations, laws and taxes ALL of us will have to live under, including you Commissioners, and it is NOT FAIR that practically no one knows about it. The new Laws and Taxes based on General Plan 2045 as it is, could further increase the cost of living here. No one would want that! The Plan needs to be revised!

And please reschedule a WPC General Plan meeting in January for Hilo. It is not Pono to take away an opportunity to learn about General Plan 2045 and to testify from the people of Hilo and on the Windward side.

Government is supposed to work for we the people, not the other way around. I pray that you are considering our testimonies, and hear our requests to postpone General Plan 2045 going to County Council, or stick with the 2005 General Plan.

Commissioners, you say you represent us - please make decisions that protect our RIGHTS and FREEDOMS!

Mahalo!