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Aloha,

Please if possible provide the attached letter as written testimony for WPC members to review BEFORE their March 10 and 11, 2025 meeting discussing the General Plan 2045, Final Recommended Draft.

Mahalo,

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Sent from my iPad

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RE: Testimony on Hawaii County General Plan 2045, Final Recommended Draft dated July 2024

Dear Chair Daniele, Vice Chair Perrin, and members of the Windward Planning Commission,

Mahalo to all of you for your voluntary service to our community!

I am testifying as an individual resident of Hamakua though I am a current member of the **Hamakua Community Development Plan (HCDP)** Action committee and former chair of the HCDP Steering committee from 2008-2018. I want to bring to your attention some specific inconsistencies in the Final Recommended Draft General Plan 2045 and the HCDP adopted by ordinance in 2018. In both of these cases, there was significant community input and controversy during the HCDP process. Accordingly, I am respectfully ***requesting that the Planning department provide their written rationale for the proposed deviations from the adopted HCDP.***

PAPAIKOU POINT (TMK 327004025)

The GP 2045 Final Draft recommends LOW DENSITY URBAN while the HCDP LUPAG shows it as IMPORTANT AG LANDS, consistent with the State Land Use District (SLUD) AGRICULTURE. The proposed change is a significant change in land use from the current A-20a zoning to a Low Density Urban GP designation. There was significant community opposition to development at this location.

HAKALAU POINT (TMKs 329002081/329002079)

The GP 2045 Final Recommended Draft proposes the majority of the parcels' area as LOW DENSITY URBAN with the pali as CONSERVATION and a strip along the top of pali as RECREATION while the HCDP LUPAG indicates both parcels as OPEN. While the current county zoning is MG-5a, Industrial and State Land Use District (SLUD) is Urban, the HCDP recognized that both the county zoning and SLUD are a historical "snap shot" of its past plantation heritage which are respectively inappropriate and arguably obsolete. The HCDP deliberately chose to acknowledge this location's unique **historic/cultural** (Kanaka maoli site where a significant battle took place and its Hakalau Plantation history), **environmental** (high bluff pali, coastal zone at estuary), **recreational** (fishing trail access), and **scenic** (one of the few accessible scenic viewpoints to enjoy panoramic views of the Hamakua coastline, adjacent to rare accessible beach park) values by designating it as OPEN. The HCDP intention was to encourage *future preservation and protection of this extremely unique locale for the enjoyment of the greater community* instead of the prevalent trend of development of private luxury homes along our coastlines.

The General Plan and Community Development Plans are intended as dynamic forward-looking, living and adaptive tools to guide the the development of communities' future. They should be consistent in reflect our community's collective voice, values and aspirational vision.

Mahalo nui loa for your time and consideration!

Aloha no,

Brad Kurokawa