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Aloha Commissions,

Here is my written testimony of my verbal testimony:

I believe this is my tenth time speaking at these meetings about the GP and have yet to see one local in support of this plan. Yet, we're meant to believe locals helped create this plan.

This plan has so many things that indicate the State, and electric companies are the ones who will prosper, not locals and not our future keiki.

We were told the land for Conservation is already State land. Yet, land allocated for Conservation runs nearly the entire coast of Big Island. There are private land owners who own coast land so that cannot be true that all current Conservation land is owned by the State.

Where are Hawaiian Homelands in this plan?

When I do a word search I get "not found".

What I'm concerned with most:

- Land that will be "acquired" for Conservation, Natural, and Rural land. It even says that they'll "lease" it back to the farmer. This land should be used to grow more food, not be taken away from people and conserved.

The wording of the plan is confusing:

- For example: "Immediate steps shall be taken to designate treatment plant sites, sewerage pump station sites, and sewer easements according to the facility plans to facilitate their acquisition." pg. 137 (27.3) Does this mean they want to immediately acquire people's land for sewage sites?
- It shows that it wants to move people into clustered housing. Page 10 ***Cluster Plan Development (CPD)*** refers to a land use planning strategy where residential or commercial development is concentrated in specific areas while preserving larger portions of the land as open space or natural areas. In this

*approach, buildings are grouped closely together, often in a compact or clustered manner, rather than being evenly dispersed across a site.* This will not benefit Big Island people and should be removed.

- Electric cars are extremely dangerous and are a hazard waste that we cannot put in our landfills. A commission asked what if we just have EVs for the government and not public and another commission said we must have zero emissions. Why? Whose policy is that? Why can't it just be for the State? People do not want electric vehicles. They are a hazard waste that we cannot put in or landfills so what will we do with them when they die?
- **VERY Concerning: Page 11: "Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)** is a multidisciplinary approach of crime prevention that uses urban and architectural design and the management of built and natural environments." This sounds like Big Brother and surveillance. What does this mean? This looks like the creation of a **police State**.

Please motion to **stop this plan from moving forward**. Big Island will never be the same. It will not support Hawaiians coming back to live here. It will do the exact opposite.

Please reschedule both January meetings for testimony on the GP. More people will want to be heard and this plan is the foundation for the future of Big Island. All meetings should be honored.

Mahalo nui loa for your time. I know you are volunteers and we really do appreciate you.

Aloha,  
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On Fri, Dec 20, 2024 at 2:25 PM Michelle Melendez <[michelle@blossominnerwellness.com](mailto:michelle@blossominnerwellness.com)> wrote:

Aloha Commissioners,

I want to apologize for my intensity during testimony. It's not personal or an attack on any of you. I really appreciate you and your time. I know you're volunteers.

My intensity is due to this plan and my huge concern of the possibilities that it will move forward.

There was a commissioner that asked what would happen if it didn't go through, which it should not. Mahalo for the question. This plan should not be rushed just because it's over the time limit when it should have been adopted. If it will harm the island and the people here, which it will, it must be recommended that it not go through. I pray that you do that.

The general plan manager said they took input from locals to create this plan. I don't know one local that would want a plan like this, and not one has shown up to speak on behalf of the plan in the 10 meetings I've attended.

She also stated the source for climate change is from the "authority of the State". The State is not an expert on weather. The State and the electric companies will prosper if this plan goes through, not the people. If they are the source for the foundation of a plan where they prosper, that is a conflict of interest.

I want to say a big mahalo to the commissioner who asked for them to talk about the Hawaii land trusts in the plan. That was a wonderful request. I haven't seen any info on it so I'm curious to hear what they say.

I know that you are all volunteers and I cannot express how much I really do appreciate you and your time. I'm very sorry if my intensity has come across as an attack. That was never my intention. Without you, this plan goes through to people who are paid and may not have the public's best interest at heart. You do, and I really appreciate that.

Have a wonderful holiday.

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