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Subject: Re: Official Request for and extended presentation
Date: Saturday, February 1, 2025 11:40:46 PM

Dear WPCtestimony,

Thank you for clarifying the limitations of public testimony. How can Michelle Melendez be given the necessary time to present very important and pertinent information about this general plan? The venue needs to be viewable such as on Zoom, and recorded and available for the public to see and hear. What is the purpose of taking public testimony if not to provide the commissioners and the public with other pertinent information that is not already included in the proposal? The general plan is easily downloadable for the public to read, there should also be on this website all of the supporting and opposing views available for the public to see, hear and read what their fellow Hawaiians' are thinking about this proposed plan. Please let me know how to make these requests happen. Openness in government is so important today, we are participating at the most basic and local political level and we have the power to bring trust back into government decision making, let's do it show us how!

Sincerely,

Ken Honma. Kurtistown 96760

On Thu, Jan 30, 2025 at 3:58 PM WPCtestimony <wpctestimony@hawaiiicounty.gov> wrote:

Aloha Ken Honma,

Thank you for reaching out and for sharing your concerns regarding the Hawai'i County General Plan 2045. We appreciate your engagement and your commitment to ensuring the public and the Planning Commissioners have access to comprehensive information on this important matter.

In order to maintain fairness and provide equal opportunities for all public testifiers, we must adhere to the standard time limits established for testimony. While we understand that some topics may require more time to discuss in depth, our process is designed to allow for equitable participation from all members of the community.

The Planning Commission may, at its discretion, request additional information from staff or other entities as needed to support its decision-making process. However, public testimony is subject to the same time constraints to ensure that all voices are heard within the allotted time.

We encourage Michelle Melendez, as well as any other interested individuals, to submit written testimony if additional details need to be shared beyond the time available for verbal testimony. Written testimony is given full consideration by the Commissioners and provides an opportunity to elaborate on key points in greater detail.

Thank you again for your advocacy and engagement. Please let us know if you have any questions or if we can assist you further.

Mahalo,

WPCtestimony

From: Ken Honma <kenh.7553@gmail.com>

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Planning Commissioners,

I would like to request that Michelle Melendez be invited by the Planning Commissioners to have an extended time-period in order to fully provide the Commissioners and the public with pertinent information about the Hawaii County General Plan 2045. After personally providing testimony at a recent public hearing, it is clear to me that three minutes are far too short of time to fully expand on the ramifications of the General Plan. It is also clear that the Commissioners have the ability to ask for extended presentations, as was done when the "staff" of the planning department was asked to make a presentation to the commissioners, the presentation was well over the three minutes allotted to the public and included questions and answers and a slide presentation. I ask that you honor the community members' who have and are very concerned about the full implications of the General Plan, Michelle Melendez has shown honesty, determination, and care in investigation into what the General Plan does and could do. She has the necessary skills to present an accurate, concise, and clear assessment of the Hawaii County General Plan 2045. Give her the opportunity by extending her an invitation to make a presentation before the Commissioners and the public. The present and future people living in the County of Hawaii will respect your efforts in this matter.

Sincerely,

Ken Honma

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