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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2019 8:56 AM
To: Morrison, Bethany
Cc: General Plan; Cook, Eric
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] Request General Plan Consideration

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
COUNTY OF HAWAII

Thank you very much, Bethany.

If I could summarize what I understand from your email: at this time there is no viable option to identify possible "vacation rental destinations." However, we should follow the GP and in there will be a recommendation in the future to do a market study which may outline the supply and demand of such areas. Is this correct? Please correct me if I am not interpreting correctly.

I will sign up for the mailing list and continue to follow the GP. I think that the timing may be good because as time goes by and we see the results of Ordinance 18-114 more information will be available on the effects of this law.

Thanks again,
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From: Morrison, Bethany <Bethany.Morrison@hawaiicounty.gov>
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Subject: RE: [REDACTED] Request General Plan Consideration

Aloha [REDACTED],

Thank you for your recent inquiry and I apologize for not responding sooner. I also understand you spoke with Eric Cook earlier today and had some questions similar to what you outlined below. Please note that our Community Development Plan Action Committees are tasked with implementing the CDPs and are set up to process these types of requests, so this would not be an appropriate agenda item for them, but there are a couple of ways to be involved as noted below.

As you note Bill 108 outlines where Short-Term Vacation Rentals are permitted. Each district on our island does have zoning designations that allow STVR as a permitted use and there is an application process to request a change of zone to one of those designations should anybody want to go that route. Unfortunately, there was not a market study done to outline the supply and demand projections that you bring up.

We are in the middle of a comprehensive update to our general plan and land use maps that identify resort areas will be a component of that update. Also, we will be recommending that a market study of the vacation rentals be conducted as one of our implementation actions.

We will be going out with our GP draft this summer where we will be soliciting feedback. If you would like to receive updates on that process, please sign up for our [mailing list](#).

I hope this answers some of your questions and I look forward to your feedback on our draft. Otherwise, feel free to let me know if you have any other questions.

Thank you,

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Subject: [REDACTED] Request General Plan Consideration

Aloha, General Plan participants.

I am the Co-chair of the [REDACTED] We have been following closely the recently passed Bill 108 (now Ordinance 2018-114) from its beginning stages with the County Council. Since there are so very few permitted areas for Short Term Vacation Rentals on the east side of the island we believe that with the loss of Kapoho vacation rentals and with normal attrition of vacation rental properties (other islands report 20% attrition per year) that eventually there will be a severe lack of vacation rental properties to accommodate visitors who wish an authentic and affordable Hawaiian experience and not a hotel. In our discussions with Planning Director, Michael Yee, he suggested that we address the General Plan to identify areas of viable overnight stay destinations. May we have your guidance on how to approach this subject with the General Plan? Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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