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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2019 8:25 AM
To: Planning Internet Mail; General Plan
Subject: Re: amendments to the PONC

Aloha All,
Thank you for accepting and including my comments below.

On page 30 of the draft Hawaii County General Plan 2020, the following language exists.

36. 1.38 Amend Charter to revise land acquisition and preservation regulations and criteria (PONC) to include lands impacted by climate change or those with beneficial attributes for climate adaptation and mitigation.

I am puzzled as to why the PONC fund seemingly is always under attack. I am equally puzzled as to why the general plan would be addressing suggestive amendments to the County Charter about the PONC fund. Those suggestions should be brought forward to the Charter Commission separate from the general plan.

There is no apparent reason for inclusion of the proposed change in the PONC in the Draft General Plan, other than to attempt to preempt the authority of the Charter Commission by having the detailed amendment be adopted as part of the General Plan and then argued as somehow compelling the Charter Commission to adopt the same changes as those put forth in the General Plan.

Amending the Charter cannot be done through the General Plan, so the proposed section set out above would be a superfluous part of the General Plan, if adopted. The exclusive manner to amend the Chart is through the Charter Commission, not through the General Plan. The suggested provision should be removed.

Sincerely,
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