

General Plan Introduction

Public Comment Summary

County of Hawai'i Draft General Plan 2045

The public comment period for the Draft General Plan 2045 was held from September 18, 2023 to April 1, 2024. This comment summary contains the key themes derived from community feedback on the Introduction section of the draft plan.

1. Comprehensive Review Process

Comments express concerns about the Draft General Plan 2045 and seek explanations of specific changes, more detailed land use maps, and definitions of terms. Commenters highlight that the public engagement process could be improved, with suggestions to postpone approval and conduct town hall meetings for broader community input. Requests to improve the public outreach process include more in-depth consultation and explanation of the plan. Other comments request a better communication strategy of the draft plan and online commenting platform. Commenters suggest involving all community stakeholders, more frequent and informative updates, and using terms that are accessible and clearly defined.

2. Agricultural Land and Conservation

Numerous comments advocate for the preservation and protection of agricultural lands, open spaces, and scenic corridors. There is a strong sentiment to maintain rural and agricultural zoning, thus avoiding conversion to urban development. Additionally, there is emphasis on preserving cultural heritage, proper land use, and a desire for land sales to remain local and development be focused on island resident needs and interests.

3. Housing and Development

Concerns were raised regarding the provisions for housing, particularly the necessity for affordable housing solutions for locals and for further development to do comprehensive impact assessments. There is a call for stipulations in development applications to offer a significant percentage of homes to locals at affordable rates, fearing that unchecked development may put island resources at risk.

4. Sustainability and Preservation of Natural and Cultural Resources

Comments reflect a strong desire for sustainable and environmentally conscious planning, with skepticism about initiatives such as nuclear power and carbon sequestration. There is demand for action on renewable energy, addressing water supply issues, transportation, and managing waste effectively. Many suggest integrating native Hawaiian practices and traditional knowledge into sustainability efforts, and there are requests for embodying these values in the draft plan.

5. Infrastructure

Notable concerns regarding infrastructure pertain to the island's capacity to accommodate growth, specifically mentioning water availability, electricity supply, landfill capacity, cesspool issues, and the traffic increase. The comments emphasize the need to thoroughly examine how the infrastructure can cope with future development given the existing conditions.

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The South Kohala Community Development Plan (CDP) Action Committee (AC) submits the following comments on the Draft General Plan 2045. The compiled comments correspond to the South Kohala CDP, Table 8.1 Implementation Matrix. The table is broken down into the four towns and villages of South Kohala (Waimea Town Plan, Waikoloa Village Plan, Kawaihae Community Plan, and Puako Community Plan). The AC encourages the implementation of the following SKCDP strategies as they align with the General Plan. Waimea Town Plan Prioritize preserving Ag Lands and Open Spaces based on view planes, cultural sites, and historical sites. Preserve hillsides and grading for these areas, and change zoning to protect these lands. The AC also supports the development of more affordable housing and pedestrian access for the Waimea Community. 1.1 Acquire conservation easements for critical Pu'u parcels 1.2 Require a Use permit for grading on Steep Land 2.1 Acquisition of Fee Interest or of Conservation Easements of Open Space Areas in East Waimea 2.2 Internal Transfer of Development Rights 3.1 Self-help housing 3.2 Non-profit housing corporation(s) 4.1 Walkways and Bikeways for Waimea Waikoloa Village Plan In addition to the following action items, the AC strongly recommends prioritizing the completion of the Daniel K. Inouye Highway between Mamalahoa Hwy and Queen K. Hwy, from mauka to makai. 1.1 Finance and construct a second access road to Queen Ka'ahumanu 2.1 Finance and construct a community center and community park 3.1 New elementary school, middle school, and high school Kawaihae Community Plan 1.1 Complete the development of the Ouli Well Field and transmit the water from Ouli to the Kawaihae area in order to provide additional sources of potable water for the area - o Revise 1.1 to focus on the area from Kawaihae to Kailapa Hawaiian Homes - o Adding infrastructure for housing in Hawaiian homes - o New action plan for an evacuation route for Kailapa subdivision Puako Community Plan 1.1 Establish a fuel break along Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway and the northeastern section of Puako Road 1.2 Upgrade existing emergency warning sirens to have a battery electrical power backup in case of power outages 1.3 Construct the Paniau Evacuation Route 2.1 Construct a sanitary sewer system for the Puako Beach Lots	2

The problem is that the General plan, you're closing off comments April 1 and people have to log on. I would contend that a very small percentage of people know about this, and know the influence this will have for the next 20 years of life on the Big island. This hasn't been properly advertised, there has not been meetings where you can sit, talk, and raise questions. Where you can talk with other people and hear other people, that is what needs to be done. There was a letter to the editor in yesterday's newspaper, it was in the Hilo paper. I would assume that it would be in the West Hawaii today. It's a woman from Kana, I don't know her. But she writes about this very fact, that why don't we stop everything for now. What would be the reason to push ahead if so, many citizens here haven't had input but deserve input. They are the tax payers, they are the ones that make this go, not the planning department it's the citizens here that make this place go. Why don't we have a series of meetings in Hilo, which is left out of the whole CDP process, if you notice all the other districts have CDPs. Hilo is left out of it and has been left out since 1972, its ridiculous. Why don't we stop it and do the citizens a favor and lets do a series of town halls here so people can discuss the zoning and all the things that are going to impact our lives. Please call me back	2
My letter is my petition https://www.change.org/p/help-prioritize-big-island-development-to-keep-...We stand to keep The Big Island in a place where the Island's resources are safe for the entire population and visitors. We ask that you look at all these articles about Big Island resources and learn that the island's resources are limited and are already being affected negatively. Please, read these articles and learn through other sources as well, how all the development that has already been built, and the many years of new development that has already been approved for the future, will affect the island's resources. We stand and ask that you stop before approving more and more developments and learn what is happening to the island's resources and what will happen to the island's resources after the years of development that is already scheduled for the future. Because a lot of development is having negative impacts on the island's resources as of today. What will future development do to the island's resources if there are already resource issues happening today? Please, learn how to take island resources seriously because you have approved many more years of development to come and today the island's resources are having issues. What will the future look like if you don't start taking island resources seriously? What is happening to Big Island Resources 1) Hawaii Deals with Burgeoning Waste Management Problem As landfills face closure and waste-to-energy projects stall, various counties in Hawaii are dealing with waste management issues. Waste360 Staff January 10, 2020 "Hawaii Island is in the enviable position of having a landfill with anywhere from 20 to 100 years of capacity left to take in trash. But the island still wrestles with significant issues like plastic products that are no longer being recycled." https://www.waste360.com/landfill/hawaii-deals-with-burgeoning-waste-man-... 2) "Big Island Now readers seem to agree that there's likely no single solution for slowing down the timeline of the West Hawai'i Sanitary Landfill reaching capacity. The West Hawai'i Sanitary Landfill, the only remaining landfill on the Big Island, is forecast to reach capacity within the next 20 to 25 years." https://bigislandnow.com/2023/09/17/big-island-now-poll-no-27-results-mo... 3) Hawaii Island Has Decades of Landfill Space But Still Faces Challenges In Dealing With Its Waste Hawai'i Public Radio Published January 9, 2020 at 5:00 AM HST "Hawaii Island is in the enviable position of having a landfill with anywhere from 20 to 100 years of capacity left to take in trash. But the island still wrestles with significant issues like plastic products that are no longer being recycled. For the past four decades, trash from the east side of Hawaii Island has been dumped in a landfill outside of Hilo. But now trash from all parts of the island is being trucked to a facility north of Kona." https://www.hawaiipublicradio.org/local-news/2020-01-09/hawaii-island-ha... 4) "What happens to Hawaii Island's trash and recyclables? BY MICHELLE BRODER VANdyke HAWAII ISLAND PUBLISHED 11:30 AM ET DEC. 17, 2022 By Michelle Broder Vandyke Hawaii Island PUBLISHED 11:30 AM ET Dec. IThe future of the landfill	2

The West Hawaii Landfill will be full in about 20 years. Finding a location for the next landfill is a concern, according to the DEM officials. They said it will be challenging to find a location for a future landfill because of stringent regulations and costs related to planning, environmental regulations, design and construction that will take many years to complete. It will also require community support." [https://spectrumlocalnews.com/hi/hawaii/news/2022/12/15/what-happens-to- ...](https://spectrumlocalnews.com/hi/hawaii/news/2022/12/15/what-happens-to-...)

5) "The overwhelming plastic waste Hawaii visitors leave behind By Natasha Bourlin Aug 24, 2023

Hawaii saw more than 9 million visitors last year. Those tourists' first stops are often big-box and convenience stores, where they buy bottled water, plastic sand toys, single-use bodyboards, noodles, floaties and inner tubes for their trips." [https://www.sfgate.com/hawaii/article/plastic-waste-hawaii-visitors-leav ...](https://www.sfgate.com/hawaii/article/plastic-waste-hawaii-visitors-leav-...)

6) "A county commission drafts ordinance aiming to ban recyclables at West Hawai'i landfill By Megan Moseley September 6, 2023 • 1 :00 AM HST

* Updated September 6, 2023 • 2:02 PM

Hawai'i County's Environmental Management Commission is developing an ordinance that aims to prohibit the amount of recyclable materials ending up in the island's only working landfill." <https://bigislandnow.com/2023/09/06/new- draft-ordinance-aims-to-ban-recy..>

7) "Hawai'i County issues mandatory 25% water restriction for North Kona August 7, 2023 • 5:21 PM HST

A mandatory 25% water restriction has been issued for various communities in North Kona due to the failure of the Honokohau Deepwell over the weekend." <https://bigislandnow.com/2023/08/07/hawaii-county-issues-mandatory-25- wa...>

8) "Hawai'i Water Supply Closely Monitored As Severe Drought Continues by Big Island Video Newson Nov 6, 2023 at 3:28 pm STORY SUMMARY

HAWAII COUNTY - Officials say a special focus will be placed on the South Kohala Water System, which is more susceptible to drought conditions."

[https://www.bigislandvideonews.com/2023/11/06/water-supply-closely-monit ...](https://www.bigislandvideonews.com/2023/11/06/water-supply-closely-monit-...)

9) "Big Island Concerns About Water Quality Prompt A Lawsuit Over A Kona Sewage Plant Kealakehe sewage plant discharges more than 1 million gallons of wastewater into a lava pit near the ocean. By Paula Dobbyn/ February 6, 2024

Settlement talks are scheduled in an environmental lawsuit involving a county-operated Big Island sewage plant in Kona." <https://www.civilbeat.org/2024/02/concerns-about-water-quality-prompt-a-...>

10) "Researchers find sewage from an oceanfront Big Island community reaches nearshore waters Hawai'i Public Radio I By Russell Subiono, Sophia McCullough Published December 20, 2021 at 5: 56 PM HST

There are nearly 50,000 cesspools on the Big Island, with tens of thousands posing a risk to water resources, according to the Hawai'i Department of Health."

[https://www.hawaiipublicradio.org/the-conversation/2021-12- 20/researcher ...](https://www.hawaiipublicradio.org/the-conversation/2021-12- 20/researcher-...)

11) Has this issue been fixed? It's going on 3 years since this article was written. "Kona coast faces stark wastewater tradeoffs Current situation

There are approximately 88,000 cesspools across the state, releasing more than 200,000 cubic meters of wastewater per day to the environment.

<https://www.hawaii.edu/news/2021/09/10/kona-stark-wastewater-tradeoffs/>

12) "BIG ISLAND NEWS HECO restores power after initiating emergency outages on Big Island by: Elizabeth 'Ufi Posted: Jan 30, 2024 / 09:43 AM HST Updated: Jan 30, 2024 / 04:15 PM HST

An unexpected loss of several large Hawaii Electric generators left some residents on Big Island without power for parts of the morning on Tuesday, Jan. 30." <https://www.khon2.com/big-island-news/heco-initiates-30-min-rolling- outa...>

13) Hawai'i State News Update: Hawaiian Electric initiates rolling outages throughout Big Island February 13, 2024 • 5:23 PM HST

* Updated February 14, 2024 • 4:21 PM

The emergency outages are being initiated in various areas around the entire island to prevent loss of power to an even greater number of customers. The timing and extent of the outages will depend on the amount of demand on the system and the availability of generators." <https://bigislandnow.com/2024/02/13/hawaii-island-customers-asked-to-red...>

14) "LOCAL NEWS

HECO issues rolling power outages around Big Island by: Emily Cervantes Posted: Feb 13, 2024 / 05: 11 PM HST Updated: Feb 13, 2024 / 09: 12 PM HST Hawaiian Electric initiated rolling outages for Big Island after several large generators became unavailable and reduced output Tuesday night."

<https://www.khon2.com/local-news/heco-releases-conservation-alert-for-bi..>

15) "Here's how power outages can have repercussions for Hawai'i's water supply Hawai'i Public Radio I By Savannah Harriman-Pote

Published February 13, 2024 at 10: 59 AM HST

Water departments on O'ahu and Hawai'i Island have advised customers to conserve water ahead of possible storm- related power outages this month.

But what does the power grid have to do with the water supply?

It is impossible to separate Hawai'i's power system from its water system, said Kawika Uyehara, deputy director of Hawai'i County's Department of Water Supply."

[https://www.hawaiipublicradio.org/local-news/2024-02-13/residents-on-haw ...](https://www.hawaiipublicradio.org/local-news/2024-02-13/residents-on-haw...)

These articles show that Big Island resources are currently being affected negatively from the development on island, there are years of new development that has already been approved, and even more development is still being approved before learning if the island's resources can handle more development.

We stand to say LEARN WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THE ISLAND'S RESOURCES before approving more development because this is an island, it's not the mainland.

We stand and say that Big Island resources needs to be FULLY considered before any more new development is approved for the safety of ALL who live here and visit.

There are many, many developments that have been approved for years to come and we stand and say we need to learn how the island's resources will be affected when these developments are finished before you keep approving more and more developments!

We stand and say NO DEVELOPING ON BURIAL GROUND. The history of the island needs to be preserved and the burial grounds need to be respected at all costs.

We stand and say NO more approving of future developments because there are hundreds of acres that have been approved for future development and the Big Island needs to address these resource issues before more land is approved for development.

We stand and ask to make it mandatory for vacation rentals and ALL resorts and hotels to provide drinking water machines to their guests to help stop all the empty water bottle waste on the island.

We stand and ask to make it mandatory for vacation rentals and ALL resorts and hotels to provide shampoo, conditioner, body wash in bulk containers rather than continuously using different containers for every new guest, to help stop all the empty bottles waste in the limited landfill.

Can Hawaii Planning Department put in a stipulation in all development applications that to build on The Big Island they must sell a high percentage of their homes to locals at an affordable rate first before selling to newcomers because this is an island, and the island's resources need to be seriously considered?

A stipulation put in to be able to build could help the local homes shortage as well as slow the increase in population and help with the island's resources.

An example, of a stipulation could be, to build on the Big Island they must sell 50% of their homes to native Hawaiian locals who have lived on the island for 10 years or more, 25% to

regular locals who have lived on the island for 10 years or more and all at an affordable rate and sell 25% to newcomers at whatever rate they want.

A Big Island building stipulation that would offer 75% of homes that developers build, sold to locals in order for the developer to be approved to build on the island would help the island's resources because it would slow the population growth to help keep the island's resources safe for all who live here. The articles above prove that island resources are already have serious issue and this needs to be taken seriously, ASAP. To have a building stipulation, this would help the locals who have lived here for years be able to purchase a home before big investors, as well as help, slow down homes from becoming vacation rentals instead of family homes, and will help decrease the fast increase in population until the Planning Department can know for sure that the island's resources can handle a serious increase in population. We ask for a Population Environmental Impact Report to be done on what would be a safe population for the Big Island resource landfill, water, sewer, power... as shown in the articles above, resources are already being affected and it's 2024. Also, there are mostly only 2 lanes throughout the entire Big Island and some places where cars cannot pull over if an ambulance needs to get by. The traffic has seriously increased and if the island's population keeps increasing there will be hours and hours of constant serious traffic in the near future, how will ambulances get by in emergencies? What if there is a tsunami and people need to get to higher ground? Will they be able to get to higher ground in time with such an increased in population causing a serious traffic? The island's small road infrastructure isn't made for a high population and that needs to be taken seriously. What is a safe population for the Big Island? A Population Environment Impact Report can tell us. We ask this to be done. We ask for another hospital to be built, as well as a trauma center and dive chamber to be put on the island to accommodate all types of injuries because of all the years of new future development that you have already approved. Alii Drive is only two lanes and right now there are three big developments in progress, and over 10 more acres of land on this street has just been approved for even more development on this street. Did you research to see how this one road can handle more development before your approval? Did you research and check on the island's resources before you approved this and many other developments all over the Big Island? We stand to slow down development to learn how roads will handle all the new homes that Hawai'i has already approved for years to come before more development is approved because right now there is serious traffic issues all over Big Island? We stand to say what are you doing about the growth in homeless on the island? We stand and ask that this be taken seriously. What about parking? All of the Big Island towns have parking issues, especially during high tourist seasons and especially Ironman. With more subdivisions comes more cars and the island towns are already overcrowded with parking issues. How will parking Improve with more houses? Is the Hawaii Planning Department considering the parking issues? We stand for you to find a way to improve the parking issues before approving more development. There are over 50,000 cesspools on The Big Island. Have these all been upgraded to ensure they will not pollute the land and ocean? This needs to be addressed ASAP before more development is approved. We stand that all cesspools be upgraded ASAP to ensure safety for the land and ocean around the island. If you agree with this info, please sign this petition. There are possibly thousands of new homes that have been approved for future development and are currently being built right now. This petition states that we strongly OPPOSE approving any and all new development applications because the island's resources are currently having serious issues, as you can see from the articles above, and many more homes have already been approved for future years developments. We oppose these applicates below, and all new development applications because it is known that the Big Island's resources can't handle more development as you can see the island's resource issues from the articles above.

Tax Map Key 7-8-004: 059 & 060 size of property 1.3 Acres

Tax Map Key: (3) 7-3-065:044 approx. 3.418 Acres

Tax Map Key 7-8-010 :077 size of property 74 Acers Keauhou area

Tax Map Key 7-5-003 :023 size of property 129 Acers Queen K Hwy area

Tax Map Key 7-7-008:121 size of property 11 Acers Alii Drive area Tax Map Key 7-7-004:063 size of property 8 Acers Alii Drive area Tax Map Key 8-1-007:013 size 1.74 Acres Tax Map Key 8-1-008: 004 size 6.875 Acres Tax Map Key 7-9-007: 055 size 2 Acers Tax Map Key 7-5-017:040 Tax Map Key 7-5-019:049, 050,054 size 47.389 Acres Tax Map Key (3) 8-1-036: 001 & 002 size 54 Acres Tax Map Key 3-709-5-79 size 94 Acres Tax Map Key (3) 7-5-020:066 9.9 sq. ft Tax Map Key (3) 7-5-018:071 size 3 Acres Tax Map Key 7-6-021:016 & 017 size 68 Acres Tax Map Key 7-6-008: 012 size 10 Acres Tax Map Key (3) 7-5-018: 095 My website with other petitions is https://bigislandsupport.com/ Thank you for your time.	
Issue 5: Where is the "plan" in this Draft General Plan? There is no 'Future Land Use Map' showing the details addressed in the Plan (it would be a proposal that would require much effort to enable with State and County approvals (land use, zoning, ordinances, etc.)). But without a 'to-be' destination, we will be adrift. Issue 6: Inadequate Implementation Indicators and Monitoring Mechanisms The Implementation Indicators are inadequate and the Monitoring and Evaluation Plan will not provide a clear 'report card' on progress. The Plan states the objectives are measurable, achievable, and time-bound milestones toward achieving the goal. But this plan does not present the goals and objectives in this form. Below are 'example Indicators' from pg 201 of the Draft. All public utilities have been lumped under one goal. The objectives are neither specific, measurable, nor time-bound. The indicators are not aligned with the objectives. (e.g. stating specifics that show objectives to alleviate our CURRENT and chronic water rationing and power use reduction (rolling brownouts) situation). Section 3: Public Utilities EXAMPLE INDICATORS Goal: Our communities are adequately served by sustainable and efficient public infrastructure, utilities, and services based on existing and future growth needs, sound design principles, and effective maintenance practices. Objectives: 20. Improve the efficiency, reliability, and sustainability of essential infrastructure systems. 21. Strive towards energy self-sufficiency. 22. Advance policies, programs, and initiatives for public and/or private investment in broadband and telecommunications infrastructure. 23. Increase the protection of existing and potential sources of drinking water. 24. Planned and developed municipal sewer capacity is expanded to serve our Urban Growth Areas and reduce sewage-related impacts on water quality. 25. Increase green infrastructure practices. • Utilities are planned for our urban areas • Energy efficiency • Reduce water consumption per household • Increased use of permeable surfaces and landscaping Example Indicators Utilities are planned for our urban areas Energy efficiency Reduce water consumption per household Increased use of permeable surfaces and landscaping The Monitoring Mechanism (see reference below) states that "Measurable indicators, or performance measures, will be used to monitor progress toward the objectives". Unfortunately, this Draft does not provide them. It says "...indicators may vary over time as progress is made and each department is responsible for reporting on the indicators that are relevant". Every objective should have appropriate and fixed indicators or tracking/reporting will not be reliable or useful over time. The Evaluation Plan (see reference below) is required to the extent possible: "An implementation status report annually serving to monitor progress towards achieving the goals	2

and objectives identified within the General Plan. To the extent possible, the report should contain measurable indicators related to the goals and objectives of the plans that make up the County Planning System." This appears to state that the measurable indicators only apply to goals and objectives of the supporting plans and not the General Plan. Status reports on the General Plan progress can be as vague as the GP goals and objectives, themselves. In conclusion, the Draft General Plan 2045 should not see the light of day. We expect and need better. It doesn't comply with either County or State requirements for County General Plans. It violated the principle of clearly showing deltas between the prior adopted Plan and the current draft amendments; It does NOT provide a coherent destination (what the future is to look like) or the roadmap of comprehensive actions that will get us there. It does not link goals, specific objectives that together achieve each goal, with progress measures. It does not prioritize objectives (actions) to guide implementation planning and budgeting processes. While there are many good ideas in the Draft, they are too many to complete in 20 years, and they are not organized as stated: Goal > Objective (with indicator) model . Objectives are too broad (e.g. there is only one objective for Wastewater "Planned and developed municipal sewer capacity is expanded to serve our Urban Growth Areas and reduce sewage-related impacts on water quality." It lists 16 Priority Actions (these might actually be mislabeled objectives as there was no goal included) But not all of them contribute to accomplishing the 'Objective' (three do not pertain to municipal sewer systems in Urban Growth Areas). There are no progress measure indicators and they are not time bound (or priority stack ranked, or dependency linked - any of which would have helped make implementation possible). oThe Monitoring and Evaluation Plan effectiveness is crippled by not providing prioritized time-bound objectives/actions with performance measures. (and made worse by its making indicator measures optional) HULi PAC's concerns are clearly and comprehensively stated. The Draft General Plan 2045 is NOT a plan we can use. It has no clear vision, no destination, no clear implementation path. It merely lays the groundwork for future Planning Directors and Mayors to say they made no promises and they have no accountability.	
Issue 1: Noncompliance with 2005 GP Review Process The largest issue with the Draft General Plan 2045 is that the Planning Director IS NOT COMPLIANT with the review process mandated in the 2005 General Plan (Q§). The Draft General Plan 2045 does NOT contain the set of recommended amendments. It is a complete rewrite. Amendments that are linked to the previously adopted General Plan help the community and other reviewers understand the context and need to justify each amendment, and timestamp each change to be clear about what was adopted when. The Planning Director shall initiate a comprehensive review of the General Plan and prepare a set of recommended amendments • Planning Director shall initiate a comprehensive review not more than 10 years after the date of adoption of the previous amendments resulting from a comprehensive review. - • ... and shall be submitted to Council not more than 13 years after the date of adoption of the previous amendments. • The Planning Director shall establish a deadline for Council-initiated amendments during the comprehensive review which shall be not less than 120 days after the initial notice under section 16.1(2). Issue 2: Noncompliance with State's GP Purpose and Expectation The second largest issue is that The Planning Director HAS NOT COMPLIED with the State's stated purpose and expectation of what shall be included in the General Plan. Pursuant to HRS 226-52 and 226-58 (see reference below) - the County GP includes overall themes, goals, principals, objectives and policies, as well as implementation priorities and actions to carry out policies - including land use maps, regulatory measures, standards, programs. projects and interagency coordination. [Neither clearly define all these terms]. • (4) County general plans that shall indicate desired population and physical development patterns for each county and regions within each county. In addition, county general plans or development plans shall address the unique problems and needs of each county and regions	2

within each county. County general plans or development plans shall further define the overall theme, goals, objectives, policies, and priority guidelines contained within this chapter. State functional plans shall be taken into consideration in amending the county general plans;

The Draft General Plan 2045 is poorly organized and missing needed information; the Planning Department should have clearly shown what progress has been made over the last 18 years, and link specific needs, including new State regulations, to the new amendments.

Issue 3: Noncompliance with County GP Purpose

The third largest issue is The Planning Director has NOT COMPLIED with the County's stated purpose of the General Plan.

Pursuant to Charter section 3-15 (see reference below) ... shall be consistent with proper conservation of natural resources and the 6 preservation of our natural beauty and historical sites; the most desirable density of population in the several parts of the county; a system of principal thoroughfares, highways, streets, public access to the shorelines, and other open spaces; the general locations, relocations and improvement of public buildings, the general location and extent of public utilities and terminals, whether publicly or privately owned, for water, sewers, light, power, transit, and other purposes; the extent and location of public housing projects; adequate drainage facilities ...

No detailed maps were included that referenced the locations or relocations of public infrastructure or buildings. Many of us expect the General Plan to contain a huge body of fairly explicit information (e.g. how many people live in each shaded polygon on the maps and how many subdivided house lots or development project units have been approved in each area, and what is each utility's and social service's current and projected capacity to serve each area. Where must growth be limited until the infrastructure can be upgraded to safely support the added demand). Without this, the General Plan is not usable, other than providing aspirational value statements (which are not helpful when prioritizing and budgeting CIP projects.)

Issue 4: Does Not Achieve 20 Years Minimum Adequacy

The plan does not achieve minimum adequacy to serve for 20 years.

- Proposes extending the planning horizon by 5 years (initiate the next comprehensive GP review in 15 and submit to Council by 20).

We are concerned that this Draft is a complete rewrite and doesn't clearly identify what content comes forward from the 2005 and 2019 and what are new amendments (with clear rationale on the need or problem they address). We are concerned that it is not actionable. It delegates and relies on additional detailed Plans (listed below). However, most of these are out-of-date and the Planning Department has said it will take considerable time to review and update them (years to decades). This leaves us without a roadmap of what the County intends to do specifically in each small geographic area (e.g. Small Town Center, Rural Village, Sea Level Rise Exposure Area, Transit Corridor, Commercial/Industrial Parks, Recreational and Open Space areas) and it doesn't prioritize and balance competing compelling needs and actions.

CoH Planning System and GP Framework:

GP is first level - contains long-range strategies for the entire County

Implementation mechanisms that carry out the goals, objectives, policies and actions:

CDP (7)

Hamakua (2018)

Hilo (1975) - 'Envision Hilo' (2005 - not adopted by Council) 'Downtown Hilo Multi-Modal Master Plan (2018 - signed by the Mayor and Public Works and Planning Directors)

Puna (2008)

Ka'u (2017)

Kona (2019)

South Kohala (2008)

North Kohala (2008)

Urban Development Plans (none found online)

Special Area Plans (none found online) Agency Functional Plans - Water, Wastewater, Transportation, Solid Waste, Parks & Rec, Climate Action (none found online) The Draft states (pg 206) that Agency Functional Plans shall identify priority issues and specific needs of the agency and may, but is not required to, be adopted by ordinance or resolution. This Draft not only delegates and keeps hidden the Agency Plans from the General Plan, these detailed Agency 'action plans' don't require adoption. And they were not included with the General Plan to assess their scope and status. Their last revised date and next revision timelines were not included in the Draft GP. These Agency and CDP and other Plans are critically substantive (or should be).	
We are HULi PAC, a group of volunteer, grassroots community advocates living and working on Hawaii Island. We work with backyard community-based advisors in each moku of our island to uplift knowledge from our community and deliver community-directed mana'o to sitting representatives and leaders. Our values encompass a holistic approach to life, emphasizing harmony, respect, and interconnectedness and include Aloha, 'Ohana, Kuleana, Malama 'Aina, Pono, Ho'oponopono and Mana. These values form the foundation of Hawaiian culture, guiding individuals and communities in their daily lives. They serve as a reminder to honor the past, preserve the land, and nurture relationships with others, fostering a sense of harmony and well-being. HULi PAC is taking the time to provide comments regarding the County of Hawaii General Plan 2045 and its process because we have major concerns about the Planning Department's compliance with the process and purpose of the General Plan, as well as with significant components, including implementation, monitoring and evaluation, and a lack of specific long range strategies consistent with the seven adopted Community Development Plans and any existing Agency Functional Plans. This Draft General Plan 2045 lacks legal and ethical integrity, and should not see the light of day. We expect, need and demand better. Mayor Mitch Roth has stated that "The General Plan gives our community the opportunity to navigate the future of our island home in a way that it is sustainable and truly in the best interest of us all." Yet, we find it dangerous when, throughout the document, there is no clarification or specification of the words "stakeholder" (mentioned 47 times), "government" (mentioned 24 times), and "private and non-profit agencies" (mentioned 20 times). Furthermore, there is strikingly not a single reference to homeowners, the general populace or property owners. No partnership is mentioned with residents and property owners. Not once. HULi PAC holds major concerns that the changes made to the 2005 General Plan are very difficult to identify due the 2045 GP draft being a full rewrite and thus the community has had a very difficult time navigating through the process which is designed to be transparent and comparative, presumably to minimize public concerns. Yet during this process, the lack of community scoping and marginalized approach to the County's community outreach felt disingenuous and even sneaky in the poster board presentations, and lack of a cohesive and detailed presentation in an organized group setting in order for us to understand the changes made against the 2005 General Plan and the 2019 General Plan amendments. The inability to list and observe community concerns as a collective adds to the lack of transparency, and meetings weren't even recorded for future viewing and understanding for residents that couldn't attend them in person. That alone created a super exclusive forum, far from creating inclusivity on such a large island and further marginalized our minority community. Even more glaringly, the design and manner of the Planning Department's community outreach was culturally inappropriate and uncomfortable for many Kakaka Maoli and other multigenerational kama'aina residents who are already disenfranchised and marginalized. Auwe, in contrast to the Mayor's statement, the community did not have the "opportunity to navigate the future of our island home in a way that is sustainable and truly in the best interest of us all." In addition, we question whether the Planning Department has collaborated directly with our CDP working groups; in the last public meeting in 2023, every CDP group articulated the lack of respect and collaboration and their many years of community-directed input went unheard.	2
Aloha, I am a member of HuliPAC. I've studied its thorough, thoughtful analysis of the proposed General Plan (attached below). I agree with its conclusion that the General Plan process, and therefore then its substantive components, are so lacking in transparency, inclusivity, egalitarian	2

rigor, and ethical and legal integrity that it must not be adopted. We fault the US Navy for how it treats us (Red Hill) and we fault the US Army for how it treats us on our own island. And we, our own local county government, treat ourselves in ways that are wincingly similar. Let's all do better by returning to our fundamental Hawaiian principles and start again with a General Plan. Let's lead by example - let's treat each other the way we say we want others to treat us. I believe in us.	
I approve the comments below, that will be submitted. Who are the "Stakeholders" and "private interests" that has been mentioned nearly 50 times in the Hawaii County General Plan2045? "STEWARDSHIP PLAN FOR HAWAI'I COUNTY"	1
In general, the GP2045 has some great content and greatly enhances acknowledgement of cultural rights and resources. However, for a large number of reasons, many of which have already been communicated to the Director and PD in comments received to date, it has been practically an insurmountable challenge for the general public to conduct an effective, informed review of the GP2045. Without exception, members of the general public have struggled with the Konveio platform upon which the GP2045 and GPLU map have been placed. It doesn't work with all browsers, which members of the public had to discover for themselves. In addition, during community "informational meetings" PD staff admitted they were themselves still learning how to use the platform and software packages. Sometimes the GPLU map was inaccessible. In addition, insufficient information and documentation has been provided to allow the general public and decision-makers to be reasonably assured the existing GP has been fairly considered and addressed within the GP2045. The "Policy Rationale" document is a start, but should start with the existing GP and CDPs and work its way to the GP2045 to show the extent to which they have or have not been considered and/or included. As such, the GP2045 should be withdrawn and additional work done to enable the general public, the planning commissions, and the county council to be reasonably informed of all amendments the 2045GP is proposing to make to the 2005GP. In addition, the PD should conduct open forum presentations of the GP2045 by section and take public comments in real time, as was done when the GP review process was begun back in 2015. Here are some of the reasons supporting withdrawal of the GP2045 by the Director with a resubmission after additional work has been done to allow for a true comparison and general public review of the GP2045 with the existing 2005GP, along with some questions: 1. At some point subsequent to the initial GP review process began in 2015, the Director and/or Planning Department made the decision to draft the GP2040 with completely new language and formatting, rather than amending the 2005GP. This decision was unprecedented in light of the fact the GP review process had been conducted within the same structure and content organization for over 40 years. The existing GP was passed in 2005, but the GP review process began in 2000 and was based upon the same structure and content of the 1989 GP. The 1989 GP review process was based upon the same structure and content as the 1978 GP. The existing GP, 1989 GP and 1978 GP all contained the same elements with each having updated goals, policies, standards, and courses of action. Even the 1971 GP had a similar structure and content organization. Therefore, the existing GP is easily compared to the 1971, 1978 and 1989 GPs, as amended. Those GP review processes also used Ramseyer formatting to clearly identify changes for the general public and decision-makers, such as the planning commission and county council. Changes to the LUPAG maps were specifically pointed out and explained. This provided an enormous amount of history and institutional planning knowledge and context. Questions: When and why was the decision made to draft and release in 2019 a completely rewritten general plan, GP2040? Why weren't obvious challenges to the general public's ability to review and comment not considered? 2. On February 8, 2022, the Director gave the county council an update on the progress of the GP review process. Community testimony and county council members expressed concern that it had been extremely difficult to compare the existing GP with GP2040 because the formatting, structure, and language had been completely changed. During his response to the council, the Director revealed they were doing additional work on GP2040 in order to bring elements of the CDPs into the GP review process. He "promised" that existing GP would be easier to compare to the new draft. However, not only is the new draft GP2045 not easier to compare to the existing GP,	1

but it bears no relation whatsoever to first draft GP2040. No explanation has been given by the PD or the Director, despite numerous complaints and questions from the public. Questions: When and why was the decision to draft a completely new rewrite of the GP2040? Why didn't the Director keep his promise to the county council and the general public that GP2045 would be easier to compare with the existing GP?

3.The PD hired an outside contractor to assist with drafting the GP2045. The PD decided to use the contractor's online platforms to place the GP2045 and GPLU maps within two separate A.I.-assisted software packages. This decision was made without regard to the general public's ability to access and navigate online content, much less to have the time and expertise to learn the two software packages necessary to read and comment on the GP2045 and GPLU map. The contractor's online website shows that the platform and software are primarily intended for in-house work communication for businesses and government agencies. Yes, the platform has been used on occasion by governmental agencies, but the PD did not follow those agencies' example of engagement with the public. If it had, the PD would have broken up the GP2045 into sections to be presented and discussed in open community forums and charrettes, rather than being pigeon-holed into "informational meetings" that attempted to teach how to navigate to and within the two software platforms while having the entire GP2045 presented as well. It would have allowed for open discussion in a community setting, rather than being relegated to an individual screen. It would have allowed those who do not have the technical expertise or access to prerequisite technology to actively participate, learn, and comment. At numerous times, members of the public, including former county council members asked that additional public meetings be held using a more informative, open forum format, such as charrettes. In addition, community-based working groups could have been organized by the PD with volunteer subject matter experts to provide support for the PD and the general public in the GP review process. Question: Why did the PD and/or the consultant not listen to members of the public who suggested the using a process similar to the successful one that assisted in drafting and getting the Kona CDP passed within two years? Who were the members of the "Advisory Group" and is there documentation of the results of their work?

4.At some point during the public comment period, the PD placed a document "Policy Rationale" on the contractor's platform. Personally, I only learned about this document about three weeks ago. I do not have a record of receiving notice that this document had been posted and wonder if an e-mail was sent from the PD to participants who had signed up to receive e-mails. Regardless, this document lists GP2045 Objectives 4-34 and 38-49 with the Policies listed under each. Beneath these are specific references to the existing GP, "2019 draft General Plan", and the six Community Development Plans that support these GP2045 Objectives and Policies. This comparison was done the exact opposite of the comparison that should have been made. The content of the existing GP and six CDPs should have been presented with references to where the substance of that content is (or is not) addressed in the GP2045. Question: Why was the Policy Rationale document not prepared and presented to allow the public and decision-makers reasonable assurance that GP2045 effectively addresses all goals, policies, standards, and courses of action within the existing GP? Why were Priority Actions in the GP2045 not similarly compared to existing GP Courses of Action?

5.When reviewing the agendas and minutes of the six CDP Action Committees, it is clear the Planning Department did not sufficiently prioritize and advocate for CDP AC review and comment on the GP2045. For instance, it was only during the last Kona CDP AC meeting that it was pointed out the GPLU maps were inconsistent with the Kona CDP maps. Question: Do other CDP maps conflict with the GPLU map? Will the PD make a better effort to guide and engage with the CDP AC and their communities?

6.The changes contained within the GPLU map are not specifically identified and explained. People must learn how to use the "swipe" tool and how to apply data layers in order to identify changes. The PD should withdraw the GPLU until it is able to present it to the public with all changes clearly identified and explained, especially since the GP2045 and GPLU map trumps subdivision and zoning. Question: For instance, why is the Hokuli'a development moved from "Agriculture" to

"Rural" when variances to infrastructure have been granted over the past twenty years because it is designated as agriculture and there is an outstanding petition before the state Land Use Commission to have the subdivision redistricted? How does this change related to Policy 9.1 "Support rezoning and State Land Use reclassification to Rural in alignment with General Plan Rural designation."? Are county resources involved? Is the State Land Use District a layer contained within the GPLU map to allow for review and comment? How does this policy relate to the proposed county legislation related to Transient Accommodation Rentals and Additional Dwelling Units? Why have "Open" and "Important Agriculture Lands" been removed when the county has a Public Access, Open Space, and Natural Resources Preservation Committee? Doesn't Priority Action 9.b. undermine the state Agriculture Land Use District? 7.The GP2045 does not contain the term "scenic corridors", despite the fact that enabling county legislation was passed in 2006 to provide for scenic corridors and the 1989GP and existing GP contain language for the highway from the Mamalahoa Highway/Napoopoo Road junction to Keauhou to be a scenic corridor. Question: Why is this scenic corridor removed from the GP2045? Why is the Scenic Resource Protection Programs and Strategies report not an Appendix to the GP2045? 8.During a Kona CDP AC meeting, a representative of the PD stated that the GP2045 was going to have an Appendix. Question: Will there be an Appendix to the GP2045 and, if so, shouldn't the release of the GP2045 have been delayed to allow for public review, consideration, and comment of that part of the GP2045? 9.Collaborative Biocultural Stewardship is a great addition to the GP2045, especially considering that lack of guidance in the existing GP and the fact there is no thin red line between constitutionally-protected environment and cultural resources and traditional and customary practices. Still, it is still a new concept for the county and the general public. Please refer to these articles related to biocultural Resources. https://www.researchgate.net/publication/340167879 Biocultural restoration in Hawaii also achieves core conservation goals and https://www.researchgate.net/publication/359528123 The Legal Framework behind Biocultural Rights. As the latter article states, "Currently, there are an increasing number of international and national laws, policies, court cases, declarations, and guidelines concerning indigenous peoples, local communities, and the protection of the environment, which provide rights regarding access to land, benefit-sharing, traditional knowledge, carbon emissions, protected areas, and much more. These rights are essentially fragmented: addressed by different bodies, found in diverse sources, and differently treated by different courts, Consequently, indigenous peoples and local communities must engage with a plethora of legal sources to obtain protection for interconnected aspects of their lives which are all part of the same biocultural landscape." The legal environment in which this concept exists within the context of current county law needs to be better explored to ensure that the Policies and Priority Actions under this section manifest the best intentions of Collaborative Biocultural Stewardship.	
Please add my voice to that of the Sierra Club of Hawai'i and HULi PAC, among others, in finding the Draft General Plan 2045 defective. I attended the original informational meeting in Kailua Kona, leaving my comments on post-it notes. I endeavored to discuss my perspective and concerns with representatives there. Since then I have attempted, more than once, to navigate the Konvleo system holding this confusing document- only to give up in frustration. I could not figure out what was being changed from the 2005 text or maps, or why changes were being made. I could not find where community voices were considered. In short, I couldn't find the "plan" in the "General Plan." I agree with and refer you to HULi PAC's well-researched, comprehensive and comprehensible document, dated March 29, 2024 (copy attached). To quote from their introduction and conclusion: "The Draft General Plan 2045 is NOT a plan we can use. It has no clear vision, no destination, no clear implementation path. It merely lays the groundwork for future Planning Directors and Mayors to say they made no promises and they have no accountability." "... [it] should not see the light of day."	2
I agree with these comments. Please read "STEWARDSHIP PLAN FOR HAWAI'I COUNTY"	2

I do not live on Hawaii, but am concerned about what is happening there. I have visited Hawaii multiple times and would like to return. But the rezoning they are currently planning takes away the people's rights. I agree with the comments in the following PDF "STEWARDSHIP PLAN FOR HAWAII COUNTY"	2
Kamehameha Schools (KS) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments through the community review process for the draft General Plan 2045. As a private charitable, educational trust endowed by the will of Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop, KS' mission is to create educational opportunities in perpetuity to improve the capability and well-being of people of Hawaiian ancestry. KS respectfully submits the following overall comments to the draft General Plan 2045: •Format: The new format is appreciated, and the policies seem applicable across the island. •Community Engagement: KS is appreciative of the continued community engagement throughout this process, including the large landowner meetings. We look forward to the next round of engagement after the Draft comments are processed. •Native Hawaiian Culture: We appreciate that the County has embraced and continues to include Native Hawaiian terms and concepts into the General Plan including the utilization of traditional practices and place-based knowledge to guide climate related priorities and decision- making.	2
The incomprehensible comprehensive 'draft' General Plan update. Because I live 'off grid' and am challenged with electronic communications, back in September, I sought out and found a 'hard copy' of the plan at my local library that I could more easily browse and take notes from. Since then I have found differing statements and texts between the online version and the printed 'draft' version. Not so easily comparable. So, which one is the working copy I should comment from? Indeed, the online version is difficult to navigate, takes time to learn, doesn't have a traditional index, and seems tangled up with jargon that only planning professionals can likely decode. Not user friendly! I find the mind bending jargon largely predisposed to 'weasel words' such as: 'may'... (instead of shall), 'encourage' ... , 'promote' ... , 'enhance' ... , 'consider requiring' ... , 'recognize the importance of ... , etc., etc., rendering each dependent clause utterly useless - statements with little or no actionable impacts. Is this a product of 'Artificial Intelligence'? Or is the use of such mealy mouthed terms designed to give cover to the whims of present and future decision makers to ignore or override the sensibility of the texts and ultimately defer to the prerogatives of strong political wills - often under the influence of moneyed interests (?)... Or as it is colloquially known, 'business as usual'(!) Dubious Assumptions I believe the 'business as usual' formula is built upon illusions of stability and unrealistic expectations of perpetual growth. Or so it seems, as it is deeply implied in this document. Furthermore, I would venture that capitalism's demand for endless growth is incompatible with a livable human future; that the Industrial and Digital Revolutions have not only changed our relationships to each other and created unrealistic material expectations; they have fundamentally changed the way most people interact with the nonhuman world - for the worse! Such that, "sustainable development" is just a modern oxymoron! This plan purports to extend its vision and influence (a 'roadmap' is the often used analogy) all the way to 2045. Yet, most of the world's scientists tell us that by 2030 (only 5 years and 9 months away) we will already have come to the point of no return, ushering in the worst impacts of human induced climate catastrophes. Simple assumptions of incremental changes with policies being leisurely hashed out in open committees according to this 'roadmap', are likely wholly inadequate to the coming realities of 2030, let alone 2045. On an island in the middle of the Pacific, the substantive impacts to our known way of life are entirely reasonable to question more thoroughly. And so, in what way might this General Plan do justice to such existential considerations? Is the prospect for "De-growth" even possible for discussion? In light of cataclysmic 'climate change' we should be planning for a major down-powering of human societies, a changeover of institutions and certainly, economic bases. On this island, we could begin to recognize as an alternative (or 'default') economic construct, the values and skills within a 'subsistence economy' - which even today has some devoted practitioners desperately trying to hang on to; despite the overlaid 'mainland' acculturation championed by the	2

General Plan. And how about that 'carrying capacity' discussion? If not now, when? I'll stop here because it must be obvious that my views are well ensconced in a minority of minority thoughts and considerations, perhaps entirely out of the range of this project. But I do hope it will serve some deeper provocation to make this or any plan truly workable. As the saying goes: 'Plan the work, (but) work the plan!' That is something I could agree with.	
Please add my voice to that of the Sierra Club of Hawai'i and HULi PAC in finding the Draft General Plan 2045 is inadequate. I do not recall any other public meetings about the draft General Plan since this document was released in September 2023. Given that there have been at least seven cancellations of the Leeward Planning Commission (LPC) in the past 12 months, with four of these meetings cancelled due to a lack of quorum, it would have made sense to bring the draft General Plan to the LPC for presentation and discussion with the public and LPC, especially if the Planning Department was aware that a quorum wasn't possible. There appears to be a disconnect between the Planning Department and the public with respect to the presentation of the draft Plan and informing the public about its content and format. This isn't how a "transparent" department operates. I considered not responding about this draft document since I have attempted, more than once, to navigate the Konvimeo system with regards to this document. I absolutely gave up in frustration. As others have said, I could not figure out what was being changed from the 2005 text or maps, or why changes were being made. I could not find where community voices were considered. In short, I couldn't find the "plan" in the "General Plan." I agree with and refer you to the response prepared by the HULi PAC's well-researched, comprehensive and comprehensible document, dated March 29, 2024. I am not attaching this document as you have already received it. Some statements are so appropriate, it's better to restate them in their entirety: "The Draft General Plan 2045 is NOT a plan we can use. It has no clear vision, no destination, no clear implementation path. It merely lays the groundwork for future Planning Directors and Mayors to say they made no promises and they have no accountability." "... [it] should not see the light of day." I'm concerned that Mayor Roth believes the leadership of the Planning Department is appropriate. The state of the draft General Plan tells me otherwise. I cannot in good conscience support a Mayoral candidate who abdicates his responsibility to a Planning Department that prepares such an inferior long range Planning product. Please revise this document; please, also, seriously consider appointing new leadership within the Planning Department, before the election. Without such a change, I will not vote for the Mayoral incumbent. There is little accountability in and of the Planning Department, and the proposed draft General Plan shows this to be the case.	2
The most important issue that should always remain as our primary concern is land use. Islands comprised of limited land and resources MUST be preserved or it will not be able to sustain life, ANY AND ALL urban development SHOULD NOT even be considered nor sold to foreigners (any individual or entity that is NOT of kanaka maoli descent), but have opportunity to lease the land at market value or provided a discounted price if attributing directly to the growth or wealth of the residents in the area such as a farm, school, care center, affordable housing, elderly community living etc.) The islands have more than enough luxury hotels, dwellings and golf courses that occupy confiscated kanaka maoli generational lands, which opposes growth and sustainability of the "real luxury" which is the land that will provide abundantly for everyone if nurtured, preserved and respected. Kanaka maoli understood the connection between sustainable practices, efficient and regulated consumption of resources that are directly related to what the land and waters will yield. Any disruption to the high-altitude ecosystems will negatively impact each descending ecosystem concluding in our shores. If climate change is a relevant issue that needs immediate attention, a nuclear power plant or data storage facility would be the least ineffective and most detrimental solution; conversely, planting more trees, farm implementation to feed the residents and tourists, alternatives to energy generation using solar, wind, ocean currents, biofuel and geothermal all viable methods to reduce negative impacts as opposed to proposed methods. Community meetings should be held in every district quarterly to address concerns and keep residents well-informed and provide adequate feedback on propositions concerning the land that feeds and nourishes them.	6

Military occupation in Hawaii has been detrimental for decades; of course the military resides for our "safety" but at what cost and at what benefit other than existing as a strategic location against foreign threat. Our "safety" has costed the loss of an entire island, Kaho'olawe, used as a test site and left for decay after destroying the water table with a single bomb. \$350 million dollars did not revitalize this island that was used as a navigational center for kanaka maoli. Makua valley will never be rehabilitated for residential use and the residents of Red Hill have suffered tremendously due to inadequate and unethical practices by our "safety" providers. Pearl Harbor, H3, Pohakuloa are just a few locations amongst the long list of our limited resources that are continually misused.	1
The General Plan should not be implemented on Hawai'i Island neither taken into consideration. Constructed by vague language lacking transparency and clear definition of parties involved in the initiation (i.e. stakeholders, government agencies, non-profit, private entities) proves the vast majority of the population is or will be "informed" but not have a substantial impact on the decisions that affect their well-being. We've seen countless failures of "planning" and the primary recipients of these failures were and still are the residents of our islands.	1
in general I agree with the comments below (See PDF) regarding the Hawaii general plan... this needs to be redone in order to deal with the concerns that I and others have... Mahalo	1
I and my voting colleagues and friends on Big Island are in total agreement with the following General Comments: "STEWARDSHIP PLAN FOR HAWAII COUNTY"	1
My first question is who wrote the plan? Why is it so full of vague language and undefined terms? Why isn't there an appendix, index or even a table of contents.. Why isn't there a way to search within the 212 pages of the plan. Who are the "stake holders mentioned at least 47 times? Why is their no mention of property owners? It seems our right to own property is being violated.	1
I'm very concerned about this general plan and it's intended impact on our rural population here on Big Island. I don't feel that it makes sense to move people off their agricultural land and into cluster communities and I disagree wit this plan. Thank you for reading	1
I believe this "Agenda" is important enough to every islander, resident and citizen of Hawaii. It has become more and more apparent that every "Agenda" that has entered our world of late has been crafted to Globalize our culture resulting in less and less sovereignty and sustainability for every island family. We have seen agendas before ie: Scenic Byways, Agenda 2030 etc., resulting in more than desired Government over-reach. I believe Hawaii should be stewards of Gods Law and urgently rebuke reduction in the Agricultural Zoning at any cost. Perhaps we just shouldn't follow the money. Perhaps we should set an example of Sovereignty, true sustainability and protect our cultural heritage not giving way to the pressures of the industrialized world's impetulant masters. I implore all who participate in these Agendas... be wise to keep our Sovereignty, please uphold all the Agricultral Zones with no further degradations.	1
I agree with the comments found at this link: Who are the "stakeholders" that are written about nearly 50 times in this plan and what do they have a stake in? Please consider input from local Hawaii residents more than you consider input from those outside of the state and country. "STEWARDSHIP PLAN FOR HAWAII COUNTY"	1
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" I agree with the comments found at this link: " As a resident and taxpayer, I want to know: Who are the "stakeholders" that are written about nearly 50 times in this plan and what do they have a stake in? "STEWARDSHIP PLAN FOR HAWAII COUNTY"	1
"I agree with the comments found at this link: https://tinyurl.com/Hawaiiplan45 Who are the "stakeholders" that are written in 47x in this plan and what do they have stake in? who are the land owners, men and women who live in Hawaii who are helping write this general plan? doesn't seem like any man or women in general would agree with most of this plan. thank you, "STEWARDSHIP PLAN FOR HAWAII COUNTY"	1

As a resident of Kailua Kona, and a property owner, I am writing in to urgently protest this so called General Plan. In its opacity, it is a thinly veiled open ticket for unchecked development. There is no power to homeowners and no real safeguards for our failing infrastructure. The plan is a brazen slap in the face to anyone seeking to develop sustainable energies, safe roads, safe and easy ingress and egress from our already overcrowded and over built congested areas. Our safety and longevity is at stake. Trash this farce and include, in plain sight, the real stakeholders of our community.	1
What a lot of hooey. I'm sure one or more people spent a lot of time on this but having lived through other Hawaii General Plans and helped work on one in my area, these things tend to come to naught and I don't see this as achievable either. Money talks and policies tend to follow the money	1
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SB3203/HB1630 I see that planning director Kern has supported these bills. That support is ill-timed. Increased density is what smarter growth requires but not without sufficient, supportive infrastructure. His support for the 100-room hotel in downtown kailua-kona was an extreme and damning cart before the horse decision made by him and the Leeward Planning Commission. Who'll pay for the mess and in more ways than 10? The public with unbearable traffic snarls, polluted water, decimated nearshore reefs, and, likely, more social problems associated with rats-in-a-cage non- planning. The fact that the Grassroots Institute supported those bills should also be cause for pause. My point regarding the GP: I have not read the entire document, but I ask that where there is mention of higher density housing, prior and concurrent infrastructure be demanded alongside those new entitlements. Otherwise, you're dooming residents to increasing misery as they lose the more humane benevolence our island exuded when I first arrived almost 50 years ago.	9
Aloha County of Hawai'i Planning Department, I am submitting this testimony to reserve the right to make future comments on the proposed General Plan. The current website, and its mechanism to provide input, are not user friendly and provide rosy sounding generalizations over actionable details. I attended the kick-off meeting in Kona, and found the same thing--the public was presented with pre-formulated pabulum devoid of specifics. Until we see an actual Plan, it is not terribly meaningful to provide comments. Thank you for your consideration.	1
I agree with most of what is said in the following comments found here https://drive.google.com/file/d/1f_KII9dQDDY5XM_iviH2kZP9DJ_NXaQs6o/view regarding the shortcomings, deficiencies and questionable changes to the proposed County of Hawaii General Plan 2045. Please do not pass this plan without addressing these and putting forth a document worthy of being a 20 year plan for our home. Planning for our county should be rooted in what is best for our community and what our community wants; not what is being dictated to us by entities and organizations far removed from us. Please remember to serve the the people you represent and not the powers that do not know our place or our history or where we want to direct our future. **COULD NOT OPEN LINK***	1
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The goals of the General Plan synthesize those concepts and value statements adopted by ordinance in the 2005 General Plan and CDPs. The appendix includes tables used to complete the goals, including the source material from the 2005 General Plan and CDPs. p 8 At the February 6, 2024 meeting of the Kono Community Development Plan Action Committee, after the meeting officially adjourned, but most members were still in the Zoom meeting, I asked Planning staff where to find the appendix. They said it was not done yet, but would be completed and made available later. I asked again several weeks later while visiting the Planning Department and was told the appendix was still not done. In 30 years of commenting on Environmental impact Assessments/ Statements, Planning Department applications, and measures before County Council and the State Legislature, I've never seen a comment deadline close before appendixes were made available. The comment deadline should be extended until 60 days after the appendix is completed, posted online, and available in print at libraries and the Planning Department.	9
In the 2045 General Plan, future land use maps, policies, and standards are specific to the actions through which zoning ordinances, subdivisions, and public improvements or projects are initiated or adopted because, as they must conform to and implement the general plan in accordance with the County Charter §3-15. p. 7 The language is garbled. Clarify what is meant by "specific to the actions" and "because, as"	8
The 2045 General Plan... contains no authority to change previously existing subdivisions or zoning. p. 6 The LUPAG maps contain numerous zoning changes.	7
...the following Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct of the American Institute of Certified Planners were used to guide 2045 General Plan review process: We shall provide timely, adequate, clear, and accurate information on planning issues to all affected persons and to governmental decision makers. p. 4 This was not done, so the comment deadline needs to be extended. The Konveio version of the plan required watching a video to learn how to comment, limited comments to "bubbles" for specific places in the text, did not allow search or copy functions, and reserved the right to edit comments. All this made it almost impossible to make in-depth comments. The PDF version which did allow in-depth comments was not available until months into the comment period, and the e-mail address for comments was not available till even later. Language is often garbled. The text constantly switches between declarative and imperative sentences. In one section, it appears blocks of text were moved to the wrong place. There are several "notes" where it appears someone planned to add information later. Most acronyms are not defined. Technical terms are not explained. There is no table of contents, so readers have to scroll through the entire document to understand how it is organized and what the priorities are. "Example indicators" are placed at the end of the document, instead of near the relevant goals, making the material harder to understand. The numbering system is confusing-the two categories under "Thriving, Diverse, and Regenerative Economy" are labelled '7" and "8" instead of "1" and "2".	5
The plan includes many sound ideas, and reflects a tremendous amount of effort by staff But, unfortunately, it also proposes harmful initiatives, and the rollout and presentation have severely curtailed vital public input. First of all, to refocus priorities, this subtitle should be added: "Stewardship Plan for Hawai'i County". Second, the plan should not be finalized until the State legislative session is over, the Governor is done signing/ vetoing bills, and the override deadline has passed, so any changes in relevant regulations can be accommodated. The plan includes many worthwhile goals addressing climate change, sustainability, resilience, and a regenerative economy. But major, harmful initiatives are casually proposed with little justification: nuclear power; waste to energy; hydrogen use; carbon sequestration; mixed-use land zones; and weakening of requirements for concurrency, cultural impact assessments, Planned Use Developments, and Land Use Commission oversight. The environmental and cultural impacts of tourism and astronomy are inadequately addressed. And the use of "NIMBY" (not in my backyard) shows lack of respect for legitimate citizen concerns. The maps provide a wealth of information, but that information is difficult to access, and there is no explanation of why changes were made. The document has the feel of a first draft, not the professionally prepared, carefully considered document needed to guide the County through the next decade or more. It lacks a detailed list of	1

contents, tables, and maps. The imperative and declarative voice alternate randomly. Syntax is sometimes garbled. Few acronyms are explained. There are notes indicating information may be added later. An appendix is missing. Concerns raised here and by other commenters need to be addressed, and another round of public meetings held, before the plan goes to the Planning Commissions and County Council.	
My letter is my petition https://www.change.org/p/help-prioritize-big-island-development-to-keep-island-s-resources-safe-for-all We stand to keep The Big Island in a place where the Island's resources are safe for the entire population and visitors. We ask that you look at all these articles about Big Island resources and learn that the island's resources are limited and are already being affected negatively. Please, read these articles and learn through other sources as well, how all the development that has already been built, and the many years of new development that has already been approved for the future, will affect the island's resources. We stand and ask that you stop before approving more and more developments and learn what is happening to the island's resources and what will happen to the island's resources after the years of development that is already scheduled for the future. Because a lot of development is having negative impacts on the island's resources as of today. What will future development do to the island's resources if there are already resource issues happening today? Please, learn how to take island resources seriously because you have approved many more years of development to come and today the island's resources are having issues. What will the future look like if you don't start taking island resources seriously?	1
I am stating my objection to the time limit for public comment being at close of the day today. I feel that County administration should be answerable to the many flaws we are seeing in the document and in the delivery to the public as well as to the access to a portal to comment. Further when the platform used for commentary itself has stated terms and conditions that the comments can be edited, this immediately breaches public trust. The rollout and presentation has not followed standard for procedure of an important document. This subtitle should be added: "Stewardship Plan for Hawai'i County" not "Planning for a Sustainable Future." We note that unfortunately the word 'sustainable' is becoming associated with a partisan agenda and irresponsible fiscal policy. Since this is a County document it should reflect no partisan agenda. Neither should it have any symbol such as a Star of David used as a graphic device. This is not a carefully considered document needed to guide the County through the next decade or more. The way this has been presented in the community in digital form has severely curtailed vital public access. The poor rollout of the Plan and the obstacles to accessing commentary section have compromised the required process ensure transparency and for there to be legitimate levels of endorsement from the community on Hawaii Island for the County General Plan. The maps provide a wealth of information, but that information is difficult to access. There is no explanation of why changes were made. A comment deadline should never close before appendixes are made available. The comment deadline should be extended until 60 days after the appendix is completed, posted online, and available in print at libraries and the Planning Department. Because this has been overlooked, there remain legal objections to these proceedings. Concerns raised below and by other commenters need to be addressed, and another round of public meetings held, before the plan goes to the Planning Commissions and County Council. Shoddy presentation (Is poorly written and lacks professional appearance for reasons below). It lacks a detailed list of contents, tables, and maps (see the appendix, last page) The imperative and declarative voice alternate randomly. Syntax is sometimes garbled. Few acronyms are explained. There are notes indicating information may be added later. •An appendix is missing. The plan should not be finalized until the State legislative session is over so that any changes in relevant regulations can be accommodated. Major, harmful initiatives are casually proposed with little justification: nuclear power; waste to energy; hydrogen use; carbon sequestration; mixed-use land zones; Further, this document weakens requirements for concurrency, cultural impact assessments, Planned Use Developments, and Land Use Commission oversight. The environmental and cultural impacts of tourism and astronomy are inadequately addressed. The use of "NIMBY" (not in my backyard) shows lack of respect for legitimate citizen concerns. Further comments are included below that	1

were presented to me by Cory and which reflect my concerns. I have reviewed her objections and I endorse that they reflect a reasonable assessment of flaws in this document that need to be addressed.	
"I agree with the following comments" Please take these into consideration when revising this faulty plan and let me know in the future what you plan to do. "STEWARDSHIP PLAN FOR HAWAII COUNTY"	1
Authority Limits of the General Plan The 2045 General Plan contains no authority to change previously existing subdivisions or Zoning without collective collaboration. It's hard for community collaboration when the document contains obscure and garbled language. Clarify what is meant by "specific to the actions" and "because, as" Hawai'i Island Goals The goals of the General Plan synthesize those concepts and value statements adopted by ordinance in the 2005 General Plan and CDPs. The appendix includes tables used to complete the goals, including the source material from the 2005 General Plan and CDPs. page 8	9
The LUPAG maps contain numerous zoning changes. Regulatory Implementing Actions in the 2045 General Plan, future land use maps, policies, and standards are specific to the actions through which zoning ordinances, subdivisions, and public improvements or projects are initiated or adopted because, as they must conform to and implement the general plan in accordance with the County Charter §3-15.	8
The comment period needs to be extended, the document is too vague and the code of ethics and professional conduct of the American Institute of Certified Planners shall provide timely, adequate, clear, and accurate information on planning issues to all affected persons and to governmental decision makers. See page 4.	5
Overall the plan lacks presentation of relevant issues, proposes some harmful initiatives, contains garbled language, and lacks vital public input. There is no clear plan for strengthening infrastructure and power grid against space weather. Stakeholders are stated in the document 47 times. Who are the Stakeholders and Partners with the government? What private and nonprofit agencies are involved in this process? It is deeply concerning that partnership with landowners and the general public is not stated anywhere. The plan should not be finalized until the State legislative session is over, the Governor is done signing/vetoing bills, and the override deadline has passed to allow for accommodation of relevant changes. The document appears to be a template handed down from the United Nations Agenda 21 initiative that is using human based climate change models to implement a one world government attempting to "capture" local governments. Thousands of scientists have come forward in recent years explaining that the human effect on climate is minuscule as compared to the sun. The document contains no explanation how the county will handle a breakdown of critical infrastructure (supply chain, energy, communications) due to impending space weather/solar events in which the Federal Government has been diligently preparing for. This document lacks sufficient detail in many areas to include tables, and maps. Syntax is sometimes garbled. Few acronyms are explained. There are notes indicating information may be added later. The table of contents and appendix are missing. Concerns raised by commenters need to be addressed, and another round of public meetings held, before the plan goes to the Planning Commissions and County Council.	1
Please consider appointing a team comprised of "stewards" of the community to review and re-write this document. We need a plan that is by the people and for the people. Providing comments on the county version live document is a very cumbersome process and not user friendly. Below are relevant comments combined from a few county residents including myself.	1
Aloha no kakou, I am writing this email in reference to the Draft General Plan 2045. I live in Ho'okena, South Kona and represent the ohana and communities in the Ho'okena district. Our 501(c)(3) community organization- Kauhako 'Ohana Association (KOA) is striving to protect our traditional fishing grounds which includes the coral reefs and 'opelu ko'a which provides our families with the ability to harvest the ono of our ocean and shoreline to feed their ohana and pass on traditions. Most of us are not ma'a to the intricacies of government actions which leaves us with no voice in how our 'aina and kai are managed. Our efforts with protecting our mea'ai from the	1

ocean is directly related to how our 'aina is used. We have no voice or say in this and anyone who purports to represent us in any land decisions have not made a good faith effort to involve our communities in the Draft General Plan 2045. We implore this Planning Team to delay any decisions regarding this plan until our families are made aware of the ramifications of the approval of this General Plan and are able to provide educated and informed responses to it. From what I understand the amendments to this plan were not adopted which is concerning to us. Our South Kana coastline is being carved up for development and this will negatively impact our oceans and shoreline. This form of genocide has been conducted everywhere in Hawaii leaving Native Hawaiians with extremely limited resources to practice our culture, fish, hunt, and gather la'au for our families. Please consider this request and allow us to be responsible stakeholders for this 'aina where our kupuna and their kupuna have lived for generations.	
I have viewed the proposed Hawaii General Plan 2045 and find many unsettling and disconcerting elements. As a consequence I find that I appreciate and support the critique posted here: https://tinyurl.com/Hawaiiplan45 A substantial portion of the plan addresses the purported threats of climate change, something to which I have strong objections. The so labeled "climate change", as referred to in the General Plan, is the latest iteration of a failed model, this model having gone through several changes of name as the cataclysmic projections failed to materialize. Climate change has historically been cyclical. Yes, we have some real threats to climate stability at present, but they are not caused by carbon. The proposed carbon sequestering plants are incredibly dangerous, failure of which would greatly accelerate a feared extinction event. Mitigation of "climate change" efforts are intrusive, costly, ineffective, and destructive. I find alarming the references to partnerships with various agencies and entities for funding and implementing planning goals. Why do we want to give up our sovereignty to outside interests? This especially since the so called sustainable plans are truly boondoggles. Why not call on resilient cultural practices. Why do we want to erase our unique cultural heritage for a soulless techno plan? Why not call on the people of Hawaii to rise up to the challenges facing us. Small communities can work more efficiently and effectively to solve our problems. Top down invites graft, waste, loss of our unique culture and of our individual freedoms.	1
I am so disappointed in this very general nonspecific General Planning 2045 Plan. My first objection is that there are no table of contents.	2
Hello; I could not find the comment section regarding land use so I will post my comments here. As a Realtor for quite some time, I find our zoning rules very wasteful. For example, we must use our zoning codes more effeciently to get more people onto properties. And to this I believe we need much more 7,500 square feet residential lots, This would not only place more people onto lands but would help many older people who want to move from their present homes but do not want large lots due to the maintenance, etc. This is also true to our Ag zoned properties where noone or most people are not going to farm but they have this huge property with a large home; very wasteful of our precious resource (land.) Thank you	6
Aloha, I am a full time, longtime resident of Hawai'i Island. I am totally against your Hawaii General Plan Proposal. Sounds just terrible. Resident for 23 yrs on Hawaii Island. My Beloved Home	1
Aloha, I have some concerns and questions that I would like to add to the public comments. Not long ago I read the old 2005 plan, noticing the terms used throughout. It spoke of public benefits, safety, community wellness, facilities, and much more. What draft plans have been worked on over the last few decades? This plan mentions stakeholders and government agencies dozens of times but never defines them ... Nor does it mentions the public and residents per se. It sounds like cookie-cutter verbiage from U.N. Agenda mandates. Not good at all. I feel our people are not protected or included in this.	1

At the urging of a neighbor, I've been looking more closely at the new General Plan document. I see many comments have already been registered regarding vague language, undefined terms, questionable authorship, and lack of citizen input, just to name a few. What has profoundly struck me is how much this disturbingly resembles what has historically done the most damage to the Island's environment. I'm speaking of the past "strip mining" of agricultural land with mono crops exported for profit instead of feeding the people. I'm also talking about industry's use of the islands for various experiments around pest control. The document speaks of "stakeholders" and "regenerative visitor industry," while glaringly not mentioning the peoples and citizens. Who are these entities? What does this have to do with sustainability? Who will benefit from all these new building structures to cluster people into new communities? How is all this new building of benefit to the environment? Is this a plan to conveniently sequester the population away from the most productive of lands, open it up to these unknown entities, and put an end to the pesky movement to bring back the more sustainable and equitable native Hawaiian practices? I strongly urge you to completely start this process over, and bring in citizens and groups who are truly dedicated to sustainability. This proposed plan would set back progress already made to return the Islands to its self-sustaining beauty. Instead of adopting a plan from outside the islands, Hawaii should be exporting some of the traditional ways of respecting the aina.	1
I have major concerns about the Planning Department's Draft General Plan 2045. The current plan is a complete rewrite of the General Plan 2005. It is very confusing and a difficult to navigate, it appears designed that way. The lack of community reach out seems deliberate, as it is very hard to understand the changes to the plan. There are many things within the document that are not clearly defined. Mentioned in the General Plan, are words such as "stakeholder" (47 times), "private and non profit agencies" (20 times) and "government" (24 times). There is no clarification or specification of these terms. There is also no signal reference to homeowners, property owners or the general populace. Not once is a partnership mentioned with residents and property owners. The Planning Director is not compliant with the review process mandated in the 2005 General Plan. The current Draft General Plan 2045 does not contain the set of recommended amendments. It is a complete rewrite. The Planning Director has also not complied with the State's stated purpose and expectation of what shall be included in the General Plan. It is missing critical information. The Planning Director has also not complied with the County's stated purpose of the General Plan. No detailed maps were included, no explicit information given. There is no table of contents and no appendix. There are many concerns raised by community members that need to be addressed. The comment period should be extended and another round of public meetings need to be held, before the plan goes to the Planning Commissions and County Council. I am also concerned about the addition of Nuclear Energy in the Draft General Plan. In the Hawaii State Constitution, it states in Section 8, NO nuclear fission power plant shall be constructed or radioactive material disposed of in the State without the prior approval of two-thirds vote in each house of the legislature. The 2045 Plan is lacking many features of the 2005 Plan that provided information and facilitated understanding. These issues (and many more, brought up by other community members) need to be addressed before the Plan moves forward. Our island community needs to have a seat at the table.	1
Aloha mai kakou, This letter is to introduce you to the Kohala Culture and History Advisory Group, who made extensive comments on the County Development Plan. Our mission is to protect, preserve, and perpetuate historic and cultural resources in North Kohala for today and future generations. We formed in August 2023 to advise the North Kohala Community Development Advisory Group's planning process and also to serve as a communication hub for the county and other culture and history groups in North Kohala. As an advisory group, we will serve as a point of contact for any questions or consultation that involve development and governmental issues pertaining to cultural practices surrounding burials, natural resources, ahupua'a land use practices, and also sensitive cultural sites. Culture and historic preservation were identified to be of utmost importance to the Kohala community in the 2008 North Kohala CDP and continue to be today. Culture is prioritized in the overall goal and vision of the plan which states: "In order to honor and preserve an unparalleled historical heritage that includes heiau, ancient settlements, and other	1

sites of great significance to the Hawaiian people, and its uniquely multi-ethnic community, North Kohala shall be regarded as a Cultural and Historical Preservation Community. Thus, all decisions regarding the development of land shall be required to assess and disclose their potential impact on the cultural sites and resources within the district, and shall be in keeping with the heritage and culture of North Kohala." We are cultivating an extensive catalog of cultural sites that includes kahu/points of contact where available, and oral and written histories regarding these sites. This list is in addition to the State and National Historic Registers, in order to help create and draft policies for cultural preservation or serve any other related needs that arise. We will also be assisting, supporting and promoting educational efforts and programming for various cultural groups in Kohala. Our group meets monthly and on an as-needed basis. We kindly request your support in upholding the cultural values of our precious community and seeking inclusion in governmental and community planning processes as a cultural advisory body for North Kohala. Please contact us with any questions, concerns, or comments.	
I am writing to say that the latest version of the general plan for 2045 and sustainability is more poorly written than an eight grader's homework. It does not bode well for our future on the island in any truly meaningful capacity. Please reject it and start from scratch without trying to patchwork it together from bits, backups, and barely understood reasoning.	2
It is apparent that the county planning department is going along with the United Nations Sustainable Development Plan for the 21st century. Also known as "Agenda 21", also known as "Agenda 2030". The plan is to upend and change everything about the way that we live. "Man made climate change" is the excuse. You are unelected officials making all of these decisions for the rest of us. Why are there not many public meetings to inform the public about these plans? I think that most people have no idea of what you folks are planning. It seems as though it's by design, to not inform the public. I'd like to know what evidence you have of "man made" climate change? Part of the plan seems to be to get us out of our cars., and to get people to live in densely packed neighborhoods. The language used in the document is dumb. For instance, "social justice", and "promote racial and economic integration". Really? Everyone knows that Hawaii is a melting pot of diversity. What are "progressive land use strategies"? How can anyone reach "zero waste"? What is a "regenerative visitor industry"? What in the world is a "climate resistant island"? By the way, some of us know about weather manipulation/modification. No thanks to your GENERAL PLAN 2045! Thanks for your attention to this matter.	2
I see that planning director Kern has supported these bills. That support is ill-timed. Increased density is what smarter growth requires but not without sufficient, supportive infrastructure. His support for the 100-room hotel in downtown kailua-kona was an extreme and damning cart before the horse decision made by him and the Leeward Planning Commission. Who'll pay for the mess and in more ways than 10? The public with unbearable traffic snarls, polluted water, decimated nearshore reefs, and, likely, more social problems associated with rats-in-a-cage non- planning. The fact that the Grassroots Institute supported those bills should also be cause for pause. My point regarding the GP: I have not read the entire document, but I ask that where there is mention of higher density housing, prior and concurrent infrastructure be demanded alongside those new entitlements. Otherwise, you're dooming residents to increasing misery as they lose the more humane benevolence our island exuded when I first arrived almost 50 years ago.	2
1. Mauka to Makai The plan needs a mauka to makai perspective with the understanding the what happens up mauka ends up in the makai; 2. Historical Timeline The historical timeline of land management described in the plan starts with statehood. This should be amended to include the successful historical land management practices that sustained the people of Hawai'i for centuries before statehood in 1959 and well before western contact; 3. Safe Spaces/Trauma Informed Care	2

The plan needs to closely address the needs of public safety and well-being, identifying safe spaces and the solutions to property crime, domestic violence, human trafficking, missing persons, child abuse, murder, sex assault, drug addiction, houselessness, and how the county can provide safe spaces for the most vulnerable in our society such as the disabled and victims of violence.	
As a PhD research scientist from the University of California and as an OMO doctor serving this island for 43 years, I would like to make several points that need to be remedied about this plan: It has been taken generally from Agenda 21 to 45 from the United Nations which was written by a socialist not of our country and a communist. I have studied it extensively and it plans to take away all ownership of property and subject us to a digital social surveillance system as you can find in communist China. They cover-up everything by calling it sustainable development which we know it is not. It requires depopulation of a large portion of our people on the Earth. We do not want to live in crowded housing developments that you are planning to put up. Nor do we want to live in communist cities that have surveillance and monitor our actions, that analyze our choices, to record with all the latest technology to enslave us. We don't call that a smart City we call that a communist City. You had better start all over again and we'll help you with our Hawaiian knowledge and real scientific knowledge. 1900 scientists have agreed that there is no human based cause for the climate change that is natural. For those who study science we know that the precession of the Earth's axis causes great changes all the time as can be seen in the history of the different ages the earth goes through. A biologist knows that CO2 is the most important molecule for Life next to water. The whole basis for the foreign Agenda 21 to 45 is falsely based on arguments that have been disproven by these thousands of scientists. I recommend that you start all over again and ask for input from the people of our County. If you don't I guarantee you won't have jobs much longer because we'll find people who are honest and compassionate and have gratitude to God for this great land that is sacred and for the people that God has placed here to create the paradise that we all dream of living in. In your heart of hearts I know that you know that money and position cannot buy you love and what is life without the love of the people that God has given you the job to take care of. There is great satisfaction in doing your job well and I know it is a great challenge. There are many people who would give suggestions that are authentic and not foreign-based which is in contempt of our constitution. So protect yourself and let's spend some time asking and receiving the suggestions of the people who know how to live on this land. God bless you and keep you and thank you for doing your jobs and being open to starting mostly over again with a real template from our own people.	2
there is an image of a STAR which is used to list 12 Hawaii island Goals. Please remove that Star image as it seems to be a religious symbol and we should not be using any religious symbols of this type anywhere in our General Plan	9
You have many policies that may be put in place because of "climate change". Do you know that 1,609 scientists from around the world have all signed a declaration stating there is no climate danger. That climate change is happening all the time, every day? Here is the signed declaration click here This general plan is very disturbing. It has a lot of the United Nations agenda feel to it which are unelected people. Do you know that much of their agenda will take away people's freedom. This is Chief Branch Officer of California Transportation sharing her thoughts at a County Council meeting about a VERY similar agenda that was working to be put through click here This general plan needs to be revised in a big way or you will change the entire course of Hawaii's future aina, ohana and freedoms for our keiki.	2
First, are you aware that the star of David you have on pg. 8 represents both Israel (currently causing genocide) or Judaism? It also represents an occult religion that most people don't realize. It is really not good to have that symbol in the Hawaii general plan. I recommend you remove it.	9

The introduction to the GP 2045 contains an excellent statement of the intent and structure of a general plan. We appreciate the guiding principles calling for timely, clear, and accurate information on planning issues; a focus on issues relevant to our everyday lives; expanding choice and opportunity for all persons, including the disadvantaged; and public participation opportunities broad enough to have a meaningful impact on plan development. By charter, the general plan is the primary policy document for all county entities, and it can and should be powerful. It sets forth the County Council's long-range policy for the comprehensive physical, economic, environmental and sociocultural well-being of the county. All public improvements and projects as well as new subdivisions and zoning ordinances should conform to and implement the general plan. The general plan includes overall themes, goals, principles, objectives, and policies, as well as standards for implementation priorities and actions to carry out policies and their standards. The former guide the course, and the latter prescribe specific activities. It is also necessary to formulate laws and Council appropriations as well as Community Development Plans, Urban Development Plans, Functional or Strategic Plans and other implementation mechanisms, to fully carry out the General Plan's goals, objectives, policies, standards, and actions.	2
5.The County should not be articulating proposed roads through Hawaiian Home Lands in its General Plan without first consulting with DHHL and its beneficiaries. There are several proposed roadway routes depicted on the County's online webmaps on its Konveio website. While DHHL understands that data depicted on these maps are "draft," DHHL would like to emphasize that final County General Plan recommendations should not depict proposed new roadways through DHHL land without first consulting with DHHL and its beneficiaries. 6.DHHL appreciates County planners taking the time to meet with DHHL planners over the years as part of the County General Plan update. It appears that most of the LUPAG designations of DHHL lands depicted on the Konveio site are consistent with DHHL land use designations in DHHL's Hawaii Island Plan. We would like to note that DHHL will be updating its Hawaii Island plan 2024 thru 2025 and will be consulting with its beneficiaries over that time through the update process. Should there be any substantive changes to DHHL's land use designations, DHHL will communicate these changes to the County. 7.DHHL is attaching previous DHHL comments on the County General Plan Update that DHHL previously submitted to the County over the years for your reference and consideration.	3
4.DHHL strongly encourages the County to begin its process to develop a County Community Development Plan (COP) for the South Hilo District. The South Hilo District includes these DHHL homestead communities: Keaukaha, Panaewa, Kaumana, Piipihonua, King's Landing, and the future Honomu Homestead community. Per the draft 2045 County General Plan Update (page 204), CDPs "translate broad General Plan statements to specific actions, as they apply to specific geographical areas. They serve to provide a forum for community input to reflect the character of each community." Further this section of the County General Plan states the purpose of a CDP is threefold: •Translate the General Plan's broad statements and community development guidelines to actions specific to the planning area to address regional issues and opportunities. •Improve and advance communities and community resilience through the acknowledgement and development of community capacity. •Provide a process for citizens to engage in civic dialogue and contribute to the identification of community priorities. Beneficiaries have expressed to DHHL that the absence of a South Hilo CDP marginalizes these homestead communities from having a say in land use decisions and government services that impact these homestead communities. Further, without a South Hilo CDP, beneficiaries would like to know how the County intends to incorporate the voices of these homestead communities into County plans, programs, and services for their district. The County 2045 General Plan should address this disparity for the South Hilo district in the implementation section of the General Plan.	3
2.Likewise, OHHL requests that its 2022 OHHL General Plan Update be referenced and/ or included in the 2045 County General Plan Update either as an appendices or other appropriate	3

section of the County General Plan. The 2022 DHHL General Plan Update identifies land use designations that the HHC may apply to Hawaiian Home Lands. The DHHL General Plan should be a reference to the County. A copy can be found here: https://dhhl.hawaii.gov/po/general-plan/ 3.The 2045 County General Plan Update should have specific policies that articulate that DHHL Plans (OHHL General Plan, DHHL Hawaii Island Plan, DHHL Regional Plans) will be the authority on land use that will guide County policy regarding land uses and projects surrounding DHHL lands. OHHL beneficiaries have expressed strong concern with County policies or actions that may encourage land uses that are detrimental to homestead communities. For example, the recently introduced County Council Bill 107 related to an alternate route study for the proposed Puna Bypass Road did not appear to consider DHHL testimony and the testimonies of its beneficiaries to exclude routes from the study that traverse over lands under the jurisdiction of DHHL. Furthermore, there continues to be harmful uses near DHHL homestead lands, particularly in Hilo, that pose a health and safety issue to our Hilo homestead communities. The County General Plan should emphasize that the County should adopt policies to phase these uses out over time. DHHL does note and appreciates that the County Land Use Pattern Allocation Guide (LUPAG) recommends agriculture-related designations for lands bordering the Panaewa homestead community to the east. DHHL would like the County to strongly consider non-industrial uses in its LUPAG for lands that border DHHL's King's Landing Tract. Those lands are currently being considered for future homesteading and DHHL is currently going through a planning process to settle these lands.	
1. Recognition and coordination of the Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC) land use authority with the County's land use authority is memorialized in the 2002 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between DHHL and the County. DHHL requests that the County includes this document as either as an appendices to the County General Plan or in separate section of the plan, where appropriate, to ensure that there is a reference for current and future County staff, elected officials, and members of the public about the relationship between DHHL and the County. The MOU between the County and DHHL was created almost a quarter century ago and while DHHL knows that current County Planning Department staff are aware of the MOU and the unique status of the Hawaiian Homes Commission's land use authority over DHHL lands, DHHL wants to further ensure that future County staff future elected officials, and future members of the public continue to have an institutional memory of the relationship between DHHL and the County. Incorporating a reference to this document in the 2045 County General Plan Update will better guarantee that this institutional memory is perpetuated in future generations. The 2002 MOU is enclosed for your convenience and reference.	3
We have reviewed the County of Hawaii General Plan 2045 (GP) that the County is in the process of adopting and would like to make a public comment regarding the referenced parcel. Our clients own the referenced parcel and are interested in developing housing and other amenities that support the goals of the County as well as South Kahola and Waikoloa Village. To that end, we request that a small 14.9 acre portion of the overall parcel be considered medium density urban. Please refer to the attached exhibit for specific location and extent of the subject parcel in question. Under the current GP this entire 2,200 acre property is considered "extensive agriculture." During our analysis of the Draft GP and having studied the South Kahola Community Development Plan (CDP) we believe this subject parcel is a key transitional zone in the area. The subject parcel is at the nexus between several different anticipated or proposed developments, and the following considerations should be accounted for in the GP to align with the CDP: 1. The CDP calls for "urban expansion" and "industrial" uses to the southwest. 2. The CDP acknowledges the Waikoloa Highlands development directly across Waikoloa Rd. from the subject parcel. Our understanding is that this development will include a variety of residential densities. 3. The CDP identifies an area just makai from the subject parcel as a potential Community Center site.	2

4. Property to the north, owned by Waikoloa Village Association, will likely remain in a conservation status, meaning the subject parcel will be an important transition point. 5. The balance of the 2,200 acre parcel will likely be low density residential, again meaning the subject parcel will be a key transition. 6. Designating the subject parcel medium density urban will potentially allow development of workforce housing, which is vital to the economy of Waikoloa Village as well as the coastal resorts and the associated employers. 7. The County has granted provisional approval of the New Hope Waikoloa church property to the south of the subject parcel. This signals the transitional nature of this area and the County's overall support for varying land uses in the immediate vicinity. To summarize, there are numerous diverse land uses surrounding the subject parcel and utilizing this area to create a buffer and transition is smart land planning. It demonstrates sensitivity to the surrounding context while allowing the highest and best use of this property. Further, it will result in driving economic activity to the benefit of the County and its residents. **MAPS ATTACHED**	
Stop. We rebuke the reduction of Agricultural land. This agenda is not a good direction.. we should retain our islands sustainability... not turn it over to the Globalists Agenda.	1
Please use federal plus public private funding sources to fulfill WWTP's AOC's ordered by EPA and signed this month by county administration. Our island residents needs clean waters free of pollution to highest degree possible. All new developments need to be severed or provided R-1 level treatment. This is the path to sustainability.	7
in addition to integrative health, education and social services, it's also important for all communities also have crisis management and emergency services/plan in place to ensure if any natural disaster does strike, both officials and the community is prepared. (whether that's fire, flooding, storm damage, tsunami, etc)	10
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These are a few major concerns I have with this document overall: • What does "affordable housing" mean? This term gets thrown around a lot without a good discussion on what makes a living space "affordable." • Houseless issues need a more concentrated focus within this document. Homelessness is barely tackled. • Controlling serious invasive threats, such as goats and cats, needs to be directly addressed with a unique section or subsection. • There are no mentions regarding biosecurity, which should be a top priority. • Who wrote this? Who are the consulting agents? • Where are the budgets for any of these so-called "projects"? How are any of these things supposed to actually take off the ground? • Where are the citations for literally anything? • There should be greater emphasis on hiring local organizations and individuals to do the work proposed in this document, everything from archaeological consultation to construction to educational programs. Keep business local, incentivize and support local businesses. • Kānaka 'Ōiwi (Hawaiian people) are practically eliminated from this entire document, except in cases of "alohawashing" or claiming sensitivity to Hawaiian and local values and culture without explicitly explaining what that means.	1
Yet again, no mention of Kānaka 'Ōiwi.	10

What does "regenerative" mean? "reoccurring"? "sustainable"? This buzzword holds no inherent meaning. Elaborate.	10
This is a HUGE undertaking. Zero waste by 2045 sounds like an incredible goal, but how realistic is it, really?	10
Okay, but what does this actually mean? What will this look like? These are just words with no structure behind them.	10
Once again, Kānaka Maoli are effectively erased from this document with loose terms like "cultural resources."	9
Use a font that can adequately display 'okina and kahakō.	9
Such collaboration will probably be required often, considering how many of these objectives appear to be under the purview of the state rather than the county.	8
How far into the future? If the county has no authority over zoning, what does this Future Land Use Map mean, exactly? Are these merely suggestions on how the land should be utilized? How legally binding will this proposed map be?	8
Include a hyperlink to this report for ease of reference.	6
Again, how are you folks proposing to actually achieve broad participation? Saying you want the community to engage without proposing a solution to actually engage more individuals feels like empty lip service.	6
This is so poorly worded... how about "facilitate communication and a sense of community between people of diverse ethnic, economic, and social backgrounds, while remaining aware that this land belongs to Kānaka Maoli, the only group who is Indigenous to these islands." Erasure of Kānaka throughout this document is egregious.	5
We need MORE public and virtual meetings than what has initially been offered. We need to reach more people before education opportunities or community meetings take place. How do you folks propose we achieve broader outreach?	5
This all sounds like United Nations Agenda 21 Sustainable Development global plan to steal more land, resources, and exert more global control under the guise of "sustainability and "equity". NO CONSENT! Also why are you using star of david graphics (below) on this website supposedly dedicated to Hawaii??	9
Are the people who created the General Plan and those that have reviewed and approved it aware that most of the population of Hilo either has no awareness of the General Plan or have little or no idea of what is in it? I know this because two times when the owners of lots near me wanted to change the zoning of the lots from residential to something else, I and others walked door to door to talk to our neighbors and ask if they were in favor of the changes. Both times, many did not know there was a General Plan and most of those who did were not aware of what the plan was for our neighborhood. My wife and I were among the uninformed until we saw a zoning change request notice posted on the first property. Even after informing people of the General Plan many of them felt there was no point in trying to comment on it because the planners and politicians would do what they wanted regardless of what the people had to say. I am not sure they are wrong but I like to think that at least sometimes, what the people want is considered. I wish I had a good solution to the problem of people being unaware of the General Plan and what is in it but at the very least the planners should be aware that what they are doing to inform people is not working. My wife and I own a home in Waiakea House Lots. One last thing. It took me a couple of hours and two tries to find and figure out how to comment on the General Plan and more than one person has told me they were unable to figure it out. There is so much information on line about the General Plan and so many versions of it that finding the right place to comment and then how to comment is harder than you might think. One you know how it is easy but for some of us it is a struggle.	2
Humans can not cause climate change such as global warming or cooling by the emission of CO2 (for example by burning fossil fuels) nor the sequestration nor by limits on CO2 emissions. Any	10

such contention is contradicted by scientific laws, theory and observations. Henry's Law, Le Chatelier's principle and the Law of Mass Action contradict that common contention. Each of these laws or principle is based on very many observations over more than one hundred years. No positive correlation is observed between properly detrended (1) estimated trend of CO2 emissions due to fossil fuels, (for example Oak Ridge National Laboratory, UN IPCC, Friedlingstein et al) compared to (2) measured trend of atmospheric CO2 concentration at NOAA-Scripps Mauna Loa, i.e., the defacto standard global CO2 atmospheric concentration. (See for example one among several papers: Munshi, Jamal, Responsiveness of Atmospheric CO2 to Fossil Fuel Emissions: Updated (July 5, 2017). Available at SSRN: https://ssrn.com/abstract=2997420 or http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.2997420). Attempts by Hawaii to control reduce carbon footprint or CO2 from fossil fuels are and will be futile and a total waste of taxpayer money and other resources. Humans can neither increase CO2 concentration by CO2 emissions nor decrease global CO2 by limitation on CO2, carbon use nor sequestration of CO2. Increase disturbances to the CO2 equilibrium between air and water are absorbed by water everywhere (dominantly ocean surface and soil), decrease disturbances to the CO2 equilibrium between air and water will be replaced by water everywhere (dominantly ocean surface and soil). The late professor of atmospheric physics Murry Salby, PhD provided the definitive derivation unequivocally showing "CO2 atmospheric concentration is controlled by net natural emission, independent of Anthropogenic emissions." In his annual review of the state of the global climate, Professor Ole Humlum reviews 2023's key data and observations in the context of long-term climate trends. Professor Humlum concludes: 'No Observational Evidence For Any Global Climate Crisis.' Ole Humlum (born 21 July 1949) is a Danish professor emeritus at the University of Oslo, Department of Geosciences and adjunct professor of physical geography at the University Centre in Svalbard. His academic focus includes glacial and periglacial geomorphology and climatology. The review covers a wide range of temperature measurements in both ocean and atmosphere, alongside reviews of oceanic oscillations, sea levels, snow and ice measurements, and storms. Observations confirm the continuing long-term variability of average meteorological and oceanographic conditions, but do not support the notion of an ongoing climate crisis. According to Professor Humlum, "The global climate system represents a multifaceted system, involving sun, planets, atmosphere, oceans, land, geological processes, biological life, and complex interactions between them. Many components and their mutual coupling are still not fully understood or perhaps not even recognised." "Believing that one minor constituent of the atmosphere (CO2) controls nearly all aspects of climate is naïve and entirely unrealistic. The global climate has remained in a quasi-stable condition within certain limits for millions of years, although with important variations playing out over periods ranging from years to centuries, or more, but the global climate has never been in a fully stable state without change. Modern observations show that this normal behaviour is also characterising recent years, including 2023, and there is no observational evidence for any global climate crisis." Prof Humlum's report is available at this link, with references and data sources are listed at the end: https://www.thegwppf.org/publications/the-state-of-the-climate-2023/ A summary of the Humlum report is available here: https://rclutz.com/2024/03/30/2023-climate-report-earths-climate-is-fine/ This report is written for people wishing to form their own opinion on issues relating to climate. Its focus is on publicly available observational datasets, and not on the output of numerical models. Lastly, I have posted on my blog a recent Powerpoint presentation by another scientist at the following link. He covers the science in more detail than summarized here as well as the social and political context which has caused the extreme mis-information and dis-information on this subject. CO2: Climate Killer or Essence of Life? by Patrick A. Baeuerle https://budbromley.blog/2024/03/30/co2-climate-killer-or-essence-of-life-by-patrick-a-baeuerle/ Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the plan. Bud Bromley Holualoa March 30, 2024	
Confusing given the Monitoring and Evaluation section. As someone who has worked for nonprofits and written grants for decades, the lack of goals and objectives in this plan without clear, specific, measurable and time-defined milestones sets us up for us having to be ok with vague progress and no one to hold accountable for not meeting expectations that were never clearly defined.	6

Since many folks still are not aware of this Draft General Plan and the impending deadline to comment, I don't think the Planning Department and County have done all they can to ensure "authentic participation" during the planning process. The outreach was bleak, last fall's "presentations" were like an elementary school science fair, with far less details and facts presented. Personnel couldn't answer a lot of questions, running around asking someone else this or that. And the way information was presented was not cohesive, and a group presentation with public comment in each district would have been a much better strategy.	6
Governed by systems, not people? This is concerning if this is purposefully worded this way. I think this language has a deeper meaning that legally, could have very broad implications.	10
Where are the CDP and Agency Functional Plans in this document? Special Area Plans? If not included here, how do we assess their scope and status and the GPs coherence with those plans? This is very confusing.	9
Where is this map in this digital version of the General Plan? There should be a link to it. This is a huge issue and very concerning. The Future Land Use Map should be included and explicitly show any changes to land use, zoning and use, and changes to use types.	8
Is this General Plan valid since the Planning Director hasn't complied with the County's stated purpose of the General Plan pursuant to Charter section 3-15? Were are the recommended amendments to the last General Plan? This is a total rewrite and it is hard to navigate the changes being made, as we aren't comparing apples to apples. The county council shall adopt by ordinance a general plan which shall set forth the council's long range policy for the comprehensive physical, economic, environmental, and sociocultural wellbeing of the county. (a) The general plan shall contain a statement of development objectives, standards and principles with respect to the most desirable use of land within the county for residential, recreational, agricultural, commercial, industrial and other purposes which shall be consistent with proper conservation of natural resources and the 6 preservation of our natural beauty and historical sites; the most desirable density of population in the several parts of the county; a system of principal thoroughfares, highways, streets, public access to the shorelines, and other open spaces; the general locations, relocations and improvement of public buildings, the general location and extent of public utilities and terminals, whether publicly or privately owned, for water, sewers, light, power, transit, and other purposes; the extent and location of public housing projects; adequate drainage facilities and control; air pollution; and such other matter as may, in the council's judgment, promote the general welfare, health, and prosperity of its people. (b) (c) (d) The council shall enact zoning, subdivision, and such other ordinances which shall contain the necessary provisions to carry out the purpose of the general plan. No public improvement or project, or subdivision or zoning ordinance, shall be initiated or adopted unless the same conforms to and implements the general plan. Amendments to the general plan may be initiated by the council or the planning director. (1979, Prop. 3; 2016, Ord. No. 16-62, sec. 1.)	7
Has the Planning Department collaborated directly with our CDP working groups; in the last public meeting in 2023, every CDP group articulated the lack of respect and collaboration and their many years of community-directed input went unheard.	7
'Sustainable Development' sounds like an oxymoron. The entire agenda here is a 'business as usual' formula built on illusions of stability and perpetual growth expectations. This plan purports to extend its vision and influence (a 'roadmap' is the often used analogy) all the way to 2045. Yet, most of the world's scientists tell us that 2030 (only 5 years and 9 months away) will set out a point of no return from the worst impacts of 'climate change'. We should be planning for that now. Implicit assumptions of incremental changes with policies hashed out in committees with this 'roadmap' as our guide are wholly inadequate to the coming realities of 2045.	9

If the document is reformulated as transformation rather than edited as transition from currently existing structure, then a full explanation of the rationale for each proposal should be available to the public. Even in the model of transition, an explanation of changes should be available to the public. The above considerations conclude that: A) the General Plan should not contain proposals where agreement will be subject to significant contention. Rather, such proposals or directives must first be considered and endorsed in their individuality. B) A General Plan should have clarity of transition from its predecessor. C) The timeframe of application of the document should be shortened, perhaps as much as to the term of the administration which has generated the document. This shortened timeframe in itself will encourage transition rather than transformation.	2
If a General Plan is posited by an administration as description of intention of where its aspirations lie, and especially if that plan contains contentious or poorly understood proposal then that document should be retired at the conclusion of each administration rather than posited as a guidepost for a 20+ year period. And if such a document is of such fundamental importance to construction of societal rules, then its evolution should take place by amendment of the underlying document rather than reconstruction of a new document which allows only incomplete or limited understanding of how that document has transformed from what has proceeded it.	2
Does the State of Hawaii or the United States have a "General Plan" that it creates periodically. No, they have constitutions. However these "constitutions" are not given to contentious proposals which arise with the shifting of societal circumstances or environment. They are fundamental guidelines which are truly foundation and not subject to whim of administration. An it is from that document that legal applications arise. There is no intermediate "General Plan" formulated as aspiration by one administration after another, not subject to public debate and discussion.	2
If a General Plan directive may expect even modest opposition, then that proposal should be accompanied by a full explanation of the reasoning behind its position, as inclusion in the General Plan may become rationale for proposal as ordinance or administrative rule.	2
Where there would be significant opposition, even if the document framers should feel themselves in a majority position, the general plan should be avoided as residence of that directive	2
Regardless of whether the apologists of placement of contentious proposals in the draft General Plan attempt to justify this document as a 'living Document', they may also posit it as foundational to the development of ordinances and administrative rules that may subsequently arise.	2
The basic concept underlying the notion of General Plan is desirable. However this current draft General Plan 2045 raises questions about practical application of that notion. It is found, in survey of the proposals here that the draft General Plan is laden with contentious ideas which are likely to represent the thinking of one administration but may well be rejected by a subsequent administration, or more importantly by the general public. If the General Plan is to be posited as a guideline or aspiration document that spans a period of 20+ years then contentious proposals or proposals that have a shifting or limited source of support or are poorly understood by the public or the administration, should not be a part of the document.	2
and protected, we need to protect the natural and cultural resources from further depletion and extinction	10
What does this even mean? Tourists in the residential communities? What is the regenerative visitor stands for? Bunch of words but no real, clear message. This is a very confusing and vague goal with concerning subtext.	10
We should address the dependency on tourism and promote, support agriculture as well as small businesses that provide services for the local folks (healthcare, education, infrastructure, etc.). There is no way to be "self-sufficient" if we have tourism as our main income earner for the county.	10
First and foremost we need opportunities for those who live on the island full time and not the "mobile" population that comes for a bit and don't even pay taxes since they live most of the year somewhere else. Please, prioritize people who live here and pay taxes. This language seems to imply the opportunities for seasonal workers and snowbirds as a priority.	10

Emergency response and disaster management and recovery (especially from wild fires) should be part of functional plans. We can't have second Lahaina on Hawai'i Island.	7
What does the star shape stand for?	9
The "social well being" pillar of "sustainability" must have an equitability component to be truly "sustainable". If solutions are not equitable, we leave behind a portion of our community which then makes the solution untenable & therefore unsustainable.	6
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The word "now" is confusing. Does this sentence mean the "visitors" who were previously "wishing to experience our island" have moved to Hawai'i & are living here now? If so, what about the locals who live here that were born here? Or does "those who now call Hawai'i home" mean residents (regardless of where they were born)? If the latter, just say "residents".	3
Our island is a perfect environment, government and politics need to step aside and let people run their business, support their families. Promote housing by less government involvement, promote development of hydrogen vehicles and geothermal energy, promote small business to what they do best. Get back to the basics!!	3
Less government regulations and approvals on everything. Our kids are moving away cause can not afford to live here. Housing, food, fuel.. all products of poor government involvement.	10
Can we change "by" to "through" or "with the use of?" I don't want to be governed, blindly, by a system.	10
Keeping in mind that a cultural resource can also be a living thing, and not something frozen in the past, so that sustainability is up to the kahu of that place, and may or may not involve open public access at all times.	10
To be more practical, zero waste practices have to start at the beginning with packaging and processing, so that waste management occupies a portion of the process, but not the only or main division that defines our ecological footprint. Perhaps we should be moving toward a circular economy and not just looking at waste management.	10
So I'm guessing, transient/seasonal labor? Although it might be a way to disguise 'snowbirds.'	10
And yet, less than two weeks away from the deadline, I see less than a dozen people have made comments. What is the process for getting the communities to become aware of this process and how to participate in it? What are the benchmarks to see what percentage of the population has responded? To acknowledge the opportunity if not actually participate? Or is this not a sincere goal?	6
Wow, this sounds a lot like aculturalization, trying to make us all the same instead of celebrating our variations and differences. We're trying to break free from the burden of colonization. Before the islands became a Territory of the US, almost everyone that came here to live learned at least some of the Hawaiian language. If we want to start homogenizing our society, we could start there.	5
Not mentioned in the list of changes we have seen since 2005, is the growing awareness of, and influence of, native Hawaiian practices that come from generations of accumulated knowledge, combined with contemporary technology and hardware, creating modern Hawaiian cultural practices, some old some new, that influence all parts of community planning when we look to the future. Our census shows that the population has doubled every decade for the past several decades. Ask yourselves why, when people move to these islands, they are moving here, and not Maui or Kauai or Honolulu? Because this is where the Hawaiian culture is most in the spotlight, not only for the Merrie Monarch, but things like the regular presence of Pele and the recent successful resistance movement on Maunakea, along with the growing number of those practicing both old and new expressions of our culture. Even so, each district has its own identity just as each island does, and what appears to be missing in the history of this planning process to date, is the idea of	5

cultivating a sense of place in each district, that allows work, play and lifestyle that doesn't rely on an hours long commute to work in a resort.	
End of the sugar as the leading economic industry island wide, save for Maui.	4
Beginning of the collapse of the sugar industry in the Hawaiian Islands	4
"...and sustainability efforts." Suggest remove period, add, "based in part upon the growing focus upon host culture traditional practices and accumulated knowledge."	5
This should read Community, Harmony, Wellbeing, and Husbandry. Words like resilient, safe, and health are words that mean less freedom and more control over people's lives and outside contracts with for profit organizations or government agencies. Do not bring Fascism to the Big Island!	9
WHY IS THIS STAR HERE? This is a Jewish symbol and really it is an occult symbol of Freemasonry and the worship of Moloch. This is a Satanic symbol on Hawaii's General Plan! IT SHOULD NOT BE HERE! https://rumble.com/v3pbhfk-there-is-no-star-of-david-in-the-bible-only-thr-star-of-remphanmoloch.html	9
How about we support a climate resilient island by discovering who is flying the chem trails over the island. I never saw them until the last couple of years. 1609 scientists around the world signed a declaration that there is no climate danger. Climate change happens all the time but there is no danger. Is Hilo underwater or having a threat to be underwater? No!	10
This is very concerning. "Progressive land use strategies"? What are you talking about?	10
Again this word should change to "supportive".	9
"Sustainable" should be changed to Supportive. We want to support each other.	9
This is VERY concerning. Are you going to change AG land? The island is mostly AG as it should be. We need to grow our own food. Changing land use maps for "intended future land use". This is not okay!	8
All of this language sounds very communism to me.	6
Livable built environment? That is what we have. I know Maui is set to be a smart city. Do you know electric vehicles cost more energy and the companies that make them use fossil fuels. You can't make an electric vehicle without fossil fuels. This language is very concerning.	6
This language is horrible! Interwoven equity. What does that mean? God made men and women. Those who believe otherwise are delusional.	6
These sound like UN agendas which is very concerning since we just wen through an unlawful lockdown and coercion of an experimental drug! Health is important for everyone but not at the expense of someone's personal choice.	6
Yes! The "sustainability" they are referring to is going to take away freedoms and change our way of life! Not okay!	6
I so agree. The flowering words, "Encourage respect" what exactly does that mean. The word "sustainable" is code for we're going to bring in a system that will take away your freedom, have a nice feel good name, and destroy your way of life! They have free energy. They don't want us to use it because...it's Free! Take out off all this BS and simple put we'll work with the people to create a better way of life together.	6
This is again concerning. What alterations of policies, institutions and decisions that oppose giving special attention to racial integrity are you talking about. Why bring this up? I do not see racism in Hawaii. This language again aims to separate people and it should not be in this plan!	6
Children are taught racism. There should not be racial economic integrity. Treat everyone fairly, which Hawaii does, and you don't have to single people out for any reason. This language leads to racism not the other way around!	5
"...meaningful solutions." should add before the period, "for all concerned."	3

"...future challenges"... should continue with "alongside existing protocols and community practices,"	3
"...balancing their needs." should continue with, " against the needs of the native population and the host culture."	3
This ICAP doc on climate change has been handed to local governments by the Davos crowd implementing Agenda 21. These same people that claim sea level rise buy multi million dollar homes on the coast. The climate is always changing and the sun is the greatest driver of the climate in which we have no control (solar activity was not mentioned in the ICAP doc). Yet world governments, including our own are preparing for space weather events under Executive Order 13744 https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/10/18/2016-25290/coordinating-efforts-to-prepare-the-nation-for-space-weather-events Why is there no mention of these events in a community plan while other departments are implementing? Suggest vetting the ICAP docs being handed over and broaden research. Many highly experienced scientists are debunking global warming and insist we are entering an ice age, yet there is nothing on this. 1904 vetted scientists signed the World Climate Declaration, There is No Climate Emergency? https://clintel.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/World-Climate-Declaration-3.pdf	2
I am concerned about traffic and transportation management in South Kona. Highway 11 is heavily used as the only route around the island south of the Ali'i bypass intersection. It is unsafe for pedestrians, lacks shoulders or armco barriers in dangerous spots, and the permitted speed limits seem excessive for many parts of the road. I realize that this is a State Road, but as a critical part of the Big Island transportation system, I believe it should be addressed in the General Plan.	
Thank you to committee members for your service, and to Bethany for coming tonight. I'm sorry to say, the 2045 plan is disappointing. It looks more like the summary version or marketing version you would normally develop only after writing the thorough, in-depth version. And until people asked, it wasn't clear how to access the PDF version necessary to make meaningful comments. I found myself recalling my days at Hilo Intermediate School when teachers would assign a novel to read-maybe Wuthering Heights or David Copperfield. Some kids felt that cut too much into their surfing time, so they would go down to Kress Store, to the comic section, where they would find a series called "Illustrated Classics". For 25 cents they could just get the comic version of Wuthering Heights, and hope the teacher never caught on. I'm not saying the 2045 plan is at that level. But I don't think it represents the County's best efforts. Comparing the 2005 and 2045 plans, the 2005 plan is about 400 pages long and the 2045 plan is only about 200 pages. This despite the fact that the island population has grown 20% since 2005. More people, more houses, more roads, more businesses, and more pressure on social services, fragile ecosystems, and the island's cultural heritage. The 2005 plan devotes 14 pages to an extensive table of contents. The 2045 plan has no table of contents at all. So the train leaves the station, and you have no idea where any of the stops are. If you wonder whether more emphasis was placed on housing versus cultural concerns, or if you want to find a table or chart about a certain topic, you have to word-search 200 pages for each of your questions. A table of contents also provides something that is often missing in the digital age: context. What is the scope of the plan? What issues are emphasized, and which ones are not? How does the amount and quality of the data which the writers relied on compare for each issue? The 2045 plan says nothing about how it differs from the 2005 plan, and from the draft 2040 plan (which was never adopted). In the past, changes from previous plans were clearly identified. To address all these concerns, the public should have access to all three documents, plus clear information about how they are different, and why changes were made. This should all be online, with paper copies at libraries and the Hilo and Kana County buildings. Then the clock should be re-started on comments to allow time, something like 6 months, for the public to review all that information.	3

Support sustainability and alternate forms of transportation! Our main roads are too dangerous for biking and walking! Designate a swath of land on either side of the Wai'ula'ula, Waikoloa, Keanu'i'omanō streams & tributaries as conservation/recreation/natural (whichever most appropriate) in order to protect the riparian corridor. With this designation, community groups may be able to restore and enhance this natural corridor. The streamside area could become an adequate buffer for: managing stormwater, reducing pollutant loads from current levels, protecting from property loss due to flooding and erosion, and creating healthy habitat for native aquatic species. With partnerships the corridor could also become a pathway for safe multimodal, zero emission, transportation options as an alternative from driving to and from Waimea town to the shoreline. The simple redesignation of land use on the map would fulfill a plethora of recommendations, strategies, and desired outcomes across a number of action plans including: The 2005 County of Hawai'i General Plan, the 2008 South Kohala Community Development Plan, the 2011 Wai'ula'ula Watershed Management Plan, the 2017 State Strategic Plan for Transit-Oriented Development, the 2021 Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Plan, the 2021 HTA Hawai'i Island Destination Management Action Plan, and the 2023 County of Hawai'i Draft General Plan.	1
If it is too expensive to widen the Hilo-Hamakua coastal highway, perhaps another monorail route would go up the coast like the old railroad. --- Besides passenger train cars, there could be cargo cars that local trucking companies might want to part-own.	10
The flat, straight terrain of the old Railroad Avenue may be ideal for a new monorail, from Keaau High to the mall, airport, Kanoelehua Ave., the hotel/garden peninsula, and harbor. Another route might circle from the mall, HCC, Waiakea High/UHHilo, Komohana, the upper Ponahawai medical offices, hospital, Rainbow Falls, Hilo High, downtown Hilo, Kaiko'o offices, Hilo Shopping Center, Big Island Candies, airport, mall. Another route may circle Keaau to Pahoa.	10
"AE Powered, Aquaculture Supported, Diversified Agriculture Systems."	5
1. very confusing. 2.do not understand how to comment. 3. More sustainable housing for lower incomes . No More golf courses. More solar, more water catchment. funding for home gardens. Allow roadside stands. NO MORE ROUNDUP- it causes cancer. NO MORE mandates.	7
It is critically important to define this term, multimodal. For some it just means various forms of motorized transit, such as; cars, buses, trains, shared rides, jitneys and the like; to others this taken to include other non-motorized modes, such as; bicycles, assisted-bikes or other carrier and walking - thus the need to define what is meant here, perhaps with a foot-note below.	10
In picking up on the prior Best Practices for Planning, in the Introduction, I would hope this read: ...by sustainable, equitable and efficient public infrastructure, utilities and services.... . As just a couple of examples, it is important that our sidewalks and roads are accessible to those with disabilities, pedestrians and cyclists, alike, and that recreational facilities be equally be accessible and available throughout the County.	9
This connection of the General Plan to the various Functional Plans, is critical to and realistic and implementable plan. In previous versions of the GP, this relationship had been very loosely defined and it is often difficult to find the Functional Plans in a given area, if and when they exist. Reference should be made here and in other discussions on the Functional Plans as to where these are to be found.	7
Add well-maintained to the transportation network	10
Why aren't Emergency Services, Electrical and Telecom part of Functional Plans? I realize there is no department dedicated to some of these, they should not be ignored (or left to State).	7
First of all kudos on a great start! There is a lot to love in this plan and many, many great ideas that we all can work together to implement even before the GP is finalized :) As an overall comment I would recommend an exercise of looking at this plan through the lens of different residents of this County, especially attempting to look at it from a more rural, working class point of view, as well as the goals of folks who are looking to live sustainably in a rural setting rather than in one of our towns. TBH and blunt, the current draft takes for granted a certain world view and perspective	3

which might seem quite alien to many of our residents' life experience. Another possibly way to think about it is perhaps a pluralistic, place-making lens? A great deal of the issues and solutions in this plan are common throughout the county however how they will be implemented should be informed by the history and character, resources and needs of particular communities in this county. Of course the CDPs are a great place to start but most of them are getting quite dated and again are pre-filtered by a planning lens/perspective, that it would be helpful to take off at least momentarily to evaluate this document.	
Being exemplary or a leader is totally irrelevant to the purpose of the Plan. This is just eyewash, and is just wishful ego thinking. Just say, "Hawaii Island HAS healthy and resilient communities..."	9
The Island needs an art museum with a real performing arts center in Kona so that visitors on the West side can attend and support cultural events.	9
How can planning principles be better translated into design codes, design guides, responsive zoning, and plan-related metrics, that empower a sustainable future? In the UK, RTPI and RIBA have worked to produce guidance with industry and communities to translate principles into measurable outcomes and development criteria/requirements/conditions. See for example the Measuring What Matters Toolkit: https://www.rtpi.org.uk/research/2020/november/measuring-what-matters-planning-outcomes-research/ Also relevant: certification standards such as BREEAM Communities (BRE Group), LEED for Cities and Communities. Bioregional's One Planet Living framework has also been adopted internationally. The General Plan has the power to encourage these (or other outcomes-driven planning methodologies) in Community Plans as well as general strategic planning orientations, especially through land use orientations that are either prescriptive (such as zoning) or by way of guidance to property developers, real estate investors/ESG, architectural design, and so on. Also via public realm interventions such as various placemaking initiatives, including the work by Project for Public Spaces across North America and beyond, or developments by White Arkitekter or Gehl Architects, among others.	6
Add in "public/government-owned" after renewable	0
Remove "This vision statement represents the ability to plan for the future in alignment with community values." Add in "Looking forward, as our CDPs are updated, the General Plan's ability to plan for the future is intended to work in alignment with and embrace new regional values.	9
Replace population with "communities"	3
Add the title or the purpose of the subject figure for the public to understand the meaning of the figure	9
Add in "in planning" after document Replace citizens with "residents" Add in "and further develop land use policies" after decisions	6
Define a "just" transition. Define "equitable." And what does it have to do with climate? Addressing the causes is something this County can likely not afford (it is acknowledged in Table 19 that current finances are not sufficient to deal with current infrastructure). Plus you can knock the entire State back to the stone age and it will make zero difference in the climate. According to the BBC, "China emits more greenhouse gas than the entire developed world combined" (https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-57018837). Do NOT use the residents of this County as a test bed for technologies that are expensive, not proven and will make no difference.	10
What is a "progressive" land use strategy? How does it differ from a not-progressive land use strategy?	10
A general comment -- this document is so full of buzz words it makes my head hurt.	2

Delete the bypass road through Railroad Avenue in Pana'ewa. DHHL Chair sent the following in a letter to the Governor, Mayor, Council and elected officials on August 8, 2023: Aloha Elected Official: Over the last several years, the State of Hawai'i and the County of Hawai'i have proposed initiatives that have explored options for an alternative route between Puna and Hilo should the Kea'au-Pāhoa Road (Highway 130) be cut off by a Kilauea Volcano East Rift Zone Eruption, other potential hazards and/or natural disasters, and to provide relief for increasing traffic congestion for Puna residents. The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) is supportive of the intent of an initiative to provide a safe alternative route between Puna and Hilo to address risks from natural hazards and to relieve traffic congestion for Puna residents, however DHHL is strongly opposed to any consideration of a proposed by-pass route that would run through the existing DHHL Pana'ewa homestead community. With the adoption of the DHHL Pana'ewa Regional Plan in 2016, the Hawaiian Homes Commission took a position to oppose any proposed by-pass route through Railroad Avenue. The utilization of Railroad Avenue as an alternate route would unjustly burden Pana'ewa homestead lessees with additional traffic, and increase the risk to the safety of our homestead communities. The DHHL Pana'ewa Regional Plan identified potential alternative routes that could alleviate traffic between Puna and Hilo and avoid adverse impacts to DHHL Pana'ewa Homestead lessees. A map of those alternative routes is enclosed for future consideration during the selection of a by-pass route. Mahalo for your time and consideration of both DHHL and its homestead communities in future planning efforts. Please involve DHHL and the Keaukaha-Pana'ewa Farmers' Association in future conversations and meetings regarding this matter so that we can collaboratively work together on a solution. Should you have any questions, please email DHHL Planner, Lilliane Makaila at lilliane.makaila@hawaii.gov . Sincerely, Kali Watson, Chairman Hawaiian Homes Commission	1
Community Challenges: Beautify Hilo and clean up the industrial scrap metal, junk cars and other pollution on the land and in the ocean. Housing Choice and Affordability - Provide shelters for the homeless so they don't have to live in doorways and other public places. Active Living - Fix the public swimming pools, parks, and rebuild the Laupahoehoe Gym so people can enjoy being active. Climate Change - Plant shade trees, especially in Hilo. The heat is unbearable and there is very little shade anywhere. Trees add oxygen to the environment, look beautiful, and provide homes for birds, fruit and flowers.	9
The GP is a framework that the County Code implements. Article XI, section 1 of the Hawaii Constitution (...preserve resources for future generations) and State law applies: [§226-108] Sustainability. Priority guidelines and principles to promote sustainability shall include: (1) Encouraging balanced economic, social, community, and environmental priorities; (2) Encouraging planning that respects and promotes living within the natural resources and limits of the State; (3) Promoting a diversified and dynamic economy; (4) Encouraging respect for the host culture; (5) Promoting decisions based on meeting the needs of the present without compromising the needs of future generations; (6) Considering the principles of the ahupuaa system; and (7) Emphasizing that everyone, including individuals, families, communities, businesses, and government, has the responsibility for achieving a sustainable Hawaii. This section needs to be rewritten.	6
Please explain how this County's catering to conversion of residential neighborhoods into the latest morph of the visitor industry, with it attendant disruptions of neighborhood cohesion, resident inter-connectedness, and often peace and quiet, fits into this notion of "regenerative tourism." The current County executive and legislative branches are currently focused on legalizing more of this under the guise of "regulating" it (which will officially legitimize and thus promote its expansion/invasion).	10
Our residents are (collectively, for the most part) "economically self-sufficient?" Wow! Does that mean, we don't need visitors and military to provide employment and self-employment income to pay for all our imported building, infrastructure, computers, phones and other packaged goods? Why not instead (more realistically) say, that our economy is diversified by broadening the visitor	10

industry resource into high quality personal support services, such as healthcare and healing respite services? Just one example...	
Unless this Plan can cite one or more mid-ocean island population centers that have either achieved "zero waste" or is measurably progressing to a point of achieving such in no more than, say, 10 years, then this concept should be replaced with a more practical one (I'm betting there is no such mid-ocean island population in the Pacific or Atlantic Oceans in particular). For example, simply focusing on plastic waste repurposing (down-cycling, or "cascading") to eliminate all plastic container (all types), in addition to a 50% reduction in plastic packaging waste, would be inspirational, potentially "can do" targets to inspire and motivate us all through appropriate implementation tactics.	10
Saying we want "multimodal" transportation is nice but inadequate in a region that's far too dependent on private automobiles. This should emphasize the need to expand non-automobile options so that one can live without a car anywhere on the island.	10
I see no mention anywhere in this plan about long-term control of feral animals and their impact on our native forests, native animals/birds, and public health and safety. This could be anything from requiring developers to take measures to eradicate or address feral pigs before beginning development that displaces pigs into nearby community backyards, or additional fencing for sensitive ecosystems, or even some method of funding program to support hunters and trappers in addressing this problem. There is also no mention of animal control. We need to have animal shelter and intake facilities in multiple districts across our large island, especially in South Kona. We need additional support around public safety regarding dog attacks and large cat populations that can spread disease and harm native birds. Where and how can that be addressed in this plan?	2
If Hawaiians are leaving due to inability to purchase homes can we collaborate with banks to help? Years ago mortgages were designed as 15 or 30 year mortgages. People are living 20+ years longer. Perhaps mortgages need to be 40 or 50 years. Perhaps we can provide a interest rate that is half of the going norm for anyone who can demonstrate they are of Hawaiian descent.	10
Our economy is NOT diverse enough. Need more manufacturing	10
Wherein a process was designed to ignore the needs of Hawaiian people and is used to justify reckless overdevelopment in the interests of global corporations and shareholder value. This is a broad and general statement condemning the process and execution of The General Plan as rigged to promote the prevailing interests of the ruling class. It is a classic exercise of pretending to listen to community input. Its fundamental purpose is greenwashing and alohawashing. It is a plan for the wealthy to continue to dominate and exploit the land of Hawai'i Island and its people. It is a nightmare for Hawaiians. The concept at the core of the General Plan is usage: who can use who to profit from exploitation of land. The fundamental issue at stake is a definition of the highest and best use of the land: for profit or for sustenance. "The General Plan 2040 strives to position Hawai'i Island for economic progress..." "The overarching goal of the plan is to guide future development..." The General Plan encourages exploitation of the land and the continued marginalization of its people. The plan does nothing to either reclaim or protect water, beaches and reefs. It encourages the further onslaught of tourists and luxury housing developments centered around automobile transportation. For fundamentally it is a zoning plan for the interests of the capitalized sector and a prelude for endless disputes. It does not represent the interests of undercapitalized wage slaves; the under-employed, over-employed, or unemployed; the aged or the homeless; those most in need of urban infrastructure with healthcare, mental health services, and basic social services. This plan was prepared for public consumption by people who have vested interests in its execution. The plan is not made to create affordable housing or a higher higher quality of life for the current residents of Hawai'i and their families. It is not going to redistribute the stolen lands of the Hawaiian people in an equitable manner. It is a an invitation for the non-resident wealthy class to further launder money and invest in their own future. The General Plan exposes what county politicians think is required to satisfy the donor class of contractors, developers, and unions. Because this is not a plan. This is an excuse for overdevelopment. It is a testament to the colonial ethic that everything is for sale to the highest bidder. But does Hawai'i	1

Island really have to be made available for sale to the highest bidder? Or is there another way to set our priorities? The definition of the future for Hawaii Island should be based on an expression of Hawaiian values. If we truly want sustainability, it must be based on Hawaiian values of 'āina. If we truly want a regenerative economy, then we must capitalize kanaka, not global corporations. Our solutions are local. It is time for a new plan.	
what is the purpose of the word "now" here? I think it is unnecessary and distracting.	3
Could we require carbon offset by airlines?	10
maintain "and improve" Maintenance inadequate.	10
This should read "their" needs instead of referencing the population. You have already referred to residents in the opening words.	10
I so agree that it is the people who are showing the government a better and more sustainable way of life off grid. But theres no profit in that method folks. And there is no government control over a self sustaining person. This is about power and control not about authentic self sustainability. Each plan is devised by the planning department and their excessive number of affiliate organizations too many to mention. Making it so very complicated to follow. Life is much more simple than that at its core. Remember we are the only species on the planet that has to pay money to be here. The truth is we really dont and it costs nothing if you use the resources properly and no "one agency" has control over all of them. The native Hawaiians way of live and value system are proof of this FACT. I cant see how all of this innovation is good for anyone or anything. I believe we are being led to mass destruction and will eventually revert back to square one. When the grid goes down AND IT WILL we will all be chopping wood and carrying water again. Its the best thing that could ever happen a reboot to square one.	6
Air Transport of visitors to the State of Hawaii contributes 3x the GHG emissions by CO2(e) as all electricity generation in the state and 6x the GHG emissions as all ground transportation in the State. Is the mitigation going to include dramatic reductions in visitation here and elimination of advertising Hawaii as destination?	10
The Greenhouse Gas emissions, when considering in addition to CO2 the non-CO2 emissions, for visitors air transport to and from the state of Hawaii in 2019 were somewhere between equivalent to the total of Hawaii's domestic GHG emissions and 2x that value in terms of CO2(e). If one uses the method coming closest to the average value calculated by the eight Aviation emissions calculators available on the internet and the eight global 'Regions of Origin' data provided by the Hawaii Tourism Authority, one calculates the visitors air transport emissions at 1-1/2x Hawaii's total domestic emissions. If one uses the factor endorsed by the IPCC along with HTA's visitor origin data, one calculates the visitor's air transport emissions at 2x all Hawaii's domestic emissions. If one factors in altitude of flight factors, this would become significantly greater than 2x Hawaii's domestic emissions. "A high quality of life for residents is maintained until" ... humanity's extinction from climate change.	10
I have no idea as to what is meant by "flexible or mobile Household."	10

Sustainable and self-reliant communities exist right now through out Puna in particular in spite of the county planning process not because of it. Whole communities live off grid right now here. Thousands of people grow their own food in lower Puna right now. We get little to no help from the county or state. We should be a laboratory for alternatives, low cost housing innovation, and living, we already do it and have for decades. During and after the 2018 eruption I and others lived in isolation for many months yet had good water, food, and electricity. After Tropical storm Issel the community opened the roads not the county of national guard. We did it in 1 day and did not see any national guard or county workers until 3 days later. I never lost power because I make my wn. No grid required. We can teach you how to do things for less money that are more reliable. Power is a good place to start. Making power where it is needed instead of in centralized power plants makes sense right now. The grid is very expensive to build, maintain, and operate. It is an outdated technology that served it's purpose but has become antiquated in the new 21st century. The grid make whole communities and areas vulnerable to disruption because of natural or external man caused disruptions where making the power on site completely eliminates those risk. No risk of fires from downed lines, leaving the grid is far more efficient use of power produced by eliminating line loss. Hardening the grid or building smart grids is utility driven to try and maintain the business model they use, a monopoly. Battery tech is advancing so fast cost were reduced by 80% in just a few years. Expect that to continue and get even better while hardening or building Smart grids will only get more expensive. The grid came from nailing a wire to a tree, this is the 21st century the grid is the problem now, certainly not the solution.	6
Improve clarity of this sentence (because, as)	8
The primary role of government in a free society is to defend the liberty of it's citizens. Please recognize your primary commitment to personal liberties and freedoms.	9