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BALANCING CHANGE IN
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**Hawai'i Congress of
Planning Officials
Conference Program**

Sept. 11-13, 2024, Island of Hawai'i
The Westin Hapuna Beach Resort



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Hawai'i County
Planning Department



The Deeper Meaning Behind the Logo...

In our logo, the symbolism runs as deep as the roots of our islands. The vibrant **green** and **blue** hues mirror the lush forest landscapes and the vast expanse of our surrounding ocean, illustrated by the rhythmic white waves gracefully meeting the shore.



The waves also form the silhouette of a canoe hull with **red** and **yellow** sails, that also represent the fiery essence of our majestic volcanoes.

Each of the patterns in the green kapa has meaning:

Kanaka: Each square represents a person, in groups of nine, which also represent the nine districts of the Island of Hawai'i.



Kaula: The cord that binds us all together, both in our purpose and in our strength.



Kōnane: A traditional Hawaiian game similar to checkers. It represents our strategy and planning.



Ho'oku'i: The connection we share to each other and as a group to work together for a greater good.



Hōkū: The stars that guide our paths and bring our plans to fruition.



Message from Mayor Mitch Roth



Aloha and a warm welcome to the Hawai'i Congress of Planning Officials conference at the Hapuna Westin Hotel. As Mayor of the County of Hawai'i, I extend my sincere gratitude to each of you for joining us today. Your presence underscores the importance of collaborative efforts in shaping the future of our island communities.

This conference serves as a vital nexus for our planning departments, facilitating the exchange of ideas and inspiration. The connections made here are crucial for fostering resilience and ensuring that our communities are not only prosperous but sustainable for future generations. In a world facing increasing environmental challenges, the importance of sustainable planning cannot be overstated. It is our responsibility to prioritize practices that protect our natural resources, reduce our carbon footprint, and enhance the quality of life for all residents.

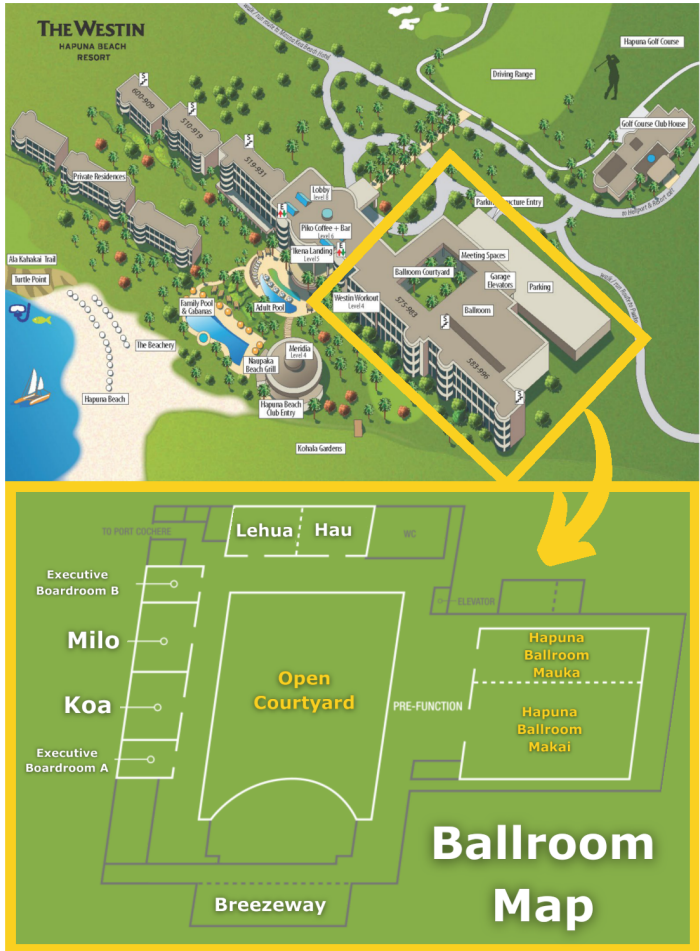
I encourage each one of you to actively participate and hope this event will be a catalyst for innovative solutions and strengthened partnerships. May the next few days be filled with productive discussions, meaningful insights, and lasting connections that contribute to the continued progress and well-being of our beautiful islands.

Mahalo for your dedication to making Hawai'i a model of sustainability and resilience.

Mayor Mitch Roth
County of Hawai'i



Westin Hapuna Map



Westin Hapuna Beach Resort Hotel Information:

Check-in is available at 4PM Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2024. Please visit the bell desk if you would like to drop off your luggage before check-in time. Check out time on Friday is 12PM and luggage can be left with the bell desk until your departure.

Check out the conference **snack and meal menu** by scanning this QR Code:



Conference Schedule

Wednesday

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Mobile Workshops

4:00 PM Hotel Check-In

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Reception:
Pupus & Entertainment in the Open Courtyard

**5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Directors Panel
in the Open Courtyard**

Thursday

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Networking Breakfast - Ballroom

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM Opening Protocol - Ballroom

**8:30 AM - 9:45 AM Opening and Keynote
Speaker - Peter Schwartz - Ballroom**

9:45 AM - 10:00 AM Break

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Breakout Session 1

11:30 AM - 11:45 AM Break

11:45 AM - 1:15 PM Lunch

Zendo Kern & APA Awards - Ballroom

1:15 PM - 1:30 PM Break

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Breakout Session 2

3:00 PM - 3:15 PM Break

3:15 PM - 4:45 PM Breakout Sessions 3

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Dinner/Music
and Luau in the Open Courtyard

Friday

7:00 AM - 9:00 AM Networking Breakfast - Ballroom

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Ethics - Hau Room

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM AICP Exam Prep - Lehua Room

9:00 AM - 9:15 AM Break

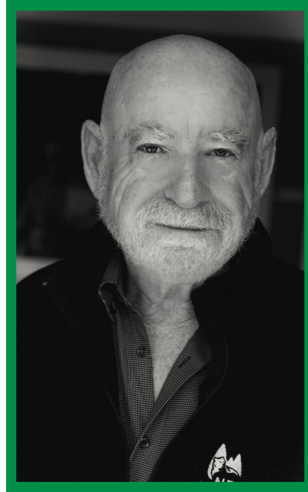
9:15 AM - 11:00 AM Law & Land Use - Ballroom

11:00 AM - 11:15 AM Closing Protocol - Ballroom



Keynote Speaker:

Peter Schwartz



Peter Schwartz is an internationally renowned futurist and business strategist, specializing in scenario planning and working with corporations, governments, and institutions to create alternative perspectives of the future and develop robust strategies for a changing and uncertain world.

As Chief Futures Officer for Salesforce, he manages the organization's ongoing strategic conversation. Peter was co-founder and chairman of Global Business Network. He is the author of several works. His first book, *The Art of the Long View*, is considered a seminal publication on scenario planning. Peter has also served as a script consultant on the films "The Minority Report," "Deep Impact," "Sneakers," and "War Games."

He received a B.S. in aeronautical engineering and astronautics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York.

To learn more about our
other speakers, scan the
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E Hō Mai

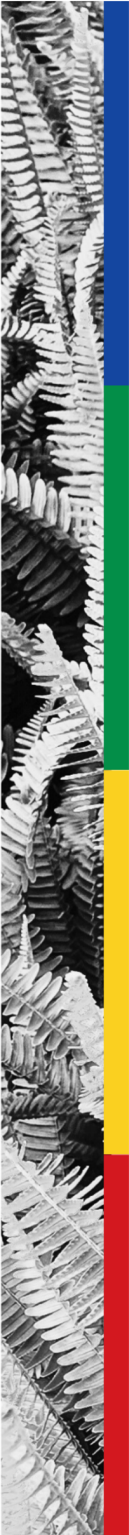
E hō mai ka 'ike mai luna mai ē
O nā mea huna no'eau
O nā mele ē
E hō mai, e hō mai, e hō mai ē

(repeat three times)

Translation:

Grant us knowledge from above
The knowledge hidden in the chants
Grant us these things.





Mobile Tours: **Wednesday Morning**

Kīholo Bay Fish Pond and Hike

Loko i'a (fishponds) were once abundant along Hawaiian shores but many have been destroyed or neglected. Fortunately, some survive, sparking renewed interest in revitalizing these vital systems for local food security. Loko i'a serve as crucial habitats for native flora and fauna, bridging land and coastal waters. At Kīholo, The Nature Conservancy partners with Hui Aloha Kīholo to restore Ka Loko o Kīholo (Kīholo Fishpond). See the hands-on efforts to restore rock walls, remove invasive plants, and revive native vegetation, contributing to land stewardship. (CM 3.0)

Natural Energy Lab Hawai'i Authority

NELHA aims to boost Hawai'i's economy through energy & ocean research, supporting various green & blue tech firms. Our tour begins with Terraformation's Ridge-to-Reef Restoration Center, where you'll explore seed banking, agroforestry, ecosystem restoration, and coral farming. Next, we'll visit Symbrosia, a local startup combating climate change with SeaGraze™, a methane-cutting seaweed additive hailed as a potential savior for climate change. Finally, we'll stop by Hawai'i Island's sole salt farm, where we'll delve into salt harvesting, deep ocean seawater distinctions, cultural significance, and gain insight into ancient Hawaiian settlement. (CM 3.0)

Mobile Tours: Wednesday Morning

Kailua Built Environment Bike Tour

Join us for a mobile bike tour of Kailua-Kona, supported by PATH Hawai'i! Starting at Ane Keohokālole, we'll discuss Kona's Transient Oriented Development plans, then pedal to Old Kona Airport Park, noting development insights. Explore pedestrian-friendly streets and mixed-use areas, reaching Honi's Beach Park for lunch. Discover Kailua-Kona's evolving built environment, ending at Pawai Place for shopping, chocolate, & cold brews. Bikes and helmets provided, courtesy of PATH Hawai'i. (CM 3.0)

Waikōloa Dry Forest Initiative

Visit the Waikoloa Forest Preserve, where you will learn about the unique lowland dry forest of the region and the work that the local community is doing to conserve and restore it. Waikōloa Dry Forest Initiative staff will guide this interpretive walk and share mo'olelo, natural history, conservation challenges, and forest restoration strategies and successes. Along the hike, participants will see ancient wiliwili trees, forest restoration areas, and a native plant nursery. Lunch will be at a covered pavilion with discussion and also Q&A. (CM 3.0)

Mobile Tours Sponsored By:



Breakout Session 1 Options:

Thursday 10 AM - 11:30 AM

Park it Right, Hawai'i

Location: Lehua Room

Speakers: Kathleen Rooney, Chris Clark, Katia Balassiano, and Tyler Saenz



Speaker
Bios

Parking reforms remain crucial to advancing our transportation, climate, health, and aina-based goals. The session will introduce the Reinventing Parking board game, as well as a new Parking Management Toolkit and case studies to help set strategies and communication that build support for innovative concepts, policies, and management approaches. (CM 1.5)

Crossing the Islands: Lessons & Action in State and County Climate Planning

Location: Milo Room

Speakers: Alexander Yee, Joshua Cooper, Kendra Obermaier, Ana Española, and Udi Mandel
Moderator: Ron Whitmore



Speaker
Bios

The State of Hawai'i and each of the four counties has adopted (or will soon adopt) plans responding to the climate emergency. These plans both reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to anticipated climate change impacts like sea level rise, severe weather, and wildfires. The counties also coordinate and share lessons learned through the Four County Sustainability Network. (CM 1.5 SR)

Breakout Session 1 Options:

Thursday 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Sustainable Food Systems

Location: Hau Room

Speakers: Stephen Yundt, Maureen Datta,
Dennis Flemming, Saleh Azizi, and
Justin Clayton

Moderator: Ashley Kierkiewicz



Speaker
Bios

How can planners effectuate an environment that promotes the growth of local, sustainable food production? This session will explore how producers are creating soil, growing, processing, and creating value added food products sustainably, and explore some of the successes and impediments to their efforts. (CM 1.5)

Confronting Hawai'i's Housing Challenges

Location: Koa Room

Speakers: Kate Blystone, Jodi A.
Higuchi Sayegusa, and Marie Williams

Moderator: Mitali Ganguly and
Caroline Cochran



Speaker
Bios

Hawai'i has become the most expensive housing market in the country. This session will address strategies and solutions in addressing Hawai'i's unique housing challenges, including pro-housing legislation, housing affordability and attainability, and knowing where and how to build housing. (CM 1.5)

Breakout Session 2 Options:

Thursday 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Innovative Approaches to Assess Alternative Commuters Transportation Needs

Location: Lehua Room

Speakers: Abbey Seitz, Kiana Otsuka,
Jess Thompson, Paul Alee,
and Nelson Salvador



Speaker
Bios

Explore innovative methods for understanding the travel needs of 'alternative commuters', which are commuters that typically travel during off-peak hours such as caretakers, kupuna, and shift workers. The panelists will speak on experiences implementing the Department of Health's Transportation Options for Shift Workers in Hawai'i study, which identified transportation solutions for shift workers in Kalihi and Hilo. (CM 1.5)

Exploring Transfer of Development Rights for Managed Retreat in Hawai'i

Location: Milo Room

Speakers: Melissa May, Makena Coffman
Alexander Yee, and Ka'aina Hull



Speaker
Bios

We will explore the feasibility and considerations around the use of Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) for managed retreat in Hawai'i, including efforts to enact TDR legislation, analyze TDR feasibility, and discuss considerations for applications of TDR in urban and rural contexts. (CM 1.5 SR)

Breakout Session 2 Options:

Thursday 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Whole-Community Approaches to Disaster Recovery and Strategies to Build Long-Term Resilience

Location: Hau Room

Speakers: Douglas Nam Le, Kate Blystone, Zoë Callahan, and Luke Myers



Speaker
Bios

Hawai'i communities have recently faced disasters like the 2018 Kīlauea eruption and Maui wildfires, along with more frequent storms and wildfires affecting homes, farms, and infrastructure. This session will explore whole community disaster recovery, emphasizing community capacity, cultural and ecological revitalization, housing, infrastructure, and economic regeneration. CM 1.5 (0.75 Eq & 0.75 SR)

Infrastructure Planning with Regional Investment

Location: Koa Room

Speakers: Katia Balassiano, Zendo Kern, Ann Bouslog, Dave Freudenberger, and Andrea Roess



Speaker
Bios

Hear key points from OPSD's report on TOD Infrastructure Finance and Delivery Strategy and learn how the 2022 State Infrastructure Master Plan for Iwilei can be a model regional planning and funding. Then, explore value capture and P3 infrastructure funding tools like CFDs, TIF, and PACE, and their potential use in Hawai'i. (CM 1.5)

Breakout Session 3 Options: Thursday 3:15 PM - 4:45 PM

Hawai'i AI: A Round Table Exercise

Location: Lehua Room

Speakers: Kevin Sullivan, Alex Roy,
and Robert Gutierrez



Speaker
Bios

Discussion of the utility of AI in the planning workplace as well as cautions and opportunities for AI's effect on the planning profession in Hawai'i. Attendees will have the opportunity to share and discuss their exposure and application of AI to their professional planning duties. Participants will be facilitated to apply AI to real-life planning scenarios in an interactive round-table format. (CM 1.5)

Ka'ūpūlehu o ka 'āina kaha: Ahupua'a Restoration from Theory to Action

Location: Milo Room

Speakers: Jason Jeremiah, Hannah
Springer, Ulalia Woodside, and
Natalie Kurashima



Speaker
Bios

Explore various perspectives on restoring and stewarding the ahupua'a of Ka'ūpūlehu in North Kona, focusing on natural, cultural, and marine resource management alongside commercial development. The panel will discuss how land planning, entitlement, and development activities have evolved and been shaped by legal interventions, impacting how communities preserve resources and how landowners, developers, and agencies now collaborate. (CM 1.5)

Breakout Session 3 Options:

Thursday 3:15 PM - 4:45 PM

Climate Change is Now: Integrating Sea Level Rise and Coastal Threats into Planning for Beach Parks

Location: Hau Room

Speakers: Kitty Courtney and David Yamashita



Speaker
Bios

Presentation of a recent vulnerability assessment for county beach parks that also includes adaptation strategies, an interactive GIS-based application, and "Readiness Plans". The session will outline the project's methodology, demonstrate the app, and describe how it's now being used by the Parks Department. The project provides a template that could be used by other jurisdictions to conduct their own vulnerability assessment. (CM 1.5)

"Trails Are Not Highways": What We Have Learned about Building Trails with Federal Funding

Location: Koa Room

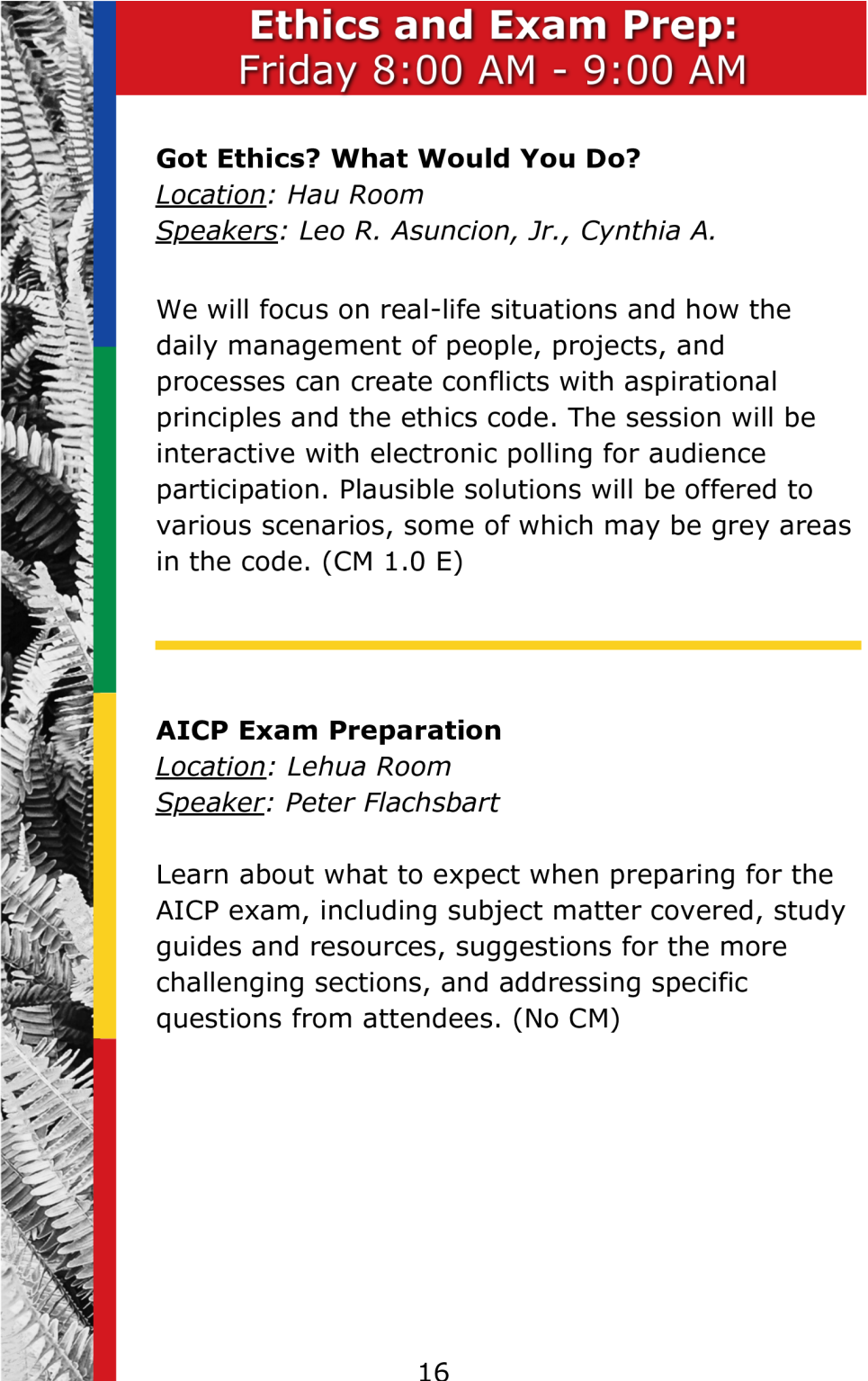
Moderator: Amy Ford-Wagner

Speakers: Ron Terry, Jackson M. Bauer, Marie Williams, Joel Rathje, & Laura Kaakua



Speaker
Bios

Federal funding is available for developing and maintaining trail systems in Hawai'i, but many trails remain unbuilt despite extensive plans. This session will explore strategies for overcoming these challenges, drawing on successes from non-profits and government agencies, to help expand Hawai'i's trail network. (CM 1.5)



Ethics and Exam Prep:

Friday 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Got Ethics? What Would You Do?

Location: *Hau Room*

Speakers: *Leo R. Asuncion, Jr., Cynthia A.*

We will focus on real-life situations and how the daily management of people, projects, and processes can create conflicts with aspirational principles and the ethics code. The session will be interactive with electronic polling for audience participation. Plausible solutions will be offered to various scenarios, some of which may be grey areas in the code. (CM 1.0 E)

AICP Exam Preparation

Location: *Lehua Room*

Speaker: *Peter Flachsbart*

Learn about what to expect when preparing for the AICP exam, including subject matter covered, study guides and resources, suggestions for the more challenging sections, and addressing specific questions from attendees. (No CM)

Law Session:

Friday 9:15 AM - 11:00 AM

Planning Law

Meeting Place: Hapuna Ballroom

Speakers: Calvert G. Chipchase, David L. Callies,
Brad T. Saito

A lively discussion covering various planning related topics with federal and state case law examples, and the latest on coastal regulations. This panel will provide foundational knowledge and translate the decisions into takeaway, practical guidance for the day-to-day work of planners who necessarily must apply the law in their work. (CM 1.75 L)



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