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Aloha,

Please stop the globalist/technocrat agenda 2045 for the Big Island. Do YOU really want to live under their dystopian plan? Who wants more rules and restrictions? Money is never worth listening to these tyrants, I hope our representatives are not lining their pockets. We cannot allow their plans to destroy our way of life. Please toss it out and refer to the 2005 General Plan.
Ignoring the people seems to be the real agenda these days. We will not be silenced.

Sincerely,
Ali

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Below is a transcript of my oral testimony with minor typo changes.

Thank you for your consideration,
Chris Hirose

Transcript of my oral testimony:

I think General plan 2045
is part of the UN agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

There's a global ruling class that creates global problems so they can peddle global solutions that gives them power and wealth while making us serfs.

This ruling class owns at least a part of the central banks all around the world.

For example the Federal Reserve is a privately owned central bank of the US.
The Federal Reserve's own website says it pays dividends to its shareholders. Also
its income is exempt from taxes except for real estate transactions.
That's why on the top of every dollar it says "Federal Reserve Note."

The Federal Reserve was created in 1913 and was used to fund both sides of World War I in 1914.

That same year in 1913, the Federal Income tax was created, to pay the debt of war.

The solution to global war, is global governance, so the League of Nations was formed.

World War II was a repeat of World War I, so the United Nations was formed.

On 9/11 a false flag was done to start the global war on terror. That's why on 9/11, 3 World Trade Center buildings were destroyed in controlled demolitions. Unlike Buildings 1 & 2, Building 7 fell in a controlled demolition without a plane hitting it.

Event 201 done in October 2019 is the Building 7 of Covid.

Event 201 shows the Covid pandemic was pre-planned and done on purpose. It is still online.

It was sponsored by the Gates Foundation, the World Economic Forum and John Hopkins.

The Rockefellers are connected to the Gates family and The World Economic Forum. John Rockefeller Sr started John Hopkins School.

Fauci's NIAID funded the Wuhan Lab where the alleged covid lab leak occurred.

Fauci's NIAID also funded Ralph Baric who patented Covid and its predecessor SARS.

Baric wrote a paper with the Wuhan Lab "Bat Lady" Shi Zhengli.

Covid was like a World War, because most countries went into massive debt to their central banks.

The global warming solution is 15 minute cities with the China model surveillance and control.

The Globalists are using weather weapons to achieve this with clear evidence in Alcapulco, Mexico with unnatural hurricanes.

Alcapulco was targeted as a smart city. The people there are rebellious and there's not even police, only military.

Last year hurricane Otis went from a tropical storm to a cat 5 hurricane in less than 24 hours. It hit Alcapulco with 165 mph winds.

This Year hurricane John went from tropical storm to a Cat 3 hurricane in 18 hours. It hit Alcapulco then it went back out to sea and then hit Alcapulco again as a Cat 1 "zombie" hurricane.

From: [Christopher Barham](#)
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Subject: Comments for 2045 plan....keep the 2025 plan please!
Date: Monday, November 4, 2024 9:53:14 AM

Dear Madam or Sir,

I am a land rural land owner and great believer of government stewardship. Particularlry helping to deal with important issues where commercial interests are in opposition to the greater voter and community interest. Additionally stewardship is important in dealing with longer term time horizons, as this tries plan to do. I also believe in a strong communication process, which we are so engaged. What I find strange, is that there is really a lack of professionalism, (significant lack of key defintions having in part come from a legal background), in the creation of this 2045 document that is completley taking a different direction to the 2025 equivelant. Is this 2045 paper rushed, or a willfull desire to decieve the constituents? There is a terrible history of abuse in Hawaii, and this document really continues in that direction. I would like to know who developed the new directions and perspectives of this tome?

I am a believer in some aspectes of the U.N. but clearly it is also quite dysfunctional with the Security Council and other agencies or groups under it's umbrella. The WEF, is not far from some of my economic professor family perspectives, and as I comment to them, the only natural world equivalent to the current economic paradigm of unlimited growth is cancer. I suspect we need to move toward something like Bhutan which has Gross Domestic Happiness as one of it's economic indicators. In the U.S.A., democracy as we typically interpret it never existed, as it was the white, wealthy landowners who directed what happened at the formation of this country, and this power has obtensibly now been transferred to the Commerical sector. It is vital that human beings and communities really shape what is best for them, as opposed to commerical or other interests.

Do you function from a place of inner awareness that is fear-based, and all the inherent complication and viscious vicious circles of insufficiency, force, and distortion of the human character, or do you choose to be self aware of the human ego and lead from a place of the wisdom and bliss bodies? In this day and age, if our government leaders are not functioning from the bliss and wisdom bodies, having done internal work to understand the images and belief structures that are dulistic in nature, and so choose to lead from unity and Oneness from beyond the mind and self-structure, then they need to learn to do this or resign. I am happy to create an ongong training program for the County and State should you so be called to function from a more empowering place of awareness and self-responsibility. In fact, this kind of education could be a part of how all teachers and children share and learn. I would love to see Hawaii be the heart of the World and transform internally to support the same globally. Let us be a World leader in all aspects of life here on the Islands. Obviously if you do not understand these words and meaning, it is time to consider some training and create a new possibility that is truly affirmative and nourishing of Source and all spirit be it human, flora, fauna, or rock or mineral etc. Everything is One and interconnected in the external illusionary perception of the dream....and it is o.k. to not take that route too. It will just enrich us all in ways beyond what we currently understand or perceive if you choose "yes" to what is ultimately love.

The Big Island General Plan 2005 **supported communities to thrive AND supported stewardship of the land.**

The current 2045 plan is a reversal to the vision of the 2005 plan! Please throw it out and start using the 2005 plan to move the Big Island forward!

Here are a some reasons to throw out the 2045 plan as it currently stands:

1. There are many insufficiently defined terms. I expect minimally you are clearly identifying the meaning of

language that is innocuous.

2. The language is not clear what the plan wishes to accomplish. There are MANY concerning sections that sound like rights, freedoms, and property are at risk with this plan.

3. Page 111, section 17.4: "*Land use application shall **identify** as early as possible any existing or potential active living corridors that should be **incorporated** into the counties open space network.*" This sounds like you'll be looking at people's property to take for open space because they apply for land use. That is not Pono and is an invasion of privacy!

4. 2.2 Biocultural Stewardship Goal (1.13): "***Incentive** private land management practices that enhance natural resources and values and when appropriate **pursue** the **acquisitions** of lands for the protections of natural resources.*" We've seen your incentives like the tax incentives on Maui, which is costing people thousands if they don't do what the government wants. You want to acquire land to protect natural resources and values. Who gets to decide what are natural resources and values? Whose values are they? Why do you think it's your right to "pursue" acquiring someone's private property?!!

5. You have an entire section on climate change that looks to take away many freedoms and rights. Did you know there are close to 2K credentialed scientists from around the world that state there is no climate danger? <https://clintel.org/world-climate-declaration/> The reason for this narrative is the change these policies will create will **increase** the pocket book of investors in renewable energy as it reduces freedoms for the general population. Also, climate change is a natural phenomena on the Earth, whether we as humans assisted it or not. For hundreds of millions of years there has been climate change on Earth, and magnetic field changes like the one we are going through now related to changes in the core of the Earth. Additionally the local galaxy's planets are also heating up, so this phenomena is not limited to Earth. To my current knowledge, there were no humans hundreds of millions of years ago here on Earth, nor currently on these other planets.

6. Page 116, 19.7: "*Concurrency reviews should incorporate **reduction in vehicle miles traveled** to mitigate traffic impacts and achieve sustainability and **demand management goals**.*" The Constitution says we have the right to travel! It is not the right of the Planning department to "demand" that your management goals reduce that right! Anything that reads, "Reduce vehicle miles traveled" should be removed from this plan! Please take a look at this pdf that shares a lot more issues with this general plan (these are inserted below but the pdf has color and easier to read).
https://www.standtogetherhawaii.com/_files/ugd/86fc0c_b34739e4c99c461685de4c0207bf286e.pdf

7. The words home owner and farmer are **written zero times in the General Plan 2045**. Farmer is in the 2005 general plan 14 times and home owner is written 4 times. 2005 General Plan was created by people who know Hawaii, her people and the land. That is the plan Big Island should use moving forward.

There are many other reasons to use 2005 General Plan other than GP 2045. The biggest is the amount of regulations that 2045 would put on current and future generations as it takes away freedoms and imposes more rules, and fines. It would completely change the way of life on the Big Island!

More specifically:

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Implementation Strategies

"Zoning & Land Use Regulations

Update regulations to align with the goals of the General Plan."

Please change to: “Update regulations” to “align with the goals of local Communities and the General Plan.”

“Public-Private Partnerships Collaborate with private entities and homeowners to achieve mutual development and conservation objectives.”

CONCERN: The word “Homeowner” is not written anywhere in the entire plan. That is VERY concerning. Why are you leaving homeowners out of the general plan that will affect them and their future generations? Please include “homeowner” wherever “stakeholder” is and where suggested in this document. Also, please be clear about who these private entities are that you want to collaborate with so this is more transparent.

“Community Engagement Continuously engage residents and stakeholders in the decision- making process.”

CONCERN: The community deserves to know who “Stakeholders” are and EXACTLY what they have stake in. Please define.

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1.1 The purposes of the General Plan are to:

- Provide the framework for regulatory decisions, capital improvement priorities, acquisition strategies, and other pertinent government programs within the County organization and coordinated with State and Federal programs.

This sounds like you want to take people’s property through acquisition and regulate the heck out of locals.

Please change to the following: Provide framework that supports local farmers and communities without further regulations, capital improvement priorities, and other pertinent **local** and government programs within the County organization and coordinate with State and Federal programs to support thriving communities.

- “Promote and safeguard the public interest and the interest of the County as a whole.”

Please change to the following: ““Promote and safeguard the public interest and the interest of the County as a whole without violating personal freedoms, the Constitution or further regulating the public.”

- “Effect political and technical coordination in community improvement and development.”

CONCERN: This sounds like you will bring politics into community living. That is not pono. **Please change to:** “Effect strategies that support community improvements and development for locals.”

“The 2045 General Plan is the primary policy document for county agencies, planning commissions, elected officials, landowners, developers, and citizens to guide land use policy decisions for the Island of Hawai’i.”

Please change to: The 2045 General Plan is the primary policy document for county agencies, planning commissions, elected officials, landowners, homeowners, developers, and locals to guide land use policy decisions for the Island of Hawai’i.

Please add: (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 without violating personal rights and freedoms, and supporting local communities to prosper, and the preservation of our natural beauty and historical sites, while still giving access to the public; the most desirable density of population in the several parts of the county (Remove)

(b) The council shall enact zoning, subdivision, and such other ordinances which shall contain the necessary provisions to support thriving communities, farmers and homeowners. The way it is currently written describes zoning people out of their homes with more regulations and fines.

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(d) Amendments to the general plan may be initiated by the council or the planning director

giving adequate notice to the public for needed testimony.

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CONCERN WITH THE THREE CIRCLE "SUSTAINABILITY" DIAGRAM: The words: Sustainability and Equity are part of a political woke vocabulary and should not be in the Hawaii General Plan. Also, "Social and Culture Equity" should be removed. It is not the responsibility of the planning department to control the behavior of people. That again is a "woke" agenda. Nor does this language reflect a thriving community. "Environmental Protection" gives the impression of more regulations and a reduction of people's rights. Please remove it.

Instead call it: INNOVATION with these 3 circles: Economic Alternatives, Environmental Support, Thriving Communities

The goal of the planning department should be to create an environment of prosperity and not one of over regulation and constraints on locals. We can do those through new innovations and

1.4 Innovation Principles and Practices

CONCERN: Big Island needs to move toward free energy, which is available and not

more regulations on what we have.

Change: Integrating innovation into the General Plan is crucial for fostering long-term resilience and thriving communities.

Change: "This includes increasing the effectiveness of new technologies to support local communities, improving coordination among various agencies and levels of government, and finding new and innovative ways to support our natural and cultural resources. for better development that supports a thriving environment, economic alternatives (sharing without taxes, trading without regulation), and flourishing communities. The General Plan recognizes this need and aligns with the Hawai'i 2050 Sustainability Plan¹, which sets a strategic framework for achieving a sustainable future. By embedding sustainability principles into its core, this Plan sets forth a cohesive and forward- thinking strategy that addresses key challenges and anticipates future needs." Please remove what is highlighted!

not sustainability. Sustainability moves Big Island backwards not forward!

CONCERN: By using the word "Sustainable" you are not supporting Hawaii to move forward. You are creating more control of the environment, and communities. That is not Pono and violates the HS [§5-7.5] "Aloha Spirit": *"Aloha" means mutual regard and affection and extends warmth in caring with no obligation in return.* If the

planning department creates a general plan that adds more regulations and constraints on locals, they violate the Aloha Spirit law.

The Hawai'i 2050 Innovation Plan "created the State's first definition of sustainability" (remove): A Hawai'i that achieves the following:

1. Respects the culture, character, beauty, and history of our state's island communities;
2. Support a thriving community both socially and economically as we support our environment to heal and prosper; and
3. Meets the needs of the present without violating freedoms or compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

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In the diagram: "Regulatory Measures"

- County Code
- Administrative Rules
- Permits

This shows that this general plan will increase restrictions and fees on farmers and other locals. This is not Pono. The plan should reflect innovation not constraints against the population. Please change to

CHANGE TO: "Innovation Practices"

- Implement new resources
- Administration support
- Economic Alternatives

Remove "permits". Stop trying to permit the population to death!

CURRENTLY: The Plan also incorporates guidelines to serve as strategic directions and standards to inform decisions regarding topics such as land use, infrastructure, housing, and resource management. These guidelines help to ensure consistency in planning and implementation, promoting sustainable growth, environmental stewardship, and community well-being. (This is a complete overreach of the government. You cannot tell people what to do with their property! It is NOT the responsibility of the planning department to ensure people's well-being! This should be revised to support environment, innovations, and thriving communities.)

- **Vision:** The ability to plan for the future with creativity and innovation in support of thriving communities.
- **Goal:** To see Hawaii Island become self-sustaining as communities and the environment prosper
- **Objective:** Measurable, achievable, and time-bound milestones toward achieving a goal.
- **Guideline:** A stated course of action that shall take precedence when addressing areas of concern and should be followed, unless a determination is made that it is not the most desirable in a particular case; thus, a guideline may be deviated from without penalty or sanction as long as it supports thriving communities, economic alternatives and supporting the environment.

Regulatory Implementing Actions (Locals DO NOT need more regulations and hoops to jump through. That will not support thriving communities.)

Regulatory implementing actions are one of two types of approaches used in the General Plan to pursue the vision, goals, and objectives. Regulatory actions are controlling in that they define boundaries, development parameters, and measures intended to implement goals or objectives. The three regulatory implementing actions in the Plan include:

Please change the last paragraph to:

Work with local communities to pursue the vision, goals, and objectives. Find fair and supportive directions to define boundaries, development parameters, and measures intended to implement goals or objectives. Three actions in the Plan include:

- **General Plan Land Use Map:** A map that graphically delineates the areas of intended future land use types that support thriving communities and environmental support and do not hinder personal freedoms.
- **Policy:** A general rule for action focused on a specific issue, derived from more general goals³ that also support thriving communities and supporting the environment.
- **Standard:** A supportive measure that defines the meaning, quality, or quantity of a policy by providing a way to measure its attainment.

In the 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 through innovations and are flexible to support thriving communities. “because, as they must **conform** to and implement the general plan in accordance with the County Charter, Section 3-15.” Remove! The word “conform” is concerning. We are not in Communist China. Please revise to support thriving communities.

Non-regulatory implementing actions typically involve community engagement, education and outreach, partnership development, and resource allocation to **encourage support from the community (remove “compliance”)** and proactive efforts. This approach allows for flexibility and innovation in achieving the Plan’s vision.

Throughout the General Plan, the objectives and policies are followed by a set of implementing actions. There are three types:

Add: **Community Support:** Taking testimony and revisions from the community seriously and implementing where possible.

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1.6 Grounded Vision and Goals

As we navigate our future, maintaining a balance between economic alternatives, environmental support, and thriving communities is paramount.

By integrating those established values and principles, the General Plan ensures continuity and reflects the collective vision of Hawai’i Island residents, guiding new innovation developments while honoring our unique cultural and environmental heritage.

The four primary chapters of the Plan encompass the innovation pillars of environment, community, and

economy, as outlined in the Hawai'i State Planning Act Goals.

General Plan Vision Statement

Hawai'i Island is an exemplary leader with healthy and resilient communities that are built by innovative developments, a thriving and diversified local economy, and collaborative biocultural stewardship with locals.

General Plan Chapter	Goal
Collaborative Biocultural Stewardship	Natural and cultural resources are thriving and sustainably managed, preserved, and restored to maintain our unique and diverse environment and use innovative techniques if and when appropriate to support future growth.
Addressing Climate Change for Island-Wide Health CONCERN: Please realize there is no climate change emergency. 1944 credentialed scientists from around the world have signed a "No Climate Change Emergency Declaration". You can find it here: https://clintel.org/world-climate-declaration/ Humans have less than 1% affect on climate. Please do your own research on this.	Ensure the science is followed and investigate credentialed scientists and the Milankovitch cycles of which both have shown the earth is cooling. Since humans have less than 1% impact on climate, start supporting ways that we can maintain a healthy island by incorporating policies, programs, infrastructure, and decision-making that support the environment and thriving communities. And NOT policies that take away more freedoms and regulate locals to death! Hawaii Island will not believe in false narratives with political agendas.
Innovative Development & Thriving	We strategically apply innovative land use
Communities It is NOT the responsibility of the planning department to manage the health and safety of communities. That is an overreach of the government!	strategies incorporating indigenous and contemporary knowledge and place-based practices to direct and manage growth for thriving communities. Each community is connected by a multimodal and modernized transportation network that provides a system for safe, efficient, and comfortable movement of people and goods. Our communities are adequately served by innovation and efficient public infrastructure, utilities, and services based on existing and future growth needs, sound design principles, and effective maintenance practices. Our communities are thriving and supported and have access to integrative health, education, and social services to support a high quality of life for all residents. Residents have access to adequate (change to: comfortable) and affordable housing to meet the needs of the population and provide equitable (remove) opportunities for household flexibility and mobility. We employ integrated systems that are efficient, equitable (remove), fair, and organized to facilitate coordination and collaboration.

Thriving, Diversified, Competitive with Economic Alternatives	Our economy is competitive, innovative, and supportive. It helps our communities thrive and increases local economic opportunities. Agriculture is a robust sector that supports local farmers and includes a broad range of agricultural-based businesses that highlight value, organic and good health practices. A high quality of life for locals is maintained when a supportive visitor industry balances economic growth with natural and cultural
responsibility.	

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2.1 Introduction

Collaborative biocultural (remove) stewardship is an approach to innovation development that emphasizes collaboration and partnership building among stakeholders (Who are they and what do they have stake in?), and homeowners and integrates natural and cultural resource management strategies to promote thriving communities. conservation, sustainability, and resilience (remove).

Cooperative efforts aimed at achieving innovative development sustainable management (remove) of ecological systems are crucial for protecting our natural and built environments. Land use planning and management should be holistic, inclusive (remove), and adaptive to reflect thriving communities values, knowledge, and aspirations (remove). The General Plan provides key strategies to achieve biocultural (remove) supportive stewardship, including community engagement, partnership building, collaborative decision-making, and collective action.

Environmental and social systems are complex and dynamic. These systems will require adaptive management and continuous learning as we navigate the future. The policies presented in this section seek to foster partnerships that are based on mutual respect, trust, and shared values. The community engagement process must be inclusive to incorporate diverse perspectives and knowledge systems into conservation and development strategies. Following such practices can promote the co-creation of knowledge, the sharing of resources, and the empowerment of communities. By leveraging the strengths and resources of different

, and homeowners we can enhance the capacity of communities to manage natural and cultural resources sustainably

(remove). We can also facilitate the creation of new networks and alliances, promoting social cohesion and resilience. Ultimately, the collaborative biocultural stewardship approach can foster a more integrated, inclusive, and equitable approach to conservation and development that reflects the aspirations and needs of local communities. (REMOVE THIS IS LANGUAGE IT

stakeholders REMOVE (Who are they and what do they have stake in?)

IS DESIGNED TO REDUCE FREEDOMS INCREASE GOVERNMENT AND STAKEHOLDER OVERREACH AND BRING IN MORE GOVERNMENT CONTROL)

CHANGE TO: We can also facilitate the creation of new innovative programs that support and reflect the aspirations of thriving local communities.

This fundamental element of the Plan strives to cultivate a sense of place and connection to the environment and recognizes that the management of natural and cultural resources requires the participation of local communities, government, homeowners and other agencies diverse actors, including communities, governments, non-governmental organizations, and private sector entities. By promoting collaborative decision-making and collective action, we can enhance the effectiveness, equity, and legitimacy of conservation and development and innovative policies. By promoting community-based conservation and restoration strategies, we can enhance ecological integrity, promote biodiversity, and preserve cultural heritage and scenic

diversity in shaping environmental perceptions, attitudes, and behaviors (Remove. People do not want to be manipulated). [It recognizes that cultural practices arising from traditional ecological knowledge are integral to maintaining ecosystem services and biological diversity.] (remove)

Change to: Cultural practices arising from traditional ecological knowledge are integral to supporting the growth of thriving communities that wish to improve their environment.

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Table 1: Biocultural (change to Land) Stewardship Challenges

The word “Bioculture” is reflective of both biological and cultural factors that affect human behavior. Locals do not want the planning department to affect our behavior. Your job is to support the land, environment, and thriving communities.

Native Habitat

- Hawai‘i has been known as the extinction capital of the world.
- Climate change and sea level rise pose threats to existing habitats for native flora and fauna.

climate danger. This is a narrative created by the “stakeholders” to move their agenda forward.

landscapes.(Redundant Remove) Biocultural stewardship acknowledges the role of cultural

REMOVE (Again, according to 1944 credential scientists from around the world, there is no

<https://clintel.org/world-climate-declaration/>) Has the water level risen in any of the towns in Hawaii?

- Longer and/or more severe weather and climate change may increase the likelihood of

melted out of cars, where animals and humans are left recognizable, and where plastic doesn’t burn or even melt is not normal. That was an attack and murder of our Lahaina ohana. That is why only 20 building permits have been issued after a year! AND why Lahahina is STILL locked down!)

- Invasive species continue to pose a threat to native and endemic species as well economic, environmental, and human health. (Reminder: It is not the responsibility of the planning department to protect people’s health.)

- The carrying capacity of our resources is not comprehensively modeled and monitored.

(Modeled and monitored should be for government agencies.)

- The County lacks specific regulations for wetlands, riparian ecosystems, or other valuable habitats.

Stewardship

- The County has a limited budget for its large-scale geographic responsibility for the protection of public trust natural and cultural resources. (Revise. This doesn't make sense. What are you trying to say? What responsibility are you talking about? What does the protection of public trust mean?)
- Hawai'i Island has a large variation of unique biomes and ecosystems.
- The difference between traditional and modern practices along with varying mauka to makai ownership makes it difficult to comprehensively steward natural resources.

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Native Habitat

The County can collaborate with the State Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to create models for monitoring the carrying capacity of natural resources that will support farmers and thriving communities.

wildfires. REMOVE (The Maui fire was NOT normal. A fire where trees do not burn but glass is

- Ongoing conservation work can continue to evolve from species-specific conservation (e.g., Albizia eradication) to focus on ecosystem restoration across multiple land ownership to protect Hawai'i's biodiversity and support local farms.
- Maintaining healthy, native-dominant forests offers immense savings of land biocultural (Remove) and water resources that might otherwise be lost to the impacts of climate change (Remove) and invasive species.
- Conservation lands hold significant value in the water resources they represent.
- Incentivizing and developing regenerative land uses without further regulations or fines, such as agroforestry, can provide sustainable opportunities to ecosystems and communities.
- Hawai'i can become a statewide adaptation and resiliency leader by focusing on its unique strengths and diversity to evolve with changing realities.
- Urban forestry can be prioritized or incentivized in the County Code. This means more regulations and possible fines. No thank you! Change to: Support the further growth of current urban forestry

Watersheds

- Establish more place-based watershed partnerships to create unique management plans that incorporate the generational knowledge of those water systems and protect our island's watersheds and local farms.
- Strengthen the integration of Hawaiian biocultural resource management and traditional ecological knowledge across County government to support local farms.
- Practice an integrated approach to ecosystem-based collaborative management that considers the entire ecosystem and local communities.
- Watershed protection and management require collaboration and coordination across all levels of government and must include effective community engagement. Revise to: Support Watershed and management coordination which integrates local communities.

Stewardship

- Hawai'i Island has a large variation of its unique natural biomes and ecosystems.

- Ongoing interagency coordination, including consultation with place-based land stewards, cultural and historical advisory groups, land and homeowners, and other stakeholders being transparent of what they hold stake in.
- The County can take a more proactive role in exercising its protective public trust role for natural and cultural resources. This sounds like government overreach. Again, the planning department is NOT responsible for protecting the public. That is a byproduct of what you do but it is NOT the main part of your job! Revise to: The County can take a more proactive role in supporting thriving communities and their natural and cultural resources.
- Maintain and increase involvement with existing partnerships and identify new partners that help promote and enhance biocultural (remove) Land stewardship.
- Collaborate to complete additional EPA-approved watershed plans to increase eligibility for future conservation funding.

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2.2 Biocultural Stewardship Goal,

Objectives, Policies, and Actions

Objective 1

Increase the biodiversity and resilience of native habitats.

Policies

1.4 Maintain the shoreline for recreational, cultural, educational, and/or scientific uses in a manner that is protective of nature, respectful of resources, and is of the maximum benefit to the general public.

1.8 Prioritize native landscaping for all County projects while allowing communities to enjoy it at their leisure.

1.11 Encourage and incentivize green belts, tree plantings, and landscape plans and designs in urban areas without further regulations or fines.

1.13 Incentivize private land management practices that protect and enhance natural resource and values without further regulations or fines. and, when appropriate, pursue the acquisition of lands for the protection of natural resources (Remove! This is a 110% overreach of the government.)

1.14 Partner with government, private and nonprofit agencies, communities, farmers, homeowners, and other stakeholders (What do they have a stake in? Who are they?) to:

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- Implement the Hawai'i State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) (What is this plan? Where can it be found?)
- Better understand and model carrying capacities of the island's habitats and resources
- Improve the inventory of forested lands and associated ecosystem services
- Encourage the continued identification and inclusion of unique wildlife habitat areas of Native Hawaiian habitat within the Natural Area Reserve System
- Anticipate future habitat migration, especially wetlands and coastal ecosystems
- Prioritize quantitative wetland assessment to identify wetlands
- Expand native and/or endemic forest cover
- Improve enforcement for illegal activities that harm or degrade endemic habitats (Who is defining endemic

habitats and how is it defined? I MUST be defined by Hawaii citizen commission and not anyone outside Hawaii. Mainland people should NOT be able to define this.)

1.18 Public landscaping and irrigation shall be designed to maximize water use efficiency and native plants.

Actions

1.b Review tree survey requirements and amend the Code to incorporate as part of site planning for public use.

1.h Develop buffer policies to protect native forests, wildlife, rivers, streams, coastal waters, and other native habitats without. This is too vague. What policies are you considering and will that come with penalties? If so, remove this.

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1.i Create incentives for landowners to retain and re-establish forest cover in upland watershed areas with an emphasis on native forest species without further regulations or fines.

1.k Amend the landscape standards in Rule or Code (Remove) to require the use of native plants for screening or landscaping.

Change to: Support local education on the importance of using native plants for screening or landscaping.

1.l Amend the Code to incentivize (Remove) Replace with Support local education on the importance of the establishment of threatened and endangered endemic plant species within their habitable ranges during development approvals.

1.m Review the Code and consider amendments to encourage site clustering of development in order to avoid critical environmental areas and assets. REMOVE

This is more unneeded regulations. This is BIG Island. People do not need to be ontop of each other. You're promoting too many regulations.

1.n Develop and establish Open Space Network Overlay on current unoccupied territory for natural landscape features, such as beaches and dunes, forests, streams, floodplains, wetlands, estuaries, or recharge areas that have the inherent capacity to avoid, minimize, or mitigate the impacts of climate change (Remove)

1.q Develop comprehensive programs and policies and provide resources for enhancing urban forestry canopy cover in unoccupied areas and without further regulations or fines for local farmers.

1.u Partner with government, private and nonprofit agencies, communities, and other stakeholders and local farmers to develop a program for the identification and protection of plant species of special status, including plants significant for cultural practitioners.

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2.7 Partner with government, private and nonprofit agencies, communities, farmers, and homeowners, and other stakeholders (Remove. Who are these people and what do they have stake in?) to:

- o a) Implement a comprehensive conservation plan that identifies priority watershed areas for habitat restoration and enhancement without further regulations or fines on locals.
- o b) Review and designate forest, river corridors, and watershed areas into the conservation district during State land use boundary comprehensive reviews.
- o c) Monitor nearshore water quality and impacts to reefs and marine environments and address land-based sources of impacts.
- o d) Protect and restore wetlands and riparian corridors to ensure more pristine water quality, decrease erosion, and increase sediment management, groundwater infiltration, nutrient/pollutant uptake, soil

moisture retention, stormwater abatement, and cultural/community connections without further regulations or fines on locals..

- o e) Develop reasonable standards to improve stream and coastal water quality monitoring and encourage local communities to develop such projects without further regulations or fines on locals.

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Objective 3

Increase direct community restoration and collaborative efforts to conserve and nourish the island's biocultural resources.

Policies

3.1 Encourage an overall conservation ethic in the use of Hawai'i's resources by protecting, preserving, and conserving critical and significant natural resources without further fines and regulation on the population.

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Actions

4.b Change from: Reassess Certified Local Government status to ensure the support of farmers and homeowners and maximize funding opportunities for self-supporting communities.

4.h Partner with government, private and nonprofit agencies, farmers, homeowners, other local communities, and other stakeholders (remove or let us know what they have stake in) to develop design guidelines for designated communities containing significant historic buildings, sites, or landscapes.

4.i Assess and prioritize County-owned lands for historic site restoration in collaboration with government, private and nonprofit agencies, farmers, homeowners, other local communities, and other stakeholders (remove or let us know what they have stake in).

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Objective 5

Protect, restore, and enhance our communities' unique scenic character.

Policies

5.c Develop a process for reviewing and revising guidelines for designating Natural Beauty Sites without invasion of current resident areas or local farms.

5.d Establish a Scenic Resources Protection Program to identify, inventory, and protect areas of significant beauty. The program could include recommendations from the Scenic Resources Inventory and Mapping Project (2016) without invasion of current resident areas or local farms.

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3.1 Introduction

The climate change section of the General Plan is intended to be used as a policy guide for the coordinated climate mitigation and adaptation efforts on Hawai'i Island. This element provides a high-level policy framework, building on the scientific knowledge and government-level strategies and actions developed in the Integrated Action Plan (ICAP) for the island of Hawai'i.

This is VERY Concerning!

As stated earlier the World Climate Declaration was signed currently by 1,944 scientists stating there is no climate danger. Here is what a few more scientists have to say. On the *Boston Globe's* YouTube channel, on May 14, 2010, MIT Professor of Meteorology Richard Lindzen shared the following:

"If one asks, 'Is the temperature increasing or decreasing?' it's always doing one or the other. I have no concern about that. By asking people to worry about whether it's going up or down, you're immediately establishing dishonesty. The Earth is always changing. Climate change is nothing you have to prove. It always is happening. It always has happened. So, to make that into something alarming seems a little bit weird to me¹."

1 "Global warming: why you should not worry," by the Boston Globe, May 14, 2010.

Dr. David Dilley, a former Meteorologist with the National Weather Service, United States Air Force, Senior Research Meteorologist, and Climatologist at Global Weather Oscillations Inc., has 50 years' experience in meteorology and climatology. He's also a working partner in the International Hurricane Protection Association. This is what he has to say about global warming:

"Global warming begins in the Arctic and Antarctic. It has about a 230-year cycle. When it comes back, it takes about 20 years for it to hit its peak. It started in the 1990s and hit its peak this past year. With global warming, the Antarctic and higher regions warm up. As it warms up, you have less cold air available to filter south into the middle latitudes, and it warms the middle latitudes. That is global warming²."

Dilley explained that the same thing happens with global cooling but in reverse, as the temperature increases and decreases in cycles. Dilley then shared that 2022 was the coldest spring and summer on record, with the winter of 2021 being the coldest winter on record. He also shared that in April 2023, five months before the Lahaina Fire, the Earth was running low-to-normal temperatures, and the Arctic was actually cooling down.

Dilley is also an expert of the "Milankovitch Cycle," which illustrates the rotation of the

Earth, sun, and the moon, and their effects on global warming. According to Dilley, every 120,000 years, the Earth comes closest to the sun. Then, about 68,000 years later, it's the furthest approach from the sun. He says that our closest approach was 8,000 years ago. Dilley states, *"We were warmer 6,000 to 8,000 years ago than we are today. The reason was that we were the closest approach to the sun and we had just come out of an Ice Age. We're 8,000 years off the peak now, and so we're actually cooling down."*

John Coleman, also an expert on the weather, shares the same thoughts. Coleman was the original weatherman on *Good Morning America* in the 1970s. He founded The Weather Channel in the 1980s. In 1982, he was voted "Meteorologist of the Year" by the American Meteorology Society. With regards to the Arctic and sea levels, Coleman states:

"They tell us that we're melting the polar ice caps. The Antarctic polar ice cap is at an all-time high, and the Arctic ice cap is increasing again after diminishing. They tell us that we're flooding the shorelines. Do you live on the coast? How much has the water come up in your lifetime? They manufactured data to make it look like we're increasing the water level of the oceans, but we're not."

Professor Richard Lindzen states:

<https://youtu.be/pwvVephTIHU?si=XoxAcPc51JNOXdeR>

2 "Signals - Global Cooling Cycle Beginning - Global Warming Ending -Professor David Dilley," by David Dilley GlobalWeatherCycles, May 10, 2023. https://youtu.be/sa-_tlITPnM?si=67zNptmdOoWQzWqF

3 "John Coleman's case against significant man-made global warming," by Kusi News, June 24, 2013. https://youtu.be/K56fms2VZTc?si=Cn-ApS8z2Y_kil76

"At any given place, traditionally, sea level is measured by what are called tide gauges: a stick in the water, basically. Two things that change are what a tide gauge shows: the land moving up and down and the sea moving up and down. In most places, it's the land that has the biggest effect, and so you don't have a good measure of sea level rise¹⁴¹."

Let's review the danger of water rising and engulfing coastline towns. Is there one city or town on the shoreline that is in danger of being underwater? Is Venice, a town that lives at sea level, in danger of being lost to the sea? Have home insurance companies stopped giving

insurance policies to homeowners who live on the coastline because they'll soon be underwater? The answer would be no!

On August 21, 2020, NASA published an article titled "NASA-led Study Reveals the Causes of Sea Level Rise Since 1900." It reads:

"Sea levels have risen on average 1.6 millimeters (0.063 inches) per year between 1900 and 20184."

That means the sea level has risen a little over 7.4 inches in the last 118 years! Does that show the world is in danger of being engulfed by water? No. It shows that it will be a very, very, very long time before humans are in danger. Does that mean documentaries like "An Inconvenient Truth" are telling lies?

An article was published in the Seattle Times on October 12, 2007, titled "British judge ruled the Oscar-winning film on global warming, "An Inconvenient Truth," contains "nine errors5.""

Here is the list of inaccuracies found in Court taken from the "Friends Of Science" website6. The inaccuracies in the documentary include:

1. The film claims that melting snow s on Mount Kilimanjaro evidence global warming. The Government's expert was forced to concede that this is not correct.

2. The film suggests that evidence from ice cores proves that rising CO2 levels cause temperature increases over 650,000 years. The Court found that the film was misleading: over that period, the rises in CO2 lagged behind the temperature rises by 800-2,000 years.

4 "NASA-led Study Reveals the Causes of Sea Level Rise Since 1900," by Ian J. O'Neill / Jane J. Lee, August 21, 2020. <https://climate.nasa.gov/news/3012/nasa-led-study-reveals-the-causes-of-sea-level-rise-since-1900/>
5 "Truth is, Gore film has 9 errors, British judge rules," by Mary Jordan, Oct 12, 2007. <https://www.seattletimes.com/nation-world/truth-is-gore-film-has-9-errors-british-judge-rules/>

6 "Inaccuracies in Al Gore's An Inconvenient Truth - A Ruling of the British High Court"

https://friendsofscience.org/assets/documents/FOS%20Essay/British_High_Court_Ruling_on_An_Inconvenient_Truth.html

3. The film uses emotive images of Hurricane Katrina and suggests that this has been caused by global warming. The Government's expert had to accept that it was "not possible" to attribute one-off events to global warming.

4. The film shows the drying up of Lake Chad and claims that this was caused by global

warming. The Government's expert had to accept that this was not the case.

5. The film claims that a study showed that polar bears had drowned due to disappearing arctic ice. It turned out that Mr. Gore had misread the study: in fact, four polar bears drowned, and this was because of a particularly violent storm.

6. The film threatens that global warming could stop the Gulf Stream, throwing Europe into an ice age. The Claimant's evidence was that this was a scientific impossibility.

7. The film blames global warming for species losses, including coral reef bleaching. The Government could not find any evidence to support this claim.

8. The film suggests that sea levels could rise by 7 meters, causing the displacement of millions of people. In fact, the evidence is that sea levels are expected to rise by about 40 centimeters over the next 100 years and there is no such threat of massive migration.

9. The film claims that rising sea levels has caused the evacuation of certain Pacific islands to New Zealand. The Government was unable to substantiate this, and the Court observed that this appears to be a false claim.

Also, the Court's interim ruling included the following:

High Court Judge Michael Burton stated:

1. The film suggests that the Greenland ice covering could melt, causing sea levels to rise dangerously. The evidence is that Greenland will not melt for a millennia.

2. The film suggests that the Antarctic ice covering is melting; the evidence was that it is, in fact, increasing.

"Former Vice President Al Gore, the documentary's moderator, makes nine statements in the film that are not supported by the current mainstream scientific consensus. For instance, Gore's script implies that Greenland or West Antarctica might melt soon, creating a sea-level rise of up to 20 feet that would cause devastation from San Francisco to the Netherlands to Bangladesh¹³⁹."

The judge called this "distinctly alarmist" and said the consensus view is that if Greenland melted, it would release this amount of water *"but only after, and over, a millennia."*

The climate change narrative will destroy people's freedom and add more regulations, fines and

fees. Do not allow this government narrative to continue on the Big Island. The people do NOT

want more laws, regulations, and fines based on a false narrative that completely changes community infrastructures from self-reliant to “sustainable” living, with “stakeholders” carrying the purse strings and the power. That is NOT Pono!

Gregg Braden is a geologist, five-time New York Times best-selling author, scientist, international educator, and renowned as a pioneer in the emerging paradigm based in science, social policy, and human potential, had this to say about the dangers of carbon on the planet:

“The idea that carbon dioxide is a poison is a false narrative to begin with. We are carbon-based beings. By demonizing carbon dioxide and carbon life, we’re actually demonizing ourselves⁷.”

Science 101 shows us that plants take in carbon dioxide and give off oxygen. If plants die due to lack of carbon dioxide, so do humans for lack of oxygen. During the Cretaceous Period, which began 145 million years ago and ended 66 million years ago, we had a lot more carbon than we do today - tons more! This was the time of the dinosaurs, and everything was huge! Plants were much larger than they are now.

The sea levels were also a lot higher during the Cretaceous Period. Was that due to more carbon dioxide? Not according to an article at Britannica.com written by Thor Arthur Hansen, Professor of Invertebrate Paleontology, Paleoecology, and Evolution at Western Washington University, U.S., and Carl Fred Koch, Professor of Geological Sciences at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia. It was fact-checked by The Editors of Encyclopaedia Britannica and last updated on Feb 7, 2024. The article said that sea level was higher primarily because the water in the **ocean basins** was displaced by the enlargement of mid-oceanic ridges⁸. **It was not due to carbon!** It was due to the Earth's mantle.

On January 11, 2023, in an episode titled “Why “THE POWERS THAT BE” are So Desperate to Reduce Carbon Dioxide on OUR Planet?” posted on geologist and scientist Gregg Braden’s YouTube channel, John L. Petersen of the Arlington Institute stated:

*“If you could look at the ice cores in Antarctica and Greenland, you would see that the temperature of the Earth increases or decreases around **800 years before the change in carbon dioxide**. That means **carbon dioxide does not drive the change**; it is the response to*

the temperature change⁹.”

In the same interview, Braden stated:

7 “Gregg Braden - Why “THE POWERS THAT BE” are So Desperate to Reduce Carbon Dioxide on OUR Planet?” by Gregg Braden Official, January 11, 2023. <https://youtu.be/7vJ-Qefos8A?si=BviOKcdznXx6tgSQ>

8 “Cretaceous Period,” by Carl Fre Koch, Thor Arthur Hansen, <https://www.britannica.com/science/Cretaceous-Period>

9 “Why ‘THE POWERS THAT BE’ are So Desperate to Reduce Carbon Dioxide on OUR Planet?” by Gregg Braden, January 11, 2023. <https://youtu.be/7vJ-Qefos8A?si=cz2jDjrSmJaITiDx>

“We’re being led to believe that carbon levels of CO₂ have never been higher; that the Earth is going to be destroyed if they are higher; and that CO₂ is the driving temperature, both of which are not true¹⁴⁷.”

Gregg showed a graph indicating that during the Cretaceous Period, carbon dioxide levels were over three times higher than they are today. Carbon dioxide levels were between 800-1,000 parts per million. During this period, there was an extreme greening of the Earth. Plants and life thrived!

According to Braden:

“If CO₂ drops below 184 parts per million, that seems to be the threshold where we (humans) are in trouble! If CO₂ drops below those levels, we are actually cutting off the very life-force that is providing oxygen on this planet.”

Is the entire CO₂ narrative intended to increase the bankroll of the “stakeholders” around the world invested in renewable energy with no regard for human life?

Stakeholders who’ve invested in progressive and “sustainable energy” have a lot to gain in their pocketbooks by populations living in fear of climate change and believing they will be “saving” the Earth by going along with renewable energy and electric vehicles. They’ll also be giving up a lot of their freedoms in doing so.

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Transportation

The General Plan further discusses strategies for improving public **Transportation Access and Mobility**.

The County can reduce its footprint by increasing the percentage of renewable fuel used to power public facilities

and infrastructure,

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The General Plan expands on opportunities for climate-conscious land development in the **Land**

Use section without violating people's rights, over regulating or increasing fines. Page 63

decreasing vehicle reliance and (Remove)

You have no right to hinder people's

right to travel. Please take ANYTHING out that references decreasing people's use of their

vehicle!

reducing VMT, (REMOVE).

YOU CANNOT LIMIT

PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO TRAVEL. THAT VIOLATES THE CONSTITUTION AND IS BEYOND

YOUR JURISDICTION

The General Plan further expands on strategies to increase resilience in the **Transportation Access and Mobility**, **Public Utilities**, and **Public Facilities and Services** sections without violating the Constitution, or over regulating farmers and homeowners.

The General Plan expands on renewable energy in the **Public Utilities** section with safety studies prior to installation, and without increasing costs to the public.

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Transportation

- Promoting the use of electric vehicles through expanding charging infrastructure and educating the public on the safety studies done for the use of these vehicles from third parties.

Renewable Energy

- Increasing the use of green technology (including third party safety studies) will increase the energy independence of individuals and businesses on the island.
- Supporting renewable energy technologies, such as solar, wind, ocean thermal energy conversion (OTEC), and geothermal (Remove. This practice is not safe for an island with active volcanoes!)

Land Use & the Built Environment

- Implementing smart growth strategies, without violating people's right to travel can reduce urban sprawl and create more walkable communities.

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- Encouraging the construction of energy-efficient buildings and retrofitting existing buildings

being sure to prove any additional technology is safe for the public..

- Promoting regenerative agriculture practices that reduce emissions and enhance carbon sequestration while not further regulating farms or increasing fines.
- Greening urban areas increases the availability of cool areas for residents to live and recreate.
- Integrating energy savings and waste management, without more regulations and fines on the population, provides an opportunity to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions in new development.

Conservation

- Protecting reefs and marine ecosystems that act as carbon sinks, without hindering public use.
- Implementing a One Water strategy and other water-saving technologies and practices can reduce the energy required for water treatment and distribution. This is NOT a good idea. If this
- Conserving natural habitats without hindering public use to preserve biodiversity and enhance ecosystem resilience to climate change.
- Efforts to expand renewable energy, with third party safety studies and without hindering public

Developing a County building code that balances health and safety, affordability, and carbon

footprint (REMOVE! This is more regulations and fines. NOT Pono! It is NOT your responsibility

to focus on people's health. That is for each individual! This is an overreach!

goes down, where will people get their water? Remove or revise.

use, can consider the preservation of unique and diverse ecosystems, avoiding negative impacts on wildlife and natural habitats.

Additional Measures

- Implementing policies and regulations that support climate mitigation efforts, without further regulations or fines on locals. (Please educate yourself)
- Supporting research into new technologies and approaches for reducing emissions and enhancing resilience and include third party safety studies while ensuring no further cost to the public.

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Water Resources • Management

Promoting a One Water strategy can create cross-agency collaboration to identify and address overlapping challenges in adapting to sea level rise and building more resiliency into infrastructure across water, wastewater and stormwater sectors. How does this promote collaboration? This seems like a monopoly.

Agriculture & • Food Security

Encouraging the cultivation of climate-resilient and diversified crops to enhance food security

without further regulations and fines.

Infrastructure & Urban Planning

- Implement zoning and land use planning policies that consider climate risks and promote sustainable development after a full investigation of the climate change narrative is examined.

Social Equity

- Engage communities in planning and decision-making processes to ensure that adaptation measures are socially

inclusive (Remove. This is woke language.) and culturally appropriate.

- Improving public engagement about climate change and encouraging sustainable practices.

(Remove and educate yourself on the fact that scientists from around the world have stated there is no climate danger.)

Retrofitting or relocating bridges and roads provides an opportunity to reduce GHG emissions by reducing miles traveled. (REMOVE)

THIS VIOLATES THE CONSTITUTION. YOU CANNOT

DEPRIVE PEOPLE OF THE RIGHT TO TRAVEL. ALSO, HOW ARE YOU GOING TO

“RELOCATE” LOCAL BRIDGES. THIS SHOULD BE REMOVED!

(Do not further regulate and fine people without fully investigating the climate

change narrative and proving that any additional technology is safe for the human life.)

- Increasing equitable resilience to climate hazards will benefit historically marginalized and frontline Engage communities (What does this mean?) and those that are vulnerable to climate change impacts.

Energy & • Transportation

- Invest in renewable energy sources that are proven safe and affordable to the public to reduce GHG emissions and increase energy resilience.
- Promote energy efficiency in buildings and transportation that are proven safe and affordable to the public to reduce overall energy consumption and without increasing regulations or fines

Biodiversity & Ecosystems

- Managed retreat strategies and new shoreline setback regulations would expand open space along the shoreline to support coastal ecosystems such as anchialine pools without hindering public access.
- Supporting conservation programs that are proven safe for the people and the environment can help protect native species and habitats from climate change impacts without hindering public access and without increasing regulations and fines.
- Strengthening measures to control and eradicate invasive species can help protect local ecosystems.
- Enhance habitat connectivity to allow species to migrate in response to changing environmental conditions without hindering public access and without increasing regulations and fines.

Education & Capacity Building

- Build capacity for local government agencies by providing training and resources that improve their ability to plan and implement climate adaptation initiatives without increasing regulations and fines.
- Collaborate and coordinate with the County’s Office of
- Support research and monitoring efforts to better understand climate impacts and the

effectiveness of adaptation measures. **(Please educate yourself on this false •**

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Sustainability, Climate, Equity,

and Resilience (OSCER). This is woke language and should be removed.

narrative)

Develop and implement educational programs to raise awareness about climate change

and adaptation strategies. REMOVE

(This is a FALSE narrative that you would be

perpetuating.)

3.2 Climate Change Goal, Objectives, Policies, and Actions

This ENTIRE section should be removed. Rosa Korie WARNED that what is planned for this

country through the planning departments ***"is an erasure of jurisdictional boundaries. It is a loss of***

private property rights, a loss of sovereignty - both personal physical sovereignty and physical

sovereignty in terms of our nation - and it's a loss of our freedom."

From Rosa Korie's special presentation to the New Hampshire Legislature.

https://youtu.be/350lbVtpzvw?si=u_NNsNoL9XtGxDEA

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8.3 Collaborate with farmers, government, private and nonprofit agencies, communities, and other stakeholders REMOVE Who are they? What do they have stake in? to monitor impacts that may be specific to Hawai'i County due to its unique exposure to climate change and sea level rise impacts.

(Please educate yourself on this false narrative. Is Kona or Hilo or any Hawaiian town

close to being underwater? NO!)

8.11 Partner with government (e.g., State Office of Planning and Sustainable Development

[OPSD]), private and nonprofit agencies, communities, and other stakeholders REMOVE Who

are they? What do they have stake in? to analyze conservation buffers to accommodate shifting

native habitats impacted by climate change, particularly wetlands and high-elevation forests.

(Remove this ENTIRE section! We do NOT want "buffer" zones! You want to take away the

ability for people to be in nature. That is NOT pono!)

8.b Support and partner with government, private and nonprofit agencies, communities, and other stakeholders

REMOVE Who are they? What do they have stake in? on research for adaptive policies and technology that includes safety studies to the public and environment, that increase resilience without further regulations and fines on the public..

8.d

8.e Collaborate with government, private and nonprofit agencies, communities, and other stakeholders REMOVE Who are they? What do they have stake in? to implement environmentally beneficial upgrades for wastewater, irrigation, and/or landscaping, including sea level rise, storm, and other climate change considerations. (Remove). Getting at least three bids for contracts from different companies.

Adopt a land acquisition program with potential leaseback options for the purchase of hazard- prone locations or those with beneficial attributes for climate adaptation and mitigation.

REMOVE. THIS IS GOVERNMENT OVERREACH! THIS IS NOT A COMMUNIST

COUNTRY! YOU CANNOT TAKE PEOPLE'S PROPERTY!

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- 4.1.1 Introduction

1st para: "achieve sustainable development and" (Remove) change "resilient" to safe

2nd para: "Sustainable development is a key objective of land use planning for the County. By strategically" and in the sentence "Land use planning is essential. (Remove) change "resilient" to safe.

3rd para: - change "resilience" to safety. "and the impacts of climate change" (Remove) Better prepared for and protected against potential disasters. Change: "sustainable" to diversified. "desirable" to fair, equitable.

Last para 5th line down: Change: "should" to may Pg 75

Economic Opportunity Planning: "other growth sectors." Need to be specific, identify other growth sectors. Last sentence: "muck like the weave of sustainability," (Remove)

Pg. 76 Table 16: Land Use Key Trends

Changing & Aging Population: "Over the next 25 years0.9% per annum" decline in population already seen and projected needs to addressed as to why the population is in decline. How you do Planning if you don't address reasons for population decline. This is crucial.

Housing Affordability & Choice: "In 2010..." down to "However, on average, Hawaii County's overcrowding....."

Shifting Visitor Accommodation Types: - Change "With the upward trend...." to "rentals." & "There is also a shift.." Revise that entire sentence.

Job Availability & Growth: - Revise last sentence "In 2020, 14% of the....."

Pg. 77 Table 17: Land Use Challenges

Revise:

Infrastructure section

Regulations section

Funding & Financing entire section Land Use Compatibility entire section Public Engagement entire section

- (My note is What is NIMBYism?)

Pg. 78 Table 18: Land Use Opportunities

Infrastructure: last sentence “County departments can provide.....”

Regulations: Red: “Collaborate across State and County agencies to.....” (Need more public input and ideas);

“The most direct role the County plays...property tax policy.” **(Need much more research on property tax rates, regulations, policies & scrutinized by the public who are affected by paying property taxes. This should be the most glaring concern so that we do not leave tax burden for future generations who may lose their properties to taxes paid to the government).**

Funding & Financing: “Partner with the State and other counties to create a capacity building plan.....stakeholders.” (Remove)

Market Conditions: “Seek to acquire land for affordable housing developments....” Add: without violating people’s right to own property or take this out. Revise it. This is government overreach!

Land Use Compatibility: “Demonstrate smart growth developments.” (Remove)

Public Engagement: “Encourage affordable housing projects to meet the needs of neighborhoods (YIMBY) without further regulations and fines.” (What is YIMBY?) and next line “Apply strategies to....” “stakeholder”. Who are these stakeholders? What do they have stake in?

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4.1.2 Land Use Goal, Objectives, Policies, and Actions Item 9.7 - Red: “Encourage” change to Mandate developers

Item 9.8 - Red: “Route selection for” that entire sentence. (This is a high priority revision as it pertains directly to 5G dangers. Here is where the people/public need to have direct input/approval/changes.

Item 9.a - Red: “Develop a process for County.....” this is crucial for public scrutiny & opportunity for the public to get transparency. Transparency can only be realized if we, the public include ourselves into all governmental processes. If not, we will not get transparency, period!

Pg 80 Land Use Goal, Objectives, Policies, and Actions - continued

Item 9.e - “Conduct a review and re-evaluation....” entire sentence to be revised.

Item 10.3 “Proposed discretionary permits for large developments.....Ka’u Districts” -Not clear needs revision.

Item 10.b “Amend.....allow CPDs to be applied to all zoning districts...” - Why amend the Zoning Code? We need to compare current Zoning Codes to what they propose to amend to see if the people or the developers have the advantage. What are CPDs?

Item 10.c - Red: “Collaborate with the State Office of Planning.....Native Hawaiian customary and traditional..” Need to revise to ensure that Hawaiian cultural experts, NOT the State government or its agencies have any input for preserving, protecting, educating, safeguarding, sharing, marketing, ..every aspect of utilizing our native Hawaiian (kanaka maoli) heritage of language, practices, traditions, religion & more belong exclusively to the kanaka maoli elders, experts, kupuna, kahuna, healers NEVER the government or its agencies...NEVER!!!

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Item 11.4 “Concurrency reviews should incorporate..... (Remove)” entire sentence absolutely NO!

Actions

11.a - Red: "Collaborate with the SHPD to create....." entire sentence - Need experts.

11.d - Red: "Amend Zoning Code...." do not give the Planning Director more power, it's time to decrease power for that position, we need to humble these government workers/servants. Now is that time as history has shown us, when they have power, they want more; when they have more power, it's not enough & the cycle continues while the people suffer. STOP giving away the power from the people.

11.f -

Board's power to take away from me or you, ever.

Objective 12 Reduce the threat to life and property from natural hazards and disasters. Policies

The above sentence - Red: add "unnatural & natural hazards" - It is important to identify the reality that unnatural hazards have always existed, therefore, why is that omitted?

12.3 Red: "Consider natural" Again add in unnatural & force the Planning Board to address DE disasters, weather machine disasters which are human created disasters, which is criminal. Why shouldn't the Planning Board include these disasters as they certainly affect the health & safety of the people & our environment.

12.8 Red: "Encourage the development...." entire sentence. Again, must address DE/Weather machines/human initiated disasters.

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Item 12.a - Red: "Update the Building Code....." entire sentence need extreme revisions, I initially wanted to delete, but it is necessary to revise to include unnatural/man made disasters & address "carbon footprint". These are areas to not hide by deleting, but rather talk about them through revisions.

Item 12.g -

happening, delete this section that refers to climate change as that is a false narrative that we the people/public should not allow to continue. I do not want to tell a lie over & over again until everyone believes it. That's breaking the 10 commandments.

Pg. 83 4.1.3 Overview of Land Use Designations and Maps

No changes.

"Update traffic impact....." (Remove) entire sentence. Travel should not be the Planning

"Amend the Zoning Code...." (Remove) Until they can prove climate change is

Pg. 84 Table 19: General Plan Land Use Designations and Maps

No Changes

Pg. 85 Agriculture and Natural Land Use

No Changes

Pg 86 4.1.4 Urban Growth Areas

2nd para: Red: "Smart Growth" change to something safer, know what it represents not hidden meanings. Black out: the word "sustainable" and from "More specifically, urban centers have been designed to create.... Driving." - The government or its agencies should not impede or alter the rights of citizens to travel it's call our right to travel, which is constitutional.

Pg 87 Objective 13 Increase the use of Smart Growth principles to focus development within designated urban centers.

Policies Red: change "Smart Growth" to Evaluate and analyze development within designated urban centers.

Item 13.3 Red: "Incentivize" what is that & how does it benefit the public?

13.6 Red: "may include additional acreages to account for...." must revise section to make it clearer as to how this inclusion will work to the advantage or disadvantage of historic sites, public access, parks, & open spaces. More clarity is necessary because saying ok to unclear "PLANNING" should never be accepted.

Item #13.12 - Red: Revise entire sentence "Urban renewal, rehabilitation...." need to include people or the public not just communities, businesses, & governmental agencies. Planning Boards should always include the people/public. This will give people the power to make decisions, not just testify for 3 minutes at a Planning Commission hearing. That needs to change. More people/public involvement needs to be promoted. This involvement may be the inspiration or motivation for people to become active in planning for themselves, their future generations. It is time for governments & businesses to take a back seat!

Item 13.13 Red: Revise entire sentence. "Support master planning by" it's not "Support" it should be to Scrutinize, evaluate, analyze and recommend by experts and the people.

Pg. 88 Commercial - Industrial

Item 13.28 Red: "Discretionary permit applications..... Entire sentence need revision as it is not fair to have Discretionary permit applications for new commercial developments. Everyone follows the rules, no exceptions by the Planning Board.

Resort

Item 13.49 - Red: Revise "On-site affordable housing and workforce units shall be excluded from the total permitted visitor unit counts....." Again, how does this exclusion help the people, the visitors, the workforce? How does it affect permitted visitor unit counts?

Pg 90 Actions

13.c Red: revise "Amend the Subdivision Code to ensure block sizes are based...." What are the current codes & what are the proposed amendments to compare who will have the advantage or disadvantage of this proposal to Amend Subdivision Code.

Pg. 91 Urban Character Guidelines Table 20: Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Character Guidelines

No Changes.

Pg. 92 Table 21: Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND) Character Guidelines No Changes

Pg. 93 Table 22: Urban Neighborhood Center Character Guidelines

No Changes

Pg. 94 Table 23: Industrial Center Character Guidelines

No Changes

Pg. 95 Table 24: Criteria for Industrial Land Conversion to Commercial/Mixed-Use

No Changes

Pg. 96 Table 25: Resort Area Character Guidelines

No Changes

Pg. 97 4.1.5 Rural

No Changes

Pg. 98 Objective 14 Maximize the use of Rural designated lands to preserve rural character and lifestyle.

Policies

All items from 14.1, 14.2, 14.3, 14.4, 14.5, 14.6 - Red: Must revise all items as the Planning Board is asking for Support of everything they are doing, which contradicts any changes that the public may be deemed detrimental. Asking for “blind” support is ridiculous.

Actions - Items 14.a, 14.b, 14.c, & 14.d Red: Revise all items as it is asking to Amend Zoning Code, zoning districts which is crucial to see current codes compared to amendments. How are these amendments affecting the public to their advantage vs. disadvantages. This is very important to NOT just accept amendments. Thorough research is necessary to protect the public.

Pg. 99 Table 26: Rural Neighborhood Character Guidelines

No Changes

Pg. 100 4.1.6 Agriculture

Last para: “The General Plan provides planning tools to incentivize the highest and best use of productive agricultural lands. The Plan’s policies..... entire paragraph need to be revised. I am especially concerned with the word “incentivize the highest and best use... here again what does this mean, how will it be done, who benefits.

Pg. 101 Objective 15 Support the active use of Productive Agricultural lands. Actions
All items 15.a, 15.b, 15.c, 15.d, 15.e must be revised Not just Amend.

Pg. 102 Actions (continue)

Item 15.f - Revise “Update the Real Property Tax Code.....” need public input for transparency. Item
15.g Revise “Amend the Zoning Code...” again do not just accept Amending

Item 15.k Revise “Collaborate with USDA and the State.... It’s not just collaborate, it’s what are the decisions based upon, what are the final decisions, how are these decisions helping farmers. Since, we have passed hundreds of years farming in Hawaii you would think we have identified major problems, why these problems do not get resolved, who are responsible for the non-resolutions. This is just repeatingUSDA, the State who have been in charge of agriculture, I want to see a report card that covers 1950s to 2023. Report cards are

transparency mechanisms to identify who & what are creating our farmer’s problems. We cannot fix anything without transparency. Politicians say it, but absolutely no actions. This section is entitled ACTION. Let us begin to act.

Pg. 104 4.2.1 Introduction

Third para: "Resilience...." I don't want the word resilience to be an escape mechanism for the government or its agencies. That word should change.

The last para: "The Plan is focused on improving connectivity within" this sounds good, but I don't see good results as I am past 70 yrs old. We should not accept "rinse & repeat". What did the Planning Board learn from over 100 yrs. Of past failures? They say they focus on improving, yet we cannot determine how they will improve. Stronger language to **ensure that the public can know they plan to improve.**

Pg. 105 Table 27: Transportation Key Trends No Changes

Pg. 106

Table 28: Transportation Challenges

All items Red: Revisions necessary. It refers to electric cars, Pre-COVID-19 (false narratives that must be stopped)

Pg. 107

Table 29: Transportation Opportunities

All items Red: Need revisions since they want to establish metrics, improve interagency collaboration, prepare projects, standardize interagency agreements. It contains a multitude of changes that are unclear, very ambiguous, & again, transparency is lacking.

Pg. 108

4.2.2 Transportation Goal, Objective, Policies, and Actions

All items Red: Requires revisions. Examples: item 16.2 "Encourage safe and convenient use non-polluting" What is non-polluting to the Planning Board? What do they know about pollution as they don't know that EMFs are dangerous pollutants. And example: Item 16.10 "Identify and evaluate transportation..... energy and climate issues." We need **to stop the false**

Pg. 109 Actions - continue

All items - Red: Revisions necessary. Same reasons as above for Pg. 108.

Sorry Michelle - did not complete pages 104 to 118-119. Can do later/Kalei K. completed today, Monday 9-23-24 at 12:01 pm.

Pg. 110 4.2.3 Active Living Corridors and Public Access

No Changes

Pg. 111 Objective 17 Increase transportation connectivity.

Policies

All items Red: Need revisions. Example: Item 17.1 "Ensure Native Hawaiian access rights are clearly expressed...." This is an area of talk talk talk & no action. Again, what violations have already occurred, how long have these violations been going on, have these violations stopped? Just putting in a sentence in a Plan does not mean it has been adhered to. Therefore, these proposals are weak. As a native Hawaiian it is imperative to get enforcement for these violations, identify violations, how long it's been happening, why & who are responsible to stop violations, protect native Hawaiian access rights. If this item # is weak, which it is - than the others need revisions.

Pg. 112 Table 30: Public Access Spacing Standards

No Changes

Pg. 4.2.4 Mass Transit

All paragraphs need revisions Red: revisions necessary. Mass Transit has been proven wrong on Oahu, the Rail.

Over budgeted, from hundreds of millions of dollars (budgeted) to billions of dollars, NOT budgeted. Who is paying for this government error? You, me & our visitors. We have an historic example from the City & County of Honolulu. The people protested against this “Rail”, but years later a Mayor brought back the Rail & all Mayors thereafter continue with this project. Please investigate this “Planning” before Hawaii County repeats history. All words in this section/page are the same words use by the Planning Dept. of the City & County of Honolulu. Absolutely requires total revisions to 4.2.4 Mass Transit

Pg. 114 Objective 18 Increase mass transit ridership by 50 percent by 2045 Policies

All items are basic objectives. No changes (yet)

Pg. 115 4.2.5 Roadways

2nd to last para: What is the County’s Vision Zero Action Plan Pink: Concern

Pg. 116 Objective 19 Reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT)

All items Red: Need revisions Concern - What is reduce vehicle miles traveled? Why reduce vehicle miles traveled? What is this agenda for & what will it accomplish? Who will benefit? Again, our right to travel cannot be altered or impeded as that right is protected by the US Constitution & God.

Pg. 117 Objective 20 Achieve a transportation system that employs all modes of transportation at a community scale.

All items need to be revised

Pg. 117 continue: Objective 21 Incorporate green infrastructure to reduce stormwater runoff. Policies

All items Red: Concern See item 21.1 “green infrastructure strategies, and pollution prevention procedures....” Again, sine the Planning Board does not understand EMF pollution & its dangerous - what are they talking about here “pollution prevention procedures..”

Pg. 118 continue from above. Actions & Objective 22 Increase transportation safety for transportation’s most vulnerable users and reduce traffic fatalities.Policies

All items Red: revise

Pg. 119 Continue from above.

All items from 22.7 to 22.9 Red: revise Concern.

22.7

Plan.

22.8 Maintain dedicated roadway standards that are appropriate to roadway type and achieve active transportation and safety goals.

Develop roadway standards to accommodate emerging technology for connected and automated vehicles.

This appears to be referencing the very unproven technology of ‘driverless

cars??’ Emerging technology needs to go through rigorous standards of testing before being

released onto roadways. This text here, with a clear reference to something that is already

proving dangerous on the roadways and the subject of lawsuits does not belong in our County

22.9 Engage and collaborate with the owners of private roads and local community groups to help identify and develop road management agreements that mitigate road closures to provide emergency evacuation routes.

Actions

22.a

- 22.b Develop educational programs promoting traffic safety.
- Objective 23

Adequately maintain public transportation systems.

Policies

- 23.1 Maintain an Asset Management Program aimed at utilizing maintenance plans for pavement, bridges, and other road infrastructure to prolong the life of our transportation system as well as reduce its whole-life cost.
- 23.2 Maintain the unique features of historic bridges, while balancing safety needs and preserving historic and scenic character.
- 23.3 Prioritize the replacement of deficient and inadequate bridges and maintain pedestrian/bicycle access across bridges.
- 23.4 Design new bridges and bridge improvements to accommodate and not negatively impede identified scenic resources.
- 23.5 Evaluate freight routes identified in the State Freight Master Plan for required improvements to meet roadway standards.
- 23.6 Encourage the adoption of innovative materials and methods that improve roadway sustainability and resilience.

Actions

- 23.a Create an asset management program.
- 23.b Continue the bridge inspection program and expand rehab or replacement to include active transportation accommodations.

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Amend the County Code to incorporate Vision Zero safety principles and Complete Street design principles. This is too vague and should be elaborated in detail. These safety principles need to be spelled out or they don't belong in the County Plan.

Where something is

designated an 'action' in a County General Plan Document, sufficient detail should be provided. This is too vague and should be elaborated in detail.

Roadway Standards

The County adheres to several federal and industry standards for roadway design. These include the AASHTO Green Book and Roadside Design Guide, the MUTCD, the NACTO, and the Highway Capacity Manual.⁵ Examples of topics addressed by these guidelines include road geometry (e.g., curves, sight distance), safety within ROWs adjacent to travel ways, design speeds, level of service, signs/striping/signaling, and urban transit. In addition to these sources, the County adheres to the following locally defined standards.

Street Standards

Highways shall not be wider than four through travel lanes that accommodate single occupancy vehicles and should be limited to the most populated areas typically connecting residential areas with employment centers.

Integrate transportation networks to

1. Pedestrian
2. Public Transit
3. Bicycle
4. Auto

This is a directive for future transportation policy ? It is 4 words and yet it is a giant reach toward a set of ideals and it is not explained at all in detail.

OBJECTION :

prioritize the most vulnerable roadways users and the greenest modes of travel through a Multimodal Hierarchy (Figure 7) that prioritizes investments in the following order:

This 'policy directive' reflects a radical socialist agenda of forcing people to give up automobiles and give up their autonomy at the same time. This shows contempt for the most basic principles of freedom. . We refer you to : The United States Constitution which "protects the freedom to move about within the country, both domestically and internationally. This fundamental right is deeply rooted in American liberty and has been recognized and protected by the Supreme Court. "

The priorities established in a General Plan should reflect careful consideration of the island's economy and how to best support our island economy but instead this prioritization of pedestrians 'first' and 'automobile' transport reflects an obsession with addressing carbon as a 'cause' for an alleged crisis for our climate. . It's strange to us that in this document that purports

to be about a plan for ‘development’ there is barely a focus on the actual economy. Here instead we see a document ‘prioritizing’ Pedestrian travel (on an island with very few densely populated urban centers) without context of what will actually promote agriculture, commerce, industries, jobs and economic activities. This directive would make more sense for an Oahu General Plan because of the size of the land mass and ratio of population. If it is in this document without much explanation then it appears to be a reflection of a ‘fad’ in transportation policy rather than a practical and well thought out policy directive.

The minimum roadway width standards to accommodate the County Roadway Classifications were adopted in Resolution 779-20. The following provides an overview of this standard with reference to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Functional Classification system.

4.2.6 Transportation Terminals: Airports and Harbors

As a major hub for tourism, commerce, and connectivity, Hawai‘i County recognizes the importance of effective planning and management of its airports and harbors. These key infrastructure components serve as lifelines that facilitate economic growth, enhance regional connectivity, and provide essential services for residents and visitors. Airports and harbors connect the County to the rest of the world, allowing for the efficient movement of goods, people, and ideas. They are essential nodes within the transportation network, acting as important economic drivers for the region.

Efficient airports and harbors directly contribute to the success of various industries, including tourism, agriculture, trade, and logistics. Moreover, they are instrumental in supporting emergency response efforts, disaster management, and ensuring the overall resilience of the region’s transportation system.

Again, over and over the objection ‘in general’ to this General Plan 2045 is that the document references ‘economic growth’ and yet does not address the actual drivers of the economy in detail. As public servants it is your best service to our island if you would study how you can support the farmers, producers of goods and services to build a great economy together.

Unfortunately there are dozens of instances where legislators and public servants have imposed restrictions, fees and taxes on those very ‘drivers’ of our economy. Airport Terminals and Harbors do not ‘cause’ the economy to grow and are not drivers of the economy and yet we see a General Plan with weighted emphasis on ‘transportation’ and urban development without seeing evidence of a study of what will actually support the individuals and households that produce economic value for our actual economy. This is an extremely poor outcome for a document that presents as a ‘guide’ for legislators and policy makers for the next 20 plus years.

The principal concerns of planning for transportation terminals involve a comprehensive approach that addresses various aspects, including location, zoning of adjacent land, infrastructure development, capacity management, safety and security measures, environmental sustainability, integration with other modes of transportation, and financing and programming of improvements and services through capital improvement projects.

While the

State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation (DOT) is responsible for the actual design,

construction, and operation of terminals and supporting facilities, the General Plan addresses

the location of these facilities in relation to the pattern of overall land uses. There are two deep draft harbors on the island, one in Hilo and another in Kawaihae.

While improvements continue to be made, both harbor terminals lack adequate docking and

Harbor has increased significantly as the population and development in West Hawai'i continue to grow. In 2011, the Hawai'i Commercial Harbors 2035 Master Plan was developed by the State to accommodate the future needs of facilities

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- Air terminals that transportation are in Hilo, Waimea, 'Upolu, and Kona. The terminals at

Hilo and Kona are overseas facilities.

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CONCERN: THE HARBORS SHOULD NOT BE CONTROLLED BY THE STATE OF HAWAII. THEY ARE HARBORS CRUCIAL TO THE ECONOMY OF OUR ISLAND AND WERE PREVIOUSLY UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE COUNTY. WHAT HAPPENED TO HOME RULE? WHERE WAS THE CONSULTATION OF THE PUBLIC WHEN DECISIONS WERE MADE TO HAND OVER CONTROL OF OUR HARBORS TO THE STATE ?.

Overseas flights at the Kona International Airport

at Keahole will continue to increase with the growth of resort areas in Kona and Kohala.

Overseas flights through Hilo International Airport have been important for agriculture in East Hawai'i.

What is concerning about this County General Plan 2045 is the lack of analysis about

our actual economy. WHY DO WE SEE A DOCUMENT THAT STATES 'OVERSEAS

FLIGHTS WILL CONTINUE TO INCREASE WITH THE GROWTH OF RESORT

AREAS?' THIS PLAN SEEMS FLAWED DUE TO LACKING IN CRITICAL

‘ARGUMENTS’ FOR THE PLANNED GROWTH BASED ON ACTUAL NUMBERS AND STUDIES . IF THERE ARE STUDIES AND STATISTICS THAT DO SUPPORT THE ASSERTIONS MADE MULTIPLE TIMES IN THE GENERAL PLAN ABOUT PROJECTED ECONOMIC GROWTH THEN THEY SHOULD BE REFERENCED AND INCLUDED IN THE PLAN. ALSO CITATIONS OF WHERE THIS INFORMATION WAS PRESENTED TO THE PUBLIC IN ‘CONSULTATIONS’

- STRANGELY THE HILO PLAN IS MISSING FROM THE GENERAL PLAN DOCUMENT AND THIS IS ONE OF TWO URBAN CENTERS AND THE CENTER FROM WHICH TWO OF THE ‘HARBORS’ AND ‘TERMINALS’ OPERATE? THIS SEEMS (AGAIN) A GLARING OMISSION.

- Since 2011, the DOT has embarked on a \$2.3 billion Hawai‘i Airports Modernization Program to improve the safety, capacity, and efficiency of our major passenger and cargo airports.

As the population becomes more mobile and as resident and visitor populations increase, there will be a greater demand for new and expanded transportation facilities that are adjacent to compatible land uses and include alternative and active transportation connections to decrease the demand for cars and reliance on fossil fuels.

OBJECTION TO THIS SENTENCE IS THAT

IT IS NOT SUPPORTED BY ANY FACTS OR AN ARGUMENT MADE FOR THE CASE BEING PRESENTED. AGAIN THE CONCERN ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT IS THAT IT IS COMMITTING OUR ENTIRE COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND OUR LEGISLATURE TO A RADICAL COURSE OF ACTION BASED ON THE PREMISE THAT FOSSIL FUELS ARE TO BE ERADICATED AND THAT PERSONAL AUTOMOBILE TRANSPORTATION SHOULD ALSO BE ERADICATED AND OR COMPLETELY ELIMINATED. THESE PREMISES ARE PART OF A RADICAL SOCIALIST AGENDA THAT VIOLATES THE CONSTITUTION SINCE IT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY LIMIT THE FREEDOM OF UNITED STATES CITIZENS TO FREELY MOVE ABOUT.

service inter-island

4.2 Transportation Access and Mobility | **County of Hawai‘i General Plan 122 Objective 24**
Improve accessibility to airports, harbor systems, and support facilities. Policies

- 24.1 Encourage the programmed improvement of existing terminals, including adequate provisions for control of pollution and appropriate and adequate covered storage facilities for agricultural products.
- 24.2 The State Department of Transportation should continue to implement its plans for transportation terminals and related facilities to promote and follow desired land use policies.
- 24.3 Transportation terminals should be developed in conjunction with the different elements of the overall transportation system.
- 24.4 Encourage maximum use of the island's airport and harbor facilities.
- 24.5 Encourage the development, maintenance, and enhancement of Hilo and Kawaihae Harbors as detailed within the State's Hawai'i Commercial Harbors 2035 Master Plan.

THIS COULDN'T BE MORE VAGUE AS A STATED OBJECTIVE. IT

DOESN'T REFERENCE THE VERY PRACTICAL MATTERS OF ECONOMIC DRIVERS

AND OVERALL ECONOMIC HEALTH OF OUR ISLAND. WHERE IS DISCUSSION

ABOUT THE ACTUAL ECONOMY IN THIS ENTIRE DOCUMENT ? THIS ALSO OMITTS

MENTION THAT A PROSPEROUS AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY WOULD BE THE

RATIONALE FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE AT KAWAIHAII AND

HILO HARBORS. AGAIN THERE IS AN OBJECTION TO HANDING OVER HARBORS

TO THE STATE OF HAWAII WHERE THEY ARE CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE TO

THE ISLAND

- 24.6 Support the State's objectives to acquire rights within the runway clear-zones, limit

heights within approach zones, and restrict noise-sensitive uses within designated noise

contours determined by the State. CONCERN: THIS APPEARS TO REFERENCE

PROPERTY ACQUISITION AND SUGGESTS THAT THE COUNTY SHOULD

'SUPPORT' THE STATE TO RESTRICT USES AND ACTIVITIES IN CERTAIN AREAS

'NEAR TO AIRPORTS?' THIS AGAIN IS ONE MORE COMMUNIST LAND GRAB

PRACTICE. THIS DOESN'T BELONG IN OUR COUNTY PLAN DOCUMENT FOR

2045.

- 24.7 Future land uses in the vicinity of airports and harbors should have an adequate open space buffer and/or be compatible with the anticipated noise exposure and industrial nature in the vicinity.
- 24.8 Encourage pedestrian-oriented connectivity around harbors and small boat harbors.
- 24.9 Encourage master planning of small boat harbors to accommodate commercial and recreational

fishing, tour boats, as well as business and recreational ocean activities, that balance economic vitality and environmental sensitivity.

Actions

- 24.a Create a strategic improvement plan, including mapping, for County owned and/or managed boat harbors and develop an island-wide needs assessment to better serve regional gaps in ocean accesses.
- 24.b Ensure collaboration with State agencies to offer a variety of transportation options at airports and harbors.

4.2 Transportation Access and Mobility | **County of Hawai'i General Plan 123**

4.3 PUBLIC UTILITIES

4.3 Public Utilities

- 4.3.1 Introduction
- 4.3.2 Goal, Objectives, Policies, and

Actions

- 4.3.3 Drinking Water Conservation

- 4.3.4 Wastewater Treatment and

Reuse

- 4.3.5 Stormwater Infiltration and

Green Infrastructure

- 4.3.6 Electricity and Renewable

Energy

THERE HAS BEEN AN ONGOING ATTEMPT TO EXCLUDE MANY USERS FROM HARBORS (SAILING COMMUNITY, FISHING COMMUNITY HAVE EXPERIENCED CONCERN

ACCESS TO

HIGHER USER FEES AND MORE RESTRICTIONS OF USE IN RECENT YEARS) AND

MANY OF THE HARBORS IN THE STATE HAVE BECOME PRIVATIZED. (If

privatization occurs, then management controls everything. .) .

- 4.3.7 Telecommunications and Broadband Connectivity

4.3 Public Utilities | **County of Hawai'i General Plan 124 4.3.1 Introduction**

In Hawai'i County's pursuit of a prosperous and resilient future, public utilities stand as pillars of

essential infrastructure.

THERE IS A LOFTY CLAIM MADE BY THIS ENTIRE EXERCISE TO SUGGEST THAT THE DOCUMENT ITSELF REPRESENTS ANY KIND OF PLAN FOR A PROSPEROUS AND RESILIENT FUTURE. THERE ARE MANY BUZZWORDS THAT ARE BEING USED IN THIS DOCUMENT THAT ARE HOLLOW. THESE WORDS THEMSELVES DON'T CONJURE UP A FUNCTIONING ECONOMY BUT THEY DO OFTEN GIVE PUBLIC SERVANTS THE WARM FEELING THAT THESE WORDS CAN 'DO ALL THE WORK.' THIS DOCUMENT IS LACKING IN A GROUNDING OF ACTUAL ECONOMIC STUDY AND LACKS THE INSIGHTS INTO THE OBVIOUS WAYS THAT COUNTY GOVERNMENT COULD SUPPORT THE AGRICULTURE AND TOURISM SECTOR AND ENCOURAGE NEW INDUSTRY ON THE ISLAND.

These are services regulated by the government and provided in response to existing and prospective patterns of development. Changes in land use, population density, and development usually generate changes in the demand and supply of utilities. As the backbone of modern society, public utilities encompass a wide range of vital services that support the health, safety, and sustainability of our communities. This critical infrastructure allows us to function in many ways, including the ability to maintain healthy living conditions, proper sanitation, and access reliable energy to power our homes and businesses.

Public utilities play a key role in forming the foundation upon which social, economic, and environmental progress is built. Such essential services enhance the quality of life for residents, visitors, and businesses while safeguarding the natural resources and cultural heritage of our island. The significance of public utilities can be understood through their contributions in the areas of environmental sustainability, economic prosperity, and social well-being.

Public utilities drive environmental stewardship by promoting clean energy generation, efficient water management, waste reduction, and recycling initiatives.

AS PART OF GENERAL PLANNING AND GOOD MANAGEMENT PRACTICE, WHY HAS THERE BEEN NO AUDIT OF THE WASTEWATER DIVISION OF THE WASTE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT?

NO DOCUMENT PURPORTING TO PLAN AHEAD FOR 20 PLUS YEARS CAN COVER FOR THE FACT THAT MALADMINISTRATION AND POOR LEADERSHIP HAS LEAD TO MULTIPLE 'FAILS' OF RAW SEWAGE TREATMENT WHERE LEAKS OCCURRED AND THE PUBLIC WASN'T ADEQUATELY INFORMED. THE PLAN SHOULD START WITH A MORE SERIOUS ASSESSMENT OF THE FAILURES OF THE CURRENT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY IN OUR WASTEWATER SYSTEM.

Through the application of sustainable practices and technologies, public utilities protect our fragile ecosystems, mitigate climate change impacts, and preserve the beauty of our island for future generations.

HOW DO 'PUBLIC UTILITIES' 'MITIGATE' 'CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS' ?

This is an example of a wild overstatement and is not supported by fact.

Additionally, robust

and reliable infrastructure attracts investment, supports economic growth, and fosters job creation. From powering local industries to enabling efficient transportation networks, public utilities are catalysts for economic development, making our communities more resilient in the face of challenges.

Waste to Energy incinerators have been opposed multiple times in the past in Hawaii County and each time a massive multi million dollar contract for construction of an incinerator was required which the public was going to be financing over many years. We notice that the Incinerator 'Waste to Energy' proposal is in this County General Plan 2045 in spite of all the protests in the past. This history of pushing forward unpopular projects that have seen community objection and then forcing the property

Access to safe and affordable utilities is a fundamental right of every individual.

Really ?? Who wrote this ? As a general comment, it has been pointed out repeatedly that this 'General Plan' document is poorly written and has many flaws. Here we see misuse of the term 'fundamental rights' where there is no such 'fundamental right.' While 'Safe and Affordable utilities' may be considered 'essential' for a 'standard of living' or to meet the definition of 'economic prosperity' but use of the phrase 'fundamental right' is a confusion of what the legal understanding is concerning 'fundamental rights.' The 'fundamental rights' of say .. 'freedom to move' ARE (as cited elsewhere in the transportation section) the rights that this document happily waives aside (ignoring the Constitution in the process) .

Further, there should be statistics included about what proportion of the island currently is 'off grid' since that proportion is very high and those numbers would provide a necessary context for all discussion about proposals to provide utilities 'affordably' AND 'universally.'

Public utilities ensure equitable distribution of resources, allowing residents of all

socioeconomic backgrounds to enjoy necessities such as clean water, affordable energy, and accessible internet-based services. These services enhance public health, education, and overall quality of life, fostering thriving and inclusive communities. ‘

As with previous comment, this entire section seems flawed due to lacking in facts. This statement reflects ‘wishes’ rather than a series of steps toward an attainable goal.

Given the unique challenges posed by our geography and vulnerable ecosystem, the General Plan aims to effectively guide the development, maintenance, and improvement of these critical services. This section of the Plan is primarily concerned with the planning aspects of our, water, wastewater, stormwater, electricity, and telecommunications systems.

of utility facilities such as reservoirs, pumping stations, and sewage treatment plants is an

Planning for the location

important aspect of the land planning process, as it makes way for development opportunities.

Where is the context for this statement? Here we see the notion of ‘development opportunities’

being introduced without context or explanation. This is objectionable since it could be

interpreted by future administrations or legislatures as a ‘mandate’ for growth while lacking any parameters.

Unintegrated utilities can burden developments with lower levels of service and may limit or even prevent development. The integration and availability of public utilities in priority growth areas are imperative. CONCERN:

Changes in the intensity of land use greatly influence the quantitative design of utilities and services, particularly their design capacity. There may be distinctions in the type of services offered for each utility as land use intensities vary. These distinctions also depend on local codes and ordinances, health and sanitary considerations, and practices followed by utility companies.

4.3 Public Utilities | **County of Hawai‘i General Plan 125 Table 33: Public Utilities Challenges**

General

- Funding and financing the development, conversion, repair, operations, and maintenance of public utilities are central challenges for communities, developers, and county government.

- Any large infrastructure expansions are paid for by developers and the costs are not to scale for financing.

- Geographical variability and obstacles require creative solutions for utility buildout.

- Aging public utility infrastructure must become more resilient to natural hazards, extreme

weather events, and

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- Outdated utility systems and practices can pose environmental and health concerns and are expensive to change.

explanation here of what is meant by 'priority growth area' .

Why isn't this spelled out more ? Why is there no clear

WHAT IS MISSING

HERE IS REFERENCE TO THE IDEA THAT HOMEOWNERS WILL ALL BE ASKED TO PAY FOR

CONVERSION FROM CESSPOOL/ SEPTIC OVER TO ACTUAL COUNTY SEWER

INFRASTRUCTURE. THIS TOPIC DESERVES A FULL DISCUSSION.

DITTO WHAT IS CONCERNING IS THAT THE PUBLIC CAN BE REQUIRED TO PAY FOR

'DEVELOPMENT' OF PUBLIC UTILITIES..

climate change impacts.

WHERE ARE THE CITED STUDIES PROVING THAT

CLIMATE CHANGE IS CAUSING WEATHER EVENTS / CLIMATE WEATHER ? IN THE ENTIRE

DOCUMENT WE SEE NONE REFERENCED.

Absent, aging, or dilapidated infrastructure limits new development where it is needed, consistent with

strategic land use patterns and inhibits existing development.

THIS SENTENCE IS POORLY WRITTEN

WITH THE RESULT OF CONFUSING THE READER. WHY ARE WE LEFT WONDERING WHAT IS

BEING SAID HERE?

- Disputes over water source capacity can prevent development where it is needed and consistent with desired development patterns.

- Water commitments have been assigned to parcels that are not being developed or lack development

potential.

THIS NEEDS TO BE TAKEN OUT OR ELSE EXPLAINED SO THAT THE MEANING IS

CLEAR.

- Guidelines for assigning water units per system need to be updated.
- Modeling of water demand and potential demand needs to be closely aligned to land use.
- The water systems

serving, North Kohala, South Kohala, North Kona, and Puna will require additional water source development.

- On-site wastewater disposal can adversely impact groundwater resources.
- Wastewater planning and policy primarily focus on maintaining and servicing existing systems and do not proactively plan for developing new systems to accommodate growth or to extend existing lines to align with urban zoning.
- County policy has largely relied on private developers to develop commercial and private wastewater systems for new development, which ultimately leaves significant municipal service gaps in urban areas.
- Many County wastewater systems may not be able to accommodate unserved, existing zoned capacity and projected growth.
- Landowners and developers may incur the costs of constructing private systems or upgrades due to the insufficiency and lack of wastewater systems in many areas.
- Wastewater requirements hinder the redevelopment or rehabilitation of existing structures and are often seen as an affordable housing issue.
- Treated wastewater is typically discharged into ocean waters or injected into the ground and is not generally reused.
- Wastewater infrastructure improvement and development costs are not fiscally planned for, either in the County budget or through County wastewater fee valuation.
- Individual wastewater systems (IWS) are associated with limitations and regulations. Currently, the Department of Health's rules do not allow single-family dwellings and additional dwelling units (ADU) on a single IWS system.
- Reliance on IWS is an impediment to compact development due to minimum lot size requirements for IWS, thereby contributing to sprawl.
- Coastal residential neighborhoods without centralized wastewater are contaminating near- shore waters with pollution from IWS.

REFERENCE TO SEPTIC /CESS POOL SYSTEMS. ELABORATION AND A LOT MORE DETAIL

THIS APPEARS TO BE A

SHOULD BE REQUIRED HERE.

ELABORATION AND A LOT MORE DETAIL SHOULD BE REQUIRED HERE.

THIS SEEMS TO IMPLY A POLICY DIRECTIVE THAT IS SPECIFIC TO APPLY TO COASTAL

NEIGHBORHOODS ? IMPOSING FINES OR HIGH COSTS TO HOME OWNERS TO ADDRESS A NEW

REQUIREMENT FOR MAINS SEWER OR EVEN SEPTIC TANK INSTALLATION IN ROCKY TERRAIN

WILL LEAD TO DELINQUENCY AND THEN FINES AND POTENTIAL SEIZURE OF PROPERTY. THIS

IS A VERY 'DANGEROUS' POLICY DIRECTIVE TO LEAVE AMBIGUOUS. THE CONSEQUENCES OF

THIS POLICY DIRECTIVE MUST BE EXPLORED AND CLEARLY STATED.

THIS DOCUMENT IS CITING THE HUGE OBSTACLES TO ADDRESSING THE PROBLEMS OF OUR ISLAND WHERE SO MANY HOUSEHOLDS RELY ON CESSPOOLS. WHILE THERE ARE EXAMPLES OF INNOVATIVE BIO-REMEDIATION METHODS AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO CONVENTIONAL 'WASTEWATER TREATMENT' NO STUDIES ARE INCLUDED, NO MENTION OF THESE KINDS OF OPTIONS ARE INCLUDED. BIO REMEDIATION WOULD MOST CERTAINLY BELONG IN A DOCUMENT LIKE THIS SINCE SUCH METHODS SHOULD BE EXPLORED AS A COST SAVING MEASURE AND DATA IS AVAILABLE TO DEMONSTRATE EFFECTIVENESS. FURTHER THE IMPACT TO COASTAL ECO SYSTEMS OF INADEQUATELY TREATED WASTEWATER AND RAW SEWAGE ARE WORTHY OF MENTION HERE IN THIS DOCUMENT.

TO CITE A WELL KNOWN EXAMPLE: THE 'GENKI BALL' EXPERIMENTS HAVE BEEN DONE IN SEVERAL POLLUTED WATERWAYS IN HAWAII. MOST NOTABLY THE 'GENKI BALLS' USED AT ALA WAI CANAL IN HONOLULU RESULTED IN BETTER WATER QUALITY AND FISH RETURNING TO THE AREA. WHERE A COMBINATION OF CULTURED 'BOKASHI' AND CLAY WERE INTRODUCED TO THE WATERWAYS THUS BILLIONS OF MICROBES WERE RELEASED CAPABLE OF REDUCING ECOLI AND OTHER LEVELS OF BACTERIA IN THE WATER. THIS AND OTHER KINDS OF BIOREMEDIATION BELONGS IN A PLANNING DOCUMENT FOR HAWAII ISLAND.

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- The looming deadline to convert cesspools to sewer or other IWS may create lack of local expertise to meet demand if not properly planned.
- The future impacts of climate change on future rainfall volumes are uncertain.
- Outdated codes limit the effectiveness of stormwater infrastructure and stormwater-related practices.
- Water quality changes caused by non-point source pollution, human activities, erosion, and sediment transport can negatively impact environmental systems and processes.
- A lack of incentives and flexibility exists in the permitting process for stormwater and green infrastructure.
- There is a lack of a dedicated funding source for public systems.
- There is a heavy reliance on imported fossil fuels for power generation.
- The State of Hawai'i has the highest electricity rates in the United States.
- Building codes, design perspectives, and construction practices can increase electrical demand.
- There is a constant need to update and renovate electrical systems and infrastructure.
- The adoption of renewable energy practices may offload environmental costs to other distant

WHERE IS THE

FACTUAL EVIDENCE THAT THERE IS SUCH A THING AS 'MAN MADE CLIMATE CHANGE'?

communities, which can offset positive climate action.

POORLY WRITTEN , AMBIGUOUS

GENERALIZING STATEMENTS LIKE THIS DO NOT BELONG IN A COUNTY GENERAL PLAN . WHAT

EXACTLY IS MEANT BY THE TERM RENEWABLE ENERGY 'PRACTICES?' WHAT ENVIRONMENT

COSTS ARE REFERRED TO HERE? HOW ARE COSTS 'OFFLOADED TO DISTANT COMMUNITIES'

HOW ARE THESE OFFSETTING 'POSITIVE CLIMATE ACTION?'

- Renewable energy developments can be controversial, such as geothermal and wind turbines. THIS
- disrupts efficiency and productivity and is a barrier to accessing public services and information.
- Last mile infrastructure is often the most costly and difficult segment to deploy, especially for rural areas where distances from a central distribution point are greater and population density doesn't economically promote the deployment.
- Consistent and accurate service data is needed to provide a constantly improving network for the island.
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General

- Ensure that utility development matches desirable development priorities.
- Streamline the process of utility infrastructure development to achieve the highest possible

level of service for our communities.

- Lead the charge in resource conservation and assess creative solutions to incentivize

STATEMENT IS OBJECTIONABLE. THE REASON THESE 'ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS' ARE

'CONTROVERSIAL' IS THAT THEY HAVE INJURED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND ARE KNOWN

TO CAUSE HARM. WE NOTE THAT NUCLEAR POWER WAS IN THE ORIGINAL FIRST DRAFT OF

THIS DOCUMENT AND IS ALSO CONTROVERSIAL. IF MAKING A CASE FOR GEOTHERMAL OR

WIND TURBINES (OR NUCLEAR ENERGY) OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION

ACKNOWLEDGING THE RISKS SHOULD BE AFFORDED TO THE PUBLIC.

Inadequate access

IN MEANING.

INADEQUATE ACCESS TO WHAT ? THIS IS A POOR SENTENCE AND IS AMBIGUOUS

THE STATEMENT 'PROVIDING A CONSTANTLY 'IMPROVING NETWORK' CAN BE

INTERPRETED TO REFERENCE THE INCREASINGLY INTENSE LEVELS OF SIGNAL BEING ESTABLISHED. 5 G WHILE BRINGING HIGHER SPEED LEVELS OF DATA TRANSFER IS PROVING TO POSE A HEALTH RISK TO HUMAN TISSUE. THE REGULATION OF 5G TOWERS WITH CONSIDERATIONS FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY IS AN URGENT ISSUE. WE NOTE THAT THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING ZENDO KERN HAS RECENTLY RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES THAT WILL NOT STRINGENTLY ENFORCE SAFETY STANDARDS FOR THE COMMUNITY.

Providers seeking to deploy broadband infrastructure face multiple layers of permitting and approvals at both the State and County level, in addition to community opposition regarding the installation of telecommunications towers.

SEE ABOVE COMMENT. THIS REFLECTS AN INTENTIONAL DISREGARD FOR SAFETY CONCERNS THAT ARE WIDELY DOCUMENTED AND CURRENTLY THE SUBJECT OF LEGISLATION.

Limited competition in broadband service providers and transpacific backhaul providers means high

consumer rates due to a lack of competition within the market.

(??? THIS IS JARGON THAT ISN'T EXPLAINED)

- Pursue creative funding and financing tools such as Community Facilities Districts (CFD) and Improvement Districts, for utility development, conversion, repair, operations, and maintenance.

THIS NEEDS BETTER EXPLANATION. 'CREATIVE FUNDING' IS AN OBJECTIONABLE TERM AND SOUNDS LIKE A PROCESS FOR SELLING OFF UTILITIES OR FINANCING CONSTRUCTION, REPAIRS OR MAINTENANCE SO EITHER WAY, THE PUBLIC WILL PAY MORE FOR UTILITIES.

resource conservation for the public.

- Prioritize the conversion and modernization of outdated utility systems and practices. • Use an integrated approach to value all water as a resource (e.g., drinking water,

wastewater, stormwater).

- Collaborate with asset management (e.g., road resurfacing and utility upgrades). ASSET

MANAGEMENT IS A VAGUE TERM THAT IS NOT SUFFICIENTLY DEFINED.

- Explore public-private partnership opportunities to create circular systems.

- Increase partnerships and enhance collaboration with government, private and nonprofit agencies, and other stakeholders.

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- Seek creative funding for significant expansion of water systems to reach new customers in non-service areas.
- Promote and practice water conservation practices to maximize efficient water use.
- Adopt One Water recommendations to standardize interagency collaboration in planning for and managing water resources.
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- Exercise some controls over the permitted uses within the defined zone of influence for downstream deep well sources.

ANOTHER VAGUE TERM

THAT IS NOT SUFFICIENTLY DEFINED. PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS USUALLY IS ANOTHER

WORD FOR INCREASING PUBLIC DEBT WHILE GIVING AWAY PUBLIC ASSETS TO PRIVATE

CORPORATIONS. THIS IS MORE FROM THE PAGES OF SOCIALISM AND WE REJECT IT.

HERE 'OTHER STAKEHOLDERS' IS A VAGUE TERM THAT IS NOT

SUFFICIENTLY DEFINED. PLEASE DEFINE IT CLEARLY OR TAKE IT OUT ALTOGETHER.

Explore innovative ways to fund water infrastructure improvements to attract development that is consistent with desired density and the land use pattern.

AGAIN A REFERENCE TO 'DESIRED

DENSITY AND LAND USE PATTERNS' THIS HAS NOT BEEN SUFFICIENTLY EXAMINED IN THE

PLANNING DOCUMENT AND IS BEING REFERENCE HERE AS A STANDARD

Rainfall collection can provide additional water capacity even where we have Department of Water

Supply (DWS) systems.

NEEDS CLEAR EXPLANATION.

Align the Water Use Development Plan, Master Plan, General Plan, DWS Capital Improvements

Program (CIP), DWS guidelines, DWS water commitments, and private improvements to the DWS

system.

NEEDS CLEAR EXPLANATION.

IN THIS GENERAL PLANNING DOCUMENT THERE APPEARS TO BE NO

MENTION OF THE IMPACT OF MILITARY ON THE SOIL, WATER AND AIR QUALITY. HERE A REFERENCE TO POLLUTERS UPSTREAM OF WATER SOURCES AND YET MILITARY IS NOT MENTIONED? POHAKULOA MILITARY BASE CONTINUES TO LEASE FOR \$1 AND CONDUCTS LIVE FIRE TRAINING DIRECTLY ABOVE THE ISLAND'S VAST AQUIFER. IT HAS BEEN A KNOWN FACT THAT DEPLETED URANIUM HAS BEEN SCATTERED ONTO THE BASE AND CONTINUES TO BE DISTURBED BY MILITARY ACTIVITIES UP THERE.

- Encourage groundwater recharge from regional scale master planning to on-site best management practices such as low-impact development (LID).
- Prioritize sewer for sensitive urban areas.
- Proactively seek grant funding to assist with wastewater development.
- Advocate for expanding cesspool conversion tax credit to all cesspool conversions. THESE ARE MAJOR COSTS BEING PASSED ON TO HOME OWNERS.
- Explore opportunities for public-private partnerships as well as those for technology upgrades and innovation.
- Promote the expanded use of greywater for landscape irrigation and groundwater recharge via rules for new construction and retrofits
- Advocate to the Department of Health (DOH) to adopt appropriately scaled requirements and standards and develop flexible guidelines for designing and permitting wastewater systems that meet environmental objectives.
- Low-pressure systems should be prioritized for retrofitting instead of gravity flow. •

Drinking Water

Wastewater

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Stormwater

Electricity & Energy

Telecommunications & Broadband

- Increase availability and access to information about private wastewater treatment plant capacities or expansion opportunities.
- Prioritize resiliency measures that support climate change impact scenarios. • Regularly amend County codes to be as current and innovative as possible.
- Increase opportunities for recycled water.

REMEDIATION IS A MAJOR OMMISSION

THIS SHOULD BE ELABORATED SINCE IT APPEARS TO

BE A DIRECTIVE. THE PUBLIC IS ENTITLED TO BE CONSULTED ON SUCH MATTERS.

AGAIN STATING THAT

REFERENCING OVER AND OVER THE NEED FOR 'WASTEWATER DEVELOPMENT' WHILE DEDICATING NO TIME AND EFFORT TO EXPLORING ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF BIO

THE TERM 'PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP' IS A TERM ASSOCIATED WITH INCREASED DEBT FOR THE PUBLIC AND A REDUCTION (USUALLY) IN HARD ASSETS THAT ARE HANDED OVER TO CORPORATE PRIVATE INTERESTS.

development can contribute more to a centralized system.

Higher-density

HERE AGAIN WE SEE AN ASSERTION

THAT FUTURE DEVELOPMENT WILL BE HIGHER DENSITY AND THIS LACKS PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND YET

- Be a leader in prioritizing green infrastructure over gray infrastructure.
- Ensure that stormwater infrastructure decisions align with related plans and the CIP

budget.

- Green infrastructure practices may provide opportunities for creating or expanding

industry.

- Prioritize the use of native plants in landscaping.

- Promote and support the development of alternative energy production facilities.
- Be a net power producer with hydrogen and waste management. THIS STATEMENT WARRANTS ELABORATION OR IT DOESN'T BELONG IN THIS DOCUMENT.

- Hawai'i Island has the highest renewable energy percentage in the State and can continue

to support renewable energy projects to decarbonize our energy system and stabilize electricity costs.

WHAT DOES 'DECARBONIZE OUR ENERGY SYSTEM' ACTUALLY MEAN ? ELECTRIC CARS ON

THE ISLAND ARE CHARGED AT STATIONS THAT RELY ON POWER FROM DIESEL FUEL

GENERATORS. IN OTHER WORDS ELECTRIC CARS REMAIN DEPENDENT ON THOSE FOSSIL

FUELS BUT WE SEE OUR COUNTY GOVERNMENT PROMOTING ELECTRIC CARS AS PART OF AN

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY STRATEGY. THE NOTION OF 'DECARBONIZING OUR ENERGY SYSTEM'

IS FEEDING A MYTH ABOUT HOW RAPIDLY 'WE' CAN TRANSFORM OUR ENTIRE ECONOMY AND

OUR WAY OF LIFE. THE IDEA OF 'DECARBONIZING' THE ENERGY SYSTEM IS VERY VERY

RADICAL AND IS COMING FROM A SOCIALIST MYTH THAT CARBON (THE BUILDING BLOCK OF LIFE) IS 'BAD' AND THAT SOMEHOW 'CARBON' IS THE CAUSE OF WEATHER EVENTS AND 'CLIMATE CHANGE.' THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT SUPPORTS A RADICAL AGENDA TO 'DECARBONIZE' OUR ENTIRE ENERGY SYSTEM.

FURTHER, SINCE THIS WILL REQUIRE COMPLETE DISRUPTION TO THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM AND SINCE IT IS IMPLIED THAT PEOPLE WILL BE DISCOURAGED FROM MOVING ABOUT 'FREELY' THIS IS A RADICAL OVERHAUL OF OUR ECONOMY WHICH IS LIKELY TO PRODUCE MANY PAINFUL SHOCKS TO INDIVIDUALS, OHANA AND COMMUNITIES. THIS IS ABOUT THE CLEAREST EXAMPLE OF 'RECKLESS' ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT THAT ONE COULD POSSIBLY IMAGINE.

WHAT IS EXTREMELY DISTURBING ABOUT SEEING THE COUNTY DOCUMENT LINE UP SO CLOSELY WITH DECLARED GOALS OF AN ELITE INSTITUTION REPRESENTING THE WEALTHIEST 1% OF OUR PLANET ('THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM') IS THAT THIS ORGANIZATION APPOINTED ITSELF AS THE CUSTODIANS AND ARBITERS OF A PLAN TO BRING IN THE 4TH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION WHICH IS THE MOST RADICAL OF ALL THE TRANSITIONS AT ANY TIME IN HISTORY AND BROUGHT ABOUT THROUGH A SERIES OF CRISES: PANDEMIC DISEASE, 'CLIMATE EVENTS' THAT APPEAR AS A CRISIS AND ALSO FOOD SHORTAGES IN PART CAUSED BY INTERFERENCE WITH SUPPLY CHAIN THAT BEGAN WITH LOCKDOWNS IN 2020. THE CATCH PHRASE BY WEF LEADER KLAUS SCHWAB AT THE TIME OF INTRODUCING 'THE GREAT RESET' WAS 'BY 2030 YOU WILL OWN NOTHING AND YOU WILL BE HAPPY.'

WE SPECIFICALLY OBJECT TO TERMS SUCH AS 'DECARBONIZING OUR ENERGY SYSTEM' BECAUSE THIS IMPLIES THAT YOU HAVE THE CONSENT OF THE PUBLIC

A) TO ASSERT THAT CARBON IS A PROBLEM AS IF THERE IS CONSENSUS ON THIS TOPIC WHEN THERE IS NOT

AND B) TO TAKE EXTREMELY RADICAL AND DANGEROUS STEPS TO TRANSITION THE ENTIRE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM AWAY FROM FOSSIL FUELS IN A VERY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.

Support the County's Broadband Initiative and coordination with the State to facilitate digital equity efforts (e.g., establishing broadband as a public utility, infrastructure deployment, providing training support, and coordinating funding strategies for broadband and telecommunication services).

AFTER 5G THERE IS

6G COMING . WITH EACH OF THE INCREMENTAL INCREASES IN THE INTENSITY OF THE FREQUENCY ILLNESSES AND TISSUE DAMAGE RESULTS CONSISTENT WITH ‘RADIATION POISONING’ . THERE NEEDS TO BE A COMMITMENT TO REVIEW SAFETY INFORMATION AND TO TAKE AN APPROACH THAT HAS A PRECAUTIONARY PRINCIPLE. THIS IS THE MINIMUM STANDARD OF GOOD

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GOVERNMENT.

Compact development and higher population densities where appropriate are favorable for commercial service providers as they contribute to more economically viable market conditions.

WHICH

‘COMMERCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS’ IS THIS REFERENCING ? THIS STATEMENT NEEDS TO BE EXPLAINED BETTER OR ELSE REMOVED FROM THIS SECTION.

Providing consistent and accurate digital literacy data will promote a desirable level of service for all residents.

WHAT IS DIGITAL LITERACY DATA AND HOW WILL THIS PROMOTE A DESIREABLE LEVEL OF SERVICE ? IS ‘DIGITAL LITERACY DATA’ A CLASS OF INFORMATION THAT COMES WITH VIGILANT PROTECTION OF EACH AND EVERY INDIVIDUAL; THEIR PRIVACY AND THEIR 1ST AMENDMENT RIGHTS ? WITHOUT PROTECTION OF THIS KIND, IF OUR COUNTY GOVERNMENT IS WAIVING ON THE INVASIVE DATA COLLECTION PRACTICES OF THE DIGITAL INDUSTRY, THEN IT MAY BE ENDANGERING THE PEOPLE OF THIS ISLAND. WE ARE REQUESTING THAT THE PRIMACY OF SAFETY AND DATA PRIVACY ABOVE THE INTERESTS OF INVESTORS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS ARE WRITTEN INTO THIS GENERAL PLAN. THERE IS A LOT OF DATA TO SUPPORT THAT WHEN THE SAFETY AND PRIVACY OF INDIVIDUALS ARE COMPROMISED, THE PUBLIC WILL BE ENDANGERED AND TYRANNY WILL LIKELY RESULT.

THESE ARE THE REASONS THE ENTIRE DOCUMENT IS FLAWED: WE DON'T SEE CARE TAKEN BY OUR COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT INDIVIDUALS' HEALTH AND SAFETY. .

- Increasing digital inclusion efforts, which focus on ensuring both access to and ability to use a range of

technologies, will contribute to better outcomes for health, public safety, economic opportunity, and civic participation.

- Streamlining permitting and approval processes will improve the efficiency of broadband and telecommunication development and delivery.
- Pursue partnerships to develop public spaces with broadband access.

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THE TERM 'digital inclusion' IS BASED ON AN ASSUMPTION THAT MORE ACCESS TO

5G AND HIGHER BANDWIDTH IS A POSITIVE THING. THIS PREMISE IS WIDELY PROMOTED IN

THIS POLICY DOCUMENT AND YET NO SAFETY STUDIES ARE CITED.

THIS IS AMBIGUOUS AND MAY BE PROMOTION OF A

LOOSE SET OF GUIDELINES FOR TOWER PLACEMENT THAT IS NOT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

THIS IS AMBIGUOUS AND MAY

BE PROMOTION OF AN OBJECTIVE THAT IS NOT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

4.3.2 Public Utilities Goal, Objective, Policies, and Actions

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.

Objective 25

Improve the efficiency, reliability, and sustainability of essential infrastructure systems.

Policies

- 25.1
- 25.2 Provide utilities and service facilities that minimize total cost to the public and effectively serve the needs of the community.
- 25.3 Utility facilities shall be designed to complement adjacent land uses and minimize pollution or disturbance of the natural environment and natural resources.
- users.
- 25.5 Encourage the clustering of developments to reduce the cost of providing utilities.

Public utility facilities shall be designed at a scale that meets the needs of future development.

IN THIS DOCUMENT SO FAR, THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT AN

ACTUAL FOCUS ON THE ECONOMY, ON THE SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY THAT

REQUIRE SUPPORT, HAS ACTUALLY BEEN CONSIDERED. WHY IS THERE AN EMPHASIS ON 'FUTURE DEVELOPMENT' WITHOUT THE MAIN FOCUS BEING ECONOMIC GROWTH?

25.4 Improvement of existing utility services shall be encouraged to meet the needs of

THIS IS MEANINGLESS. WHY IS THIS SENTENCE NECESSARY ?

WE ARE FAMILIAR WITH THIS IDEOLOGY. IT'S NOT GOVERNMENT POLICY

DEVELOPMENT IT NEEDS TO BE NAMED FOR WHAT IT IS: 'SMART CITY'

PROPAGANDA. STACK EM AND PACK EM HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS ARE A PART

OF THE PLAN AND THIS IS A RADICAL COMMUNIST AGENDA THAT WE REJECT.

IT IS THROUGHOUT THIS DOCUMENT WHICH IS EXTREMELY CONCERNING. THE

SMART CITIES THAT ARE BEING DESIGNED GLOBALLY ARE ANOTHER

REFLECTION OF WEF STATED GOALS TO CREATE URBAN CENTERS WHERE

SURVEILLANCE AND CARBON MONITORING FORM THE JUSTIFICATION FOR

CONFINING PEOPLE AND PREVENTING THEM FROM MOVING ABOUT FREELY.

THIS IS AN EXTREMELY DANGEROUS AND TRAITOROUS PROPOSAL TO FIND IN

A DOCUMENT THAT IS SUPPOSED TO BE DELIVERING TO OUR ISLAND A PLAN

FOR OUR WELL BEING AS A COMMUNITY, FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH, AND FOR

THE CARE OF OUR 'AINA.

- 25.6 Develop short- and long-range capital improvements programs and plans for public utilities within its jurisdiction that are consistent with the General Plan.
- 25.7 Maintain an Asset Management Program aimed at utilizing maintenance plans to prolong the life of our utilities as well as reduce whole-life costs.

Actions

25.a Develop and adopt an Impact Fees Ordinance to aide in the expansion of public utilities. 4.3 Public Utilities | **County of Hawai'i General Plan** 130

4.3.3 Drinking Water Conservation

The Hawai'i State Constitution provides that all public natural resources, including water, are held in trust by the State for the benefit of the people. The State Constitution further maintains that "the State has an obligation to protect, control, and regulate the use of Hawai'i's water resources for the benefit of its people." Water availability is crucial to any type of development, whether urban, rural, or agricultural. Water availability is based on the sustainable yields of the groundwater hydrologic units established through the State Water Code.¹

Land use allocation must be closely related to water availability, including the quantity and quality of the water,

and the adequacy of the transmission and distribution system. The General Plan requires an understanding of water availability and capacity, current demands, and future demands based on planned and anticipated future growth and land uses. ‘

The County’s Department of Water Supply (DWS) is the primary agency that manages, controls, and operates the water supplies of the County and its properties. There are 23 individual water systems distributed throughout the island. Water demand is directly related to population and industry usage and is expressed as gallons per day (gpd) or million gallons per day (mgd). Demand does not represent domestic consumption alone, but also includes all agricultural, industrial, and commercial uses, fire protection, and other uses. In some areas, however, non-domestic users are likely to create the major demand, and careful attention must therefore be given in any study of probable future water needs.

In Hawai’i, there are a multitude of public agencies that are either actively tasked with regulating water resources or whose policies affect water use. There are also a number of private entities that use and manage water resources. Over the decades, water management has become segregated in a way that

has created disjointed, mechanical approaches to a naturally continuous resource. The disconnection has included narrow perspectives that fail to see the larger picture. Hawai’i County aspires to achieve water resource management that is free from the limitations and issues of siloed practices, processes, agencies, and government bodies. Achieving a One Water approach in Hawai’i County includes actionable steps that can be adapted and adjusted to localize the One Water strategies.

QUESTION : WHY IS A PRIVATE COMPANY BEING SOLD THE RIGHTS TO BOTTLE WATER

IN HILO ? WHY ISN’T A PLANNING DOCUMENT CONCERNED WITH FUTURE WATER

ACCESS CLEAR THAT NO WATER IS TO BE ‘SOLD’ OR COMMERCIALIZED SINCE IT

BELONGS TO THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII?

One Water

One Water is a strategy that integrates the management of stormwater, wastewater, groundwater, sea water, freshwater, graywater, and recycled water to create resource and financial efficiencies.

ANY PREMISE USED TO CONTROL WATER ACCESS, WATER RIGHTS WHETHER BY A CORPORATION OR A GOVERNMENT MUST BE REJECTED. WATER IS AN INCREASINGLY PRIVATISED COMMODITY ACROSS THE WORLD. THIS SHOULD CONCERN US. IT ALREADY SEEMS EXTREMELY CONCERNING THAT ON THE ONE HAND APPLICANTS HAVE REPEATEDLY ATTEMPTED VIA A COUNTY PERMITTING PROCESS TO PURCHASE THE RIGHTS TO BOTTLE WATER FROM OUR MAUNA KEA AQUIFER AND ON THE OTHER HAND THAT THE COUNTY WOULD BE PROMOTING CONTROL OF WATER MANAGEMENT IN A CENTRALIZED FASHION INVOLVING MULTIPLE ‘UNDISCLOSED AGENCIES’

FURTHER, AGAIN THERE IS AN OBJECTION TO THE SUGGESTION THAT THE COUNTY OF HAWAII WILL ADDRESS ‘CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS’ WHEN THE VERY PREMISE OF CLIMATE CHANGE HAS BEEN CHALLENGED BY MULTIPLE LEADING AUTHORITIES AND IS THE SOURCE OF CONTROVERSY DUE TO THE LACK OF HARD EVIDENCE THAT ‘CARBON’ IS THE CAUSE OF ‘CLIMATE CHANGE’ AND ‘CLIMATE EVENTS’ THAT APPEAR TO REPRESENT AN EMERGENCY.

Objective 26

Increase the protection of existing and potential sources of drinking water.

Policies

- 26.1 All public water systems shall be designed and built to the DWS dedication standards. All other systems shall meet all relevant health and safety regulations and be designed and constructed by a licensed engineer.
- 26.2 Water sources shall be protected to prevent depletion and contamination from natural and man-made occurrences or events.

will help the County of Hawai'i address climate change impacts by creating cross-agency coordination

One Water

and advancing the capacity within agencies.

- 26.3 An effort by County, State, and private interests shall be coordinated to identify sources of additional water supply to be implemented and ensure the development of sufficient quantities of water for existing and future needs of high-growth areas and agricultural production.
- 26.4 Installation or rehabilitation of water distributions shall be sized to adequately meet fire protection.
- 26.5 Ensure the highest quality of water is reserved for the most valuable end-use.
- 26.6 Encourage the design of large development projects (200+ units) in the North

Kohala, South Kohala, North Kona, South Kona, and Ka'u Districts to be as water neutral as reasonably possible through water conservation, recharge, and reuse measures to reduce the water footprint.

- 26.7 Promote best practices in sustainable water collection and use for private water systems.
- 26.8 Water system improvements, including exploratory wells, shall correlate with the County's desired land use development pattern.
- 26.9 The DWS shall prioritize infill development and focus source development to serve designated Urban Growth Areas.
- 26.10 Water demand projections shall include all consumptive and non-consumptive demands.
- 26.11 The DWS and the Planning Department shall coordinate priorities before the adoption of any new water development or County land use plans.
- 26.12 All County potable water systems should have backup standby sources.

One Water

- 26.13
- 26.14 Manage water, stormwater, and wastewater as the same natural resource in collaboration with the DWS, DEM, DPW, and DOH.
- 26.15 New developments should be designed to reduce water demand, retain runoff, decrease flooding, and recharge groundwater.
- 26.16 Support localized, small-scale solutions to water reuse and on-site systems.

Actions

26.a In collaboration with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), conduct further research on localized rainfall modeling to accurately assess future precipitation trends.

Treat all water as a valuable resource in community design, and integrate designs

for drinking water, stormwater, and recreational water needs.

CONCERN: AN EXAMPLE

OF YET MORE POORLY EXPRESSED LANGUAGE THAT SEEMS INAPPROPRIATE.

WHAT IS MEANT BY 'RECREATIONAL WATER NEEDS?'

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- 26.b Expand water conservation programs, primarily aimed at reducing demand, such as leak detection, and rebates for low flow.
- 26.c Evaluate and amend the fee schedule for water use to take into account high water use and aquifer recharge projections. Use the funds generated to pay for conservation measures and infrastructure.
- 26.d Improve County water conservation practices to lead by example.
- 26.e Maintain the water master plan to consider water yield, present and future demand, alternative sources of water, guidelines, and policies for the issuing of water commitments.
- 26.f Collaborate with the DOH to develop standards and/or guidelines for the construction and use of rainwater catchment systems to minimize the intrusion of any chemical and microbiological contaminants.
- 26.g Promote the use of groundwater sources to meet DOH water quality standards.
- 26.h Seek state and federal funds to assist in financing projects to bring the County into compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act.
- 26.i

Explore the feasibility of incentive methods such as property tax deductions,

conservation easements, or transfer of development rights to protect the defined zone of

influence of existing or proposed public and private wells. AGAIN THIS SEEMS TO

REFER VAGUELY TO THE PRIVATISATION OF WATER AND CONVERSELY TO

PROPERTY ACQUISITION WHICH IS NOT CURRENTLY CONSIDERED THE

RESPONSIBILITY OF OUR COUNTY GOVERNMENT. UNDER A COMMUNIST

GOVERNMENTAL SYSTEM ONE COULD EASILY EXPECT THAT A GOVERNMENT
WOULD BE CRAFTING POLICY IN SUCH A WAY THAT TRANSFER OF PROPERTY
FROM PRIVATE LANDOWNER TO GOVERNMENT WOULD BE FACILITATED.

- 26.j Investigate alternative financing options for expanding water systems to support infill growth consistent with
- 26.k Collaborate with government, private and nonprofit agencies, communities, and other stakeholders to develop, improve, and expand agricultural water systems in appropriate areas on the island.
- 26.l Continue to participate in the United States Geological Survey (USGS) exploratory well drilling program.
- 26.m Expand programs to provide agricultural irrigation water.

One Water

- 26.n Develop water conservation and stormwater management guidelines for commercial, industrial, and residential properties.
- 26.o Codify the administrative structure needed to develop a water resource program and interdepartmental collaboration framework.

the County’s desired land use development pattern.

AGAIN

THIS IS A VAGUE REFERENCE WHEN THAT SHOULD NOT BE LEFT AMBIGUOUS

AND THIS IS CONCERNING BECAUSE IT COMPROMISES THE VALUE OF THE

ENTIRE DOCUMENT.

- 26.p Collaborate with government, private and nonprofit agencies, communities, and other stakeholders to develop and facilitate community partnerships between upstream and downstream communities.
- 26.q Develop public-private partnerships to leverage funding sources. 4.3 Public Utilities | **County of Hawai’i General Plan 133**

Table 35: Water System Standards Domestic Consumption Guidelines

Zoning Designation Residential: Single-Family or Duplex Multi-Family Commercial

Resort

Light Industry Schools and Parks Agriculture

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Average Daily Demand

400 gals/unit

400 gals/unit
3000 gals/acre
400 gals/unit or 17,000 gal/acre 4000 gals/acre

4000 gals/acre or 60 gals/student 3400 gals/acre

A unit, or, more precisely, one Equivalent Unit (EU) of water allows for an average daily usage of up to 400 gallons per day and a maximum daily usage of up to 600 gallons on any day but the average is still not allowed to exceed 400 gallons per day.

One EU is typically served through a 5/8-inch meter and is considered adequate for a single-family home or dwelling and allows for some landscape or gardening usage.

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4.3.4 Wastewater Treatment and Reuse

The General Plan recognizes the significance of wastewater treatment and reuse as essential components of the County's comprehensive water management strategy. Adequate sewer systems are vital to maintain public health and protect the environment. As communities generate wastewater through various sources such as residential, commercial, and industrial activities,

effective treatment is necessary to remove harmful pollutants and contaminants

before the water is discharged back into the environment. Improperly treated wastewater can

have detrimental effects on marine ecosystems, coastal waters, and freshwater resources,

jeopardizing both human and ecological health.

An adequate system minimizes contamination of both the groundwater supply and coastal waters, beaches, and waterborne recreational areas and is not a visual and odor nuisance.

Land development plans for resort-residential complexes located in shoreline areas pose a potential water quality problem for adjacent near-shore waters. Adequate treatment facilities are essential prerequisites for development.

HERE IN THIS DOCUMENT WITH NO REFERENCE TO BIO REMEDIATION AND WITH THE
SHEER VOLUME OF HOUSEHOLDS OPERATING OFF GRID, THIS DOCUMENT IS
CREATING 'CRIME' OUT OF REGULAR HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS. THE FACT THAT THIS
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION IS PROPOSING A POLICY DIRECTIVE TO MANDATE/ FORCE
HOUSEHOLDS TO ADDRESS THE LACK OF INFRASTRUCTURE ON OUR RURAL ISLAND
IS A VERY RECKLESS DIRECTION TO TAKE.

REFER PREVIOUS COMMENTS 1) AN AUDIT SHOULD BE DONE OF THE CURRENT
WASTEWATER DIVISION 2) ALTERNATIVE BIOREMEDIATION METHODS MUST BE
INVESTIGATED AND FINDINGS PUBLISHED. MORE PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC

AWARENESS IS NEEDED BEFORE THIS POLICY DIRECTIVE WOULD BE ADOPTED SINCE
IT WILL LIKELY BRING GREAT FINANCIAL STRAIN TO MANY HOUSEHOLDS AND
REQUIRE ONEROUS LEVELS OF 'ENFORCEMENT.'

Wastewater reuse, also known as water recycling or reclaimed water, involves treating wastewater to a level suitable for non-potable uses. Reusing treated wastewater provides an opportunity to conserve precious freshwater resources and reduce the strain on existing water supplies. For Hawai'i Island, where freshwater resources are limited and vulnerable to climate change impacts, the implementation of wastewater reuse projects becomes vital for ensuring water sustainability.

The County operates municipal sewerage in Hilo, Pāpa'ikou, Kapehu, Pepe'ekeo, Honoka'a, Kealakehe, and Kaloko. The remaining communities are served by private wastewater treatment facilities or individual facilities, such as cesspools or septic tanks. In 2017, the Hawai'i State Legislature passed Act 125, mandating that all Hawai'i's cesspools be replaced by 2050. Cesspools are substandard sewage disposal systems as they do not treat wastewater. According to the latest report on the Hawai'i Cesspool Hazard Assessment and Prioritization Tool, Hawai'i Island contains an estimated 48,596 cesspools. Sewerage disposal system designs must be examined with the particular region in mind. Of critical importance in an examination of sewerage disposal for a community is the cost of the system, including construction and operation costs. These costs vary with the characteristics of each area.

By implementing appropriate treatment processes, treated wastewater can
be used for a range of purposes, including irrigation of agricultural lands, landscape irrigation,
industrial processes, and groundwater recharge. This practice helps meet non-drinking water
needs, reducing the reliance on freshwater sources for non-potable purposes and leaving more
available for essential uses like drinking water.

THERE IS NO MENTION HERE OF THE
SAFETY CONCERNS THAT MUST ACCOMPANY SUCH USES OF TREATED
WASTEWATER.

The Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974 legislated the protection of all aquifers or portions of
aquifers currently serving as drinking water sources and any other aquifer capable of yielding
consumable water. This mandate was based on a national concern for the quality of the
groundwater and the increasing evidence of contamination of this valuable resource.

In 1976, the State Legislature enacted Act 84, relating to safe drinking water, which requires the State Department of Health (DOH) to establish an underground injection control program to protect the quality of the State's underground sources of drinking water. Because of the importance of groundwater as a source of municipal water supplies, the underground injection control program is considered a beneficial approach in the identification of aquifers that should be protected from subsurface disposal of wastewater through injection wells.

The protection of these aquifers is established by designating areas currently being used or will be used in the future for drinking water supply.

In compliance with the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 (Public Law 92- 500), the DOH and the County jointly prepared the Water Quality Management Plan for Hawai'i County in 1978 and subsequently updated the plan in 1980. In 1979, the County Council adopted the plan through a resolution to serve as the planning guide for the development of regional waste treatment systems and the control of non-point sources of pollution. To implement the management plan, the County has prepared facility plans for various areas on the island. Facility plans are developed by the County to satisfy a requirement for the application of loans from the State to develop wastewater treatment facilities. The facility plans identify problems, potential solutions, and costs.

In 1985, the State Legislature enacted Act 282, Relating to Environmental Quality, which reassigns the County, effective July 1, 1987, or upon receipt of State funds, to assume complete administration and implementation for the regulation of sewerage and wastewater treatment system programs.

Source: Hawai'i News Now (2022).

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HERE AGAIN THERE IS NO MENTION OF THE PRIMARY POLLUTER OF THE AQUIFER :

THE MILITARY BASE ON POHAKULOA. THERE IS ALSO NO MENTION OF TESTING

WATER QUALITY AND TESTING FOR CONTAMINANTS. THIS IS ANOTHER DIVISION OF

OUR COUNTY THAT SHOULD BE AUDITED. WHY IS NOTHING DONE ABOUT A MILITARY

POTENTIAL 'SUPER FUND SITE' OPERATING ABOVE A PRISTINE AQUIFER?

The Underground Sources of Drinking Water

(USDW) will be protected from pollution by prohibiting the construction of new injection wells

that may pollute the USDW. Injection wells are allowed in exempted areas. The boundary lines

between the USDW and the exempted areas have been developed.

**** PROVIDE THIS**

INFORMATION OR ELSE TAKE OUT THIS EXEMPTION REFERENCE. THE PUBLIC

SHOULD BE BETTER INFORMED UPON READING THIS PLAN, NOT LEFT IN THE DARK

TO WONDER

. Under Chapter 62, Wastewater Systems, the DOH adopted a 1,000-foot setback

of wastewater systems from all public drinking water wells and springs.

Objective 27

Planned and developed municipal sewer capacity is expanded to serve our Urban Growth Areas and reduce sewage-related impacts on water quality.

Policies

- 27.1 A Sewerage Study for All Urban Areas, including appropriate water quality management strategies, shall be completed and used as guides for the general planning of sewerage disposal systems.

- 27.2 Private treatment systems shall be installed by land developers for major resorts and other developments along shorelines and sensitive higher inland areas, except where connection to nearby treatment facilities is feasible and compatible with the County's long-range plans, and in conformance with State and County requirements.
- 27.3 Immediate steps shall be taken to designate treatment plant sites, sewerage pump station sites, and sewer easements according to the facility plans to facilitate their acquisition.
- 27.4 The County shall obtain State and Federal funds to finance the construction of proposed sewer systems and improve existing systems.
- 27.5 Plans for wastewater reclamation and reuse for irrigation and biosolids composting (remaining solids from the treatment of wastewater are processed into a reusable organic material) shall be utilized where topographically feasible and needed for landscaping, agricultural purposes, or fire protection.

Wastewater and Environmental Quality Prioritization

- 27.6 Pollution shall be prevented, abated, and controlled at levels that will protect and preserve public health and well-being through the enforcement of appropriate Federal, State, and County standards.
- 27.7 Ensure municipal wastewater systems serve designated Urban Growth Areas (UGA) with the capacity to accommodate projected population growth.
- 27.8 The Department of Environmental Management and the Planning Department shall coordinate priorities before the adoption of any new wastewater development or land use plans.
- 27.9 Prioritize developing a multipronged approach to wastewater infrastructure funding, including proactively seeking grant funding for wastewater system expansion, improvements, and new development.
- 27.10 Ensure wastewater fees reflect actual costs for service, maintenance, and future improvements.
- 27.11 Ensure that wastewater systems and improvements are designed and functioning to maximize system efficiencies, prevent accidental leaks or spills, and provide sanitary, reliable wastewater treatment that is not negatively impacting natural resources.

One Water-Recycled Water Expansion

- 27.12 Strive for an integrated approach to stormwater and wastewater, and water resource management that is comprehensive and as efficient as possible.
 - 27.13 Encourage on-site water reuse solutions for large developments.
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27.14 Encourage and incentivize the collection of rainfall for non-potable use.

27.15 Prioritize the use of graywater in areas connected to County water and not connected to County wastewater.

Actions

Wastewater and Environmental Quality Prioritization

- 27.a Prioritize areas where on-site wastewater treatment should be converted to sewer and establish financial tools such as improvement districts to aid in implementation.
- 27.b Prioritize areas where wastewater treatment facilities are necessary to facilitate future growth and

utilize financing tools such as community facilities district (CFD) or tax increment financing (TIF) to aid in implementation.

- 27.c Review, assess, and amend Codes relating to sewer connection requirements to ensure wastewater issues and requirements are addressed in a consistent, sustainable, and socially equitable way.
- 27.d Develop a wastewater master plan with a clear prioritization method for wastewater system expansions and improvements based on criteria involving land use, projected growth, social equity, and environmental factors.
- 27.e Develop plans to improve, connect, or develop new wastewater systems in unsewered urban coastal communities.
- 27.f Perform a study to assess individual wastewater systems (IWS) in unsewered urban growth areas to assess the rate of failures/negative impacts, determine rates of large capacity cesspools still in use, and develop plans to improve, connect, or develop new wastewater systems for unsewered urban communities.
- 27.g Proactively seek opportunities for public-private partnerships for wastewater collection and treatment development.
- 27.h Facilitate the use of infrastructure improvement districts and other types of localized funding mechanisms to fund improvements.
- 27.i Streamline the sewer connection loan program.
- 27.j Develop wastewater cost valuation in service fees (similar to the water model fee structure).
- 27.k Develop a criteria-based infrastructure prioritization tool to develop new or expand existing municipal wastewater systems. Base these priority areas on designated urban growth boundaries, urban zoning and density, population trends and anticipated growth, health/safety, and environmental factors.
- 27.l Implement innovative wastewater systems at a cost-effective scale for small communities.
- 27.m Amend the County Code, Section 21-26-1(a) requiring “all sewer extensions shall be approved by resolution of the County council” to read, “all sewer extensions outside of Urban Growth Areas shall be approved by resolution of the County council.”

REFERRING AGAIN TO CONCERNS THAT THIS IS AN UNFEASIBLE COST TO REGULAR HOUSEHOLDS. THIS IS A VERY CONCERNING POLICY DIRECTIVE AND AS ACKNOWLEDGED HERE, MORE STUDIES WOULD BE REQUIRED PRIOR TO ADMINISTERING SUCH POLICIES.. SO WHY ARE WE SEEING THIS EMPHASIS IN THE GENERAL PLAN ?

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- 27.n In collaboration with the DOH Wastewater Branch, reevaluate and clarify the requirements set forth in Hawai‘i Administrative Rules (HAR), Section 11-62-31.1(a) (1) (B) and amend County sewer requirements

accordingly to accommodate needed housing units.

- 27.o Collaborate with the DOH to advance progressive wastewater technology and regulations.

One Water-Recycled Water Expansion

- 27.p In collaboration with the Department of Agriculture, develop a water resource strategy for efficient agricultural water use and reuse.
- 27.q Install non-potable systems, such as reclaimed wastewater, brackish groundwater, and untreated surface water in proximity to priority UGAs for non-potable water uses.
- 27.r Conduct supply and demand studies to determine a level of service for non-potable water needs.
- 27.s Facilitate greywater reuse systems through code amendments and through partnering with DOH for regulatory changes and incentives.

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4.3.5 Stormwater Infiltration and Green

Infrastructure

Stormwater management and the implementation of green infrastructure are critical elements of the General Plan for their vital role in sustainability on Hawai'i Island. As an island ecosystem with limited freshwater resources and vulnerable coastal areas, managing stormwater effectively and integrating green infrastructure practices are essential for preserving our water resources and ensuring environmental sustainability.

Stormwater refers to the runoff from precipitation that flows over land surfaces, eventually entering water bodies such as streams, rivers, and oceans. Stormwater is a crucial element of the island's overall water landscape. While precipitation may be an obvious contributor to stormwater, all the phases of the hydrologic cycle are related to stormwater and are influenced by public utility decisions made in the built environment. Precipitation and surface runoff are often the phases of the hydrologic cycle that people recognize as stormwater, whereas evaporation, transpiration, and condensation are not as easily observed processes.

Uncontrolled stormwater runoff can lead to various detrimental effects on water resources and ecosystems. Polluted runoff, also known as nonpoint source pollution, from agriculture, urban development, forestry, recreational boating, marinas, and hydromodification activities is the leading cause of water pollution in waters across the country and in Hawai'i. Uncontrolled stormwater runoff can also lead to localized flooding, causing damage to infrastructure, property, and even loss of life. Implementing stormwater management strategies helps to control the flow of stormwater, reducing the risk of flooding and associated hazards. Moreover, excessive stormwater runoff can cause soil erosion, leading to the loss of fertile topsoil, sedimentation in water bodies, and degradation of natural habitats. Proper stormwater management practices, including erosion control measures, help minimize erosion and preserve the island's natural resources.

Stormwater is a prime example of the unavoidable connections that exist between the built environment and the natural environment. Increasing the opportunities for infiltration and transpiration can reduce the amount of evaporation that surface runoff requires. The social, environmental, and economic impacts of stormwater infrastructure have meaningful implications for our overall island sustainability as water is one of the most precious resources.

Point and Nonpoint Source Pollution

Engineering efficiency in conveying stormwater runoff using impervious surfaces (e.g., paved swales, channelized streams) must be balanced against environmental considerations. If the drainage is directed to streams, excessive freshwater volumes and sediment loads may impact coastal water resources (e.g., degrade water quality and smother coral reefs). If the drainage is directed to injection wells, more studies are needed to determine the impact of storm runoff on groundwater quality. Sediment basins, wetlands, or less impervious methods of conveyance (e.g., grass swales) should be considered where feasible to reduce nonpoint source pollution of the coastal waters from stormwater runoff and filter infiltrating water.

Green infrastructure refers to the network of natural or engineered features that manage stormwater while providing additional benefits to the environment and community. Such features may include rain gardens, permeable pavement, bioswales, and vegetated buffers. Green infrastructure is crucial for stormwater management, as it captures and absorbs runoff, reducing the volume and rate of runoff. By mimicking natural hydrological processes like sediment filtration and bioremediation, it helps to recharge groundwater, replenish streams, and

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reduce stress on our water resources during periods of heavy rainfall.

By retaining and infiltrating stormwater, green infrastructure reduces the reliance on freshwater sources for irrigation, thus conserving water resources. This is particularly important for our island communities where freshwater availability is limited. Green infrastructure features may also provide habitats for native plants and wildlife. They contribute to biodiversity conservation and help restore and enhance Hawai'i Island's natural ecosystems. Green infrastructure plays a key part in mitigating the impacts of climate change by reducing the urban heat island effect, moderating temperatures, and increasing resilience to extreme weather events. These measures align with the County's sustainability goals and efforts to adapt to climate change.

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34.15 Encourage the expansion of digital access and equity through the resilient buildout of broadband infrastructure and facilities. *Does this take into account the safety of 5G+? Is this to facilitate surveillance of citizens in the future?*

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34.a Implement a Safe Route to School (SR2S) program for all schools. *Will surveillance be implemented to ensure safety?*

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4.4.6 Recreation

Housing developers should not bear a disproportionate burden, or be forced to contribute more than their fair share, as inequitable requirements could deter needed housing development. *This proviso seems to favor developers.*

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35.a Provide funding for planning and acquisition, if necessary, of key corridor segments after corridor-zone plans are adopted. *Does this preclude the rezoning and acquisition of private property?*

CONCERN: HERE AT LEAST WE SEE REFERENCES TO BIOREMEDIATION. WHY IS THIS

'ACCEPTABLE' AS A STRATEGY WHERE TREATMENT OF WATER RUN OFF IS

CONCERNED BUT NEVER ENTERTAINED IN THE MATTER OF RAW SEWAGE
TREATMENT (A 'SOLUTION' AND POLICY DIRECTIVE HERE WHICH THREATENS TO BE
COST PROHIBITIVE TO MANY HOUSEHOLDS?)

35.k Maintain an on-going program of identification, designation, and acquisition of areas with existing or potential recreational resources, such as land with sandy beaches and other prime areas for shoreline recreation in collaboration with government, private and non profit agencies, and other stakeholders. *Please include private property owners in your definition of stakeholders.*

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4.4.7 Encouraging the establishment of farmers' markets, community gardens, and a range of agricultural activities can promote local food production and improve access to fresh nutritious food. *Please include home gardens.*

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36.g Support the distribution of telehealth support services, particularly to unserved and underserved communities. *Encourage instead person to person contact.*

36.j Amend the County Code to designate a lead agency for coordinating and responding to outbreaks of life-threatening, highly communicable diseases pursuant to the DOH direction. *While ensuring the statutes of the Nuremberg Code are observed.*

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4.5.1 *Blueprint for the creation of a 15 minute island, clustering us together in "a centralized, higher-density urban infill, supported by nearby, accessible public and private services and facilities."*

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Under Housing Challenges Targets: "Homeownership for investment purposes that are kept vacant or used for transient accommodation rentals reduces available stock for long term resident ownership and rental opportunities."

Prohibits and discourages the rights of private ownership.

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37.6 Vacant lands in the urban growth boundary (UBG) should be prioritized for residential and supportive uses before additional agricultural lands outside the UBG are converted into urban uses.

With the consent of property owner should be included.

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38.1 Enable data-driven research to support and maintain a housing inventory program that monitors existing housing.

38.a Perform existing housing inventory data analysis to identify structural conditions and needs for rehabilitation or demotion.

Both justify the necessity of more surveillance of the community. 38.a also precludes the private property owner's rights and opinions. Take this out or revise.

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39.5 Allow for and apply property tax and land use regulations to incentivize private property owners to provide affordable housing units in mix-use and urban areas and to disincentivize the land banking of unimproved

properties.

*In other words land use regulations and property tax hikes will be weaponized against the private property owner.
TAke this out or revise!*

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Table 40: Additional Infrastructure - Provide adequate broadband without invading people's privacy.

Ensuring future surveillance capabilities?

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40.8 Require all County Departments to collaborate with the County Office of Sustainability, Climate, Equity, and Resilience (OSCER) as the lead agency to ensure the integration of the County's goals of sustainability, climate resilience, and equity into all county operations and planning initiatives.

To whom does OSCER answer? Who's watching the watchdog?

THIS ORGANIZATION WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2023. IT WAS PRESENTED TO THE PUBLIC AS AN AGENCY THAT COULD ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM GOVERNMENT AND NON GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS.

IT WAS NEVER SUPPOSED TO BE GRANTED EXTRA POWERS AS AN ADMIINISTRATIVE ARM OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT. WE SPECIFICALLY OBJECT TO THE LANGUAGE 'REQUIRING' 'ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS' TO COLLABORATE WITH THE OSCER.

ADEQUATELY DEBATED IN OUR COMMUNITY . WE CHALLENGE THE SUGGESTION THAT THERE IS CONSENSUS ON THIS MATTER AND WE SPECIFICALLY CHALLENGE THE OSCER 'AGENCY' TO PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF THE ABOVE. WE SPECIFICALLY CHALLENGE THE PLANNING DIRECTOR AND THE LEGISLATURE TO STAGE A FULL PUBLIC REVIEW OF BOTH SETS OF DATA AND BOTH ARGUMENTS THAT THERE IS A CLIMATE CRISIS CAUSED BY CARBON

THE 'Office of Sustainability, Climate, Equity, and Resilience (OSCER)' BEGINS WITH A FLAWED AND DISPUTED PREMISE THAT THERE IS A CLIMATE 'CRISIS' AND THAT THE OTHER 3 'PILLARS' OF THE ORGANIZATION (SUSTAINABILITY, EQUITY AND RESILLIENCE) BELONG TOGETHER AS PART OF A 'SOLUTION.'

WHAT IS FLAWED ABOUT THE BUZZ WORD 'SUSTAINABILITY' IS THAT THIS WORD LEADS THE IDENTICAL AGENDAS OF CONTROLLING LAND USE, WATER RIGHTS, ACCESS TO PUBLIC SPACE, THE RIGHT TO TRAVEL, FARMING AND PASTURING OF ANIMALS AND FOOD SECURITY. THESE BUZZWORDS ARE COMING FROM WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM AND THE UNITED NATIONS. ALL OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS PLUS THE BILL AND MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION AND 'NET ZERO' PROMOTE A DANGEROUS AGENDA OF OVERRIDING SOVEREIGN HOME RULE LOCAL COUNTIES AND STATES AND REPLACING WITH 'GLOBAL AGENDAS' WHICH ARE BRINGING IN 'COMMUNIST' VALUES AND SYSTEMS OF PROPERTY ACQUISITION AND DESTRUCTION OF SMALL BUSINESS AND THE CORPORATIZATION OF PUBLIC ASSETS.

WHAT IS FLAWED ABOUT THE BUZZ WORD 'EQUITY' IS THAT IT IS QUICKLY BECOMING A WAY OF WAVING ON A COMMUNIST STYLE OF ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS WHICH PROMOTES LARGER PORTION OF THE POPULATION BEING ON WELFARE AND DIVERSITY HIRE PRACTICES THAT PROMOTE MEDIOCRITY AND NOT MERITOCRACY.

THE WORD 'RESILIENCE' ALSO HAS COME TO BE ANOTHER 'BUZZ WORD' THAT IS A RATIONALE FOR THE CATCH PHRASE 'BUILD BACK BETTER' AND THE IDEA THAT MORE RIGOROUS BUILDING CODES, MORE RESTRICTIONS AND MORE BUILDING COSTS AND INSURANCE COSTS WILL FOLLOW IN THE AFTERMATH OF EACH 'DISASTER.'

THE COUNTY'S 'GOALS' OF sustainability, climate resilience, and equity HAVE NOT BEEN

ELSEWHERE IN THIS DOCUMENT THERE WAS A CHALLENGE TO THE PREMISE THAT THE RECENT FIRE IN LAHAINA WAS 'NORMAL' AND THAT THE RESULTING LOCKDOWNS AND FAILURE OF GREEN ADMINISTRATION TO SUPPORT HOUSEHOLDS TO REBUILD ARE ALSO 'NORMAL.' TO THE CONTRARY, WHAT WE HAVE SEEN IN LAHAINA FOR THE PAST 13 MONTHS EXEMPLIFIES THE WAY THAT THE WORD 'RESILIENCE' HAS COME TO MEAN 'CONTROL OF A POPULATION AFTER A DISASTER TO THE POINT THAT MANY WILL BE DISPLACED AND WILL BE FORCED TO LEAVE THE AREA, FINDING NO WAY TO REBUILD AND RESTORE THEIR LIVES AND LIVELIHOODS.'

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Resulting in Longer Commutes: There are notable mismatches between locations of high population and job centers.

Further justification for clustering in population centers. Further policy directive to justify curtailing personal independent transportation options. This again is objectionable and shows contempt for a fundamental constitutional right and as such has no place in a policy document published by this County Administration.

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Table 43:Economic Opportunities / General

Increase broadband infrastructure to provide opportunities for participation in the digital economy while allowing for other economic alternatives.

CBDC's here we come!

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46.i Partner with government, private and non profit agencies, communities, and other stakeholders for carrying capacity studies of fisheries and the establishment of State community-based subsistence fishing areas.

*More restrictions on fishing rights. Oddly in 5.3 **Agriculture and Food Systems** there is no mention at all of hunting and gathering.*

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Wahi Pana

Need assurances our wahi pana and other natural assets will be protected from commodification and collateralization.

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49.1 [Encourage the] [i]ntegrat[i]on [of] 'āina- place-based values

49.2 [Encourage] the accessibility

49.3 [Promote] a visitor industry

49.5 [Encourage] regenerative tourism efforts

49.6 [Foster] initiatives and improve[d] efforts

49.h and farmers, homeowners, and other residents to develop and support place-based educational programs

COMMENT: FINALLY HERE IS A DIRECTIVE THAT SPEAKS TO SUPPORTING THE EXISTING ECONOMY AND THE PEOPLE WHO ALREADY LIVE ON THIS ISLAND. THE FACT THAT THIS IS SHOWING UP ON PAGE 214 SHOULD BE CONCERNING TO ANYONE UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS DOCUMENT IS SUPPOSED TO GUIDE THE PRIORITIES OF OUR COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND LEGISLATURE. THE OPENING SECTION OF THE DOCUMENT SHOULD BE ABOUT SUPPORTING THE EXISTING CULTURE AND ECONOMY OF THE ISLAND. THE CAPACITY TO SUPPORT AND HELP GROW IN THIS AREA WOULD BE ALL

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6.1 para 2 presenting [residents a true voice] for the future of Hawaii Island.

1 [where citizens collaborate with the County to effect change consistent with plans developed under this chapter.]

3 Ensure consistency among the General Plan and respective regional plans **[What are regional plans?]**

4 set forth in the General Plan's **[Should this be plural or possessive?]**

5 Establish an implementation system that is based on county-wide, regional, and agency levels **[What are regional and agency levels?]**

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Top para by promoting [economic] growth,

2nd para collaboration among various [residents]

“ Key areas of focus include fostering [understanding of the role of government in] ensuring community engagement and input, securing funding, and coordinating priorities.

Page 217 6.2.1

Para 1 Community Development Plan Framework

During the General Plan Comprehensive Review process, existing community plans were used to guide the CDP framework. From the adoption of the Kona, Puna, North and South Kohala CDPs in 2008, Ka'ū CDP in 2017, and Hāmākua CDP in 2018, there has been much to learn and grow from as we look to the future. The General Plan also benefited from years of collective participation in CDP implementation efforts through regional committees that implement their respective CDP. [NOTE: Hilo was not included in this CDP framework. Although there had been Hilo meetings in the past that dealt with some issues contained in the General Plan, no mechanism was put in place that paralleled the multi-year single-purpose work that was undertaken in the other six districts.]

Para 2 To build on these lessons learned, future CDPs[, which it is hoped will include a CDP for Hilo,] shall be drafted

The purpose of a CDP is threefold:

3. Provide a process for citizens to engage in civic dialogue [through open-forum townhalls

where vigorous question-answer format is primary, eliciting the priorities of the community.]

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6. Social Capital and Community Network Mapping

During the process of reviewing a Community Development Plan, instances where community needs are not met may be identified. Examples of this may include a need for community gathering spaces such as parks or recreation hubs. Community Development Plans may identify such needs and outline a plan of action for community members and other [Hawaii Island residents] to coordinate efforts, combine and collect resources, and connect public and private sector agents to advocate for such enhancements to their community. [In the case of Hilo, where a CDP was never initiated by the Planning Department, an examination of why this was neglected must be addressed, for the purpose of getting input from this district even though the General Plan may have been already implemented. This could be accomplished through addendums to the General Plan at future dates.]

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6.4.3

Para 1 The General Plan is a comprehensive framework designed to guide [innovative] development patterns, [and provide assistance toward] future opportunities and public investments.

Para 3 The tables are intended to provide a clear and concise reference for agencies, policymakers, communities, farmers, homeowners, and other residents

Page 225 Table 45

Climate change, carbon footprint, net zero, GHG emissions, green infrastructure projects, climate adaptation

The above terms, taken from Table 45, derive from the United Nations Agenda 21 Sustainable Development, inaugurated in 1992 at the United Nations Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro.

Residents of Hawaii Island have never had the opportunity to engage in discussions in every town, using every venue, to discuss the entire subject of climate change. It is a foundational subject, as it is the substrate upon which so much of the General Plan is predicated. It is un-Democratic to simply take ideas from other places and cement them into the plans we make for our own people, our own land, our own island, without engaging in an unhurried, full-blown examination of this agenda, neighbor with neighbor. Until such time as this takes place, we must place this draft of a General Plan on hold.

Table 46

Objectives

13. Increase the use of Smart Growth principles to focus development within designated urban centers.

As above, SMART is an acronym taken from the World Economic Forum that pertains to Internet-Of-Things technology. Its purpose is linkage of devices for the purpose of control and monitoring. No island-wide discussion has taken place as to the merits of SMART GROWTH. Again, it is a concept from far away, irreversible once implemented, without so much as a real attempt to inform residents. How can a General Plan proceed on concepts alien to the people?

Table 47

21. [Engineer infrastructure] to reduce stormwater runoff.

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Table 48

25. Improve the efficiency and reliability

of essential infrastructure systems.

, and sustainability

28. Increase green infrastructure practices.

Example Indicators

Annual funding allocated for [efficient] infrastructure initiatives

Percentage of new development projects including [efficient] infrastructure elements

Table 49
Our communities are adequately served by sustainable and efficient public infrastructure

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6.4.4 1.a Seek [procedure] to support wetland identification and assessments.

1.j Identify partners and [S]upport a public awareness and education campaign to elevate recognition of the value of urban trees as essential infrastructure.

3.b Create special (business) improvement districts to engage in environmental research, restoration and maintenance, natural resource management, climate change or sea level rise

adaptation or other purposes to

benefit.

improve environmental conditions and provide community

4.a [Seek Hawaii Island residents and groups] to maintain and steward the preservation of sites, buildings, objects, and landscapes of significant cultural and historical importance.

4.c

4.h [Foment discussion among] government, private and nonprofit agencies, communities, and other stakeholders farmers, homeowners, and other residents

4.i private and nonprofit agencies, communities, and other stakeholders farmers, homeowners, and other residents

Table 54: Climate Change

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Table 56 Transportation Access and Mobility 20.e

Support the identification of Heritage Landscapes, Corridors, Areas, and Centers.

Heritage designation is UNESCO. It is crucial that Hawaii Island maintain control of its lands and natural resources, free of encumbrances of global organizations

[Delete Table 54: Climate Change has not been debated across Hawaii County in a systematic way. Such a debate would entail townhall presentations by each side, allowing all the time necessary to absorb the decades of information circulating through media and academia. At some later time, these information-gathering events could then be followed by public open debates. Hawaii Island residents at that juncture would then be ready to decide whether they wished to premise all future growth on the notion of Climate Change, or reject it as unscientific.]

Adopt a Complete Streets ordinance.

[Complete Streets derives from Agenda 21’s SMART

Cities designation. It has nothing to do with residents of Hawaii Island, until such time as they can be apprised of the overall design of Agenda 21, as it entails constricting traffic, expanding bike lanes and bus routes, installing islands - many changes that may or may not be workable. Hilo and Kona have very different requirements, and a cookie-cutter approach levels differences. Just because it is recommended by a national or international association does not mean it is suitable here. Again, it must be thoroughly discussed across the island before a decision can be made.]

22.a

[Vision Zero, as stated above with Complete Streets, is an internationally utilized approach to pedestrian safety that first needs a full discussion here to see to what extent it is workable, if at all.]

243-255 27.d

27.g Proactively seek opportunities for [strategies] for wastewater collection and treatment development.

Amend the County Code to incorporate Vision Zero safety principles and Complete Street design principles.

social equity, [No relevance to this category]

28.c Update the DPW Storm Drainage Standards to reflect current data and to incorporate strategies and standards of green infrastructure and low impact development.

28.f Create a green infrastructure dedication standard.

28.l Identify County parks and recreation, rights-of-way, and other County owned sites for green infrastructure demonstration projects

29.a Partner with government, private and nonprofit agencies, communities, farmers, homeowners, and other residents for the research and development of alternative/renewable energy resources.

30.d Collaborate with government, private and nonprofit agencies, communities and other

[Hawaii Island residents]

30.i [Encourage private] funding for broadband initiatives and deployments.

30.m Foster [private investments] to support the development and expansion of broadband infrastructure,

32.c

32.p This point to be deleted

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CPTED is a

Agenda 21 and the WEF and the UN. It must be rejected by the residents of Hawaii Island

unless/until it is thoroughly discussed and debated.

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Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Peace, love, and light,

C.

[Christopher Barham](#)

From: [Donald](#)
To: [WPCtestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony On Hawaii General Plan 2045/ Go Back to 2005 GP!
Date: Monday, November 4, 2024 10:25:05 PM

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Donald Noguchi

From: [Heidi Hirsh](#)
To: [WPCtestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony Submittal for General Plan
Date: Monday, November 4, 2024 10:37:11 AM

Aloha,

Please strike and toss out the 2045 general plan and stick to the 2005 plan. The 2045 plan has globaloists/deepstate goals and objectives throughout the plan. This is not the way we want to live. We DO NOT want to live in a 15-minute smart city where our lives are controlled through a digital way of life. The 2045 plan is driving us toward that kind of an imprisoned lifestyle. That is unacceptable. Please revisit and maybe update the 2005 plan to meet the desires and goals of Hawaiian residents.

Mahalo,

Heidi Hirsh

From: [Mary Maxwell](#)
To: [WPCtestimony](#)
Subject: I now put my testimony in body of this email, and also attach it identically.
Date: Monday, November 4, 2024 9:01:07 AM
Attachments: [To Windward re 2045.docx](#)

To: Windward Planning Commission

Thank you for considering my comment on Plan 2045. I strongly urge that it be dropped.

I find Plan 2005 to be breathtakingly beautiful. We need such a thing for the whole world. So honest and so open.

I am not normally worshipful of the Past, and I do see the need to move forward. But Plan 2045 would narrow the options. Why do that? And where is the sense of who actually favors the contents of 2045? To me, it sounds like all the political (pardon me) malarkey of the last several years. Dry words, obscuring secret policies. Finally, when the truth comes out, we mourn.

Just don't go down that wrong road. Please. Please!

Care for the true values of Hawaii. Let its good people speak. I can name three Hawaiians who are bursting with the urge to be helpful: Tina Lia of Maui, Michelle Melendez of Big Island, and Luna of HawaiiPaeAina.org. Not to forget Traci Derwin who moved to California.

It brings tears to my eyes (not joking) to think of the potential for a Plan that would incorporate the dreams of such knowledgeable and dedicated individuals. What an opportunity!

Just say No to Plan 2045 at the meeting today. This duty rests on your shoulders, Commission members, for generations hence.

Thank you.

Yours respectfully,

Mary Maxwell, PhD Signed November 4, 2024

Website: ConstitutionAndTruth.com

From: [Gary Wong](#)
To: [WPCtestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony on Hawaii General Plan 2045/Go Back to 2005 GP!
Date: Monday, November 4, 2024 7:36:17 AM

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Thank-you
Rita Wong

From: [Sara Steiner](#)
To: [WPCtestimony](#)
Subject: REJECT the 2045 Plan - keep THE 2005 Plan - STOP STEALING OUR LAND AND WATER AND RESOURCES
Date: Monday, November 4, 2024 2:03:35 PM

Dear Windward Planning Department:

Do any of you folks that are pushing this live in rural areas? How can you draft this plan and tell us to our faces that you aren't going to support infrastructure that has been in place since you approved the substandard subdivisions in the Land and Power days??? You folks didn't write this plan, this is a New World Order Steal Our Property Plan and you don't get to do this!!!!

How can you change my AG designation to "Natural" Area. I already have a farm for 20 years No No and NO!!!

This junk 2045 plan says you aren't changing the zoning but you are! And then you go on and say the plan still has to be paid for and enacted by the Council but they can only approve the choices in the 2045 Plan - Period. What choice is that? It is no choice and you think your Planning Department head can take anyone's land whenever they want? And we have to pay money to contest it - FORGET THAT!!!

How can you possibly think you can allot me so many gallons of water - YOU DON'T OWN THE WATER!!!

How can you possibly think I should pay The County of Hawaii more because I am poor and live in a poor area with no roads and YOU WANT TO TAX ME CAUSE OF THIS - THIS PLAN SUCKS!!!

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Again, You "planners" don't get to take our land and tell us where to live. You don't get to cut services, road and emergency response on the poor rural areas to focus on your urban clustering...

We will see you in court if you enact this land theft plan !

Sara Steiner

DAVID B OWENS

5 Machida Lane

Hilo, Hawaii 96720

(808 961-2863

COH PLANNING DEPT
NOV 6 2024 PM 1:16

REC'D HAND DELIVERED

To: Windward Planning Commission

Re: General Plan

Date: November 5 2024

I have been a resident of Keaukaha for 35 years and the owner of 227 Kalanaiana'ole St. (TMK 321006016 & 17) for 25 years...Parcel (16) and Parcel (17) are the only Fee Simple Bay Front properties in Hilo Bay with Hotel Resort zoning.

My tenant and friend *Pacific Quest* have been doing business for 15 years on this property and we have long-term plans and a great future together. The work they do with youth and the mental health services they provide is invaluable. The General Plan proposed change from Hotel/Resort to Recreation & Open is completely the opposite to the zoning and use of this property. Any lender or investor will not treat this property seriously as long as the use and zoning are opposite the Hawaii County General Plan.

A properly designed General Plan is a necessary vision for our future...Our neighborhood is composed of; fuel companies, food warehouses, automobile companies and tradesman...they are not glamorous but they are necessary small businesses that pay taxes and employ many people.

This General Plan and County has not considered what our other neighbor the State Harbor Division's long-term visions are when they changed the zoning from Hotel/Resort to Conservation in 2021 on the Rotary Park Parcel (13). The Comprehensive Study by the United States Army Corp. of Engineers recommends a Small Craft Marina and support facilities in Rees Bay, this would be more in keeping with the commercial neighbors in our district.

The Rotary Park is the only conservation parcel in our neighborhood and a terrible neighbor, no sewer, no water, no electricity, no picnic pavilions and no safe ocean access...It does not fit into our neighborhood, even the Police, Parks & Recreation and DLNR Enforcement can't keep up with the crime and homeless problems. Bayfront and Banyon Drive are made up of many **real** Parks and sports facilities and this negative designation of Recreation/Open on my private property in a commercial district should never be considered.

I request the: Notice of Proposed Change in Parcel Designation dated October 10 2024 (TMK 321006016) be withdrawn.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "D.B. Owens", is written over a horizontal line.

David B Owens

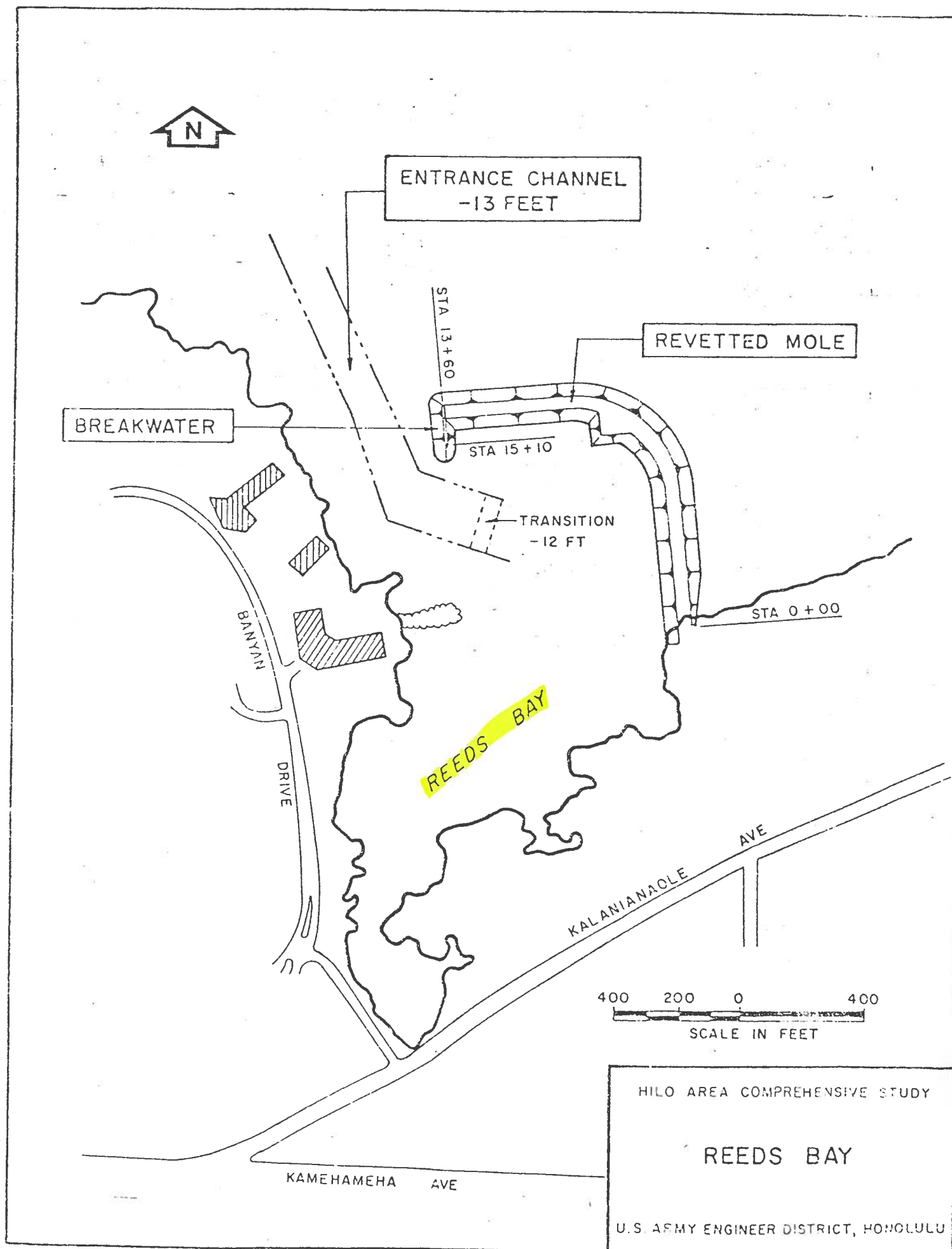


FIGURE 3

From: [Michelle Melendez](#)
To: [WPCtestimony](#)
Subject: Attn: Chair and other commissioners (Important info)
Date: Friday, November 8, 2024 12:20:59 PM

Aloha,

I want to thank you so much for giving us a voice to recommend changes. I pray they will be taken seriously.

We are working on a draft for you with updates like creating an Ag Village instead of changing land use to "recreation" which will lower property value and is a violation of the Constitutional right to own property.

Here is the first draft with recommendations I sent before Sept 26th to the Planning Department. None of these recommendations have been used and they should be. https://www.standtogetherhawaii.com/_files/ugd/86fc0c_b34739e4c99c461685de4c0207bf286e.pdf

Here is the Climate Change Declaration signed by 1960 credentialed scientists stating there is no climate danger <https://clintel.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/WCD-241023.pdf> This is not a conspiracy theory.

Here is a video from John Coleman the 1st weatherman on Good Morning America in the 70's and the founder of the weather channel in the 80's. He explains why there is no climate danger. <https://youtu.be/K56fms2VZTc?si=nHqdzsLHx1XBm55u>

The rules and regulations that are based on climate change will further disregard the Constitution and people's right to live freely and should be removed.

I will have a more detailed document with further recommendations for you shortly.

The current General Plan 2045 will radically change the freedom people on Big Island have to the detriment of our keiki.

Mahalo,
Michelle Melendez-Freedom Activist
Fitness and Wellness Expert Since 1996
Author Of The Best Selling and 4x Award Winning Book,
End Dieting Hell: How to find peace in your body and release the weight
Order your copy of [End Dieting Hell Click Here](#)
"Great Maui Land Grab" NOW [Available here](#)

From: [Chris Kaiser](#)
To: [WPCtestimony](#)
Subject: WPC GP Testimony
Date: Monday, November 11, 2024 1:03:42 PM
Attachments: [Testimony Parcel 16.pdf](#)

Attached please find written testimony for submission...
Please rely that this testimony document has been received and submitted.
Thanks
Chris Kaiser



Chris Kaiser
Director
Pacific Quest

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November 5, 2024

Hawaii County Planning Department
Windward Planning Commission
Aupuni Center
101 Pauahi Street, Suite 3
Hilo, HI 96720

RE: Written Testimony Submission
County of Hawaii Proposed General Plan 2045;
Parcel (3) 2-1-06-16; 227 Kalanianaʻole Street, Hilo Hawaii

I am writing to formally submit this letter as written testimony to accompany my verbal testimony given at the Windward Planning Commission; General Plan Hearing on November 1st 2024.

My name is Chris Kaiser, an employee with Pacific Quest and I represent them for this testimony. I reside in Hilo, Hawaii.

Pacific Quest is the long term tenant on both the above referenced parcel 16 AND adjoining parcel 17. We have been leasing both parcels since 2011 and we operate a Hawaii state licensed & CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities) accredited, Group Living Facility that provides mental health services to adolescents and young adults. We currently employ 75 people in Hawaii and have had a presence on the island for 20 years. We created and maintain the Pacific Quest Foundation that has donated over \$65,000 to local charities since 2017.

As a long term tenant of the above referenced parcel, employer and long term community stakeholder, Pacific Quest has an interest in the community and its future prosperity. We understand that the purpose of the Hawaii County General Plan is to plan for the best future for Hawaii island and we sincerely appreciate the time, effort and resources that have gone into it.

As a long term tenant we have plans to expand our services, including to develop parcel 16, and are concerned that the proposed General Plan re-designation of parcel 16 would greatly impact any future possibilities under consideration, and thus impact our ability to thrive and continue offering mental health services and to create and provide jobs.

We apologize for not being involved sooner in the comprehensive process that we are now aware is taking place. We were only made aware of this two weeks ago by our landlord and property owner David Owens, who received a letter dated October 10th, 2024, informing him of the proposed redesignation of parcel 16.

In this letter it states that the proposed General Plan re-designation of Parcel 16 from its current "Resort" class to "Open/Recreation". The reason cited in the letter is County Park.

We understand that the General Plan is the overarching policy document that will guide development on the island going forward. Although the letter states that the County Zoning (Hotel/Resort V class) and its permitted uses would not be affected, the Planning Department has confirmed that there could be impact to our ability to secure an SMA use permit, (which is required in order to develop any SMA property).



We also understand, in order to get an SMA Use Permit approved, the proposed development needs to be consistent with the General Plan which is where the incongruence between the proposed General Plan Open/Recreation "re-designation" for parcel 16 and its current and historical Hotel-Resort zoning class would likely create future impacts and uncertainty for our organization.

In closing we want to reiterate our support for the process and hope that the Planning Department and Windward Planning Commission will exclude parcel 16 from any re-designation.

Cordially

Chris Kaiser, Director

Pacific Quest

chris@pacificquest.org

From: [James Agena](#)
To: [LPCtestimony](#); [WPCtestimony](#)
Cc: [Sidney Fuke](#)
Subject: Notice of Proposed Change in Parcel Designation TMK 7-3-009-063
Date: Friday, November 15, 2024 2:31:28 PM
Attachments: [Letter 11-15 Parcel 63 Designation w-attachments 2.pdf](#)

Dear Sir or Madam,

As counsel and manager, on behalf of Kaloko Residential Park, LLC, owner of property described as TMK 7-3-009:063 ("Parcel 63"), and regarding the Notice dated October 10, 2024, KRPL objects to the proposed redesignation of Parcel 63 to Conservation.

Reasons are set forth in the attached letter/testimony. Further, please be advised that Mr. Sidney Fuke, and Mr. Gregory Ogin are authorized consultants for KRPL.

Please contact me should you have any questions.

James Y. Agena
Kaloko Residential Park LLC
ph. no. (808) 532-9588
email: jya@agenaesq.com

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November 15, 2024

County of Hawaii
Leeward Planning Commission
Windward Planning Commission
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Hilo, HI 96720

Via email to: LPCtestimony@hawaiicounty.gov; WPCtestimony@hawaiicounty.gov;
and U.S. Mail

Re: Hawaii County General Plan Comprehensive Review/
Notice of Proposed Change in Parcel Designation
TMK: 7-3-009:063, O'oma 2nd, Kaloko, North Kona, Hawaii

Dear Sir or Madam:

My office represents Kaloko Residential Park, LLC ("KRPL"), owner of property described as TMK 7-3-009:063 ("Parcel 63"), regarding the subject matter set forth in your Notice dated October 10, 2024. KRPL respectfully objects to the proposed redesignation of Parcel 63 from the existing LUPAG of Urban (expansion) to the proposed GPLU of Conservation. Attached for reference is a map depicting Parcel 63 and surrounding properties, and the County information as to Parcel 63 in general. Please consider the following:

The Designation Was An Error. Upon receipt of the Notice, KRPL (by Greg Ogini) was placed in contact by Zendo Kern, Director, with April J. Surprenant, AICP, of the office of Long Range Planning & Board of Appeals, Hawaii County Planning Department. It is our understanding from contact with that office that the designation was made in error. Possibly a GIS or mapping mistake that is in the process of being corrected.

KRPL is Not a Party to a "Lanihau master plan." The Notice states that the reason for the designation is the "Lanihau master plan." This reason is vague and ambiguous as KRPL has no prior notice of a Lanihau master plan, nor anything that would require the sudden designation of its property. KRPL owns Parcel 63, and its 47 acres of previously designated Urban-expansion that it is comprised of, not any other entity.

If this designation involves Lanihau Properties LLC and some manner of plan it proposes, then it is clear that it does not own, nor have an interest in Parcel 63. Nor is it known what exactly are the reasons for the need to convert Parcel 63, to Conservation zoning. It is unfair and impossible to rebut the designation without knowing the specific and authorized reasons for it. ¹

The adjacent property to the south of Parcel 63, is owned by Lanihau Properties LLC (“Lanihau Properties”), and designated as TMK No. 7-4-008:081. See attached map. In the event this involves a development per a master plan proposed by Lanihau Properties, for its own benefit, which includes the redesignation of Parcel 63, which Lanihau Properties obviously does not own, it is obviously suspect and unjust. The Lanihau Properties plan needs to designate its own property for Conservation purposes to fulfill whatever intent it might have.

The Designation Would Deprive KRPL of its Intended Use. KRPL intends to develop Parcel 63, along with other of its properties in the vicinity, to create a compact, mixed-use, master-planned community offering a wide range of housing types and affordability, and a variety of businesses and employment opportunities. This includes providing housing for the working families of Hawai'i nearby areas of workforce demand, resultantly improving overall quality of life through the reduction of commuting and facilitation of everyday function.² To achieve this goal KRPL would seek a land use reclassification and zoning changes to permit these uses.

A designation of Parcel 63 to Conservation would effectively prevent KRPL from proceeding with the intended development. Further, the designation would preclude KRPL from

¹ Conservation being: (1) protecting watersheds and water sources; (2) preserving scenic and historic areas; (3) providing park lands, wilderness, and beach reserves; (4) conserving indigenous or endemic plants, forestry, fish, and wildlife; (5) preventing floods and soil erosion; (6) retaining open space areas to enhance the present or potential value of abutting or surrounding communities; (7) using areas of value for recreational purpose, other related activities, and other permitted uses not detrimental to a multi-use conservation concept.

² The KRPL's intended use of the property addresses the goals of the Keahole to Kailua Development Plan, prepared by the County of Hawaii Planning Department, and adopted by resolution by the Hawaii County Council in April 1991. The Development Plan is intended to serve as an implementing tool for the County General Plan and be a flexible guide for the future growth and development of the area. The Keahole to Kailua Development Plan encompasses an area of approximately 17,000 acres in the North Kona District extending from the Kau ahupuaa to the north, Mamalahoa Highway to the east, Palani Road and Kailua Village to the south, and the shoreline to the west. The overall goal established for the Development Plan is as follows:

“To develop a mixed residential, commercial, resort, industrial and recreational community, with approximately 8,000 or more residential units, in a functional, attractive, and financially viable manner. The community will include appropriate shoreline uses, public facilities, and infrastructure.”

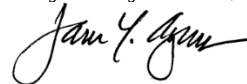
realizing the economic benefit of the potential of the property, and have the effect of a governmental “taking” of property without just compensation. KRPL has paid a substantial amount of real property taxes in the past totaling approximately \$250,000.00 based upon an Agricultural classification, and an expectation that it would be permitted to use the property for at least that purpose. Attached is the webpage from the County real property tax office describing the assessed market land value of \$3,339,400.00 and property taxes paid.

KRPL Has Protested in the Past to a Conservation Designation. The Draft 2040 County of Hawaii General Plan had proposed that KRPL property, including Parcel 63, be designated as Conservation or Low Density Urban. KRPL submitted an objection in November 2019, based upon many of the same reasons made in this letter. The 2019 objection in the form of a letter from its attorneys to the Planning Department is attached hereto, and incorporated herein by reference. KRPL renews the arguments made in 2019, in connection with the currently proposed designation.

KRPL reserves the right to supplement this letter with further documentation and/or testimony.

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Very Truly Yours,



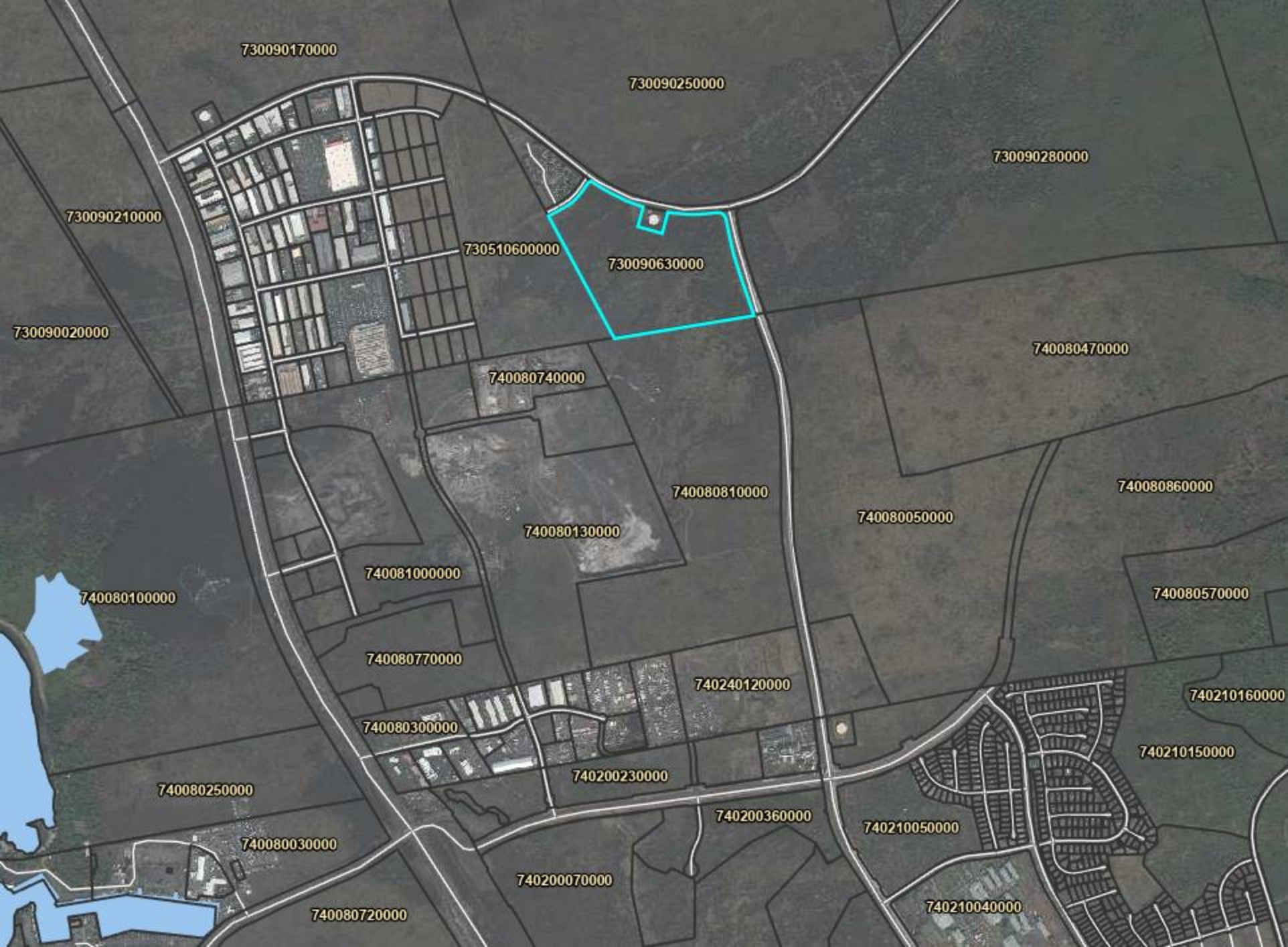
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Attachments

C: Kaloko Residential Park LLC

County of Hawaii Planning Department 74-5044 Ane Keohokālole Highway,
Building E, 2nd Floor, Kailua-Kona, Hawai‘i.

ATTACHMENT 1



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Parcel Information

Parcel Number	730090630000
Location Address	HINA LANI STREET
Project Name	OOMA-KALOKO
Property Class	AGRICULTURAL
Property Class refers to Tax Classification ONLY. For Zoning information, please go to Planning Department GIS Public Layers (hawaiicounty.gov) or email planning@hawaiicounty.gov	
Neighborhood Code	B7000-1
Legal Information	LOT B-1-B 46.869 AC
Land Area (acres)	46.8690
Land Area (approximate sq ft)	2,041,614

[View Map](#)

[Plat \(TMK\) Maps](#)

Owner Information

Owner Names	Mailing Address
KALOKO RESIDENTIAL PARK LLC Fee Owner, Tenants in Severalty	KALOKO RESIDENTIAL PARK LLC
	500 ALA MOANA BLVD STE 4430
	HONOLULU HI 96813 4933

Assessment Information

⊞ Show Historical Assessments										
Year	Property Class	Market Land Value	Dedicated Use Value	Assessed Land Value	Market Building Value	Assessed Building Value	Total Market Value	Total Assessed Value	Total Exemption Value	Total Taxable Value
2024	AGRICULTURAL	\$3,339,400	\$0	\$3,339,400	\$0	\$0	\$3,339,400	\$3,339,400	\$0	\$3,339,400

Land Information

Property Class	Square Footage	Acreage	Agricultural Use Indicator
AGRICULTURAL	2,041,614	46.869	

Building Division Permit & Inspections Information

<https://hawaiicountyhi-energypub.tylerhost.net/Apps/SelfService#/home>

Sales Information

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08/08/2012	\$0		FEE CONVEYANCE	Route Slip						Route Slip
11/09/2009	\$0		OTHER	Mapping Change	11/09/2009					Mapping Change

Current Tax Bill Information

Tax Period	Description	Original Due Date	Taxes Assessment	Tax Credits	Net Tax	Penalty	Interest	Other	Amount Due
2024-2	Real Property Tax	02/20/2025	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,611.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,611.69
	Tax Bill with Interest computed through 11/30/2024		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,611.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,611.69

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Historical Tax Information

Year	Tax	Payments and Credits	Penalty	Interest	Other	Amount Due
⊞ 2024	\$31,223.39	(\$15,611.70)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,611.69
⊞ 2023	\$31,223.39	(\$31,223.39)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
⊞ 2022	\$31,223.39	(\$31,223.39)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
⊞ 2021	\$28,384.73	(\$28,384.73)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
⊞ 2020	\$22,991.65	(\$22,991.65)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
⊞ 2019	\$21,896.77	(\$21,896.77)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
⊞ 2018	\$21,259.10	(\$21,259.10)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
⊞ 2017	\$20,640.13	(\$20,640.13)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Year	Tax	Payments and Credits	Penalty	Interest	Other	Amount Due
2016	\$19,446.28	(\$19,446.28)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2015	\$18,408.43	(\$18,408.43)	(\$920.42)	(\$506.23)	\$0.00	\$0.00
2014	\$18,408.43	(\$18,408.43)	(\$920.42)	(\$1,113.71)	\$0.00	\$0.00
2013	\$18,408.43	(\$18,408.43)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2012	\$16,617.34	(\$16,617.34)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2011	\$16,617.34	(\$16,617.34)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2010	\$15,105.99	(\$15,105.99)	(\$1,510.60)	(\$249.25)	\$0.00	\$0.00

Map



Recent Sales in Area

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Sales by Neighborhood

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Sales by Distance

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT
COUNTY OF HAWAII

VIA HAND-DELIVERY

Mr. Michael Yee, Planning Director
Attn: Ms. Bethany Morrison

Planning Department, County of Hawaii
101 Pauahi Street, Suite 3
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Re: Request for Planning Director-Initiated General Plan Amendment from Low Density Urban and Conservation to Medium Density Urban for Tax Map Key Nos.: (3) 7-3-009: 017, 025, 026, 028, and 063

Dear Mr. Yee and Ms. Morrison:

On behalf of our client Kaloko Residential Park LLC ("Kaloko"), the owner of the above-referenced parcels, we are requesting Planning Director-initiated revisions to the Draft 2040 County of Hawai'i ("County") General Plan¹ (the "Draft General Plan") and the proposed Future Land Use Designation Map (the "FLUM") for North Kona, dated August 2019.

Kaloko's requested revisions relate to its properties located in Kailua-Kona, District of North Kona, County, and State of Hawaii, identified by Tax Map Key Nos.: (3) 7-3-009: 017 ("Parcel 17"), 025 ("Parcel 25"), 026 ("Parcel 26"), 028 ("Parcel 28"), and 063 ("Parcel 63") (collectively the "Property"). The Property consists of approximately 1,139 acres.

Kaloko intends to develop a mixed-use community village on the Property that integrates diverse housing offerings, mixed-use commercial and retail growth and employment opportunities, and a range of community services and facilities (inclusive of medical, lodging,

¹ In addition to the specific revisions requested herein, Kaloko joins in on the "Comments on 2019 Draft General Plan" prepared by the Law Offices of Yeh & Moore, submitted with the Planning Department on or about October 31, 2019, which objects to the Draft General Plan in its present form, and requests that it be revised to conform to its purpose, as set forth in HRS § 46-4 and the County's Charter. The Draft General Plan inappropriately contains regulatory standards rather than policy statements, which will lead to, among other things, issues of interpretation and challenge, issues of enforcement, and divesting agencies of their delegated authority to issue permits and approvals under standards which allow for the exercise of discretion.

and civic uses as well as recreational opportunities) (the “**Kaloko Residential Park**”). The Kaloko Residential Park is planned for residential uses ranging between 2,500 and 5,000 single and multiple-family residential units, and for retail-commercial uses ranging between 400,000 and 600,000 square feet of gross leasable area. There may also be areas of residential-commercial mixed uses. The Kaloko Residential Park is intended to be located on the entirety of Parcels 17, 25, 26 and 63, and approximately 163 acres of Parcel 28, excluding the 150-acre Native Dryland Forest area (collectively the “**Kaloko Residential Park Area**”).

As discussed herein, Kaloko requests that the Planning Director initiate revisions to the Draft General Plan to modify the proposed designations for the Kaloko Residential Park Area from “Low Density Urban” and “Conservation” to “Medium Density Urban,” consistent with the current Urban Expansion and Conservation designations under the Land Use Pattern Allocation Guide (“**LUPAG**”) map, the proposed Kaloko Residential Park, the adjacent lands as shown on the FLUM, and the objectives and goals of the Draft General Plan in encouraging higher-density urban development in areas not suitable for agricultural uses.² See **Exhibit 2 (LUPAG Map)**.

THE MEDIUM DENSITY URBAN DESIGNATION IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE KALOKO RESIDENTIAL PARK AREA³

Draft General Plan and FLUM

According to the Draft General Plan, the “Low Density Urban” designation allows for residential development with ancillary community and public uses, with an overall density of up to six units per acre. The “Medium Density Urban” designation allows for “[v]illage and neighborhood commercial and single-family and multiple family residential and related functions” with seven to thirty-five units per acre. See Draft General Plan at 151. The Kaloko Residential Park is projected to include single- and multi-family residential lots and units at a variety of densities, most over ten units per acre, with centralized commercial and neighborhood centers, potential residential-commercial mixed used areas and recreational facilities, all of which would conform with the “Medium Density” designation under the Draft General Plan.

² The Land Study Bureau land classification system classified the Property’s soil with “unclassified,” “E,” and “D” ratings; Class E soils are considered “very poor” for agricultural production and are only marginally suitable for agricultural uses whereas Class D soils are considered “poor” with a nominal 30-54% overall productivity rating.

³ Parcel 25 is located within the State Land Use (“SLU”) Urban District and Agricultural District. Parcels 26, 28, and 63 are presently located within the SLU Agricultural District whereas Parcel 17 is located within the SLU Conservation District. The Kaloko Residential Park Area is currently zoned Agricultural, Minimum Lot Size 5 acres (A-5a), which allows for “very low density agriculturally-based residential use, encompassing rural areas of good to marginal agricultural and grazing land,” with the exception of Parcel 17 which is zoned Open. See County Code § 25-5-70. The lands within the SLU Conservation and Agricultural require processing of a petition with the State Land Use Commission for a SLU District Boundary Amendment to Urban, which Kaloko will process to be followed by a County Project District Rezoning. Approximately 190 acres of Urban District lands within Parcel 25 were reclassified in the 1980’s for golf use (this project was abandoned), and a Motion to Amend Conditions for this area will be processed with the State Land Use Commission to conform the proposed development of these existing Urban District lands with the proposed development of the Kaloko Residential Park project.

The Urban section (Section 5 - Land Use Planning) of the Draft General Plan establishes objectives, policies, and action plans related to urban areas. According to the Draft General Plan, the main objective is to “[i]ncrease residential density within Urban areas to an average density of 10 units per acre and increase the mixed use development pattern” with the goal being to “[p]rovide adequate access for multi-family residential projects to arterial streets, shopping facilities, schools, employment centers, and other services.” *See* Draft General Plan at 122.

The master-planned Kaloko Residential Park would significantly advance the aforementioned objectives, goals, and policies. First, the Kaloko Residential Park would address the need for urban areas with a higher density in the North Kona area. The North Kona area is appropriately seeing urban infill development and proposals, consistent with the 2008 Kona Community Development Plan and the 2010 draft Kona Village Design Guidelines. Kaloko Residential Park is strategically located at the intersections of the major regional lateral traffic corridors of Queen Ka’ahumanu Highway and Ane Keohokalole Highway, and the mauka-makai collector road of Hina Lani Street, between the town of Kailua-Kona and the Kona International Airport. This rapidly developing area in the northern portion of the North Kona District and proximate to the Kona International Airport at Keahole is proposed to become the residential, commercial and industrial heart of West Hawai‘i. The area has a long-standing and growing residential base and will continue to be the focus of residential and related development as the Island’s population grows. Second, the Kaloko Residential Park would provide much needed employment opportunities and recreational facilities to North Kona. In other words, the Kaloko Residential Park is precisely the type of area that should be designated as “Medium Density Urban” rather than “Low Density Urban” and “Conservation” on the FLUM.

LUPAG

The 2005 General Plan designation for the Kaloko Residential Park Area is “Urban Expansion” on the LUPAG map. *See Exhibit 2.*⁴ The Urban Expansion Area “allows for a mix of high density, medium density, low density, industrial, industrial-commercial and/or open designations in areas where new settlements may be desirable, but where the specific settlement pattern and mix of uses have not yet been determined.” Based on the aforementioned, the “Medium Density Urban” designation for the entire Kaloko Residential Park Area (with the exception of the proposed Conservation designation for the area of the Dryland Forest within a portion of Parcel 28) is consistent with prior determinations by the Planning Director in the 2005 General Plan.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 935-6644. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

⁴ The 150-acre Native Dryland Forest on Parcel 28 is designated “Conservation.” This area is proposed to be designated “Conservation” on the FLUM and Kaloko is intending to preserve this area as a Native Dryland Forest.

Planning Director
November 12, 2019
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Sincerely,

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Steven S.C. Lim

Enclosures

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EXHIBIT 1

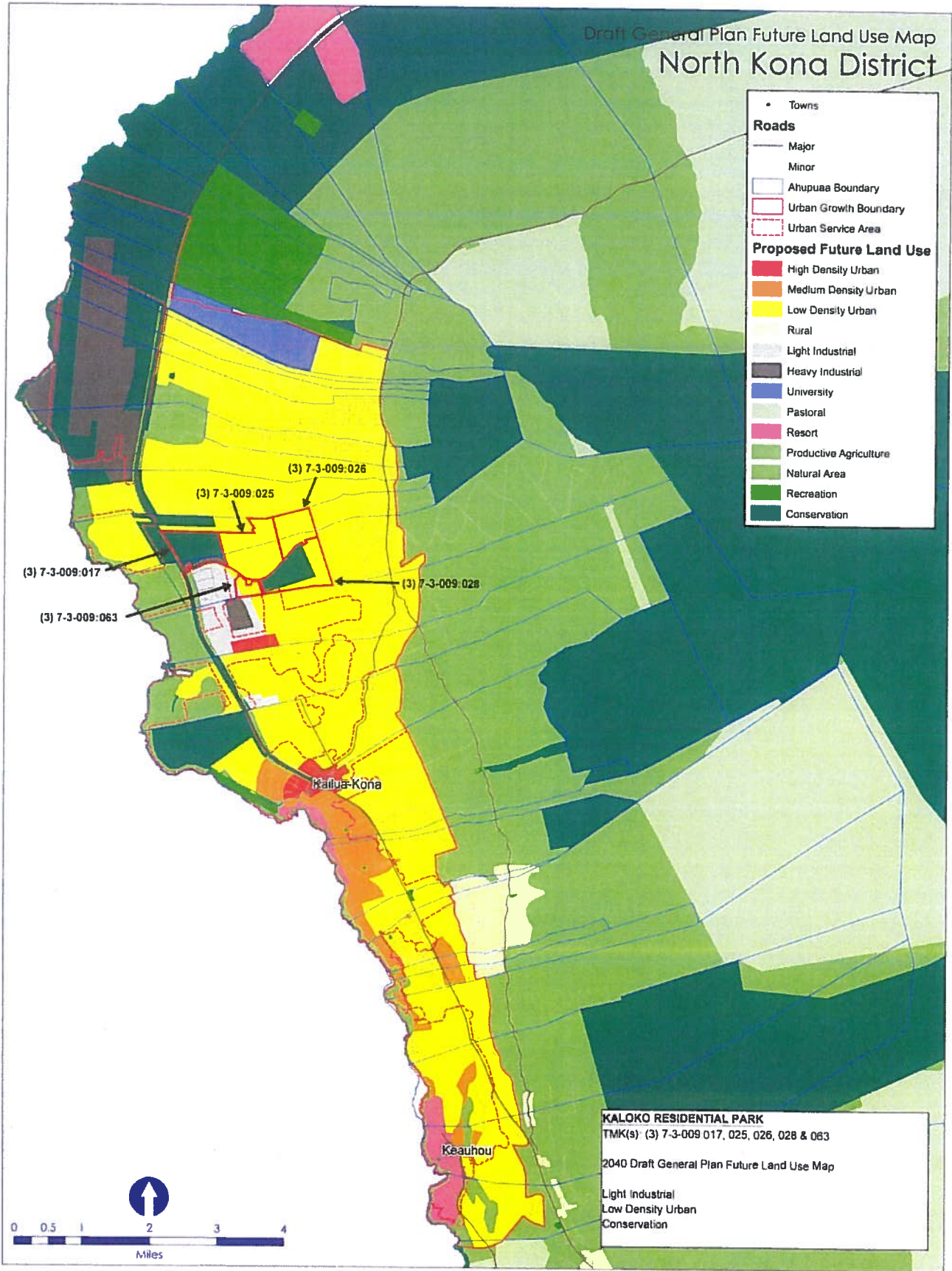
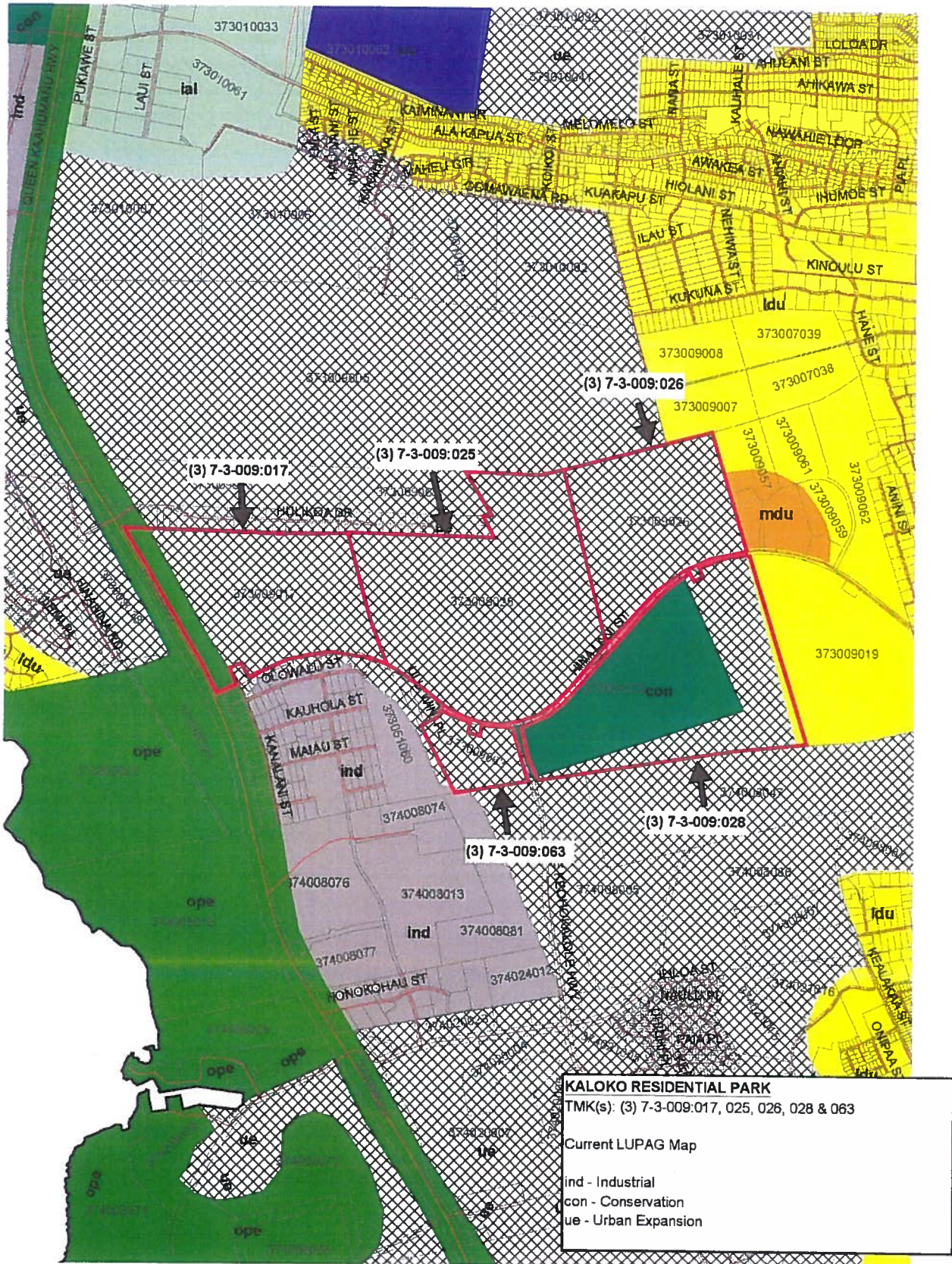


EXHIBIT 2



From: [Ken Honma](#)
To: [WPCtestimony](#); [Stand Together Hawaii](#); statler.mark@gmail.com; [Mark Jones](#); [Helen Tupai](#)
Subject: Hawaii 2045 general plan input
Date: Saturday, November 16, 2024 11:14:23 AM

To: Hawaii County Windward Planning Commission

Date: November 16, 2024

Subject: Testimony On Hawaii General Plan 2045

Planning commission members, as a kupuna of Hawaii County, I wish to offer my thoughts to you on the Hawaii County General Plan 2045. Thanks for giving the people this opportunity.

It is obvious that a lot of time and effort has gone into producing this very large document that will have many and great consequences for the present and future people who live in the County of Hawaii.

Therefore it is very important for the writers to be clear about who is creating this plan, and what legal grounds they have to put it forth. In this document, some of the powers that the the document includes, read like the commission intends to give itself dictatorial levels of power.

The guidance of people of Hawaii county must be the starting and ending point of all discussions regarding anything in the proposed general plan.

Are the restrictions, taxes, accommodations, takings, enforcements, penalties, international associations, and complying with international values, in conformance with the U.S. Constitution? I leave it to you to discuss why this is so important. The people of Hawaii county consider it monumentally important. At this time, the people of Hawaii county do not trust the county government, and having an open and public discussion about constitutional conformance will help to alleviate questions and concerns about this.

Although it's a given, it is illegal for any laws to be passed that are not in conformance with the USA constitution. After all, your committee is legal only because of our constitutional republic process.

We want it to be explicitly clear in this proposed plan, that you, the planning commission, know its' place in the hierarchy of our republic. To remind all the writers and readers of this plan

of the fundamental reasons for the existence of this commission, please include the following in

the introduction of this planning document:

We the People of the County of Hawaii, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this General Plan for people of the County of Hawaii.

In case you have forgotten, it is We the people of the county of Hawaii, who daily live, work, play, and die here, who are the authors of this document, and who are also its beneficiaries.

Sincerely,

Ken Honma

Kenh.7553@gmail.com, 8089677553, P.O.B0x 451 Kurtistown, Hi. 96760

From: [Amy Harlib](#)
To: [WPCtestimony](#); [LPCtestimony](#)
Subject: Revise Hawaii General Plan Testimony Here
Date: Sunday, November 17, 2024 9:31:49 PM

To Big Island Testimony,

I fully support the below statements from Stand Together Hawaii.

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Sincerely,
Amy Harlib
Citizen, USA

From: Adele Henkel
To: [LPCtestimony](#); [WPCtestimony](#)
Subject: Revise Hawaii General Plan Testimony
Date: Monday, November 18, 2024 4:37:38 PM

Dear Fellow Hawaiians/Community Stakeholders,

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But, there are extensive terra forming weather modification operations (aka geoengineering, SRM, etc.) being conducted by the U.S. military and their contractors.

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All in all, this plan being floated around the U.S, looks like a U.N. one-world-order agenda plan. Are you trying to surrender Hawaii to those globalist elites?

Thank you for taking this to your Hawaiian hearts.

AH
Kailua Kona

From: [Dawn Singleton](#)
To: [WPCtestimony](#)
Subject: Revise Hawaii Plan testimony
Date: Monday, November 18, 2024 10:26:52 AM

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(Your Signature)

Anyone can send in a testimony. You do not have to live on the islands. -Mahalo











Thank-you
Dawn Singleton

Dawn Eshelman Singleton, PhD, DHS, CTP, DNM

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To: [WPCtestimony](#)
Subject: Revise Hawaii General Plan
Date: Monday, November 18, 2024 11:40:49 AM
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PROPOSED PAPAIKOU AGRARIAN POCKET NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT

Project Summary

Project Name:	[New name with input from advisory board]
Applicant & Owner:	[New LLC with advisory board]
Owner's Representative:	Advisory Board
Location & Acreage:	TM&C: (3) 2-7-004-025 (76 acres) Papaikou, South Hilo, Island & County of Hawaii
Project Objectives:	The project will serve as a "laboratory" to test the following objectives: • Affordable Neighborliness. Design a mixed income community with a high proportion of affordable units to foster interaction through walkable pocket neighborhoods and informal gathering spaces. • Agarian Urbanism. Create an "intentional" community where all residents share a common commitment to participate in a range of options to grow and/or process agricultural products, as documented and disclosed by covenants. • Age in Place. For the seniors in this mixed generation community, provide full spectrum care options to age in place through home care and skilled nursing care homes provided by an onsite resident entity. • Transportation Alternatives. To minimize the need to own personal vehicles, manage a pooled rental of a variety of vehicles to address a range of needs (e.g., sedans, vans, trucks), ride-sharing, and onsite electric carts for use on pathways designed to accommodate carts and pedestrians. • Community-Managed Shoreline Access. Vest the community with accountable responsibility to manage the onsite County-dedicated shoreline trails and facilities through a Friends of the Park or cooperative agreement.
Site Description:	The site has the following characteristics: • Rural Community with Proximity to Urban Center. The site is located in the rural community of Papaikou, approximately 10 minutes' drive from Hilo. • State Land Use Designation. The site is designated

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Preserving Papaikou For Future Development

General Plan

The purpose of the General Plan is to guide the pattern of future development in the County of Hawaii based on long-term goals for all of its residents.

The Hawaii County General Plan directs future urban growth on the Hamakua Coast to lands that are adjacent to existing towns. This concentrates settlement, makes the best use of existing infrastructure, reduces impacts on regional agriculture and enhances community. These are some of the factors why Papaikou has been designated in the General Plan Land Use Allocation Map as Low Density Residential.

These are all elements of what the planning world calls "Smart Growth". Hamakua needs more of this, not less.

Other principals of "Smart Growth" include:

- Create a Range of Housing Opportunities and Choices
- Create Walkable Neighborhoods
- Foster Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place
- Strengthen and Direct Development Towards Existing Communities
- Provide a Variety of Transportation Choices
- Encourage Community and Stakeholder Collaboration in Development Decisions

Affordable Housing - The Affordability Challenge

Statistics suggest that young families on the Hamakua Coast have largely moved away, moved in with their parents or moved to Puna for inexpensive and under-served housing options. This out-migration has left local schools with declining populations and once thriving plantation towns with vacant storefronts. This is the case for KALANIAN'OLE ELEMENTARY & INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL, across the street from the site and in need of students to ensure its viability.

Building modern, affordable housing is no easy task anywhere in Hawaii. For residential developers today, affordability has to include the cost of sewage collection and treatment, new domestic water sources, modern road and intersection improvements, County and State impact fees and much more. The only way to produce affordable pricing is to build a mix of housing products that allows higher-end housing to carry the shared infrastructure expenses and subsidize the affordable product. Producing future affordable units in Hamakua will require careful land selection, the use of existing infrastructure capacity and a mix of product to carry the costs of modern building requirements.

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Collaborative biocultural stewardship is an approach to sustainable development that emphasizes a collaboration and partnership building among stakeholders and integrates natural and cultural resource management strategies to promote conservation, sustainability, and resilience. This framework is foundational to the General Plan as it seeks to balance economic, social, and environmental goals. **native Hawaiian communities, cultural practitioners, homeowners, and government. Review, evaluate and identify from previous years successes or failures of biocultural stewardship. Review all current state and federal laws supporting biocultural stewardship. Evaluate if current laws are succeeding in reaching environmental goals.** Cooperative efforts aimed at achieving **successful** management of ecological systems are crucial **important** for protecting our natural and built environments. Land use planning and management should be **holistic**, inclusive, and adaptive to reflect **the native Hawaiian people, homeowners** and community values, knowledge, and **aspirations**. The General Plan provides key strategies to achieve biocultural stewardship **by including the native Hawaiian people, cultural practitioners homeowners** and community engagement, partnership building, collaborative decision-making, and collective action.

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- Pink Highlighted is a Concern/Comments

Implementation Strategies

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To: [LPCtestimony](#); [WPCtestimony](#)
Cc: alicia@palmvalleyfarm.com
Subject: Revise Hawaii General Plan Testimony
Date: Wednesday, November 20, 2024 6:01:42 PM

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Alicia Wills
Palm Valley Farm LLC
Land Owner

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Kona

From: [john kochiss](#)
To: [WPCtestimony](#)
Subject: Fwd: General Plan
Date: Wednesday, November 20, 2024 9:12:55 PM

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From: **john kochiss** <questmatejk@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Nov 20, 2024 at 9:10 PM
Subject: General Plan
To: <LPCtestimony@hawaiiicounty.gov>

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From: Jon McGee
To: LPOestimony: WPOestimony
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Ka'ū: September 19, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. - Ka'ū District Gym Multi-Purpose Room 96-1219 Kamani St, Pāhala, HI 96777

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North Kohala: October 1, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. - Old Judiciary Building 54-3900 Akoni Pule Hwy, Kapa'au, HI 96755

Puna: October 3, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. - Pāhoa Community Center 15-3022 Kauhale St, Pāhoa, HI 96778

Hāmākua: October 9, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. - Kula'imano Community Center 28-2892 Alia St, Pepe'ekeo, HI 96783

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To: [WPCtestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony on the general plan 2024 for big island Mahalo
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From: [Marlies Lee](#)
To: [WPCtestimony](#)
Subject: General plan 2045
Date: Wednesday, November 20, 2024 8:01:43 AM

Aloha,

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We actually need CO2 to grow food and fauna.

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Only we here can/should decide what's happening on our Island. Not big money elsewhere.

Mahalo

Marlies Lee

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Michelle Melendez](#)
To: [LPCtestimony](#); [WPCtestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony for General Plan (Plz do not let it go through the way it is!)
Date: Wednesday, November 20, 2024 3:32:02 PM

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To: [LPCtestimony](#); [WPCtestimony](#)
Subject: Revise Hawaii General Plan Testimony Here
Date: Wednesday, November 20, 2024 5:46:55 PM

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From: Aukai Sewell <aukaiesewell@yahoo.com>

Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2024 3:05 PM

To: LPCTestimony <lpctestimony@hawaiiicounty.gov>; WPCtestimony <wpctestimony@hawaiiicounty.gov>

Subject: Revise Hawaii General Plan Testimony Here

based on community meetings please consider our concerns there are many other concerns to us people one being restricting our travel because of false science if climate change being a threat to humanity the greatest threat is a corrupt government that over reaches their power . making our lives to expensive and making it harder to do buisness by corruption and over regulation and useless taxes th

remember all these things affect our childrens future in hawaii if you thing over regulation is the answer then our children will moove out and let rich people take all our land . maybe thats what the county of hawaii wants . well i and many others dont want it . thank you

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AUKAI E SEWELL

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From: [donna grabow](#)
To: [WPCtestimony](#)
Subject: Revision is vital! Hawaii General Plan 2045
Date: Thursday, November 21, 2024 8:47:32 AM

Please omit the creation of a "OSCER Department." This is on page 188, 40.8.

This proposed OSCER clause in the Hawaii General Plan 2045 will not allow the voice of the people.

The clause **overrides any community input and will void people's concerns, leaving all decisions to unelected officials.**

Please remove the undemocratic OSCER clause from the plan.

Thank you for consideration on this matter.

Regards,
Donna Grabow
Hilo

From: [Joanna Weber](#)
To: [LPCtestimony](#); [WPCtestimony](#)
Subject: Revise Hawaii General Plan Testimony Here
Date: Thursday, November 21, 2024 6:53:17 PM

Topic: **Revise Hawaii General Plan Testimony Here**

ALOHA

Some of my concerns are as follows:

- An extensive part of the plan is dedicated to "Climate Change". However, why do most experts state there is NO climate danger?

*Over 1900 credentialed scientists have signed a World Declaration literally stating, "There is No Climate Danger". Review it here <https://clintel.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/WCD-241023.pdf>

*The declaration states: "To believe the outcome of a climate model is to believe what the model makers have put in. This is precisely the problem of today's climate discussion to which climate models are central. Climate science has **degenerated** into a discussion based on beliefs, **not on sound self-critical science**. Should not we **free ourselves from the naive belief in immature climate models?**"*

*John Coleman, Good Morning America's first weather man and the founder of the Weather channel states, "There is No Global Warming". Find it here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K56fms2VZTc>

*50 Years as Meteorologist with the US Airforce and Climatologist Professor David Dilley, says the earth is cooling not warming. He explains the Milankovitch Cycles here: https://youtu.be/sa-_tIITPnM?si=0-ubPSELxpFnAVH5

*On the Boston Globe's YouTube channel, on May 14, 2010, MIT Professor of Meteorology Richard Lindzen shared, "If one asks, "Is the temperature increasing or decreasing?" it's always doing one or the other. I have no concern about that. By asking people to worry about whether it's going up or down, you're immediately establishing dishonesty. The Earth is always changing. Climate change is nothing you have to prove. It always is happening. It always has happened. So, to make that into something alarming seems a little bit weird to me." Find his interview here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pwvVephTIHU>

Professor Lindzen also stated, "At any given place, traditionally, sea level is measured by what are called tide gauges: a stick in the water, basically. Two things that change are what a tide gauge shows: the land moving up and down and the sea moving up and down. In most places, it's the land that has the biggest effect, and so you don't have a good measure of sea

level rise."

*On August 21, 2020, NASA published an article titled "NASA-led Study Reveals the Causes of Sea Level Rise Since 1900." Find the article here: <https://climate.nasa.gov/news/3012/nasa-led-study-reveals-the-causes-of-sea-level-rise-since-1900/>

It reads:

"Sea levels have risen on average 1.6 millimeters (0.063 inches) per year between 1900 and 2018."

That means the sea level has risen a little over 7.4 inches in the last 118 years! Does that show the world is in danger of being engulfed by water? No. It shows that it will be a very, very, very long time before humans are in danger. Does that mean documentaries like "An Inconvenient Truth" are telling lies?

*An article was published in the Seattle Times on October 12, 2007, titled "British judge ruled the Oscar-winning film on global warming, "An Inconvenient Truth," contains "nine errors."" (Find the article here): <https://www.seattletimes.com/nation-world/truth-is-gore-film-has-9-errors-british-judge-rules/>

*Here is the list of inaccuracies found in Court taken from the "Friends Of Science" website.

The inaccuracies in the documentary include (Find the article here):

https://friendsofscience.org/assets/documents/FOS%20Essay/British_High_Court_Ruling_on_An_Inconvenient_Truth.html):

1. The film claims that melting snows on Mount Kilimanjaro evidence global warming. The Government's expert was forced to concede that this is not correct.

2. The film suggests that evidence from ice cores proves that rising CO2 levels cause temperature increases over 650,000 years. The Court found that the film was misleading: over that period, the rises in CO2 lagged behind the temperature rises by 800-2,000 years.

3. The film uses emotive images of Hurricane Katrina and suggests that this has been caused by global warming. The Government's expert had to accept that it was "not possible" to attribute one-off events to global warming.

4. The film shows the drying up of Lake Chad and claims that this was caused by global warming. The Government's expert had to accept that this was not the case.

5. The film claims that a study showed that polar bears had drowned due to disappearing arctic ice. It turned out that Mr. Gore had misread the study: in fact, four polar bears drowned, and this was because of a

particularly violent storm.

6. The film threatens that global warming could stop the Gulf Stream, throwing Europe into an ice age. The Claimant's evidence was that this was a scientific impossibility.

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8. The film suggests that sea levels could rise by 7 meters, causing the displacement of millions of people. In fact, the evidence is that sea levels are expected to rise by about 40 centimeters over the next 100 years and there is no such threat of massive migration.

9. The film claims that rising sea levels has caused the evacuation of certain Pacific islands to New Zealand. The Government was unable to substantiate this, and the Court observed that this appears to be a false claim.

*Also, the Court's interim ruling included the following:

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*High Court Judge Michael Burton stated:

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ALOHA, JOANNA WEBER

From: [kate kennedy](#)
To: [LPCtestimony](#); [WPCtestimony](#)
Subject: General Plan 2045
Date: Thursday, November 21, 2024 4:06:00 PM

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Mahalo for your time and investment toward a healthy and vibrant future for all residents of the Big Island

Sincerely,

Kate Kennedy

Pahoa

From: [Akuakea](#)
To: [LPCtestimony](#); [WPCtestimony](#)
Subject: Kevin Hill testimony
Date: Thursday, November 21, 2024 11:05:36 PM

I'm writing to address a major concern about certain assumptions that are stated and that much of the plan is based on but are problematic at best, but worse are perhaps outright false and misleading.

My issues today are the presumption that we mean the same thing when we discuss "sustainability" and that we agree about "climate change" and its inherent presumptions especially that co2 is a polutant, that man is the largest cause of this climate change (by breathing and burning of fossil fuels etc). Several points on this:

1. When Al Gore popularized that we were going to be extinct by the year 2000 he used the term "global warming". Now we talk about "climate change"! To make a crisis out of "climate change" is circular logic and deceptive at its core. If it gets warmer it's a crisis. If it gets colder it's a crisis and the presumption carry's that it's man's fault by exhaling co2.

Simply existing and breathing is problematic and justifies open conversation about efforts to reduce the population! We used to think that it was immoral to plot ways to reduce population because of the sacredness of life now it's normal every day conversation.

2. Many of the thousands of intelligent people who have debunked these presumptions point out that to blame humans for the changes in climate ignores major factors that have massive influence on weather and climate - two of which are solar activity (proximity and intensity of the sun and its changing position and intensity over time) and the irrefutable fact of man's manipulation of weather.

Please educate yourselves if this challenge is new to you as this general plan assumes that these arguements are settled and closed in favor of a deceptive and destructive worldview.

Here are a couple of sites that are loaded with irrefutable proof of man's preoccupation not only with modifying the weather but weaponizing it using technologies that are being pushed strongly in our own neighborhoods right now.

A. [Weathermodificationhistory.com](#). Well written summaries of the history of weather modification since 1946 and tremendous resources to patents, DOD publications, public hearings before congress in 2015 that addresses Chem trails and creation of high altitude clouds etc.

B. [Geoengineeringwatch.org](#). Site loaded with information on the topic, soil samples water samples, air samples that show the aluminum, barium and strontium aerosolized metals affecting the air we breathe, the water we drink and the soil in which we raise our crops and feed our animals. Well done site with enormous amounts of data assembled by a retired engineer.

C. [Library.NOAA.gov](#) - this site shows those who REPORT their weather modification activities... the most impactive ones that we see in the news are NOT voluntarily listed! A few minutes here will show how common and readily available information is of man's manipulation of weather. It's not all evil... but some of it absolutely is and you see it on the news every month.

The world meteorological organization reports at least 50 countries are regularly using weather modification technologies. Russia and China and the US have all made public statements of their ability to use weather weapons in warfare.

The technologies involve sending the atmosphere with aerosolized chemicals that then can be influence by land based frequencies to create, amplify and steer weather - hurricane, tornados,

earthquakes that create tsunamis, cyclones, manipulation of the jet stream, blocking of the sun. Spend some time on these sites and you will likely conclude that in this conversation the same parties offering a solution consisting of more restrictions on land use, travel, greater taxation to fund the solutions etc are the same parties creating the problem. Problem, reaction, solution - and the peoples' liberty and prosperity pay the price of a "more government" solution. As to technology being aggressively disseminated in our neighborhoods today... can anyone think of a technology that we all use that functions by the projection of frequencies through the air in order for our communications to function? Coincidence that some of the best and oldest research on 2.4 ghz (the frequencies our cell phones and Wi-Fi function on are Russian studies in the 1940s about frequency weapons? Look it up. France doesn't allow cell towers in residential areas - we put them in our schools And church parking lots. You may find that there is a disturbing, undeniable connection between 5g (and other frequencies) and harm to biology as well as being effective in affecting weather.

I wholeheartedly reject what I believe are inaccurate and deceptive agendas based on half truths that are lumped into this idea of sustainability.

I'm interested in a general plan that:

1. Honors our constitution
2. Recognizes the sovereignty of the individual and the sacredness of land stewardship. The people are the rulers, land belongs to people not corporations and governments pretending to be for the people but are really about controlling resources to control people not empower them.
3. Acknowledges that people take care of people and solve problems, not Beurocrats, lawyers and politicians. Innovation and liberty are sacred concepts that are inherent in the people.
4. Recognizes that we are all trustees of what the Creator has loaned us and that we all are accountable for what we leave future generations.

Mahalo for your attention and for doing your own studies on the sites I've listed and others. I believe just an hour on either of the two sites I mentioned will convince that much of what's being heralded as evidence of "climate change" is indeed, but it's "man-made" - not because we breathe or burn fossil fuels but because a few are using technology as often happens to manipulate, control and harm. These few hope that we will react emotionally to half truths and buy into a solution that leaves we the people poorer and even less free. As WEF leader Klaus Schwab likes to say "you will own nothing, and you will be happy".

I pray that our Island m, our county leads the way in liberty, in pursuit of truth, in faithfulness to our Constitution and Bill of Rights and is indeed a land "perpetuated in righteousness"

From: [Michelle Melendez](#)
To: [WPCtestimony](#); [LPCtestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony on General Plan Climate Change
Date: Thursday, November 21, 2024 5:12:02 PM

Aloha Leeward Commission,

Mahalo so much for listening to us today. I know you are all volunteers and I really appreciate your time.

A huge part of the plan is dedicated to "Climate Change". However, I've researched and found many climate experts disagree with this narrative.

This is VERY dangerous because this section will add more rules, and regulations and take away freedom. In the name of climate change it will restructure the Big Island way of life and give more power to the government.

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You may be asking, "Why is this in the general plan and why is the climate change narrative in the media throughout the world if it isn't true?"

Because those who've invested in renewable energy will profit greatly and have more power over people if we adopt their narrative. They also own most of the news. I'm not a climate denier. I'm not a conspiracy theorist. I'm someone who researches until I discover the truth.

The truth is, if you put this plan through as it is, you will destroy freedom and prosperity on Big Island for future generations.

You have the power to help bring light to this plan. I trust in God and I trust in you.

Mahalo,

Michelle Melendez-Freedom Activist

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Thank you for giving me the opportunity to input into the General Plan process.

I agree with the attached addresses and pdf's created attached to this email at the bottom. Please consider and apply the changes to The General Plan. We need more emphasis on our local involvement and the inspiration to embrace and promote participation for the highest good. Effective local community engagement and management are crucial for the success and sustainability of any initiative, as it helps ensure that diverse perspectives and interests are considered.

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Climate has not yet addressed the heating of the atmosphere and weather patterns by the electric communications, satellites and haarp and such devices or the geoengineering of the weather. How many towers and what are their effect on the communities environments, mental impact and biological outcomes. The manipulation of our planet and its population through technology and the attention pushing people toward ignoring the surrounding aina, is proving to be detrimental and no one is addressing this fact. Yet blaming it on the people and fossil fuels, where green technology is not proving a perfect solution either and is polluting the planet also. Most implementations of systems are set up by the unelected officials and corporate entities that glean the profits by its outcome, yet lobbied and promoted into government systems.

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Have visited with an appraiser here in Hawaii stating they started using Marshall and Swift/Boeckh software for appraisal. around Covid. The properties have doubled and tripled in many cases here in the last few years. With commercial RE being hit hard. If you follow the links through the web Marshall & Swift/Boeckh company which was bought out by Corelogic which was bought up by Stone Point Capital and with Insight Partners. These are global venture capital firms. They make these companies look like they are small operations.. they are not. I would consider that all information for land and property is at the hands of these large corporate firms for manipulation of the people along with census statistics.

I find it interesting that if every city (which I know one other city recently brought their software in) is using their software these corporations with investors are driving up the markets for their profits and could be influencing price strategies across the world. With the printing of money and redirection of wealth this is all tied into land acquisition of mega proportion.

We need to question everything and the intention and power behind it. Because of these increases migration across the country has happened and businesses have closed and people can't afford properties which has driven the homeless situation and housing crisis. Look at what has happened in downtown Kailua with the businesses and parking - where does this stem from. Now we have a plan that transitions property ownership and businesses as a steal by force of economic planning.

I stand with the changes submitted here as alternatives and additions to the Plan.

Please consider and review the changes needed to promote our Hawaii Island community.
Thank you
Sarahlee Kittons

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Aloha Honorable Planning Commissioners of Hawai'i County
& Director Kern,

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I agree with the native born Hilo, Leslie, and others that have already testified that the CDP needs to be completed for a very important area of our island Hilo and that all emergency plans need to have organized interaction with the civil defense, which is not happening now under this governor. I helped form the Waikoloa Village CDP, ever working 100 hours on the logistics committee to found it. We need to have the inclusion of amateur Ham radio operators in The General Plan. This would've made a huge difference in the disaster that occurred in Lahaina Maui.

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We must protect the people first these are the most important issues and as Brenda Ford mentioned, we cannot frack a rock which requires its structure in order to produce those lenses of drinkable water.

**Mahalo for your kokua,
April**

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Please consider the following as a testimony today, November, 2024

1900 scientists have signed a World Declaration literally stating, "There is No Climate Danger". Review it here <https://clintel.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/WCD-241023.pdf>

*The declaration states: "To believe the outcome of a climate model is to believe what the model makers have put in. This is precisely the problem of today's climate discussion to which climate models are central. Climate science has **degenerated** into a discussion based on beliefs, **not on sound self-critical science**. Should not we **free ourselves from the naive belief in immature climate models?**"*

John Coleman, Good Morning America's first weather man and the founder of the Weather channel states, "There is No Global Warming". Find it here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K56fms2VZTc>

"Sea levels have risen on average 1.6 millimeters (0.063 inches) per year between 1900 and 2018."

That means the sea level has risen a little over 7.4 inches in the last 118 years! Does that show the world is in danger of being engulfed by water? No. It shows that it will be a very, very, very long time before humans are in danger. Does that mean documentaries like "An Inconvenient Truth" are telling lies?

Sincerely,
Donna Grabow
Hilo

From: [sharkgss](#)
To: [WPCtestimony](#); [LPCtestimony](#)
Subject: Re: General Plan Needs Major Overhaul
Date: Friday, November 22, 2024 11:50:46 AM

Aloha,

In addition to my testimony comments, this link should be a mandatory read for all county planning officials. <https://nwri.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/How-Public-Officials-can-Recognize-Agenda-21.pdf>

Mahalo,
Donna Thompson

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On Friday, November 22nd, 2024 at 10:39 AM, sharkgss <sharkgss@protonmail.com> wrote:

Aloha,

After commenting on the 2045 General Plan online, providing extensive testimony and attending workshops it is clear this document needs a great deal of revision and citizens are not aligned with the draconian template handed down to local communities in Western countries by the World Economic Forum. The original version in 2005 plan contains the words "homeowner" and "farmer" while the 2045 plan is written by and for "stakeholders!"

This is outrageous and the words "homeowner" and "farmer" do not appear anywhere! "Farmer" is in the 2005 GENERAL PLAN fourteen (14) times and "homeowner" appears four (4) times.

In addition to my original testimonies below being re-submitted I want to add a few more points:

1. The State and the County corporations have no right to acquire land. The State has no right to any County property, including harbors.
2. Remove any reference to "Hawai'i State Wildlife Action Plan" it is not relevant for our island.
3. Remove reference to climate change caused by humans, this is unproven and being used as a psychological control mechanism by the top 1%. This includes removing references to "carbon footprint", "net zero", "greenhouse gas", "green infrastructure" and / or "climate adaptation". Carbon dioxide sequestration is a really really stupid idea, waste of tax payer funds, and will further degrade our flora.
4. Remove the section 2.2 Biocultural Stewardship Goal (1.13) because State and County corporations are not acting on behalf of its residents and clearly acting on behalf of stakeholders.
5. Remove the word "stakeholder" from everywhere it appears, and instead use the words "land owner" or "farmer/rancher".
6. Zoning needs to be re-visited - why is Agricultural land being reduced by 40%, unacceptable!!!
7. Remove the words "equity" and "equitable" from everywhere they appear. More emphasis should be on equality of opportunity rather than equity of results. We do not want to move into communism, people need to work for what they get, and people who have worked and succeeded need to keep the fruits of their labors. Equity cannot be legislated.
8. Remove the word "sustainability" from everywhere it appears. This term has NO SCIENTIFIC PARAMETERS, NO EFFECTIVE DEFINITION for anything to do with lawmaking !!
9. Revise the proposed land use maps, they are not fully relevant to our vast micro climates.
10. REMOVE 32c and 32p and 20e because all have to do with the egregious concept of "smart" cities. This is a rural island.
11. Remove ANY reference to digital currencies.
12. Remove ANY use of the word "resilience." This is a psychological term that has NO PLACE in a government document.
13. Close down the County Office of Sustainability, Climate, Equity, and Resilience (OSCE) as NOBODY VOTED FOR THIS OFFICE TO BE STARTED. Remove ANY reference to such office from the proposed general plan.
14. Reword the governments intention for "inspection" or "surveillance" or "inventory" of land that will not be a violation of privacy rights.
15. Add language regarding the danger of 5G and beyond technology easements and studies.
16. Remove ANY reference to incentivizing or regulating water use and incentivize catchment.
17. Remove the phrase "circular systems". This is a concept only vaguely defined and certainly without any solid demonstration of its use.
18. Remove the phrase "Vision Zero" as it has NO RELEVANCE for our island.
19. Remove the phrase "One Water" as it refers to a North America group and has NO RELEVANCE for our island.

Testimony submitted 27 March 2024

Aloha,

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.

Mahalo,
Donna Thompson
Kamuela, HI

General Comments are as follows:

Suggest subtitle **"Stewardship Plan for Hawai'i County"**

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.

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.

Purpose and Authority

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

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. p. 7

Climate Mitigation

A great deal of content is based on Climate Mitigation from human activity which has a minuscule effect on the earth's overall climate. Over 99% of the climate affects are driven by solar activity, cycles, and space weather. The document completely fails to mention the threat of space weather and is almost entirely focused on carbon emissions promoted by the United Nations Climate Agenda. Our Federal Government has been preparing for space weather threats for many years, yet the Hawai'i island **plan** lacks any reference to this even though critical infrastructure (energy, communications, transportation, and supply chain) is at risk due to increased solar radiation from our weakening magnetosphere. In 2015 the magnetosphere was down by 40% according to this Federal Doc.

<https://apps.dtic.mil/sti/citations/AD1040918#:~:text=The%20research%20evaluates%20the%20impacts,reversals%20and%20adverse%20space%20weather>

In October of 2016 President Obama issued the following executive order Coordinating Efforts To Prepare the Nation for Space Weather Events - Executive order 13744 (<https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/DCPD-201600692>)

Section 1. Policy. Space weather events, in the form of solar flares, solar energetic particles, and geomagnetic disturbances, occur regularly, some with measurable effects on critical infrastructure systems and technologies, such as the Global Positioning System (GPS), satellite operations and communication, aviation, and the electrical power grid. Extreme space weather events—those that could significantly degrade critical infrastructure—could disable large portions of the electrical power grid, resulting in cascading failures that would affect key services such as water supply, healthcare, and transportation. Space weather has the potential to simultaneously affect and disrupt health and safety across entire continents. Successfully preparing for space weather events is an all-of-nation endeavor that requires partnerships across governments, emergency managers, academia, the media, the insurance industry, non-profits, and the private sector.

It is the policy of the United States to prepare for space weather events to minimize the extent of economic loss and human hardship. The Federal Government must have (1) the capability to predict and detect a space weather event, (2) the **plans** and programs necessary to alert the public and private sectors to enable mitigating actions for an impending space weather event, (3) the protection and mitigation **plans**, protocols, and standards required to reduce risks to critical infrastructure prior to and during a credible threat, and (4) the ability to respond to and recover from the effects of space weather. Executive departments and agencies (agencies) must coordinate their efforts to prepare for the effects of space weather events.

Sec. 2. Objectives. This order defines agency roles and responsibilities and directs agencies to take specific actions to prepare the Nation for the hazardous effects of space weather. These activities are to be implemented in conjunction with those identified in the 2015 *National Space Weather Action Plan* (Action **Plan**) and any subsequent updates. Implementing this order and the Action **Plan** will require the Federal Government to work across agencies and to develop, as appropriate, enhanced and innovative partnerships with State, tribal, and local

governments; academia; non-profits; the private sector; and international partners. These efforts will enhance national preparedness and speed the creation of a space-weather-ready Nation.

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/10/18/2016-25290/coordinates-efforts-to-prepare-the-nation-for-space-weather-events>

In October 2016 (about 10 days before the above executive order was signed) the Russian Government hosted a training event of 40 million civilians, 200,000 emergency rescuers and 50,000 units of equipment from October 4 to October 7, 2016. It took 3 days to do a mock evacuation of 40 million civilians into 5000 bunkers. This was a massive exercise carried out for the first time in modern history. A spokesman said in a statement: "The main goal of the drill is to practice organization of management during civil defense events and emergency and fire management, to check preparedness of management bodies and forces of civil defense on all levels to respond to natural and man-made disasters and to take civil defense measures."

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/world/717446/russia-evacuate-40-million-people-emergency-drill-vladimir-putin-ww3>

Additional info on this: Cataclysmic Polarity Shift , Part 2 - How Can I Prepare For Such An Event? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GSHnF2PTz5s>

Safe Zones and Disasters

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qplLRxCMiw>

Solar Micronova is Going to Happen

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cEMXp1HizUs&t=0s>

Earth Disaster is Coming | ALL The Evidence <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j635Cv2aOIA&t=0s>

Man made geoengineering is an operation primarily used to block out solar radiation and create, distribute, and deflect weather systems. Its use over many decades is outside the scope of public knowledge and having significant impacts on our environment/weather to include increased super storms, fires, flooding, droughts, and causing very high levels of aluminum in the soil and tissue samples of all mammals. I personally have tested hundreds of humans and animals and seen very high levels in all hair analysis tests. This is why Monsanto developed aluminum resistant seeds, soil in North America is testing 40,000 times higher rates of aluminum in the last 2 decades.

<https://www.geoengineeringwatch.org/links-to-geoengineering-patents/>

Tennessee and New Hampshire have recently introduced bills to ban this practice.

<https://www.tennessean.com/story/news/local/2024/03/20/tennessee-senate-passes-bill-banning-chemtrails-what-to-know/73027586007/>

Maui county council passed a bill in 2010 to ban geoengineering and this link explains how it is being used to lessen the effects of solar radiation. There has been no public oversight or consent to these projects.

<http://mauiskywatch.org/info-official-reports/>

It is clear based on the above information the governments of the world are preparing for space weather effects due to the weakening magnetic field, therefore it is critical that the county review and adopt their own contingency plans. Hawaii county should implement a ban on geoengineering before soil is too toxic with aluminum and when combined with glyphosate it can cross the blood brain barrier.

Some suggested solutions are environmentally unfriendly, and nuclear power is catastrophically dangerous. Potential of micro nuclear was mentioned on page 15.

Hawaii State Constitution, article XI, section 8

NUCLEAR ENERGY

Section 8. **No nuclear fission power plant shall be constructed or radioactive material disposed of in the State** without the prior approval by a two-thirds vote in each house of the legislature.

We live on an active volcano with frequent earthquakes, threats of hurricanes, tsunamis and unexpected lava flows. Having a nuclear power plant on this island is a huge liability. It could be **cataclysmic** and there will always be the issue of storage leaks. In 2011 I experienced the 5.8 earthquake in Orange, VA. It shut down the Lake Anna Nuclear facility for almost 2 years.

There are numerous other types of energy to explore, to include water generated motors that are now used in places like Pakistan and India. These kits allow existing vehicles to be fitted that use only 2% fuel consumption and 98% water. We should be looking at ways to harness ocean water for energy. The ocean thermal energy conversion, or OTEC, which uses seawater to turn solar energy into electricity or hydrokinetic energy or marine renewable energy, is a renewable power source that is harnessed from the natural movement of water, including waves, tides, and river and ocean currents. These should be considered since water surrounds the entire island.

Climate change threats p. 19

3.3 Collaborate with government, private and nonprofit agencies, and other **stakeholders** to monitor impacts that may be specific to Hawai'i County due to its unique exposure to climate change and sea level rise impacts. Hawai'i County needs to first and foremost collaborate with the **general** public. Transparency is needed on exactly how government agencies, private corporations, nonprofit agencies are involved and explain who these "stakeholders" are.

The **plan**ning department should take into consideration that over 1,900 scientists from around the world have signed a declaration that there is no climate emergency. Climate change has been occurring on this **plan**et all along driven by solar activity and cycles.
<https://ciintel.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/WCD-version-081423.pdf>

John Coleman, the founder of the weather channel, the first meteorologist on Good Morning America in the 1970's and the winner of the Meteorologist of the Year award by the US Association for Meteorology in 1982, has spent 60 years studying the weather. He presents his view that there is no significant man-made global warming in this half-hour PowerPoint presentation. <https://youtu.be/K56fms2VZTc?si=ZuTpJ-bEnNPCGOkf>

WASTE-TO-ENERGY

Two "waste-to-energy" proposals (2008 and 2015) for Hawai'i Island were rejected after months of divisive debate. It was concluded the island doesn't generate enough garbage to make it cost effective. O'ahu taxpayers are paying **penalties** to H-Power because O'ahu can't generate enough waste to fulfill the contract.

While some advanced waste treatment technologies are promoted as alternative energy producing, the energy conserved by recycling and composting the source materials exceeds the amount of energy produced by these technologies by three to five times. There are some "glass type" building materials that can be produced by the incineration process. Incineration is a form of Destructive Disposal via combustion or thermal conversion/treatment, using high temperatures of discarded materials into ash/slag, syngas, flue gas, fuel, or heat. Incineration includes facilities and processes that may be stationary or mobile, may recover energy from heat or power and may use single or multiple stages. Some forms of incineration may be described as resource recovery, energy recovery, trash to steam, waste to energy, energy from waste, fluidized bed, catalytic cracking, biomass¹⁵, steam electric power **plant** (burning waste), pyrolysis, thermolysis, gasification, plasma arc, thermal depolymerization or refuse derived fuel.

Sustainable Development and Resilient Communities

Section 1: Land Use

Table 4: Land Use Challenges Regulations

The current regulatory process dictates that the State Land Use Commission must preside over boundary amendments that exceed 15 acres, which limits the efficiency of ensuring consistency in the land use pattern. p. 25

Land Use Commission protections against unwise development should be maintained when it comes to outside large scale developers. However, **property owners should not have more regulations** and rules than they already have.

Table 5: Land Use Opportunities

Coordinate with the Department of Health (DOH) to address unique land use situations on the island related to individual wastewater systems (IWS) and prioritization of resources. p. 26

Clarification is needed on the meaning of land use situations

Explain clearly what the "rezoning" will be and clarify if AG land will be affected. The current zoning for Hawaii island is 80% AG. Any reduction of AG is contrary to sustainable production of food.

Transparency is needed on what the "preferred land use pattern" is. The current system should remain, so developments are proposed one by one, and agencies and communities have time and energy to address impacts.

Policies

Sentence types are mixed, hampering comprehension.

4.3 Zoning, subdivision, and other applicable ordinances shall provide for and protect open space areas. These new zonings shall not hinder current land owners who have a right to own their property unhindered by governmental policies.

Declarative sentence

4.4 Support mechanisms, such as **Planned** Unit Development and Cluster **Plan**

Development, that cluster density to preserve open space, recreational areas, or scenic viewsheds. p. 27

Define "cluster density". This **should not** be in regards to developing apartment style homes.

ENERGY

4.9 Route selection for high-voltage transmission lines should include consideration for setbacks from major thoroughfares and residential areas. Where feasible, delineate energy corridors for such high-voltage transmission lines. p. 27

Encourage - incentivize "off grid" or distributed power sources, instead of centralized, to increase resiliency.

Priority Actions

4.a Develop a process for County-initiated State Land Use boundary reclassification. p. 28 See related comment for p. 26.

Transparency for "boundary reclassification" is needed. What exactly are the boundaries in question and what will it be reclassified to?

6.d Amend the Zoning Code to allow for **Planned** Unit Developments (PUD) to become administrative permits and subject to the approval of the **Plan**ning Director. p. 29 **This should be deleted!** The people do not want to live in Units and these "**plan**ned units" are against current zoning codes.

Table 6: Urban Land Use

Urban Expansion Reserve Allows for a mix of high density, medium density, low density, industrial-commercial mix, and/or natural designations in areas where growth may be desirable, but where specific settlement and infrastructure have not yet been determined. p. 32
This should be deleted! Mixing housing, industrial, and natural uses can result in severe impacts on safety, health, and natural resources.

Priority Actions

9.d Amend the Zoning Code and Subdivision Code to establish Clustered Rural Subdivision PUD. p. 60
The meaning of "Clustered Rural Subdivision PUD" should be explained.

Objective 10 Support the active use of Productive Agricultural lands.

Policies p. 62 A policy to support small-scale agriculture should be **added**

10.5 Support the development of small-scale visitor accommodations that directly promote the agriculture industry, health and wellness industry, or are near points of interest. p. 62 Only accommodations that directly promote agriculture should be allowed. More **transparency** is needed in reference to the **"health and wellness industry"** and why they are in this section or remove it. Those industries are not an integral part of AG land use. They are a bi-product of good farming practices.

10.6 Any subdivision or farm labor housing complex developed on Productive Agricultural Lands should be clustered to minimize impact. p. 62 Define clustered, subdivisions should not be developed on these lands.

There is no proof carbon sequestration will be effective, it is expensive, obtrusive, and the entire premise of global warming from CO2 level increase is unfounded. Earthquakes, eruptions, floods, and other events release carbon stored underground. CO2 only makes up 0.04% of our atmosphere and is necessary for photosynthesis.

Priority Actions

10.b Conduct a study to review a maximum developed area consideration for properties designated as Productive Agricultural lands. p. 62
This should be deleted. Private property AG land should not be considered for anything other than what the property owner desires. It should not be considered for "maximum development".

10.c Create and adopt a County Agricultural Tourism program p 62
The **plan** has no merit. Private land owners don't want to be disturbed. It is also a liability with livestock and trespassing.

10.g Amend the Zoning Code to require **Plan** Approval for commercial open area recreational uses in the County Agricultural District. p 62
Zoning should NOT be amended in AG land, it is important for sustainability.

Section 2: Transportation Access and Mobility

Table 18: Transportation Key Trends

Investment in Electric Vehicles is counter productive to the environment. Electric Vehicles add a **huge strain on the electric grid**. They are very costly to own both in price of car, maintenance, and electric bill. The companies that make EV use fossil fuels. The new gas driven cars are much lower in emissions and cheaper to buy. Lastly, the batteries in EVs are dangerous during car accidents and toxic to the environment.

Table 20: Transportation Opportunities

Continuing, Comprehensive, and Cooperative **Plan**ning p 68

Traffic **plans** submitted to **plan**ning commissions and County Council typically include many pages dealing with vehicular traffic and very few pages on bicycles, walking, wheelchairs, etc. Requirements should be changed so alternative modes receive at least equal consideration, safe bike lanes should be a high priority to cut down emissions.

Objective 14 Reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT). p. 78

The **Plan**ning Department can create easier and safer methods of travel but have no right to dictate how many miles people drive. The people's right to travel shall not be impeded. **Delete this section.**

Developers should not be granted relief from requirements for sidewalks, bike lanes, etc.

Priority Actions p. 78

The County traffic lights should be set to staggered operating hours for both public and private sectors, to lessen traffic congestion and improve safety.

Drinking Water p 89

The County, In cooperation with State and Federal government, should support people on catchment with information about system design, construction, operation, troubleshooting, and repair, including readily accessible information and assistance for safeguarding health. Wastewater p 89

Federal government should be removed. This could be a simple information packet that supports off grid lifestyles. Alternatives to sewers and septic systems should be considered, such as toilets that use little or no water, and water recycling.

Table 25: Public Utility Opportunities

Be a net power producer with hydrogen and waste management. p 91

The meaning of "Be a net power producer with...waste management" should be **clarified**. **Add what are the benefits to hydrogen fuel, how will vehicles be retrofitted to carry this technology?**

Priority Actions

Drinking-Water Conservation p 102

New water bottling **plan**s should be prohibited to prevent depletion of the aquifer.

Drinking-Water Prioritization p. 102

There should be standard requirements for new water wells so parts are interchangeable. Presently, different developers install different types of wells. So when repairs are needed, parts are not interchangeable and must be special ordered, often with lengthy delays.

23.k Develop criteria and standards for all variances in water supply p 103

"Variances in water supply" should be explained.

3.5: Wastewater Treatment and Reuse p. 105

Water recycling should be encouraged wherever possible.

24.n Amend HCC, Section 21-26-1(a) requiring "all sewer extensions shall be approved by resolution of the County council" to read, "all sewer extensions outside of Urban Growth Areas shall be approved by resolution of the County council." p 109

This should be **deleted** and County Council oversight should be maintained. This is an overreach of the government.

Section 4: Public Facilities and Services

4.1: Introduction

Table 29: Public Facilities and Services Opportunities

Solid Waste

Investigate and implement innovative waste management technologies and practices, which may include...waste-to-energy conversion...p. 118

"waste-to-energy conversion" should be **deleted**. See comments for p. 15.

4.5: Recreation

Objective 30

Priority Actions

Recreational Facilities Maintenance and Improvement

30.y...Note: Edit to reflect future code updates. p. 138

30.z ...Note: Confirm that this is adequate. p. 138

The edit and confirmation should have been in the draft **plan** so the **public could Comment**.

4.6: Community Health and Wellness

Objective 31

Priority Actions

31.h Amend county zoning and building codes as necessary to accommodate home and community-based care elderly care. PD Phase 1 CODE AMENDMENT p. 144

Add "and residential facilities for people with disabilities".

Section 5: Housing for All

Priority Actions

Neighborhood covenants that require houses to have a minimum square footage should be prohibited. This leads to unnecessary expense and unnecessary use of resources, and makes housing unaffordable for many people.

Table 40: Economic Key Trends

Poverty Persists p. 161

Information on the number of wealthy people on the island to include total land ownership should be included.

Job Market Characteristics

Tourism drives the arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation, and food services industries and much of the retail trade, representing a large portion of employment. p. 162

Measures should be taken to reduce dependence on tourism and focus on producing food and other necessities locally.

Table 41: Economic Challenges

General p. 163

Data centers are a tremendous drain on electricity and need water for cooling. They generate stressful levels of noise 24 hours a day. **Data centers and nuclear power **plants** should not be considered.**

Agriculture and Food Systems p.164

Support should be Increased for backyard farmers, including gardening advice.

Section 8: Agriculture and Food Systems p. 169

This should be section 7, since it is a higher priority.

Objective 42

Increase interagency coordination, programs, and policy initiatives that improve local agriculture infrastructure.

Priority Actions

42.g Amend bulk regulations including building materials for agricultural facilities and infrastructure. (CODE AMENDMENT | PD | phase 1) p. 175

Need more **transparency**. The **plan** should be specified with proposed amendments.

42.i Evaluate grubbing and grading ordinances as they pertain to agriculture including the creation of exemption categories for water storage and aquaculture. (CODE AMENDMENT | PD | phase 1) p. 175

42.m Amend Hawai'i County Code to include provisions for suitable agricultural infrastructure projects financed by County bonds and liens on real property of participating agricultural stakeholders, whether such assessments on TMKs involve contiguous parcels of lands encumbered under an "Agricultural Improvement District". (CODE AMENDMENT | PD | phase 1) p. 175

More **transparency** is needed in regards to County bonds and liens on property.

"TMK" should be **defined**.

GENERAL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Introduction

Local Engagement

Foster grassroots participation and balancing of interests by providing opportunities for active civic engagement, where citizens have the means to collaborate with the government and are empowered to effect positive change consistent with **plans** developed under this chapter. p. 202

"The government" should be **removed** and replaced with the County.

See comment for p. 182.

Community Development **Plans** p. 204

Urban Development **Plans** p. 205

Special Area **Plans** p. 206

Public Agency Functional **Plans** and Programs p. 206

The **General Plan** draft should cite statutory authority for each of these.

Public Agency Functional **Plans** and Programs p. 206

Blocks of text for this section appear to be moved to the wrong spot on the page.

Priorities and Phases

The first phase is the consistency phase and will require a hard look at our policy and **planning** framework to ensure consistency with this **General Plan**. It includes implementation actions such as auditing codes to determine needed updates and updating our Community Development **Plans** and other relevant **plans**. p. 209

There should be ample opportunity for the public to comment. **Transparency** regarding **which codes will be audited and how is crucial**.

Phase 1 2024-2029

Revamp of CIP process p. 209

"CIP" should be **explained**. Proposed changes should be more fully described.

COMPARISON OF 2005 AND 2045 PLANS

The 2045 **Plan** is lacking many features of the 2005 **Plan** that provided information and facilitated understanding.

Public comment is hampered by the lack of a table of contents for 2045, and by no mechanism to copy text from the 2005 **plan** PDF.

2005 2045

Table of Contents none, unless you happen to click on an Icon on the left, which yields a brief table of contents. Things that are needed include:

- List of Tables
- List of Maps
- Statement of assumptions

- Projections re. employment and population
- Citation of sources for tables
- Maps other than LUPAG maps
- Lava hazard zones
- Historic sites
- Schools
- Libraries
- Police stations
- Fire stations
- Courts
- Correctional facilities
- Hospitals
- Landfills and transfer stations
- Cemeteries
- Electric power generating facilities
- Water wells and springs
- Wastewater treatment **plants**
- Parks—County, State, Federal
- Roadways—detailed maps for various districts
- Airports
- Wharfs and harbors
- Government owned lands: Federal, State, DHHL
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Military installations

Testimony comments submitted 25 September 2024 click below

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Aloha,

After attending 23 September workshop in Waimea regarding the 2045 Hawaii County plan, it was very clear **no one that attended was in favor of the final proposed draft**. The language was not practical for the needs of the community with the most common concern being lack of water to sustain the projected population growth, followed by land use, lack of affordable housing and transportation needs. My intention as a 33 year national security expert is to provide overview **testimony** of more imminent issues in emergency management we as a community must prepare for in addition to long term planning based on population growth.

Agenda for the 21st Century by Non Governmental Organizations - Stakeholders

In the first sentence of policy rationale executive summary in the 2023 Integrated Climate Action Plan (ICAP) for Hawaii states "The United Nations (UN) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has concluded in its most recent report that human activities have unequivocally caused global warming."

[https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/WebLink/1/edoc/135070/County%20of%20Hawaii%20-%20Integrated%20Climate%20Action%20Plan%20\(2023\).pdf](https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/WebLink/1/edoc/135070/County%20of%20Hawaii%20-%20Integrated%20Climate%20Action%20Plan%20(2023).pdf)

This ICAP template is solely focused on human based activities which have less than 1% impact on our climate according to numerous sources. ICAP also fails to mention space weather events which have far more repercussions to all lifeforms and human civilization. The UN and other non governmental organizations such as the World Economic Forum (WEF) have been touting this narrative for decades as a mechanism to implement Agenda 21. The Hawaii County Planning Department should educate on the history of this agenda which is linked to consolidation of power by the few (Stakeholders) to form a New World Order with full intention to erode individual freedom and sovereign nations. Dr. Jacob Nordangard provides a historical overview in the video link below. These policies fail to uphold our God given rights and legislators captured by this Agenda have already begun to introduce draconian bills without understanding repercussions of their actions upon the community. <https://rumble.com/v1qxp4i--full-history-of-the-wef-un-the-climate-change-hoax-covid-19-and-the-people.html>

On September 22, 2024 the UN consolidated its reach into sovereign nations despite pushback and adopted the Pact for the Future, in which Heads of State and Government — representing the peoples of the world — made 56 pledges to action seeking to protect the needs and interests of present and future generations amid the climate change, crisis and conflict currently gripping the globe. "Nevertheless, at the outset of the meeting, the representative of the Russian Federation proposed an amendment (document [A/79/L.3](#)) to the Pact, stating that "no one is happy with this text". That amendment proposed the addition of language **relating to the United Nations' intervention in "matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any State"** and to avoiding certain duplication of effort." <https://press.un.org/en/2024/ga12627.doc.htm>

The rationale behind the Hawaii County plan does not address significant earth changes even though world governments have been preparing for decades

As of 2015 "The Earth's core is in the midst of a significant change. During the last 400 years, the geomagnetic field, or magnetosphere, **has declined in strength by a remarkable 40%**. Measurements by ESA's SWARM geomagnetism monitoring satellite array have further confirmed this change with measurements indicating the magnetic field is weakening ten times faster than previously predicted. The weakening trend in the magnetic field clearly shows that the Earth's core is undergoing a substantial transformation. The Earth's geomagnetic field is responsible for both shielding the atmosphere and biosphere from the harmful effects of solar and cosmic radiation, and creating conditions on the surface that are ripe for life. The magnetosphere, then, is the invisible barrier that has played a significant role in protecting the Earth from the harmful effects of space."

<https://apps.dtic.mil/sti/pdfs/AD1040918.pdf>

Although man-made weather modification thru geoengineering patents are also implicated for the uptick in many local and regional events to include storms, flooding, and fires (including Lahaina which was blamed on a hurricane over 500 miles away) over the last few decades; it is worth noting that our sun, planetary alignments, cycles, and space weather ultimately drive weather patterns. According to 50 year meteorologist David Dilley among others, we are entering a cooling pattern. <https://www.geoengineeringwatch.org/links-to-geoengineering-patents/>

While non governmental organizations such as the WEF tout climate change is coming from human carbon emissions, world governments are preparing for adverse space weather during a polarity transition building vast underground infrastructure.

In October 2016 the Obama administration issued Executive Order 13744 to all departments Coordinating Efforts To Prepare the Nation for Space Weather Events. This executive order was written after the 2015 research document by Tyler J. Williams, Captain, USAF (above link) that evaluated the impacts to US infrastructure of increases in solar and cosmic radiation regarding the weakening magnetosphere of our planet.

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/10/18/2016-25290/coordinating-efforts-to-prepare-the-nation-for-space-weather-events>

Wandering magnetic north pole moving out of Canada toward Siberia

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Earth's_magnetic_field

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<https://www.express.co.uk/news/world/717446/russia-evacuate-40-million-people-emergency-drill-vladimir-putin-ww3>

Hawaii General plan mentions the potential to sequester CO₂ as rationale to reduce man made impacts, even though temperature levels are drastically lower now than they have been in 485 million years (see chart above)

Photosynthesis activity in plants requires CO₂ and only makes up 0.04% of our atmosphere. Reduction of this necessary element would have a catastrophic chain reaction and is a risk to ALL carbon based lifeforms. Several long-term studies have provided strong support demonstrating that growing crops under elevated [CO₂] can increase photosynthesis and result in an increase in yield, flavour and nutritional content (including but not limited to Vitamins C, E and pro-vitamin A). In the case of tomato, increases in yield by as much as 80% are observed when plants are cultivated at 1000 ppm [CO₂], which is consistent with current commercial greenhouse production methods in the tomato fruit industry. These results provide a clear demonstration of the potential for elevating [CO₂] for improving yield and quality in greenhouse crops.
<https://academic.oup.com/hr/article/10/4/uhad026/7049409?login=false>

This testimony is to provide overall big picture of extinction level event(s) to instigate community emergency preparedness as part of the overall plan

Increased solar radiation as a result of the earths weakening magnetosphere and polarity shift will significantly impact survivability of our community. There will be significant disruptions of the supply chain, challenges with food production, energy blackouts, and limited communications. Community preparedness for such events are not documented in the draft general plan, meanwhile many eastern hemisphere nations including Russia, Thailand, and Japan have been preparing for these events with local civil defense for years. Citizens of Hawaii county are aware of the influx of billionaires over the last 20 years that have had impact on county policy and planning. Many have taken permanent residence and hedging Hawaii island has a good chance of survivability during these changes.

In light of this information, my suggestion is for our county to birth its own plan based on the needs of the community expressed in numerous testimonies and include space weather scenarios as potential hazards. County officials would be wise to form a committee of experienced personnel from various departments - including the local community members with relevant capabilities that can prioritize and draft a community plan that includes emergency preparedness that is relevant to our our island. We need to focus on independence with agricultural food production, innovative energy and building technologies and resilience thru preparation to create our own future we want to see.

Mahalo for your service,
Donna Thompson
Kamuela, HI

From: [sharkgss](#)
To: [WPCtestimony](#); [LPCtestimony](#)
Subject: General Plan Needs Major Overhaul
Date: Friday, November 22, 2024 10:40:51 AM

Aloha,

After commenting on the 2045 General Plan online, providing extensive testimony and attending workshops it is clear this document needs a great deal of revision and citizens are not aligned with the draconian template handed down to local communities in Western countries by the World Economic Forum. The original version in 2005 plan contains the words "homeowner" and "farmer" while the 2045 plan is written by and for "stakeholders!"

This is outrageous and the words "homeowner" and "farmer" do not appear anywhere! "Farmer" is in the 2005 GENERAL PLAN fourteen (14) times and "homeowner" appears four (4) times.

In addition to my original testimonies below being re-submitted I want to add a few more points:

1. The State and the County corporations have no right to acquire land. The State has no right to any County property, including harbors.
2. Remove any reference to "Hawai'i State Wildlife Action Plan" it is not relevant for our island.
3. Remove reference to climate change caused by humans, this is unproven and being used as a psychological control mechanism by the top 1%. This includes removing references to "carbon footprint", "net zero", "greenhouse gas", "green infrastructure" and / or "climate adaptation". Carbon dioxide sequestration is a really really stupid idea, waste of tax payer funds, and will further degrade our flora.
4. Remove the section 2.2 Biocultural Stewardship Goal (1.13) because State and County corporations are not acting on behalf of its residents and clearly acting on behalf of stakeholders.
5. Remove the word "stakeholder" from everywhere it appears, and instead use the words "land owner" or "farmer/rancher".
6. Zoning needs to be re-visited - why is Agricultural land being reduced by 40%, unacceptable!!!
7. Remove the words "equity" and "equitable" from everywhere they appear. More emphasis should be on equality of opportunity rather than equity of results. We do not want to move into communism, people need to work for what they get, and people who have worked and succeeded need to keep the fruits of their labors. Equity cannot be legislated.
8. Remove the word "sustainability" from everywhere it appears. This term has NO SCIENTIFIC PARAMETERS, NO EFFECTIVE DEFINITION for anything to do with lawmaking !!
9. Revise the proposed land use maps, they are not fully relevant to our vast micro climates.
10. REMOVE 32c and 32p and 20e because all have to do with the egregious concept of "smart" cities. This is a rural island.
11. Remove ANY reference to digital currencies.
12. Remove ANY use of the word "resilience." This is a psychological term that has NO PLACE in a government document.
13. Close down the County Office of Sustainability, Climate, Equity, and Resilience (OSCER) as NOBODY VOTED FOR THIS OFFICE TO BE STARTED. Remove ANY reference to such office from the proposed general plan.
14. Reword the governments intention for "inspection" or "surveillance" or "inventory" of land that will not be a violation of privacy rights.
15. Add language regarding the danger of 5G and beyond technology easements and studies.
16. Remove ANY reference to incentivizing or regulating water use and incentivize catchment.
17. Remove the phrase "circular systems". This is a concept only vaguely defined and certainly without any solid demonstration of its use.
18. Remove the phrase "Vision Zero" as it has NO RELEVANCE for our island.
19. Remove the phrase "One Water" as it refers to a North America group and has NO RELEVANCE for our island.

Testimony submitted 27 March 2024

Aloha,

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.

Mahalo,
Donna Thompson
Kamuela, HI

General Comments are as follows:

Suggest subtitle "**Stewardship Plan for Hawai'i County**"

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.

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.

Purpose and Authority

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

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. p. 7

Climate Mitigation

A great deal of content is based on Climate Mitigation from human activity which has a minuscule effect on the earth's overall climate. Over 99% of the climate affects are driven by solar activity, cycles, and space weather. The document completely fails to mention the threat of space weather and is almost entirely focused on carbon emissions promoted by the United Nations Climate Agenda. Our Federal Government has been preparing for space weather threats for many years, yet the Hawai'i island plan lacks any reference to this even though critical infrastructure (energy, communications, transportation, and supply chain) is at risk due to increased solar radiation from our weakening magnetosphere. In 2015 the magnetosphere was down by 40% according to this Federal Doc.

<https://apps.dtic.mil/sti/citations/AD1040918#:~:text=The%20research%20evaluates%20the%20impacts.reversals%20and%20adverse%20space%20weather>

In October of 2016 President Obama issued the following executive order Coordinating Efforts To Prepare the Nation for Space Weather Events - Executive order 13744 (<https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/DCPD-201600692>)

Section 1. Policy. Space weather events, in the form of solar flares, solar energetic particles, and geomagnetic disturbances, occur regularly, some with measurable effects on critical infrastructure systems and technologies, such as the Global Positioning System (GPS), satellite operations and communication, aviation, and the electrical power grid. Extreme space weather events—those that could significantly degrade critical infrastructure—could disable large portions of the electrical power grid, resulting in cascading failures that would affect key services such as water supply, healthcare, and transportation. Space weather has the potential to simultaneously affect and disrupt health and safety across entire continents. Successfully preparing for space weather events is an all-of-nation endeavor that requires partnerships across governments, emergency managers, academia, the media, the insurance industry, non-profits, and the private sector.

It is the policy of the United States to prepare for space weather events to minimize the extent of economic loss and human hardship. The Federal Government must have (1) the capability to predict and detect a space weather event, (2) the plans and programs necessary to alert the public and private sectors to enable mitigating actions for an impending space weather event, (3) the protection and mitigation plans, protocols, and standards required to reduce risks to critical infrastructure prior to and during a credible threat, and (4) the ability to respond to and recover from the effects of space weather. Executive departments and agencies (agencies) must coordinate their efforts to prepare for the effects of space weather events.

Sec. 2. Objectives. This order defines agency roles and responsibilities and directs agencies to take specific actions to prepare the Nation for the hazardous effects of space weather. These activities are to be implemented in conjunction with those identified in the 2015 *National Space Weather Action Plan* (Action Plan) and any subsequent updates. Implementing this order and the Action Plan will require the Federal Government to work across agencies and to develop, as appropriate, enhanced and innovative partnerships with State, tribal, and local governments; academia; non-profits; the private sector; and international partners. These efforts will enhance national preparedness and speed the creation of a space-weather-ready Nation.

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/10/18/2016-25290/coordinating-efforts-to-prepare-the-nation-for-space-weather-events>

In October 2016 (about 10 days before the above executive order was signed) the Russian Government hosted a training event of 40 million civilians, 200,000 emergency rescuers and 50,000 units of equipment from October 4 to October 7, 2016. It took 3 days to do a mock evacuation of 40 million civilians into 5000 bunkers. This was a massive exercise carried out for the first time in modern history. A spokesman said in a statement: "The main goal of the drill is to practice organization of management during civil defense events and emergency and fire management, to check preparedness of management bodies and forces of civil defense on all levels to respond to natural and man-made disasters and to take

civil defense measures.”

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/world/717446/russia-evacuate-40-million-people-emergency-drill-vladimir-putin-ww3>

Additional info on this: Cataclysmic Polarity Shift , Part 2 - How Can I Prepare For Such An Event? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GSHnF2PTz5s>

Safe Zones and Disasters

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qplLRxCMiw>

Solar Micronova is Going to Happen

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cEMXp1HzUs&t=0s>

Earth Disaster is Coming | ALL The Evidence <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j635Cv2aOIA&t=0s>

Man made geoengineering is an operation primarily used to block out solar radiation and create, distribute, and deflect weather systems. Its use over many decades is outside the scope of public knowledge and having significant impacts on our environment/weather to include increased super storms, fires, flooding, droughts, and causing very high levels of aluminum in the soil and tissue samples of all mammals. I personally have tested hundreds of humans and animals and seen very high levels in all hair analysis tests. This is why Monsanto developed aluminum resistant seeds, soil in North America is testing 40,000 times higher rates of aluminum in the last 2 decades.

<https://www.geoengineeringwatch.org/links-to-geoengineering-patents/>

Tennessee and New Hampshire have recently introduced bills to ban this practice.

<https://www.tennessean.com/story/news/local/2024/03/20/tennessee-senate-passes-bill-banning-chemtrails-what-to-know/73027586007/>

Maui county council passed a bill in 2010 to ban geoengineering and this link explains how it is being used to lessen the effects of solar radiation. There has been no public oversight or consent to these projects.

<http://mauiskywatch.org/info-official-reports/>

It is clear based on the above information the governments of the world are preparing for space weather effects due to the weakening magnetic field, therefore it is critical that the county review and adopt their own contingency plans. Hawaii county should implement a ban on geoengineering before soil is too toxic with aluminum and when combined with glyphosate it can cross the blood brain barrier.

Some suggested solutions are environmentally unfriendly, and nuclear power is catastrophically dangerous. Potential of micro nuclear was mentioned on page 15.

Hawaii State Constitution, article XI, section 8

NUCLEAR ENERGY

Section 8. **No nuclear fission power plant shall be constructed or radioactive material disposed of in the State** without the prior approval by a two-thirds vote in each house of the legislature.

We live on an active volcano with frequent earthquakes, threats of hurricanes, tsunamis and unexpected lava flows. Having a nuclear power plant on this island is a huge liability. It could be **cataclysmic** and there will always be the issue of storage leaks. In 2011 I experienced the 5.8 earthquake in Orange, VA. It shut down the Lake Anna Nuclear facility for almost 2 years.

There are numerous other types of energy to explore, to include water generated motors that are now used in places like Pakistan and India. These kits allow existing vehicles to be fitted that use only 2% fuel consumption and 98% water. We should be looking at ways to harness ocean water for energy. The ocean thermal energy conversion, or OTEC, which uses seawater to turn solar energy into electricity or hydrokinetic energy or marine renewable energy, is a renewable power source that is harnessed from the natural movement of water, including waves, tides, and river and ocean currents. These should be considered since water surrounds the entire island.

Climate change threats p. 19

3.3 Collaborate with government, private and nonprofit agencies, and other **stakeholders** to monitor impacts that may be specific to Hawai'i County due to its unique exposure to climate change and sea level rise impacts. Hawai'i County needs to first and foremost collaborate with the **general** public. Transparency is needed on exactly how government agencies, private corporations, nonprofit agencies are involved and explain who these "stakeholders" are.

The **plan**ning department should take into consideration that over 1,900 scientists from around the world have signed a declaration that there is no climate emergency. Climate change has been occurring on this **plan**et all along driven by solar activity and cycles. <https://clintel.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/WCD-version-081423.pdf>

John Coleman, the founder of the weather channel, the first meteorologist on Good Morning America in the 1970's and the winner of the Meteorologist of the Year award by the US Association for Meteorology in 1982, has spent 60 years studying the weather. He presents his view

that there is no significant man-made global warming in this half-hour PowerPoint presentation. <https://youtu.be/K56fms2VZTc?si=ZuTpJ-bEnNPGGOkf>

WASTE-TO-ENERGY

Two "waste-to-energy" proposals (2008 and 2015) for Hawai'i Island were rejected after months of divisive debate. It was concluded the island doesn't generate enough garbage to make it cost effective. O'ahu taxpayers are paying **penalties** to H-Power because O'ahu can't generate enough waste to fulfill the contract.

While some advanced waste treatment technologies are promoted as alternative energy producing, the energy conserved by recycling and composting the source materials exceeds the amount of energy produced by these technologies by three to five times. There are some "glass type" building materials that can be produced by the incineration process. Incineration is a form of Destructive Disposal via combustion or thermal conversion/treatment, using high temperatures of discarded materials into ash/slag, syngas, flue gas, fuel, or heat. Incineration includes facilities and processes that may be stationary or mobile, may recover energy from heat or power and may use single or multiple stages. Some forms of incineration may be described as resource recovery, energy recovery, trash to steam, waste to energy, energy from waste, fluidized bed, catalytic cracking, biomass15, steam electric power **plant** (burning waste), pyrolysis, thermolysis, gasification, plasma arc, thermal depolymerization or refuse derived fuel.

Sustainable Development and Resilient Communities

Section 1: Land Use

Table 4: Land Use Challenges Regulations

The current regulatory process dictates that the State Land Use Commission must preside over boundary amendments that exceed 15 acres, which limits the efficiency of ensuring consistency in the land use pattern. p. 25

Land Use Commission protections against unwise development should be maintained when it comes to outside large scale developers. However, **property owners should not have more regulations** and rules than they already have.

Table 5: Land Use Opportunities

Coordinate with the Department of Health (DOH) to address unique land use situations on the island related to individual wastewater systems (IWS) and prioritization of resources. p. 26

Clarification is needed on the meaning of land use situations

Explain clearly what the "rezoning" will be and clarify if AG land will be affected. The current zoning for Hawaii island is 80% AG. Any reduction of AG is contrary to sustainable production of food.

Transparency is needed on what the "preferred land use pattern" is. The current system should remain, so developments are proposed one by one, and agencies and communities have time and energy to address impacts.

Policies

Sentence types are mixed, hampering comprehension.

4.3 Zoning, subdivision, and other applicable ordinances shall provide for and protect open space areas. These new zonings shall not hinder current land owners who have a right to own their property unhindered by governmental policies.

Declarative sentence

4.4 Support mechanisms, such as **Planned** Unit Development and Cluster **Plan** Development, that cluster density to preserve open space, recreational areas, or scenic viewsheds. p. 27
Define "cluster density". This **should not** be in regards to developing apartment style homes.

ENERGY

4.9 Route selection for high-voltage transmission lines should include consideration for setbacks from major thoroughfares and residential areas. Where feasible, delineate energy corridors for such high-voltage transmission lines. p. 27
Encourage - incentivize "off grid" or distributed power sources, instead of centralized, to increase resiliency.

Priority Actions

4.a Develop a process for County-initiated State Land Use boundary reclassification. p. 28 See related comment for p. 26.
Transparency for "boundary reclassification" is needed. What exactly are the boundaries in question and what will it be reclassified to?

6.d Amend the Zoning Code to allow for **Planned** Unit Developments (PUD) to become administrative permits and subject to the approval of the **Planning** Director. p. 29 **This should be deleted!** The people do not want to live in Units and these "**planned** units" are against current zoning codes.

Table 6: Urban Land Use

Urban Expansion Reserve Allows for a mix of high density, medium density, low density, industrial-commercial mix, and/or natural designations in areas where growth may be desirable, but where specific settlement and infrastructure have not yet been determined. p. 32 **This should be deleted!** Mixing housing, industrial, and natural uses can result in severe impacts on safety, health, and natural resources.

Priority Actions

9.d Amend the Zoning Code and Subdivision Code to establish Clustered Rural Subdivision PUD. p. 60

The meaning of "Clustered Rural Subdivision PUD" should be explained.

Objective 10 Support the active use of Productive Agricultural lands.

Policies p. 62 A policy to support small-scale agriculture should be **added**

10.5 Support the development of small-scale visitor accommodations that directly promote the agriculture industry, health and wellness industry, or are near points of interest. p. 62 Only accommodations that directly promote agriculture should be allowed. More **transparency** is needed in reference to the **"health and wellness industry"** and why they are in this section or remove it. Those industries are not an integral part of AG land use. They are a bi-product of good farming practices.

10.6 Any subdivision or farm labor housing complex developed on Productive Agricultural Lands should be clustered to minimize impact. p. 62 Define clustered, subdivisions should not be developed on these lands.

There is no proof carbon sequestration will be effective, it is expensive, obtrusive, and the entire premise of global warming from CO2 level increase is unfounded. Earthquakes, eruptions, floods, and other events release carbon stored underground. CO2 only makes up 0.04% of our atmosphere and is necessary for photosynthesis.

Priority Actions

10.b Conduct a study to review a maximum developed area consideration for properties designated as Productive Agricultural lands. p. 62

This should be deleted. Private property AG land should not be considered for anything other than what the property owner desires. It should not be considered for "maximum development".

10.c Create and adopt a County Agricultural Tourism program p. 62

The **plan** has no merit. Private land owners don't want to be disturbed. It is also a liability with livestock and trespassing.

10.g Amend the Zoning Code to require **Plan** Approval for commercial open area recreational uses in the County Agricultural District. p. 62 Zoning should NOT be amended in AG land, it is important for sustainability.

Section 2: Transportation Access and Mobility

Table 18: Transportation Key Trends

Investment in Electric Vehicles is counter productive to the environment. Electric Vehicles add a **huge strain on the electric grid**. They are very costly to own both in price of car, maintenance, and electric bill. The companies that make EV use fossil fuels. The new gas driven cars are much lower in emissions and cheaper to buy. Lastly, the batteries in EVs are dangerous during car accidents and toxic to the environment.

Table 20: Transportation Opportunities

Continuing, Comprehensive, and Cooperative **Plan**ning p. 68

Traffic **plans** submitted to **plan**ning commissions and County Council typically include many pages dealing with vehicular traffic and very few pages on bicycles, walking, wheelchairs, etc. Requirements should be changed so alternative modes receive at least equal consideration, safe bike lanes should be a high priority to cut down emissions.

Objective 14 Reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT). p. 78

The **Plan**ning Department can create easier and safer methods of travel but have no right to dictate how many miles people drive. The people's right to travel shall not be impeded. **Delete this section.**

Developers should not be granted relief from requirements for sidewalks, bike lanes, etc.

Priority Actions p. 78

The County traffic lights should be set to staggered operating hours for both public and private sectors, to lessen traffic congestion and improve safety.

Drinking Water p. 89

The County, In cooperation with State and Federal government, should support people on catchment with information about system design, construction, operation, troubleshooting, and repair, including readily accessible information and assistance for safeguarding health. Wastewater p. 89

Federal government should be removed. This could be a simple information packet that supports off grid lifestyles. Alternatives to sewers and septic systems should be considered, such as toilets that use little or no water, and water recycling.

Table 25: Public Utility Opportunities

Be a net power producer with hydrogen and waste management. p. 91

The meaning of "Be a net power producer with...waste management" should be **clarified**. **Add what are the benefits to hydrogen fuel, how will vehicles be retrofitted to carry this technology?**

Priority Actions

Drinking-Water Conservation p 102

New water bottling **plants** should be prohibited to prevent depletion of the aquifer.

Drinking-Water Prioritization p. 102

There should be standard requirements for new water wells so parts are interchangeable. Presently, different developers install different types of wells. So when repairs are needed, parts are not interchangeable and must be special ordered, often with lengthy delays.

23.k Develop criteria and standards for all variances in water supply p 103

"Variances in water supply" should be explained.

3.5: Wastewater Treatment and Reuse p. 105

Water recycling should be encouraged wherever possible.

24.n Amend HCC, Section 21-26-1(a) requiring "all sewer extensions shall be approved by resolution of the County council" to read, "all sewer extensions outside of Urban Growth Areas shall be approved by resolution of the County council." p 109

This should be **deleted** and County Council oversight should be maintained. This is an overreach of the government.

Section 4: Public Facilities and Services

4.1: Introduction

Table 29: Public Facilities and Services Opportunities

Solid Waste

Investigate and implement innovative waste management technologies and practices, which may include...waste-to-energy conversion...p. 118
"waste-to-energy conversion" should be **deleted**. See comments for p. 15.

4.5: Recreation

Objective 30

Priority Actions

Recreational Facilities Maintenance and Improvement

30.y...Note: Edit to reflect future code updates. p. 138

30.z ...Note: Confirm that this is adequate. p. 138

The edit and confirmation should have been in the draft **plan** so the **public could Comment**.

4.6: Community Health and Wellness

Objective 31

Priority Actions

31.h Amend county zoning and building codes as necessary to accommodate home and community-based care elderly care. PD Phase 1 CODE AMENDMENT p. 144

Add "and residential facilities for people with disabilities".

Section 5: Housing for All

Priority Actions

Neighborhood covenants that require houses to have a minimum square footage should be prohibited. This leads to unnecessary expense and unnecessary use of resources, and makes housing unaffordable for many people.

Table 40: Economic Key Trends

Poverty Persists p. 161

Information on the number of wealthy people on the island to include total land ownership should be included.

Job Market Characteristics

Tourism drives the arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation, and food services industries and much of the retail trade, representing a large portion of employment. p. 162

Measures should be taken to reduce dependence on tourism and focus on producing food and other necessities locally.

Table 41: Economic Challenges

General p. 163

Data centers are a tremendous drain on electricity and need water for cooling. They generate stressful levels of noise 24 hours a day. **Data centers and nuclear power plants should not be considered.**

Agriculture and Food Systems p.164

Support should be Increased for backyard farmers, including gardening advice.

Section 8: Agriculture and Food Systems p. 169

This should be section 7, since it is a higher priority.

Objective 42

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Need more **transparency**. The **plan** should be specified with proposed amendments.

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GENERAL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

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Local Engagement

Foster grassroots participation and balancing of interests by providing opportunities for active civic engagement, where citizens have the means to collaborate with the government and are empowered to effect positive change consistent with **plans** developed under this chapter. p. 202

"The government" should be **removed** and replaced with the County.

See comment for p. 182.

Community Development **Plans** p. 204

Urban Development **Plans** p. 205

Special Area **Plans** p. 206

Public Agency Functional **Plans** and Programs p. 206

The **General Plan** draft should cite statutory authority for each of these.

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Blocks of text for this section appear to be moved to the wrong spot on the page.

Priorities and Phases

The first phase is the consistency phase and will require a hard look at our policy and **planning** framework to ensure consistency with this **General Plan**. It includes implementation actions such as auditing codes to determine needed updates and updating our Community

Development **Plans** and other relevant **plans**. p. 209

There should be ample opportunity for the public to comment. **Transparency** regarding **which codes will be audited and how is crucial**.

Phase 1 2024-2029

Revamp of CIP process p. 209

"CIP" should be **explained**. Proposed changes should be more fully described.

COMPARISON OF 2005 AND 2045 PLANS

The 2045 **Plan** is lacking many features of the 2005 **Plan** that provided information and facilitated understanding.

Public comment is hampered by the lack of a table of contents for 2045, and by no mechanism to copy text from the 2005 **plan** PDF.

2005 2045

Table of Contents none, unless you happen to click on an icon on the left, which yields a brief table of contents. Things that are needed include:

- List of Tables
- List of Maps
- Statement of assumptions

- Projections re. employment and population
- Citation of sources for tables
- Maps other than LUPAG maps
- Lava hazard zones
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- Roadways—detailed maps for various districts
- Airports
- Wharfs and harbors
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Government owned lands: Federal, State, DHHL

- Military installations

Testimony comments submitted 25 September 2024 click below

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Aloha,

After attending 23 September workshop in Waimea regarding the 2045 Hawaii County plan, it was very clear **no one that attended was in favor of the final proposed draft**. The language was not practical for the needs of the community with the most common concern being lack of water to sustain the projected population growth, followed by land use, lack of affordable housing and transportation needs. My intention as a 33 year national security expert is to provide overview **testimony** of more imminent issues in emergency management we as a community must prepare for in addition to long term planning based on population growth.

Agenda for the 21st Century by Non Governmental Organizations - Stakeholders

In the first sentence of policy rationale executive summary in the 2023 Integrated Climate Action Plan (ICAP) for Hawaii states "The United Nations (UN) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has concluded in its most recent report that human activities have unequivocally caused global warming." [https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/WebLink/1/edoc/135070/County%20of%20Hawaii%20-%20Integrated%20Climate%20Action%20Plan%20\(2023\).pdf](https://records.hawaiicounty.gov/WebLink/1/edoc/135070/County%20of%20Hawaii%20-%20Integrated%20Climate%20Action%20Plan%20(2023).pdf)

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On September 22, 2024 the UN consolidated its reach into sovereign nations despite pushback and adopted the Pact for the Future, in which Heads of State and Government — representing the peoples of the world — made 56 pledges to action seeking to protect the needs and interests of present and future generations amid the climate change, crisis and conflict currently gripping the globe. "Nevertheless, at the outset of the meeting, the representative of the Russian Federation proposed an amendment (document [A/79/L.3](#)) to the Pact, stating that "no one is happy with this text". That amendment proposed the addition of language **relating to the United Nations' intervention in "matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any State"** and to avoiding certain duplication of effort." <https://press.un.org/en/2024/ga12627.doc.htm>

The rationale behind the Hawaii County plan does not address significant earth changes even though world governments have been preparing for decades

As of 2015 "The Earth's core is in the midst of a significant change. During the last 400 years, the geomagnetic field, or magnetosphere, **has declined in strength by a remarkable 40%**. Measurements by ESA's SWARM geomagnetism monitoring satellite array have further confirmed this change with measurements indicating the magnetic field is weakening ten times faster than previously predicted. The weakening trend in the magnetic field clearly shows that the Earth's core is undergoing a substantial transformation. The Earth's geomagnetic field is responsible for both shielding the atmosphere and biosphere from the harmful effects of solar and cosmic radiation, and creating conditions on the surface that are ripe for life. The magnetosphere, then, is the invisible barrier that has played a significant role in protecting the Earth from the harmful effects of space." <https://apps.dtic.mil/sti/pdfs/AD1040918.pdf>

Although man-made weather modification thru geoengineering patents are also implicated for the uptick in many local and regional events to include storms, flooding, and fires (including Lahaina which was blamed on a hurricane over 500 miles away) over the last few decades; it is worth noting that our sun, planetary alignments, cycles, and space weather ultimately drive weather patterns. According to 50 year meteorologist David Dilley among others, we are entering a cooling pattern. <https://www.geoengineeringwatch.org/links-to-geoengineering-patents/>

While non governmental organizations such as the WEF tout climate change is coming from human carbon emissions, world governments are preparing for adverse space weather during a polarity transition building vast underground infrastructure.

In October 2016 the Obama administration issued Executive Order 13744 to all departments Coordinating Efforts To Prepare the Nation for Space Weather Events. This executive order was written after the 2015 research document by Tyler J. Williams, Captain, USAF (above link) that evaluated the impacts to US infrastructure of increases in solar and cosmic radiation regarding the weakening magnetosphere of our planet. <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/10/18/2016-25290/coordinates-efforts-to-prepare-the-nation-for-space-weather-events>

Wandering magnetic north pole moving out of Canada toward Siberia
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Earth's_magnetic_field

Just 10 days before the above executive order was signed, the Russian Government hosted a training event of 40 million civilians, 200,000 emergency

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<https://www.express.co.uk/news/world/717446/russia-evacuate-40-million-people-emergency-drill-vladimir-putin-ww3>

Hawaii General plan mentions the potential to sequester CO₂ as rationale to reduce man made impacts, even though temperature levels are drastically lower now than they have been in 485 million years (see chart above)

Photosynthesis activity in plants requires CO₂ and only makes up 0.04% of our atmosphere. Reduction of this necessary element would have a catastrophic chain reaction and is a risk to ALL carbon based lifeforms. Several long-term studies have provided strong support demonstrating that growing crops under elevated [CO₂] can increase photosynthesis and result in an increase in yield, flavour and nutritional content (including but not limited to Vitamins C, E and pro-vitamin A). In the case of tomato, increases in yield by as much as 80% are observed when plants are cultivated at 1000 ppm [CO₂], which is consistent with current commercial greenhouse production methods in the tomato fruit industry. These results provide a clear demonstration of the potential for elevating [CO₂] for improving yield and quality in greenhouse crops.

<https://academic.oup.com/hr/article/10/4/uhad026/7049409?login=false>

This testimony is to provide overall big picture of extinction level event(s) to instigate community emergency preparedness as part of the overall plan

Increased solar radiation as a result of the earths weakening magnetosphere and polarity shift will significantly impact survivability of our community. There will be significant disruptions of the supply chain, challenges with food production, energy blackouts, and limited communications. Community preparedness for such events are not documented in the draft general plan, meanwhile many eastern hemisphere nations including Russia, Thailand, and Japan have been preparing for these events with local civil defense for years. Citizens of Hawaii county are aware of the influx of billionaires over the last 20 years that have had impact on county policy and planning. Many have taken permanent residence and hedging Hawaii island has a good chance of survivability during these changes.

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Mahalo for your service,
Donna Thompson
Kamuela, HI

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Date: Sunday, November 24, 2024 10:45:28 AM

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Homeowner questions EV safety after fire destroys her Nocatee home

<https://youtu.be/SIpXkQhq1ps?si=GvZusjNOx7-hvNUi>

These cars **should not** be brought to Big Island. What if this happens in Waikoloa or another fire danger zone. Another Lahaina disaster!

Arizona woman trapped in Tesla after battery dies

<https://youtu.be/zxzILnZJyfk?si=yISCaXkoVwDglEX7>

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- **Climate Change:** This entire section should be removed. It is absolute government overreach again on a false premise. An article at Britannica.com written by Thor Arthur Hansen, Professor of Invertebrate Paleontology, Paleoecology, and Evolution at Western Washington University, U.S., and Carl Fred Koch, Professor of Geological Sciences at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia. It was fact-checked by The Editors of Encyclopaedia Britannica and last updated on Feb 7, 2024. The article said that sea level was higher primarily because the water in the **ocean basins** was displaced by the enlargement of mid-oceanic ridges . It was not due to carbon! It was due to the Earth's mantle. Source: "Cretaceous Period," by Carl Fre Koch, Thor Arthur Hansen, <https://www.britannica.com/science/Cretaceous-Period>

If you need more experts proving what they are saying in the plan is false, let me know. It is important to have experts give their opinion and not those invested in renewable energy.

- **Rezoning:** The plan will not directly rezone areas but it opens the door to rezoning in many many areas. This will change people's way of life and have a huge impact on the future of our keiki. What local would want that?

This plan should be stopped immediately. It is not the plan that 4K locals worked on.

No local would want...

- Their property value to be reduced
- To turn much of the coastland to conservation and have that impact people's property value and right to enjoy the land
- To have more regulations, policies and fines
- To have "incentives" ie. tax increases, to force people to do what the government wants

There are no sections in the plan for:

- Supporting people to grow more food.
- The needed CDP for Hilo
- More roads to evacuate from South Kona, Waikoloa, and Puna
- No mention of the fracking that is going on here
- Supporting and enhancing the systems that are already here

This plan does not support this island. It is a massive government overreach.

Mahalo for your time. My passion is not meant to be disrespectful. I know you are volunteers and I more than appreciate what you're doing. Standing up and saying this is a no go, won't be easy. For the future of this island and the keiki, I hope you're brave enough to do it.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

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Subject: General Plan Opposing Testimony
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Dear Council Members,

I ask you to please sincerely look at and ask why the Hawai'i Planning Department is changing Land Titles all over the Big Island in their General Plan because this will affect the people who own these lands and their families' futures, as well please look for high-end developers Land Title changes from agriculture to urban because this will cause serious issues on the Big Island and high-end developers land titles should NOT be changed in a General Plan.

The Big Island has a lot of resource issues and high-end developer's land should NOT have their Land Titles changed in the General Plan.

Here are a few resource News Articles that prove my point about Big Island resources:

[Hawaiian Electric Customers On Big Island Urged To Conserve Power - Honolulu Civil Beat](#)

[Microsoft Word - Unit Blueprint - Hawaii's Freshwater Ecosystems.doc](#)

Here is a petition that will give you more information on Big Island resources with 530 signatures asking for no more developments because the island's resources need to be addressed [Petition · Help Big Island Resources and Infrastructure Stay Safe For ALL Who Live Here and Visit - United States · Change.org](#)

This General Plan is extremely vague at times and it could mean more than one thing in many different areas. They need to make this plan extremely clear for all of us to understand their true intentions.

This General Plan's map is very challenging to understand, and CANNOT be understood by the average resident. They need a map that will show simple photos of what they want to change and why, with who made all these changes and where is their research on why these changes are a good idea. <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/f073ef273f054cea97b12bf658def023/page/Land-Use/>

Why are they not using any of the past General Plan's? This is a good question to ask to learn why they want to completely change Big Island.

I was sent this information. Please watch for this kind of information in their General Plan.

I just saw the new plans for Kona by SmartCode which was published by New Urban Publications Inc. A guide line used for other communities. Basically expect more apartment buildings, smaller communities within walking distance to transits. Also more lower income apartments instead of houses. The Civic center that will be built will stand out above all other buildings. It will be the gathering place for communities. Skimming through these plans I see no need for vehicles, churches or homes. 1.3.3 Block and Building- f.ThatCIVIC BUILDINGS and public gathering places be provided as locations that reinforce community

identity and support self-government. g. That CIVIC BUILDINGS be distinctive and appropriate to a role more important than the other buildings that constitute fabric of village. Kind of reminds me of hunger games and a 15min city combined.

PLEASE STAND AND STOP THIS GENERAL PLAN FROM CREATING A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT KIND OF COMMUNITY ON THE ISLAND THAT WILL FAVOR HIGH-END DEVELOPERS. PLEASE KEEP THE BIG ISLAND'S LAND AND COMMUNITY SAFE FOR ALL WHO LIVE HERE. PLEASE PROTECT PERSONAL PRIVATE LANDS FROM LAND USE TITLE CHANGES AND OTHER CHANGES STATED IN THIS PLAN THAT WILL AFFECT THEIR LAND FOREVER.

Thank you for hearing our voices.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Melendez

P.S.

Please watch for the above issues in this General Plan because the Hawai'i Planning Director Zendo Kern is NOT for the preservation of the land, is NOT for community voices, is NOT for the protection of marine life and island resources, and IS for high-end developers:

[Hundreds Of Hawaii Island Residents Protest Proposed Housing Project In Punaluu - Honolulu Civil Beat](#) and the Hawai'i Planning Director didn't listen to community voices and favored this developer.

[petition: All Who Oppose the Resort in Punalu'u Ka'u](#) This petition has almost 19,000 signatures trying to SAVE Punalu'u from development and still Zendo Kern gave the "green light" for this development.

[Polluted runoff in Hawaii endangers green sea turtles](#)[Chemservice News](#) This article was written 10 years ago saying harmful pollution has come from developments and Zendo Kern still favored high-end developments for years after.

[New Directors of Housing, Planning In Hawai'i County Tied to Developers](#)

[Conflict of interest? Kern signs off on approval of project he represented as a planning consultant - West Hawaii Today](#)