

From: [Lahilahi Heen](#)
To: [WPCtestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony On Hawaii General Plan 2045/ Go Back to 2005 GP!
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Ms Heen

From: [Josh Moody](#)
To: [WPCtestimony](#)
Subject: Reject GP 2045 Keep GP 2005
Date: Sunday, November 3, 2024 10:23:51 PM

Dear Windward Planning Commission-

Lets please discard GP 2045 at this time. The document is far too simple and vague to move forward without additional work to clarify terms with regard to property rights. The GP 2005 document by comparison has a more complete definition of terms for land and specific uses like farms, private property, and private property rights.

I would say that the general public and the county needs more transparency before we can pass any plan, but a good start would be to rework failures like page 111 section 17.4 "Land use application shall identify as early as possible any existing potential active living corridors that should be incorporated into the counties open space network." As written this appears to be language authorizing land appropriation for conversion into "open space" - needs clarification to read, "in no way will affect private land ownership or re-zoning of current acreage lands or residentially zoned areas."

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Please expect oversight on any attempts to limit rights and freedoms in your planning moving forward. Most likely these attempts would fail at the Federal level when challenged. None of the counties in Hawaii should expect to waste taxpayer dollars to fight unconstitutional and radical agendas doomed to failure for rushed and poorly worked language.

Lastly I would ask you to consider the consequences of enacting this legislation for yourselves personally. All US citizens work to provide for ourselves and our families. Private property rights are generally the main goal, a source of personal pride, and the reason we work. Your civic responsibility needs to identify the effect of your actions within the planning commission.

Mahalo for your time and thank you in advance for your rejection of General Plan 245. Please edit to confirm land rights protections for private land owers and residentail owners and with freedom of movement provisions protected.

Josh Moody

From: [Barbara Jossy](#)
To: [WPCtestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony on General Plan 2045/Go back to GP 2005
Date: Sunday, November 3, 2024 10:28:19 PM

Aloha,

Please go back to the 2005 General Plan which supports thriving communities and stewardship of the land and throw out the current 2045 plan which has taken a drastic 180 turn from these priorities.

I find the 2045 plan too vague with many concerning sections that sound like rights, freedoms and property will be put at risk. The many regulations this plan would put on current and future generations as it takes away freedoms and imposes more fines is completely unacceptable.

I agree with the specific problems with this plan as outlined by Michelle Melendez and wish that I could be at this meeting in person to stand against this 2045 plan. Again, I ask you to throw out the 2045 plan and go back to the 2005 General Plan, created by people who know Hawaii, her people and the land, which is in the best interest of the homeowner's, farmers and all people of the Big Island!

Mahalo!

Barbara Jossy

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From: [Sophia's Mom](#)
To: [WPCtestimony](#)
Subject: Testimony on the General Plan for the 3rd Time this year.
Date: Sunday, November 3, 2024 10:52:51 PM

Aloha Honorable County Officials,

I spent a lot of time making online comments on the general plan that you proposed and I testified already, online with you, on zoom.

It seems that the county doesn't understand our objections to the current changes in the plan, which talk about things that appear to indicate that we would want smart cities, and that we would want stakeholders versus homeowners. We farmers are just not making our thoughts clear to The Hawai'i County leadership? We prefer the general plan from 2005 and am wondering if the new Governor's leadership is causing this confusion about what we, the people, want. Believe me, we do not want to change that much. We would love to have the rights of farmers to keep their land without taxes being levied as if we are in RS neighborhoods, because we're not doing a business on our agricultural land. It's hard enough just to manage a parcel of agricultural land, much less make it into a new business in order to afford the taxes on it. There's no money in selling vegetables and fruit! You get like very little money selling fruit & vegetables and it takes a lot of time, plus it's only good for so long. very few of us are able to manage large animals. The people. I know that are doing that are already rich because they had money to buy large tracks of land, which the animals require. They could afford to build butchering capacity. That's very few people. Most of them made their money in the business world on the mainland and moved here. I tried to explain to the county there's a lot of stress and mental illness being in farming. Plus the suicide rate is high for farmers!!! if you would like statistics on this, I would be glad to provide them. You haven't worked so hard as to run a farm but when things get tight and there's no food coming in at the port, believe me you'll want us around.

Let's go back to the way it was and forget all this highfalutin attempts to become something that we're not, profit-centered business people who farm. We are families who produce food for our own consumption and give away what we don't eat to the community, not via formal 501 C3's, which is difficult to say the least. There's only a couple of those available in my area.

I don't know why you didn't hear the Farmer's saying "look if you raise my taxes this much, I have to sell my land"! I can't survive on retirement and Social Security and pay those kind of taxes. Let's support ag. which is what Hawaii island is supposed to be all about. The general plan is not making agricultural production by our homeowners a priority anymore with this plan. Nix it! Let's be 'homeowner centered-Farmer centered' and not 'stakeholder centered'. Mahalo for considering our views,

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From: Hello ...
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Yuki Klahr