

KCDP AC Input GP 2026

draft testimony to the Policy Committee on Planning, Land Use, and Economic Development

The Kona Community Development Plan's Action Committee recommends that the Council not support the substitution requested through COMM 372.192, but instead work collaboratively to make further improvements and then adopt Bill 66, draft 2, the 2045 General Plan. The Action Committee believes the Bill 66 draft 2 includes visions, objectives, policies, actions, and implementation tools that are compatible with the Kona Community Development Plan, thereby providing opportunities for ongoing collaboration.

The review of the 2005 General Plan began in 2015. As pointed out by Director Darrow, this "process has continued since then, through four (4) Administrations, four (4) Mayors, and four (4) Planning Directors. As required by law, there has been tremendous public participation and input from the state and county agencies". The Kona CDP Action Committee, as well as individual members, has, in the past, participated in this process.

In March 2026, a new Draft General Plan 2026 was introduced to the Policy Committee on Planning, Land Use, and Economic Development, in COMM 372.192. This draft includes "Appendix A" referred to as "Draft General Plan 2026" and is intended to substitute the current Draft General Plan 2045 attached to Bill 66 draft 2.

The Kona CDP Action Committee agrees with Director Darrow that "Appendix A" does not qualify as an amendment to the proposed Draft General Plan 2045, but is a complete rewrite and therefore constitutes a new draft plan.