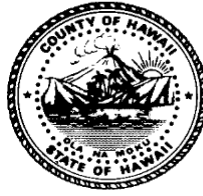


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**SUBJECT: Kona Community Development Plan Action Committee's
Opposition to Communication (COM) 372.192 – Proposed
Amendments to Bill 66, Draft 2**

Aloha Chair Kierkiewicz, Vice Chair Galimba, and Members of the Policy Committee on Planning, Land Use, and Economic Development:

The Kona Community Development Plan (CDP) Action Committee recommends that this Council Committee not support the substitution proposed through COM 372.192 but instead work collaboratively to make further improvements and adopt Bill 66, Draft 2, the 2045 General Plan. The Action Committee believes that Bill 66, Draft 2 includes visions, objectives, policies, actions, and implementation tools that are compatible with the Kona CDP, thereby providing opportunities for ongoing collaboration.

The review of the 2005 General Plan began in 2015. As noted 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 participated in this process over time.

In March 2026, a new Draft General Plan 2026 was introduced to the Policy Committee on Planning, Land Use, and Economic Development through COM 372.192. This draft

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includes “Appendix A,” referred to as the “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 concurs with Director Darrow that “Appendix A” does not qualify as an amendment to the proposed Draft General Plan 2045, but rather represents a complete rewrite and, therefore, constitutes a new draft plan.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Ke aloha nō,

John Pelletier, Chair
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