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March 25, 2015

Ms. Patti Pinto, Chair
and Members of the Puna CDP Action Committee
101 Pauahi Street, Suite 3
Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

Dear Ms. Pinto and Members of the Puna CDP Action Committee:

**SUBJECT: Planning Consultant for the Pāhoa Regional Town Center Plan and
Wastewater Treatment Study**

Thank you for your letter dated March 10, 2015 requesting information on the hiring of a consultant for the Pāhoa Regional Town Center Plan and Wastewater Treatment Study.

The process for hiring a consultant began prior to the June 27 Lava Flow that threatened Pāhoa Village and was postponed due to the eminent threat of lava inundation. Although recent activity has shown very little movement of the flow front, there is still significant activity upslope. The threat of inundation by the June 27 Lava Flow is still uncertain.

That being said, the Planning Department does not feel it is prudent to proceed at this time but will keep it under consideration in view of other factors. The County will continue to monitor the activity of the flow and will continue its efforts to provide for the safety of the Puna Community.

Thank you,

DUANE KANUHA
Planning Director

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cc: Mr. Gregg Ilagan, Hawai'i County Council
Mr. Danny Paleka, Hawai'i County Council