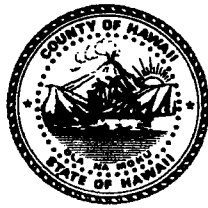


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**MEMORANDUM**

August 13, 2019

**TO:** **County of Hawai'i Agencies:** Aging; Civil Defense; Corporation Counsel; Fire; Environmental Management; Finance; Housing and Community Development; Office of the Mayor; Mass Transit; Parks and Recreation; Police; Public Works; Prosecuting Attorney; Research and Development; Water Supply

**State of Hawai'i Agencies:** Accounting and General Services; Agriculture; Business, Economic Development & Tourism: Planning, Land Use Commission; Education; Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Hawaiian Home Lands; Health; Human Services; Land & Natural Resources: Parks; Libraries; Transportation; University of Hawai'i

**State of Hawai'i Legislators:** Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Senator Kaiiali'i Kahele, Senator Dru Mamo Kanuha, Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Representative Richard P. Creagan, Representative Nicole E. Lowen, Representative Mark M. Nakashima, Representative Richard H.K. Onishi, Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Representative David A. Tarnas, Representative Chris Todd,

**Federal Agencies:** Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail (National Park Service)

**FROM:** Michael Yee, Director  
Planning Department 

**SUBJECT:** Review of the Draft General Plan

I'm writing to request your assistance in reviewing the Draft General Plan for Hawai'i Island. **Please provide comment by September 30, 2019.** The Draft General Plan is available online for review and download. (<http://www.hiplanningdept.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/2019-8-09-General-Plan-2040.Final.Draft.Optimized.pdf>)

Since February 2015, the Planning Department has been working on the General Plan Comprehensive Review. The General Plan is the County's long-range policy for the comprehensive physical, economic, environmental, and sociocultural wellbeing of the county.

As such, it focuses on a County-wide scale, using a 25-year planning horizon. It both establishes County policy and prioritizes implementation actions, needed to achieve the long-term goals. And it's important because all public improvements, zoning and subdivision must be consistent with the General Plan.

During this review, we confirmed that our goals from the last General Plan Comprehensive review are still appropriate. We worked hard to understand existing conditions and historic trends. We analyzed existing policy including those policies in the Community Development Plans and we engaged a consultant to help us explore alternative futures using scenario planning to model a few scenarios.

The General Plan is most effective when all County agencies coordinate to create a proactive, strategic plan for growth development and the delivery of County services. The General Plan is intended to benefit each department by providing a planning tool that reflects each agency's goals and challenges and provides clear guides for budgeting strategies and prioritizing actions.

The General Plan also provides a framework for collaboration to coordinate efforts with State, Federal, private, or community entities.

Therefore, it is important that we get your review and feedback.

To help facilitate your review, we would like to invite you and/or your assigned staff to attend an agency "coffee hour" session. Two of these events have been scheduled, see below. The coffee hours are identical, so plan to attend the one most convenient for you. Coffee hours are informal, drop-in open houses where you can talk with planning staff, learn about the General Plan and give feedback in a variety of ways.

**August 29, 2019**  
**Aupuni Center Conference Room**  
**101 Pauahi St. (Suite 1)**  
**Hilo, Hawaii 96721**  
**9am-12pm**

**August 30, 2019**  
**Aupuni Center Conference Room**  
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More information about the General Plan comprehensive review is available at the Planning Department's website (<http://www.hiplanningdept.com/general-plan/>). Inquiries about the General Plan Comprehensive Review can be directed to [generalplan@hawaiicounty.gov](mailto:generalplan@hawaiicounty.gov) or (808) 961-8138.

Thank you, again, for your assistance.

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August 30, 2019

TO : MICHAEL YEE, PLANNING DIRECTOR

FROM : DARREN J. ROSARIO, FIRE CHIEF

SUBJECT : Review of the Draft General Plan

The Hawai'i Fire Department has no comments with regards to the Review of the Draft General Plan as noted above.

Special Comment: Fire has section on page 108 of GP Draft.

If there are any questions regarding these comments, please contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at (808) 932-2911.

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