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Dear Chair and Members,

I respectfully agree with Sierra Club of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Island Group's testimony in requesting the EMC to defer any final recommendations related to agenda item V.2. to allow the EMC to receive input from an informed public, debate the merits and weaknesses of General Plan 2045 (GP2045), and amend the GP2045 to address any uncovered weaknesses.

The General Plan comprehensive review process was initiated by the Planning Department in 2015. The recommended draft, General Plan 2040, was released in 2019. After a couple of public meetings, nothing more was heard about the comprehensive review process.

Then, on September 18th, the Planning Department released to the public the current completely re-written recommended draft, GP2045, via a website.

Needless to say, this has been a challenge for a majority of the members of the public including myself and so the Planning Department has agreed to extend the time to comment from November 20, 2023 to March 1, 2024.

Since the General Plan takes precedence in creating county law, rules, and regulations, with the exception of the county Charter, we all appreciate the Planning Department giving the public, county agencies, commission, committees, boards, etc. more time to evaluate and comment on GP2045.

Furthermore I appreciate the County considering the energy consultancy of Mike Ewall at the 10/17/23 23 Council meeting.

Mahalo for encouraging more public input,

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