

**RE:** Director's Report Supplemental #6  
Zoning Amendment ZA-2017-03  
General Plan Update

**SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**APPLICANT:** County of Kaua'i

**Additional Findings**

The May 23, 2017 version of Kaua'i Kakou, General Plan Update (Departmental Draft) is attached in Exhibit 1. Per the direction of the Planning Commission, the updated version integrates and contains revisions from Supplemental Reports 1, 2, 4, and 5. Other revisions related to formatting, design, numbering, copy editing, and graphics will be completed upon approval of the Departmental Draft.

At previous Planning Commission meetings, concerns have been raised by the public and some Commission Members regarding consistency with the State's Aloha+ Challenge. The Aloha+ Challenge is a declaration of commitment signed by the Governor and all County mayors in 2014 to achieve six sustainability targets by 2030 (Exhibit 2). The May 23, 2017 Departmental Draft contains the following elements supportive of the Aloha+ Challenge targets:

1. Clean Energy - The General Plan includes an entire sector on "Energy Sustainability" which encompass the target of KIUC to achieve 70 percent renewable energy by 2030. Thirteen actions support the objective of increasing energy self-sufficiency. The corresponding performance measure is "Increase in Renewable Energy".
2. Local Food – The General Plan addresses agriculture and healthy food in several sections: Future Land Use, Agriculture, Farmer Worker Housing, and Community Health. The corresponding performance measure is "Agricultural Employment". An additional measure, "Increased local food production", is recommended in Exhibit 3.
3. Natural Resource Management – The General Plan contains an entire sector dedicated to watershed health. The Aloha+ Challenge focus areas of freshwater security, watershed protection, community-based marine management, invasive species prevention, and native species restoration are all addressed in the draft document through actions related to permitting, code change, plans and studies, projects and programs, and partnership needs.
4. Waste Reduction – In the "Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling" subsection, the General Plan includes the County's goal of reducing the solid waste stream by 70% by 2023.
5. Smart Sustainable Communities – The entire General Plan is based on the goal and vision of creating a sustainable island and implementing sustainable land use policies. All 20 policies work together to achieve the goal of improving the sustainability of our communities.

6. Green Workforce and Education – Clean tech is identified as a promising economic sector in the Economy Sector. The General Plan addresses “Access to Quality Education” in the “Opportunity and Health for All” Sector.

Another concern raised by some Commission Members regarded how an internal white paper related to transportation policy was utilized in the General Plan Update. Exhibit 4 provides an analysis of how the white paper entitled “Integrating State and County Transportation Policy” by Charlier Associates, Inc. informed the policy, objectives, and actions in the Transportation Sector.

Finally, Exhibit 3 also contains non-substantive revisions to improve the formatting and integration of previous revisions.

### **Evaluation**

The Planning Department finds that the vision, goals, policies, objectives, implementing actions, implementation program, performance measures, and maps in the Departmental Draft of Kaua'i Kakou, General Plan 2017 (May 23, 2017) reflect significant input obtained from the community, youth, CAC, stakeholder groups, landowners, and agencies. This input was generated from a 20-month outreach program which included multiple events and platforms, designed to obtain feedback from a diverse Kaua'i demographic. Additional input was generated throughout the Planning Commission's public hearing for ZA-2017-03 with over 200 pieces of testimony submitted and 100 instances of verbal testimony.

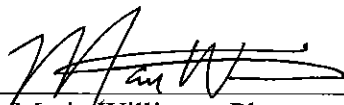
The Plan is formulated upon technical analysis related to socio-economic trends, land use, urban design, and infrastructure, and includes new issues of community-wide importance such as energy sustainability, sea level rise, social equity, and community health. The Planning Department also finds that the Departmental Draft fulfills the State-mandated requirements of a General Plan pursuant to Section 226-58 of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes.

### **Recommendation**

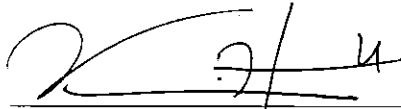
Based on the foregoing and the initial Director's Report, including Supplemental Reports 1 through 5, it is hereby recommended that ZA-2017-03 and the revisions to the General Plan Update codified in Exhibit 1, “Departmental Draft of the General Plan Update, May 23, 2017”, and Supplemental Reports 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6, be approved for transmittal, through the Mayor, to the County Council for its consideration and action. The revised draft to be transmitted shall be entitled “Planning Commission Draft”.

### **Exhibit**

1. Departmental Draft of the General Plan Update, May 23, 2017
2. Aloha Plus Challenge Resolution
3. Matrix of Proposed Revisions #6
4. Overview of “Integrating State and County Transportation Policy” White Paper
5. Recent Testimony Received as of May 17, 2017

By:   
Marie Williams, Planner

Transmitted to the Commission:

By:   
~~for~~ Michael A. Dahilig  
Director of Planning

Date: May 16, 2017

## Exhibit 2: Aloha+ Challenge Resolution

# ***The Aloha+ Challenge: A Culture of Sustainability***

## *He Nohona 'Ae'oiā*

**Signed on July 7, 2014**

*Recognizing* that the perpetuation of the health and well-being of Hawai'i's people is rooted in the health and well-being of our environment and economy;

*Understanding* that living on islands requires balancing and integrating human needs and aspirations with the ability of our natural systems to be replenished, and that our quality of life is physically and spiritually linked to the land and sea, which connect us to our ancestors, to our Pacific 'ohana, and to all the generations that will follow;

*Noting* that we are dependent on imports for food and fuel – costing Hawai'i more than \$8 billion each year – and our unique island ecosystems and lifestyle are particularly susceptible to invasive species, natural disasters, sea-level rise, drought, and other impacts of a changing climate;

*Affirming* that we will increase our stewardship efforts, enhance them through the synergies to be found with each other, and accept the responsibility to *Mālama Hawai'i* – care for Hawai'i;

*Further affirming* that our journey to sustainability will be guided by respect for the culture, diversity, character, beauty and history of our communities;

*Acknowledging* our state's long, proven track record of supporting sustainability in law and action across economic, social and environmental sectors;

*Appreciating* the many government, private sector, and community leaders across our islands who are taking action to build a more secure, sustainable, and resilient Hawai'i; and

*Representing* that the strength of our commitment is demonstrated in this partnership, both unprecedented and essential to Hawai'i's future; by working together, we can and will reach our shared destination – an economy, environment, and community worthy of our future generations.

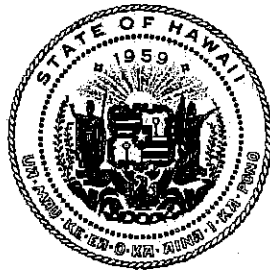
## *Declaration of Commitment*

We, the elected Chief Executives of the Hawaiian Islands, **jointly commit to build a more secure, sustainable and resilient future for Hawai'i and pledge to achieve the six targets of the Aloha+ Challenge by 2030, which include:**

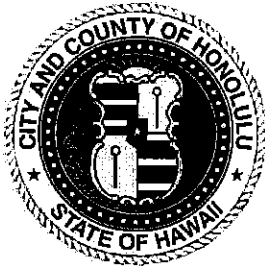
1. **Clean Energy:** 70 percent clean energy – 40 percent from renewables and 30 percent from efficiency.
2. **Local Food:** At least double local food production – 20 to 30 percent of food consumed is grown locally.
3. **Natural Resource Management:** Reverse the trend of natural resource loss mauka to makai by increasing freshwater security, watershed protection, community-based marine management, invasive species control and native species restoration.
4. **Waste Reduction:** Reduce the solid waste stream prior to disposal by 70 percent through source reduction, recycling, bioconversion, and landfill diversion methods.
5. **Smart Sustainable Communities:** Increase livability and resilience in the built environment through planning and implementation at state and county levels.
6. **Green Workforce & Education:** Increase local green jobs and education to implement these targets.

In order to implement the *Aloha+ Challenge*, we further agree to:

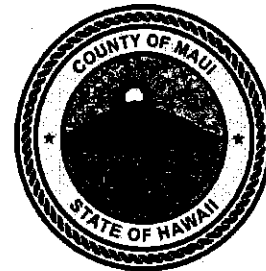
- Establish and expand our partnerships between government agencies, non-profit organizations, the private sector and local communities to promote coordinated and integrated action;
- Share experiences, tools and techniques among Hawai'i's officials, practitioners and community leaders;
- Increase long-term financing mechanisms for conservation and sustainability programs essential to reaching our 2030 targets; and
- Review and report progress to achieve the *Aloha+ Challenge* annually to our respective legislative bodies.



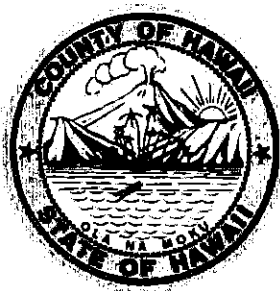
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**Office of the Mayor  
City & County of Honolulu**



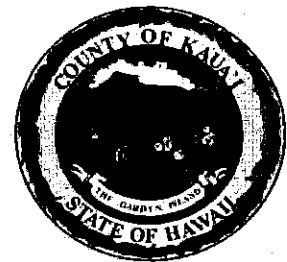
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County of Hawai'i**



**Ka Pouhana Chief Executive Officer  
Office of Hawaiian Affairs**



**Office of the Mayor  
County of Kaua'i**

Exhibit 3: Supplemental #6 to the Director's Report  
Proposed Revisions to the General Plan Update, Departmental Draft 2017

	Revisions to May 23, 2017 Version <i>*Recommended deletions are bracketed or described. New language is underlined. Other changes are described.</i>
<b>1. General corrections and revisions to improve the integration of previously recommended changes and new elements.</b>	
Entire document and appendices	Renumber all sections and actions as needed based on approved changes. Replace all references to the General Plan Update's public process with the term "public process" Refer to all agencies, departments, and projects in a consistent manner. Ensure consistent use of acronyms and Hawaiian words. Remove all words and phrases not included in the revised document.
Glossary of Hawaiian Words and Phrases	Remove all acronyms and abbreviations not included in the revised document.
Acronyms and Abbreviations	Remove all terms not included in the revised document.
Glossary of Terms	Add the following definitions: Cottage Industry – A business or manufacturing activity carried on in a person's home. Makerspaces – Collaborative shared spaces where people gather to create, invent, and learn using technology, hardware, and tools. Move Figure 1.1, "Kauai Planning Districts", to the Community Planning section in Chapter 2.
Chapter 1, Introduction	Under the title "General Plan Context" add a heading entitled "General Plan Purpose". Organize the sections "Background Data and Key Growth Trends", "A Plan Driven by the Community's Vision", and "Balancing Policy and Planning for Action" under the heading "Public Process". "Public Process" should be located after the "County Planning System" section. On Page 1-24, delete the following: [This impact has left Kauai with sharp decreases in the amount of owner-occupied units and a clear increase in traffic during peak tourism seasons – impacts not sustainable to our island.] On Page 1-24, delete the following: Future economic growth should [be encouraged at the micro-community level that] support[s] existing town centers to become more vibrant hubs of commerce and promote opportunities for small business and cottage industries. On Page 1-25, delete the following:

Exhibit 3: Supplemental #6 to the Director's Report  
Proposed Revisions to the General Plan Update, Departmental Draft 2017

	<p>Increasing food and resource production supports self-sufficiency and economic development [(jobs)].</p> <p>On Page 1-26, delete the following:</p> <p>[In 2007, the transportation sector (including aviation) has accounted for over half of the GHG emissions in the State.]</p> <p>On Page 1-27, revise the following:</p> <p>[For over one thousands of years the indigenous people of Kauai Native Hawaiians have refined systems for sustainable stewardship and collaboration that honored the island's beauty and bounty as well as one another.</p>
Chapter 3	<p>On Page 3-27, delete and revise the introductory paragraph accordingly:</p> <p><u>New communities are needed to accommodate future growth. Even though infill development is prioritized, there is not enough residential zoning capacity to accommodate projected housing demand. The General Plan's policies and actions guides where and how these new communities will develop.</u></p> <p>On Page 3-100, delete the last sentence and revise as follows:</p> <p><u>The Kauai Arts &amp; Culture Feasibility Final Report (September 2015) found robust pockets of arts such as painting, woodworking, jewelry-making, and performing arts. Arts connected to Hawaiian, Japanese, and Filipino culture and traditions were also strong.</u></p>
Chapter 2, Future Land Use Chapter 4, Implementation	<p>Organize Chapter 2, Future Land Use, into two parts: 2.1, Future Land Use and 2.2 Community Planning.</p> <p>Remove Section 4.2.2 as tracking and reporting of performance measures and action implementation, including evaluation, is addressed in other parts of the Chapter.</p> <p>In Section 4.2.1, Performance Measure, delete the existing narrative and add the following explanatory text to support the updated performance measures and future benchmarking efforts, including the existing Aloha+ Challenge Initiative:</p> <p><u>The General Plan introduces performance measurement into the planning system. During the public process, participants desired greater accountability for actions identified in the General Plan. Attempts to audit the 2000 General Plan were frustrated by the lack of regular reporting and evaluation in the past. To correct this situation, a reporting and evaluation framework is established based on performance measures and a biannual committee-based evaluation process.</u></p>



Exhibit 3: Supplemental #6 to the Director's Report  
Proposed Revisions to the General Plan Update, Departmental Draft 2017

	<p><u>The performance measures, contained in Appendix X, are tied to the sector objectives. The draft measures were selected in part based on the accessibility of consistent baseline data. It is possible that future efforts will refine the performance measures or establish benchmarks. Strategic goals and targets set through partner initiatives, such as the Aloha+ Challenge, can be integrated into the reporting system. Under the framework, formal reports will occur on an annual basis to the Planning Commission and County Council. The report may include recommendations for improvement in the framework, alternate measures, and/or new actions.</u></p> <p>Delete Section 4.2.3 and replace with the following text:</p> <p><u>Monitoring of action implementation is facilitated through the Action Matrix (Appendix H), which identifies lead agencies and partners. To ensure transparency and stakeholder participation, a Kakou Committee will be established to conduct a biannual review of the progress made. The Kakou Committee will include public and private partners with a stake in plan implementation, and will be appointed by the Mayor. In addition to implementation evaluation, the Committee will also review the performance measures. The final report will be presented to the Planning Commission and forwarded to the County Council. The release of the report will be accompanied by public outreach and open house events to keep the community informed and engaged in the General Plan.</u></p>
<p>Appendices</p>	<p>In the "Action Matrix" remove policy consistency icons as policy consistency is now illustrated through the objectives. Revise other text as needed to effectuate this change.</p>

## EXHIBIT 4:

Overview of “Integrating State and County Transportation Policy” White Paper  
by Lee Steinmetz, Transportation Planner

### **Intent of the Transportation Element of the General Plan Update**

1. Incorporate the Multimodal Land Transportation Plan (MLTP - approved by County Council in 2013) in the GP Update. The GP Update becomes a stand-alone transportation document, and the MLTP in essence becomes a “technical study” for reference much like the other technical studies prepared for the GP.
  - a. The MLTP “was designed to serve as the transportation section of the next General Plan Update...” (MLTP, page ES-1)
2. As a part of the GP Update, re-evaluate the MLTP and make adjustments based on changes since its approval in 2013. Jim Charlier, the original author of the MLTP, was retained as a subconsultant to assist in this effort (“Integrating State and County Transportation Policy”, Charlier Associates, September 6, 2016).
3. Respond to overwhelming community concern about traffic congestion, particularly the Kapa‘a-Wailua Corridor.
4. Acknowledge recent studies completed by the Hawai‘i Department of Transportation, including the *Federal-Aid Highways 2035 Transportation Plan for the District of Kaua‘i* (July 2014), and *Kapa‘a Transportation Solutions* (2015).

### **Key findings since the MLTP was approved**

1. While the MLTP addresses transportation systems under the County’s jurisdiction only, it has become clear that the transportation network needs to be seen as an integrated network crossing County and State jurisdictions.
2. There are several trends that will transform future transportation, but the impacts of some are unknown at this time.
3. Based on the *Federal Aid Highways 2035 Plan* noted above, the costs of the “baseline scenario” in the MLTP are prohibitive.
4. There has not been political will to expand transit as envisioned in the MLTP. It is difficult to expand transit without a dedicated funding source.
5. Given limited resources, a method is needed to establish transportation priorities across modes and jurisdictions.

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**How the MLTP and 2016 Charlier Report have been incorporated into the General Plan**

<i>Source Document</i>	<i>Draft GP Update</i>
<b>Charlier Report, Sept. 2016</b>	
“21 <sup>st</sup> Century Transportation Planning Framework” (trends and implications, pages 2-5)	“A Balanced System”, pages 3-37-38
“Manage Congestion in State Highway Corridors” (pages 6-7)	General text, pages 3-39-40, and General Actions, Partnerships, 4 c-f, page 3-41
“Develop Informed Support for the Role of Public Transit in Kaua‘i” (page 8)	Expanding Transit Ridership, pages 3-45-46, and Actions, pages 3-46-47
Goals, Policy Objectives, and Actions (pages 9-11)	Please note that the format of the General Plan changed from the time this report was written. The Goals, Policy Objectives, and Actions were rewritten and incorporated into the revised format.
<b>Multimodal Land Transportation Plan (MLTP)</b>	
Forecasts and Future Scenarios (Chapter 5)	Mode Shift Targets, page 3-41
Chapter 6A Transit Program	Transit Program, pages 3-45-47
Chapter 6B, Bicycle Program	Bicycle Program, pages 3-50-52
Chapter 6C, Pedestrian Program	Pedestrian Program, pages 3-48-49
Chapter 6D County Roads Program	County Roads Program, page 3-43-44
Chapter 6E Agriculture Transportation Program	Relevant recommendations incorporated into the Agriculture Sector
Chapter 6F Land Use Program	Incorporated into General, pages 3-39-40, and into the Land Use components of the General Plan

Exhibit 5: Recent Testimony Received as of May 17, 2017

Marisa Valenciano

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 27, 2017 3:15 PM  
**To:** Kauai County General Plan  
**Subject:** Princeville Phase II General Plan Update

4/27/17

Aloha members of the Kaua'i County planning commission:

I am writing to ask you to **please remove the resort land use designation on the Princeville plateau** from North Shore maps in the 2020 General Plan.

I am deeply concerned about the negative impacts that Princeville Phase II could have on the quality of life for residents of the north shore. Already roads are overcrowded. Beaches are no longer a pleasure to go to on weekends. Visitors not familiar with local ways fill up the beaches making it difficult to practice some of the traditional activities of fishing, limu harvesting, shelling, throw net, poling etc. Beaches in the Anini/Kalihikai area have long been preferred camping grounds for local families. Families also regularly use the park and beach area for 'ohana celebrations.

Our roads and favorite spots are already so very crowded, our oceans and rivers so very polluted. Please do not add to these challenging problems by increasing the population on the north shore even more.

Mahalo nui loa to the Planning Commission for all the hard and thoughtful work you have been doing to preserve the integrity of our life style and our resources.

Ke aloha

C. Maui Ola Cook

[REDACTED]

**Marisa Valenciano**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 1:38 PM  
**To:** Marisa Valenciano  
**Cc:** Marie Williams  
**Subject:** FW: Message sent from Plan Kaua'i

More website testimony.

Melissa M. White, AICP | Senior Planner

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Nick Beck [<mailto:ncbeck@vfr.net>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 12:58 PM  
**To:** Melissa White <[mwhite@ssfm.com](mailto:mwhite@ssfm.com)>  
**Subject:** Message sent from Plan Kaua'i

[REDACTED]

Message: Please do not allow any changes to the Plan that would allow development of more resort units on Kauai's Northshore.

Thank you,

Nick Beck

former member and Chairperson of the original North Shore Improvements Committee.

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Planning Commission Testimony, 2017-04-27, Greg Crowe  
Oral with additional written testimony.

Good day, my name is Greg Crowe.

First, my aloha with admiration and respect to both the Planning Commission and Planning Department staff, and all those concerned and involved residents, for the care and skill going into this challenging task of the General Plan update.

I have relevant professional and personal background, but in the interest of time I will skip that for now. I have also been working with the Kauai Community Coalition since the first draft of the General Plan update was released at the end of November.

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My relevant professional backgrounds are:

1. Systems analyst and program manager with both short AND long term planning objectives for "mission critical" tasks in a high performance business environment that needed to produce positive results on time and on budget;
2. small residential real estate developer and builder;
3. attended most meetings of the affordable housing advisory committee for over a year;
4. regular volunteer at a free food pantry;
5. started a fresh produce food gleaning program for the food pantry, with volunteers gleaning from small organic farmers with unsold produce and from "wealthy gentleman farms" where fruit was rotting on the ground;
6. Attempted to bring various successful sustainability programs to Kauai, but the programs went elsewhere (even to other islands in Hawaii, let alone other locations around the world) due to any factors but far too often do to the lack of affordable

housing and an overly frustrating, complicated, time-consuming, expensive, and uncertain permitting process on Kauai;

7. Working on redrafting the farm worker housing ordinance to make it more useable and successful
8. Personally seeing too much "brain drain" that erodes Kauai's economic and social future. I know too many people, from the young to the old, who had to move away, highly skilled workers who could not move here and contribute in multiple ways to Kauai, due to unaffordable housing and other costs of living that could be dramatically reduced with comprehensive planning and successful implementation;
9. I first moved to Kauai almost 30 years ago, so I've seen both good and not good changes over those decades.

## RESUME ORAL TESTIMONY

From that background I offer a few observations and suggestions.

Near the end of your Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday of this week, there were comments and musings about the differences between 50,000 foot views and 100 foot or ground level views; And the differences between short term needs and long term objectives; or the issues of sea level rise that may be 1 foot or 6 feet, and maybe that happens in 20 years or 100 years, or maybe not at all; And there was some musing that therefore we should not have set objectives, plans with timelines, or particularly specific actions in the General Plan, because we don't know for sure what's coming, and this plan is "only" for 20 years but issues like sea level rise are just forecasts for what may happen in 50 or 100 years.

Those, and many more, are of course challenging issues to harmonize into a written plan, and particularly into specific actions



with implementation timelines. But time, and tide, waits for no one. Rising sea levels will not wait. Lack of affordable housing makes residents, particularly skilled workers, move away, and leaves others with no options but to tolerate increasingly substandard housing and crushing economic and social consequences.

While there may be uncertainty about how much sea level rise there will be and when, or how much affordable housing we need and where, when, and how to build it, decisions and actions - or lack of decisions and actions - that we make now DO have impacts that can last for 50-100 years or more.

This GP is NOT just a plan until 2035. What we do, or don't do now, what is or is not in this GP update, will have impacts far beyond 2035. Sea level will rise, storms will become worse and more frequent, our children, our seniors, and our local working population will continue to move away because they can't find affordable housing. Our farmers - particularly our food farmers - will die or just give up and move away, and no one will replace them.

It is understandable that you may not feel comfortable yet with having this GP Update include specific objectives, goals, measurements of progress, set timelines to achieve progress, and mechanisms to adapt the plans and actions to achieve important goals.

But we have current and impending crises that demand action. Please pick at least a couple of high priority or crisis issues, such as affordable housing; or sustainable, affordable, and resilient food; or local renewable energy; or critical infrastructure that is resilient to climate change and sea level rise - pick something as a

demonstration project that can be replicated - and mandate the Planning Department to come up with and implement an ACTION plan within ONE year. Then we will start to have a "reality check" on whether our general plan is effective or not in helping to make Kauai a better place. Affordable housing is a current crisis; climate change and sea level rise are impending crises that we can avoid if we plan and take effective action now. We can't just "kick the can down the road" and hope that someone else later on will create a comprehensive plan, make the tough decisions, and implement effective actions. But maybe they won't, maybe they will just kick it down the road too. "If not us, who? If not now, when?"

To gain more comfort in these difficult decisions, please take more time to get the information you need to set specific goals, timelines, and progress measurements so we can adjust course to achieve our highest priority goals on time and on budget.

With affordable housing as one of many examples, we can't do the same as the 2000 GP, with great ideas and general goals, but no good change in 20 years since the 2000 GP. In fact, we have a worse affordable housing situation now than in 2000. Now we have an affordable housing crisis that needs immediate effective action. We can't just generally plan, wait and hope. Good intents and hopes are not likely to produce the positive changes we need in many areas.

Other governmental bodies elsewhere in the world do have specific long and short range ACTION plans with adaptive management to measure progress and make corrections as necessary to achieve stated goals. We can and should do that for Kauai to actively create a better future for the majority of our residents.

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An example from our daily lives may be helpful:

In our personal lives, we make plans and take action, we even make life and death decisions and take action. We all do this whenever we get in our cars. For example, we decide if we want to get to Ke'e or to Koke'e. We get directions from others if we need them, and we start driving. But we don't wait until we know for sure all the road conditions along the way. There may be traffic delays - particularly in Kapaa - LOL. There may be a flat tire or an accident along the way, we may take a detour around some unexpected hazard or blockage, but most times we find a way to get to our destination, one way or another. We decide on a destination, we make our plan on how to get there, we get in our car, we drive and handle whatever little or large situations come up along the way, and we almost always get to our chosen destination. But if we don't decide on our destination, make effective plans to get there, and start driving, we will just stay stuck where we are - maybe stuck in a Kapaa traffic jam at a low spot in the road that is flooding. And people will continue to move away. And sea level will continue to rise, and storms will continue to get worse. And we may soon find ourselves alone and underwater because we did not plan and take effective action when we had the opportunity to avoid increasingly dire situations.

Driving into the future we can't get an unchanging detailed map, but we can get enough information from others who have already traveled similar paths and reached their destination. We can make sure to check our own progress so that we actually get to our desired destination. We can get to our destinations - each day, month, year, and decade - with a more detailed GP with both the 50,000 foot general policies and the detailed on the ground step by step action plan, plus what's called adaptive management to ensure progress - or

in our car, we just call it staying alert and responding to road conditions as necessary to get to our intended destination.

## RESUME

Thank you for your time, care, and efforts in this challenging but great and very worthwhile task. With a plan that includes both where we want to go in general and detailed action steps to get us there, we can make a better Kauai for all!

**Marisa Valenciano**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 23, 2017 8:47 PM  
**To:** Kauai County General Plan  
**Subject:** Condo development on North Shore

Dear Folks, I am writing to you to voice my objection to any developments on the North Shore. I feel it is best to keep the area open ag land.

Thank you for your time in reading this email.

Sincerely,  
Scotty Poppins

**Leanora Kaiakamalie**

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**From:** Kauai County General Plan  
**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2017 4:34 PM  
**To:** 'Diane Garrison'; Kauai County General Plan  
**Subject:** RE: garden island article on 250 acres designated resort development

Thank you Diane!

I printed your testimony below and will ensure that it is transmitted to the Planning Commission with their agenda packet for May 23rd (usually a week or so before the actual meeting). You do not need to be present to submit your testimony.

Aloha,  
 Lea

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Diane Garrison [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2017 12:52 PM  
**To:** Kauai County General Plan <plankauai@kauai.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: garden island article on 250 acres designated resort development

Thank you for the succinct explanation. Can the General Plan address the need for additional roadways? Would the following work as testimony and how do we submit it since we cannot be present at the 5/23 meeting? Our phone is 828 6270 if you have advice.

My husband and I, residents of Kauai, are in favor of dropping the resort designation for the Princeville Plateau in the new General Plan. We feel when the County goes to the effort, at tax payer expense, of reassessing conditions that they should not be hindered by out of date information in the formation of a new plan. We also feel that the General Plan should designate this area, when developed, to contain a road through this property from the highway directly to Anini Beach Park totally independent of the current Anini Beach Road. Emergency egress is essential to the safety of local residents and users of the Beach Park. Since we guess that the county does not have the authority to build a road on private property the construction of this road could only be implemented upon development and would presumably be at the expense of the developer be it resort or agricultural mini mansions.

Roy and Diane Garrison  
 [REDACTED]

On May 4, 2017, at 2:27 PM, Kauai County General Plan <plankauai@kauai.gov> wrote:

> Aloha Diane and mahalo for your email!

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> I assume you are writing in regard to the resort designation around the area referred to as the "Princeville Plateau?"

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> The General Plan is not a land use amendment process nor permitting process. In addition, the General Plan's land use designations are not zoning entitlements. The General Plan Land Use Maps show current and desired future land use for the island. In other words, although it guides the future of land use for the island, there are still formal processes required (land use amendments, zoning approvals) that would need to happen before, for example, an agricultural parcel becomes a resort parcel.

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> The last General Plan (adopted in 2000) designates the "Princeville Plateau" area as Resort. However, no State Land Use Boundary amendments (agriculture to urban) have been obtained since that time. Discussion during the current General Plan update process have been based on a proposed policy to remove the resort designation (since it was never pursued) or leave it as it is in the current (2000) Plan. There is also a separate policy recommendation within the draft General Plan to "time out" designations (resort) and entitled resort projects that have not been moved forward/completed within 10 years of [adoption of plan or permit approval]. However, in order for a "use it or lose it" provision to take effect, a bill detailing such would need to be created, approved by the Planning Commission (as its own petition) and then adopted by the County Council. The General Plan is a policy document - guiding decisions and directing expenditure of CIP. It does not approve land use amendments or specific development projects.

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> Hope this helps.

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> Kindly call or email if you have further questions. Please note that testimony for the May 23rd Planning Commission hearing on the draft General Plan should be transmitted (via email, fax, letter, hand-delivered, etc) as soon as possible to provide the Commission with time to review.

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> Mahalo again and have a great day!

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> L. Kai'aokamalie  
> COK Planning Dept  
> 808.241.4061 | [REDACTED]

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: [REDACTED]  
> Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2017 10:21 AM  
> To: Kauai County General Plan <plankauai@kauai.gov>  
> Subject: garden island article on 250 acres designated resort development

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> Please provide more information so I may comment on the proposed ten year limit on the resort land use designation. When was the land rezoned from agriculture to resort? Where are the houses to be located in Phase II? How are 1200 houses to be fit in 250 acres? Is there additional land involved in Phase II? Where are access roads to and through the property with a particular interest in providing emergency egress from Anini Beach. I know information has been offered to the public in the past but has not been available to me when I have visited and called the department.

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**Leanora Kaiaokamalie**

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**From:** Courtney Puig [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 08, 2017 8:39 AM  
**To:** Kauai County General Plan  
**Subject:** Kauai Growth

Hello,

Please would you remove the Princeville Resort phase two from the general plan.

Kauai has been changing more rapidly the past few years. There is an increase of new residents and lack of housing in our community.

I have been a resident of the North Shore of Kauai for the past 11 years. The growth we have seen over the past three years alone has greatly impacted the community. Adding more accommodations and housing for 500+ visitors to this area is not something the infrastructure can handle. Keep Kauai from growing too fast and preserve this place for future generations.

Thank you for your time.  
Courtney



**Leanora Kaiakamalie**

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**From:** Danie McReynolds [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 08, 2017 7:12 AM  
**To:** Kauai County General Plan  
**Subject:** general plan 2020

Please remove Princeville Phase II Resort Designation from the General Plan 2020.  
We do not need more resort development on the north shore. Kauai is called The Garden Island for a reason.  
Please let's keep it that way.

Thank you  
Danie and Robert McReynolds

**Leanora Kaiakamalie**

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**From:** Shyla Villanueva [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 08, 2017 4:55 AM  
**To:** Kauai County General Plan  
**Subject:** GENERAL PLAN 2020

Aloha,

I am Shyla Villanueva, a Kamehameha graduate and a current college student. I was born and raised on Kaua'i and I've watched it become something I know my ancestors had not envisioned for the land.

The land being proposed for new luxury resorts should be used for

Sustainable Hawaiian Agriculture.

We should use more land this way so that our island can be sustained by local resources, which perhaps would make the cost of living cheaper for local people.

Using the land for sustainable Hawaiian agriculture may also allow a place for the youth to go and learn and practice cultivation and La'au Lapa'au.

Building new tourist infrastructure will benefit no one but the colonizers.

Building new tourist infrastructure will crowd the island, pollute it, and further degrade the land of it's miraculous natural resources.

In a time where fertile land is being threatened by large corporations, and even the president of the America, Kaua'i should set a sustainable example in the face of corporate destruction.

We've already lost the fertility of one island due to the military, and I wouldn't want to loose any more.

I hope you all put a lot of thought into this. The future of my generation will be decided by you all. Living on Kaua'i is hard enough with a long invalidated history of cultural trauma, the trauma will only be perpetuated if we keep separating the Lāhui from the land.

Let us use that land to provide sustenance to everyone.

Mahalo for your time.

Shyla V.

**Leanora Kaiaokamalie**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 07, 2017 4:26 PM  
**To:** Kauai County General Plan  
**Subject:** Princeville Phase 2 Resort Desingation

To The Planning Commission:

I am a Princeville current resident & home owner.

I have seen development here since 1999 encroach on roads, infrastructure & the effects of too many tourists whittle away at Kauai. The North Shore does NOT need more development.

Please do not allow the Phase 2 development. I agree that tourism is vital to the island economy but I don't think anyone who lives on Kauai desires to see it turn into Maui.

There are enough rooms already on island to support tourists as no hotel here is ever booked to capacity.

Developers do not care about the Kauai lifestyle - this is an unnecessary development - do not approve more development of this land -stop this please!!!

Kimber Rickabaugh  
Princeville, Kauai

Sent from my iPad

**Leanora Kaiakamalie**

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**From:** Clayton Wolcott [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 07, 2017 2:08 PM  
**To:** Kauai County General Plan  
**Subject:** Northshore development hearing for May 9th.!

My honorable Govt., servants, Please designate the northshore land to agriculture!! I am 51 years old, Hawaiian Caucasian in ancestry, born and raised in my grandpa's home on Kaneohe Bay.. In deep pain and sadness I have personally witnessed the development and destruction of Oahu one road, one traffic light, one building and sub-division at a time!!

I relocated to Kauai in 1990 because I could no longer enjoy the swimming ponds and trails that I once played on and swam in as a child, literally paved over with development.. Kauai has been a Saving Light to all people who have been raised here or called here.. You guys have done an amazing job of preserving this special special place!! I also watched one decision to build a hotel resort development in 1988 change the course of the Big Islnd forever..

The please preserve the beauty of the Northshore of Kauai., it is a special area, blessed and created by God! Once the trees are cut, the plants, the land graded and cemented, it will be gone forever for our children and grandchildren.. Please Save it!! Godbless you guys and Aloha!!

Clay Wolcott

Ps. I was a Hanalei lifeguard from 1999 to 2007.. The area is way to dangerous to invite more tourist swimmers and beach goers!! It is a very dangerous coastal area and reef for snorkeling kayaking or beginning surfing!! It's crazy to invite more visitors to that area!! Let alone the sewer problem, and underground sewer seepage and runoff!!

**Leanora Kaiaokamalie**

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**From:** Thorne Silverberg [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 06, 2017 9:02 PM  
**To:** Kauai County General Plan  
**Subject:** Kauai Plan

I'm a resident of Kilauea, Kaua'i and I DO NOT want to see more luxury hotels/condos on the north shore. I'd prefer to have the land between Princeville and Kalihiwai zoned agriculture on the makai side of the highway.

Mahalo,

Thorne P Silverberg  
[REDACTED]

**Leanora Kaiaokamalie**

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**From:** Monika [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 06, 2017 7:43 PM  
**To:** Kauai County General Plan  
**Subject:** Resort plan

Aloha,

My hope for Kauai is that the land is left unbuilt and in its natural condition. We already have resorts that crowd the northshore and the St Regis doesn't even sell out much. Traffic is becoming horrendous just trying to get out on the highway. The more people the more aggressive the island becomes.

Mahalo

[REDACTED]

**Leanora Kaiakamalie**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 06, 2017 7:15 PM  
**To:** Kauai County General Plan  
**Subject:** Princeville Development Plans

Aloha,

I am writing concerning the proposed land use changes in the Princeville area. I oppose new resort units in the area as I am concerned about the stress on our islands resources, as well as the increasingly high cost of living. My family has been on Kaua'i for five generations and has seen tremendous deterioration of the islands natural spaces, rapid development, and growing strain on our islands infrastructure. These are all items of great concern to me, and to the majority of Kaua'i kamaaina. We do not need more resort units on the north shore.

Mahalo,

[REDACTED]  
Sent from my iPhone

**Leanora Kaiakamalie**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 06, 2017 5:31 PM  
**To:** Kauai County General Plan  
**Subject:** North Shore

No more developments!! What do you think more cars will do to the already stressed roads. What now, gonna build a highway to the end of the road?? How about trying to bring back the beauty of this island. The serenity is already lost, get it back.



**Leanora Kaiaokamalie**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 08, 2017 2:01 PM  
**To:** Kauai County General Plan  
**Subject:** North Shore Development

Aloha Kauai Planning Commissioners,

I'm writing in regards to the Princeville Resort Phase II plans. I urge you to discontinue this plan, our precious North Shore cannot handle more resorts or further development. Our roads, beaches, parking areas are already over crowded with a huge emphasis only on tourism. The life time residents here have already suffered a major change in the community being taken over by tourists and money. We avoid going to a lot of areas already due to overcrowding. It's especially heart breaking for the Hawaiian families, born and raised here and being shoved out due to rising costs, etc. Sure a resort would bring jobs, but where would the employees live? Affordable housing is a huge factor on our island. When will the county put a cap on the amount of rental cars allowed on our island? Just keep sending them over for the money? If there were to be a Tsunami in the Hanalei/Haena area, good luck trying to get out! My husband works in Hanalei and it takes him 30 minutes just to get passed the Hanalei bridge nowadays. The resort would also effect the already dying corals at Anini Beach with runoff from chemicals etc. I firmly believe reverting the area in question back to agriculture land would be ideal.

Mahalo for your time,  
Andrea Kaleiohi  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

**Leanora Kaiaokamalie**

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**From:** Linda [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2017 3:08 PM  
**To:** Kauai County General Plan  
**Subject:** Princeville II plan

Aloha

I did voice my views once before but since then I have done even more research and talked to a lot more people about the Princeville II plans. I would like to see this area changed to agricultural land. The north shore is growing and the infrastructure, beaches, access, views, water quality, etc. are all suffering from too many people and the cars and attitudes they bring along with them. Let's keep these rural areas rural and change this area back to the agricultural.

Aloha,  
[REDACTED]

**Leanora Kaiakamalie**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2017 2:23 PM  
**To:** Kauai County General Plan  
**Subject:** Quick - I hope - question

Aloha, most hardworking Planners,

Looking again at the Heritage Resources Map for the South Kaua'i, I am happy that it has been extended on the eastern side to include all of the ahupua'a of Māhā'ulepū.

My question is, "Are the Heritage Resources maps complete?"

I wonder about the purple and green area that is characterized in the legend as Open Space Acquisition Priorities. Doesn't that area encompass agricultural lands as well as some residences?

Are all of the Open Space Commission recommendation priorities mapped? If so, wouldn't the Hoban beach access trail be on this map? (perhaps it is but too hard to see.) What about the Omao motorbiking area? Hapa Road?

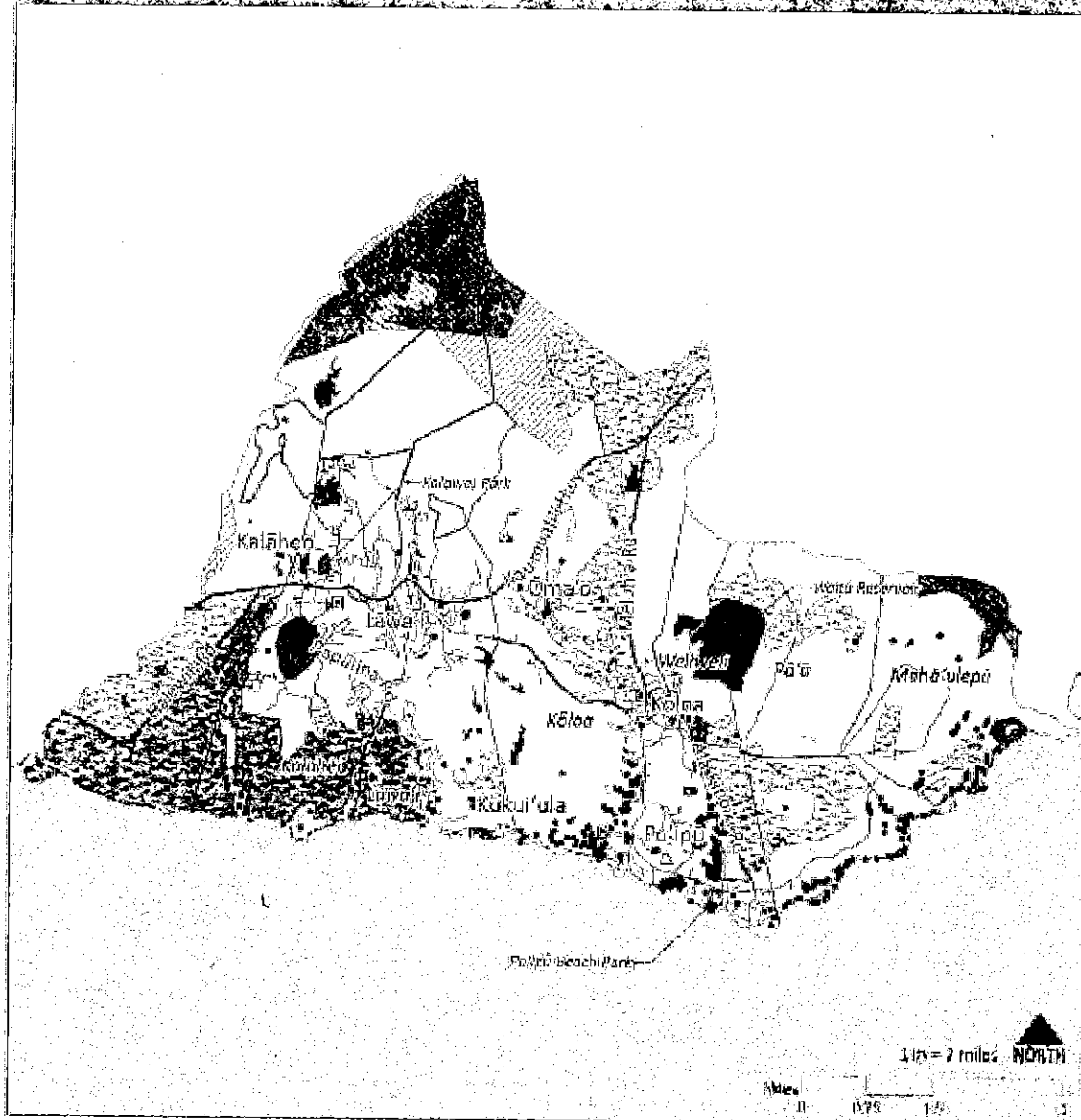
What about expansion of Po'ipu Beach Park (portion of the Nukumoi Surf Shop parcel for entrance to Kaneiolouma Complex)? How many years of OSC priorities are mapped?

I raise these questions, obviously, from the viewpoint of advocate of preservation of Māhā'ulepū and the adjacent old quarry site which includes Waiopili Heiau. Having served on the Open Space Commission for two terms when it was established, I know that those past commissions prioritized what was most feasible among the public nominations, not what was most desired or most nominated. And I know that in the General Plan and South Shore Community Plan public input processes, a desire for preservation of Māhā'ulepū was repeatedly stated.

From the maps, it appears that there are no large open space acquisition hopes for the other moku, except for expansion of the Salt Pond. I question whether these maps express the scope of heritage resources of Kaua'i as well as those cultural places (including agricultural lands of importance) that should be permanently set aside from residential and commercial development.

Thank you,  
[REDACTED]

# Planning for South Kaula in the Kōloa Scenic Byway



## Registered Historic Sites

- ▣ State
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- State & National
- Cultural Features
- Priority Public Access Points
- ◆ Fish Ponds
- Streams & Waterbodies
- Major Roads
- Roads

- Kōloa Scenic Byway
- Trails
- Planning District Boundary
- ▭ Ahupua'a Boundaries
- ▭ Wetlands
- ▭ Coral Reefs
- ▭ Regulated Fishing Areas
- ▭ State & County Parks
- ▭ Preserves

- ▭ Reservoirs
- ▭ Traditional Cultivation Areas
- ▭ Sand Dunes
- ▭ Open Space Acquisition Priorities
- ▭ Critical Habitat
- Threatened & Endangered Species
- ▭ High Density
- ▭ Very High Density

**Leanora Kaiaokamalie**

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**From:** Noah Hamilton [REDACTED]@m>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2017 2:37 PM  
**To:** Kauai County General Plan  
**Subject:** Development between Princeville and anini.

Noah Hamilton born and raised on the north shore. My perspective on the north shore lands between Princeville and Kalihiwai. If we are going to allow continued development for homes that will likely be second homes how is this helping our north shore families that have no hope and no future. Ive been told by the Kaua'i County Housing Agency that the next low income or affordable housing project on the north shore is 10 years out. That's my only hope. I've taken home buyers classes, I'm ready to buy a house. I have savings for down payment. But I can't afford anything on the north shore. I could maybe open the door but then I would be a slave to a mortgage that would cause to much stress and worry. I want to have a mortgage that I can afford comfortably not one that will be stressful.

We need to put local families futures ahead of developers.

Mahalo

Sent from my spyPhone  
Noah Hamilton Photographers  
[REDACTED]

**Leanora Kaiaokamalie**

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**From:** terry kamen [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2017 9:34 AM  
**To:** Kauai County General Plan  
**Subject:** TMK 4-8-15-77 Redsignate to R-10

Dear Planning Commission,

My wife and I own TMK 4-2-8-15-77.  
It is a 1.42 acre parcel located in Poipu along Poipu Rd.

It was part of the Waikomo Stream Villas parcel that was bisected when Poipu Rd was moved away from the ocean. Waikomo Stream Villas was given a R-10 zoning, but this parcel was given an Open zoning.

When the Poipu Beach Estates Subdivision was approved by the Planning Dept. its access to Poipu Rd was cut off and it was made to access Poipu Rd via the a private easement through the Poipu Beach Subdivision which was granted. It also received 8600 sq ft of R4 zoning. Leaving the remainder in Open zoning.

As part of the General Plan update, we request to have this parcel rezoned to R-10, to match its former disposition as part of a R-10 property.

I believe the first step is to make sure the General Plan supports this zoning.

Aloha,

[REDACTED]

**Leanora Kaiaokamalie**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 8:49 AM  
**To:** Kauai County General Plan  
**Subject:** Re changing zoning classification of certain Princeville land to agriculture from visitor destination

My wife, Gina Lobaco, and I write to urge you to support language in the proposed General Plan Update that would reclassify certain land in Princeville to agricultural use. We accept the role that tourism plays in driving our island's economy, but it has become painfully true that unbounded tourism is taxing natural and manmade elements of the North Shore to an alarming degree. This is reflected in everything from traffic congestion and gridlock to the toll of overuse being taken at Haena State Park and many of the North Shore's most beautiful beaches. At this pace, Kauai is at risk of becoming the kind of artificial resort that is exactly what loyal visitors here do NOT want. It is also a Kauai that is increasingly hostile to its own residents. Exhibit A is Hanalei Town, where owners and local renters are declining and the area is becoming a vacation resort disguised as a community. This cannot continue.

Further resort development in Princeville would only exacerbate this trend, both by increasing visitor capacity at a time and in a place where that capacity has already been stretched past the breaking point, and further worsening the imbalance between wealthy and largely absentee property owners whose vacation homes become high-end vacation rentals and the actual residents, who in most cases have far more modest economic means. In other words, letting unfettered luxury development continue in Princeville will worsen class warfare that already endangers the social fiber of Kauai.

Thank you for your attention.

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Allan Parachini  
Allan Parachini Custom Furniture  
2319 Kamali'i St.  
Kilauea, HI 96754

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**Leanora Kaiaokamalie**

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**From:** Sam E. Ridino <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 14, 2017 7:38 PM  
**To:** Kauai County General Plan  
**Subject:** please remove the resort land use designation on the Princeville plateau

Aloha members of the Kaua'i County planning commission:

I am writing to ask you to please remove the resort land use designation on the Princeville plateau from North Shore maps in the 2020 General Plan. This designation for Princeville Phase II issued over 30 years ago will make overcrowding and negative impacts on Kaua'i beaches, trails and infrastructure worse. It will make it even harder for local families to continue to live on the North Shore. It could further pollute Anini stream and reef. I feel there is no need for new resort areas on the North Shore of Kaua'i. Allowing further resort expansion will only make all of the problems we are facing, acknowledged in other areas of the General Plan, much worse. We appreciate all of the efforts of planning department staff on this plan. Thank you for your time, attention and caring for Kaua'i.

Much aloha, sincerely,  
[REDACTED]



**Leanora Kaiaokamalie**

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**From:** Elli Ward [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2017 5:25 AM  
**To:** Kauai County General Plan  
**Subject:** Princeville Zoning

Dear Members of the Kauai Planning Department and the Kauai Planning Commission,

Aloha. We are residents of Kilauea where we also farm and grow Ulu and tropical fruits. Like most growers in our community, we hope to see a future where Hawaii no longer imports over 80% of food supply. A future where purchase of land for housing and farming is not only for the wealthy or the speculators. Please designate more areas as AGRICULTURE and affordable housing. The north shore does not need more hotels nor vacation houses, now is a good time to make the change.

Please remove the Resort Land Use designation on the Princeville plateau from the North shore maps in the 2020 General Plan. Thank you for caring for Kauai.

David and Elli Ward  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad