# O'AHU GENERAL PLAN UPDATE





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Honolulu City Council Special Zoning and Planning Committee
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# **Purpose of the General Plan:**

## Revised Charter of Honolulu Section 6-1508. General Plan

"The general plan shall set forth the city's objectives and broad policies for the long-range development of the city. It shall contain statements of the general social, economic, environmental and design objectives to be achieved for the general welfare and prosperity of the people of the city and the most desirable population distribution and regional development pattern."

Section 6-1510. Preparation and Review of the General Plan and Development Plans "In addition, the director [of the Department of Planning and Permitting] shall undertake a comprehensive review of the general plan at least once every ten years."

# The General Plan and Honolulu's Planning Tiers:



Development Plan and Sustainable Communities Plan Areas

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**General Plan** 

Development Plans & Sustainable Communities Plans

**Implementing Ordinances** and Regulations

Zoning Stormwater Rules Park Dedication Subdivision Ordinance, Etc. Special Area Plans
TOD Plans

# The General Plan's Eleven Areas of Concern:



**Population** 

**The Economy** 

Natural
Environment and
Resource
Stewardship



Housing and Communities

Transportation and Utilities

**Energy** 



Physical
Development and
Urban Design

Public Safety and Community Resilience

Health and Education

**Culture and Recreation** 

Government
Operations and
Fiscal
Management







**Background Research** 

## **Overview of the Revision Process:**

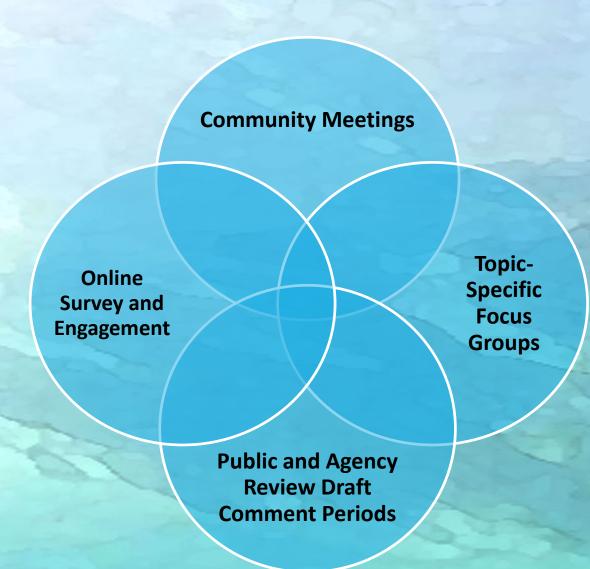
and Review of **Existing Plan** First Public Review Draft (2012) **Proposed** Community Revised Engagement **General Plan** Comment Period and **Revisions** (December 2017) Second Public Review Comment Period and Draft (2017) Revisions

# 1st and 2nd Public Review Drafts:

Broadened scope to incorporate additional policy focus areas including:

- Revised regional pop. projections
- Affordable Housing
- Homelessness
- Resource stewardship & Resiliency
- Climate change & sea level rise
- TOD planning

# **Public Engagement Process:**



## **Public Input and Changes up to the 2017 Proposed Plan:**

Total Online Survey Responses: 2,413 (1,942 completed the 17 question survey)

**Total Open Comments: 141 Individual Comments** 

**Total First Public Review Draft Comments: 796 Individual Comments** 

**Total Second Public Review Draft Comments: 692 Individual Comments** 

### **Objectives**

# Current GP	# Proposed GP	# Change	# No Change	# Deleted	# New
41	39	23	14	4	2

#### **Policies**

# Current GP	# Proposed GP	# Change	# No Change	# Deleted	# New
246	284	116	76	54	92

## **Criteria for Revisions:**

#### O'AHU GENERAL PLAN

Your Island, Your Future



#### PROPOSED REVISED PLAN



Department of Planning and Permitting City and County of Honolulu December 2017

- Does a change in conditions warrant the revision?
- Is there a public need for the revision?
- Does the proposed revision reflect public sentiment?
- Does the proposed revision align with the overall goals, mission and interests of the City?
- If the policy is referring to a federal or state function, does the statement appropriately reflect this?
- Is the proposed revision appropriate for the General Plan policy level?
- Is the proposed change a regulatory issue, and thus not appropriate for the General Plan?
- Does the proposed revision conflict with existing federal and state law?

## **Summary of Planning Commission Recommendations**

- A Planning Commission Hearing on the Proposed Revised General Plan was held on March 21, 2018. Recommended changes include:
  - Adding the text "Special Management Area" to Figure 1. in the Introduction
  - Retaining Section 1. Population Objective A. Policy 6: "Publicize the desire of the City and County to limit population growth".
  - Strike Section II. Economy Objective B, Policy 11: "Consider small-scale community-oriented visitor accommodations in non-resort areas with attention to community input, compatibility or uses, infrastructure adequacy, and the ability to enforce effectively".
  - Split Section X. Culture and Recreation into two new sections.
  - Other minor wording changes.

# Mahalo



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