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The Honorable Brandon Elefante, Chair
And Members
Committee on Zoning and Planning
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
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Dear Chair Elefante and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: Resolution 21-23 Revised General Plan

The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) is in receipt of Council Communications CC-269(21). Given the short timeframe, the department's preliminary comments on the proposed amendments are shown in the last column of the attached table which covers proposed amendments through the section on Housing and Communities. Comments on the remaining sections will be forthcoming.

The Department has the following general comments in response to CC-269(21):

1. The General Plan (GP) is a long-range guiding document that establishes the broad policy direction for the island of Oahu, which is further supported and defined by the Development Plans (DP) and Sustainable Community Plans (SCP), and various functional plans. The GP includes statements on the general social, economic, environmental, and design objectives to be achieved for the general welfare and prosperity of the people of the city. The proposed amendments contain language that is too restrictive or forceful, and has the effect of creating a document that appears narrowly regulatory in nature. The GP is not a regulatory document and should not create unnecessary liabilities for the City, but is the overarching guide for the City in adopting regulatory tools, such as the Land Use Ordinance (Chapter 21, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu). The GP is meant to support, rather than restrict, the regulatory and other programmatic means by which its objectives may be achieved.

For example, the DPP recommends that words such as "avoid" not be used. In the area of Natural Environment and Resource Stewardship, the proposed amendment to Objective A, Policy 4 on page 29 revises the GP language to state the following:

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“Require development projects to avoid ~~[give due consideration to]~~ natural features and hazards such as slope, inland and coastal erosion, ~~[and]~~ flood hazards, water-recharge areas, ~~and existing vegetation~~, as well as to plan for the impact of rising sea levels on coastal hazards that threaten life and property.”

2. A key premise of the GP is that future population growth is a fundamental purpose of planning. References to planning for population growth and the most desirable patterns of distribution are central, Charter-defined tasks of the GP, DPs, and SCPs. The proposed GP amendments delete language referring to planning for projected population in numerous instances.
3. It should be emphasized that the terms “population” and “development” are not synonymous and are not interchangeable in the context of the GP. The proposed amendments to the Preamble changes the intent of the GP, from forward looking guidance on addressing the needs of the future population, to a narrowed perspective focused on the “quality of life” of current residents. For example, an amendment to the Preamble on Population on page 7 includes the following:

“The population objectives and policies encompass two distinct thrusts. The first is to [plan for anticipated future population growth] provide for our current residents in a manner that...”

4. Multiple New Objectives and Policies have been introduced and there needs to be a thorough review on whether amended language is appropriately placed and consistent with the GP’s construction. While we acknowledge that there are many cross-cutting issues, such as sea level rise, duplicating language throughout the 11 areas of concern should be avoided. Each area of concern is meant to provide consolidated guidance on its subject and to avoid the need for searching the full document for repetitive language and excessive policy overlaps.
5. Insofar as possible, the GP should be in plain language and avoid specialized jargon that may not be understandable to the lay person. As stated in the Preamble, the GP is a guide for all levels of government, private enterprise, neighborhood and citizen groups, organizations, and individual citizens. Such terminology changes rapidly, and the intent may be conveyed without using such words.
6. The GP should avoid exhaustive lists within policy statements. While such statements may seem “more” inclusive, they can inadvertently create a narrower meaning and more limited interpretation.

7. Unrelated policies should not be grouped together in the same statement. Likewise, if a stricken policy is replaced with an unrelated policy, a considered rationale should be given for both the exclusion and the addition.
8. Some proposed policy amendments include edits that strike references to "safety" and "cost" (as primary policy concerns). The DPP disagrees with these changes.
9. At least one proposed policy amendment contains statements contrary to adopted DP/SCP policy without offering analysis or explanation. For example, in the area of Economy and Equity, the proposed amendment to Objective B, Policy 8 on page 25 revises the language to omit Laie as a secondary resort area. It should be noted, however, that this is contrary to language in the Koolau Loa SCP, Ordinance 21-1.
10. Proposed amendments in several instances delete references to differences in transportation services or economic activity, for example, between urban population centers and rural areas. The DPP maintains that it is appropriate to plan for both urban centers and rural areas distinctly when needed.
11. With respect to the process of adopting the revised GP, because the GP supports goals and the operations of city agencies, the DPP recommends that if the proposed amendments substantially change the Proposed Revised GP (December 2017), a new Proposed Plan be afforded an agency review period.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 768-8000.

Very truly yours,



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ATTACHMENT 1 – DPP PRELIMINARY COMMENTS JULY 13, 2021

AMENDMENT FORM

GENERAL PLAN, RESOLUTION 21-23

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Resolution				In the second WHEREAS clause, clarifies the history of the O'ahu General Plan.		No comment at this time, need to see amended Resolution language
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Resolution				In the third and fourth WHEREAS clauses, clarifies the DPP's amendment process.		No comment at this time, need to see amended Resolution language
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Resolution				In the BE IT RESOLVED clause, references Charter Section 6-1511 and the Exhibit A General Plan attached to the resolution.		No comment at this time, need to see amended Resolution language

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Resolution				Makes miscellaneous and nonsubstantive amendments.		No comment at this time, need to see amended Resolution language
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan				Conforming amendments for the consist use of the term "City"		Acceptable
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan O'ahu General Plan	Plan				Conforming amendments so that the 11 key areas chapters start on an odd numbered page Insert "This page intentionally left blank" as needed.		Acceptable
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan				Conforming amendments to renumber Policies		Acceptable
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan				Conforming amendments for "widow control" so that policies do not have page break in middle		Acceptable
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	TOC		1	Rename TOC Section	II. THE ECONOMY <u>AND EQUITY</u>	No comment at this time

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	TOC		1	Rename TOC Section	VI. ENERGY <u>AND CLIMATE CHANGE</u>	No comment at this time
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Intro	Intro	3	Amends 1 st paragraph	The General Plan for the City and County of Honolulu is a comprehensive statement of objectives and policies which sets forth the long-range aspirations of O'ahu's residents and the strategies to achieve them. It is the first tier of and lays the foundation for a comprehensive planning process that addresses physical, social, cultural, economic and environmental concerns affecting the City and County of Honolulu. This planning process serves as the coordinative means by which the City and County government provides direction [to the growth projected] <u>for future change and development on</u> O'ahu.	OPPOSE revisions to the last sentence. The premise of the General Plan is that a growing population is the fundamental reason for planning. "Growth projected" references population. The terms "population" and "development" are not synonymous and are not interchangeable in the context of the GP. DPP recommends that this sentence reflects City Charter language: <i>" sets forth a desired direction and patterns of future growth and development."</i>
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Figure 1	Intro	3	Changes title of Figure 1 to capitalize words	<i>Figure 1. Diagram of the [planning] <u>Planning</u> [process] <u>Process</u> for the City and County of Honolulu</i>	Acceptable
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Figure 1	Intro	3	Revise Figure 1 to Add the following words to bottom left box in figure 1, before the word ETC.	Add " <u>SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA PERMITS</u> "	Per Planning Commission Acceptable.

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Intro	Intro	4	Amends 3 rd paragraph	O'ahu is the third largest of the eight main Hawaiian islands, with a total land area of approximately 600 square miles and nearly 230 miles of shoreline. Nicknamed the "Gathering Place," O'ahu is the most populous and developed island, and is the island that has experienced the greatest population growth and development transformation since [the introduction of western culture to these islands] <u>western contact</u> . With a resident population that increased from about 60,000 in 1900, to [953,000] <u>963,826</u> in [2010] <u>2020</u> , O'ahu accounts for [70%] <u>69%</u> of the state's total population. In addition, O'ahu reports the highest number of visitors per year.	Recommend no change. The intent of the last two sentences is to emphasize that Oahu accounts majority of the State's population and number of visitors. Census figures and projections for 2020 should not be used together in this context.
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Intro	Intro	4	Amends the 4 th paragraph, 4 th sentence	The Ko'olau and Wai'anae Mountain Ranges, other geological landmarks such as Diamond Head, and the island's shorelines and beaches contribute significantly to O'ahu's natural beauty [and recreational amenities.] <u>as well as critical recreational and cultural sites for resident quality of life.</u>	Amended language is awkward. Proposed language will be forthcoming for consideration.

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Preamble	Purpose of the General Plan	5	Amends the 2nd paragraph, second sentence (deletes one "s" in "contains")	Under the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu, Chapter 15, Section 6-1508, the General Plan shall set forth the City's objectives and broad policies for the long-range development of the island. It shall contain[s] statements of the general social, economic, environmental and design objectives to be achieved for the general welfare and prosperity of the people of O'ahu and the most desirable population distribution and regional development pattern.	Acceptable
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Preamble	Purpose of the General Plan	5	Amend 4 th paragraph	The General Plan is a guide for all levels of government, private enterprise, neighborhood and citizen groups, organizations, and individual citizens. It is intended to guide land use and development decisions [and to influence actions] in 11 <u>key</u> areas [of concern]:	Acceptable
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Preamble	Purpose of the General Plan	5	Change titles of two key areas	(2) The economy <u>and equity</u> ; (6) Energy <u>and climate change</u> ;	No comment at this time

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Preamble	Content of the General Plan	6	Amend 2 nd paragraph	In preparing the statement of objectives and policies, the fair <u>equitable</u> distribution of social benefits was held to be of paramount importance. It shall continue to be of paramount importance in the pursuit and implementation of these objectives and policies.	Acceptable

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Preamble	Content of the General Plan	6	Amend 3 rd paragraph NOTE: keep footnote	A future which is sustainable <u>and resilient</u> is also of great importance for an island community interested in the current and future well-being of its people. The principles of sustainability recognize that there are limits to the complex network of systems (environmental, economic, and social) that define our lifestyles and overall well-being. A sustainable Honolulu means having the capacity to support the current generation's [demand for and use of its resources] <u>basic needs</u> without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their <u>own resource needs</u> . <u>A resilient O'ahu is defined as a community that has the ability to survive, adapt and thrive no matter what shocks or stresses hit our island.</u> To [do this] <u>achieve these goals</u> , the City and County shall [seek to find the appropriate] <u>responsibly balance [and synthesis of]</u> the major elements of sustainability <u>and resilience</u> that are essential to the creation of a sustainable place:	Proposed language will be forthcoming for consideration.

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Preamble	Content of the General Plan	6-7	Amend 4 th paragraph	As the 21st century continues to unfold [r] <u>in the context of a growing climate crisis</u> , the movement to foster sustainability will <u>increasingly</u> influence decisions about future land use, growth, and economic development on O'ahu. Achieving sustainability requires recognizing the relationships, <u>limitations</u> , and linkages between all resources within defined boundaries similar to the values of the traditional <u>Native Hawaiian</u> ahupua'a [Native Hawaiian] land use management system that encourages stewardship, and compatible principles from contemporary watershed management. Sustainability in this context requires active conservation of the island's limited natural resources and other basic resources, and consideration for the health of the environment and the <u>transition to a clean energy and circular economy</u> , in relation to the community's overall well-being. Objectives and policies that support the major elements of sustainability <u>and resilience</u> are interwoven into each of the 11 <u>key areas</u> [of concern].	Acceptable

Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Preamble	Content of the General Plan	7	Amend 5 th paragraph and bulleted list	<p>Examples of what sustainability and resilience mean[s] in practice are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Compact and mixed-use development patterns that encourage higher [densities] <u>density</u>, <u>eliminate carbon emissions</u>, and conserve energy and resources; ○ Preservation and protection of agricultural, natural, cultural and open space resources; ○ Multi-modal transportation networks and rail transit-oriented developments to reduce automobile use; ○ Efficient building design and technology to reduce <u>emissions</u>, <u>water</u>, and energy consumption; ○ Greater public awareness of and actions to [reduce] <u>eliminate</u> waste and excessive consumption; ○ Increased participation and a <u>broader</u> scope of <u>on-island</u> recycling and waste stream [reduction] <u>elimination</u>; ○ Use of renewable energy sources to reduce <u>and ultimately eliminate</u> dependence on imported fossil fuels [;- where economically and environmentally appropriate] <u>under city and state law</u>; ○ Greater production and consumption of locally-grown food and locally produced products; 	Acceptable except for the yellow highlighted phrase.
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							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Economic diversification that emphasizes the well-being of O’ahu’s residents and is resilient to changes in global conditions; ○ [Greater awareness that the] <u>Active protection of our</u> collective “social capital” <u>and the aloha spirit</u> within communities <u>which</u> is vital to maintaining a strong and [productive] <u>resilient</u> society. 	
Resolution 21-23	O’ahu General Plan	Plan	Preamble	Content of the General Plan	7	Amend 6 th paragraph	The 11 key areas [of concern] <u>designed to address these challenges and directly improve the quality of life for O’ahu residents</u> are summarized in the following section.	Acceptable

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Preamble	Population	7	Amend 1st paragraph. First three sentences	The population objectives and policies encompass two distinct thrusts. The first is to [plan for anticipated future population growth] <u>provide for our current residents</u> in a manner that [considers] <u>respects</u> the limits of O'ahu's natural resources, protects the environment, and minimizes social, cultural, economic and environmental disruptions. <u>This includes the active management of tourism to prevent visitor impacts from overwhelming the quality of life of our island community.</u> The second is to maintain a pattern of population distribution that will allow people to live, work, and play in harmony.	Recommend no change. Reference to planning for population growth is a central, Charter-defined task of the GP, DPs and SCPs. Planning for anticipated future population growth is <u>not</u> the same as planning for current residents. The added sentence on tourism is not relevant to this paragraph which is on population, specifically resident population. Since Oahu's population has been declining recently, for accuracy, the statement can read: The first is to plan for anticipated future population growth .
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Preamble	The Economy	8	Amend title	THE ECONOMY <u>AND EQUITY</u>	Acceptable

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Preamble	The Economy and Equity	8	Amend 1st paragraph	<p>The objectives and policies for economic activity <u>and equity</u> attempt to address the needs of <u>O'ahu residents</u> for an adequate standard of living, an improved quality of life for residents and future generations, and an economy that [contributes to] <u>advances</u> O'ahu's long-term sustainability. [Issues] <u>Critical</u> issues [including] <u>include</u> providing <u>living wage</u> employment opportunities, viability of <u>new entrepreneurs as well as</u> major industries, the location of jobs [,] <u>and</u> <u>remote work</u>, and addressing increasing <u>economic inequality</u>. [and] <u>The</u> diversification of [the] <u>O'ahu's</u> economic base [and its resiliency to] <u>will increase our resilience to</u> changes in global conditions [are addressed in terms of what government can do to provide, encourage, and] <u>such as pandemics</u>. <u>Government has a leadership role to</u> promote economic opportunities <u>and equity</u> for our residents. [A new policy also promotes] <u>An equitable economic future can be advanced</u> <u>by</u> an innovative and technologically savvy <u>carbon-neutral</u> economy that respects our unique traditions and cultural values.</p>	<p>Suggest: of O'ahu's residents (redundant)</p> <p>Clarification: Is "location of... remote work" the intended statement? Or is it meant to be an affirmative statement about remote work?</p> <p>"Changes in global conditions such as pandemics" needs to be clarified.</p>

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Preamble	Natural Environmental and Resource Stewardship	8	Amend 1st paragraph	<p>The natural environment, next to the island's people, is O'ahu's greatest asset. Protecting the island's natural resources and environmental quality is essential to ensuring the long-term health and well-being of the community. [Besides an] <u>O'ahu's array of biologically rich and diverse ecosystems, and a] our year-round temperate climate, [there are beautiful mountains, attractive] coastlines and beaches, [ridges, scenic vistas, and] mountains and ridges, and freshwater and marine [environments that are enjoyed by all] resources are the backbone of our visitor economy and resident quality of life, but are also in peril from the impacts of climate change and over-use. The City's policies [seek to] shall</u> protect and enhance O'ahu's natural beauty and [environmental attributes] <u>environment</u> by increasing public awareness and [appreciation of them and by mitigating against] <u>reversing</u> the degradation of these assets. The objectives and policies recognize the importance of protecting the natural environment, especially in the <u>context of a changing climate</u>, for current and future generations.</p>	<p>Recommend no changes to highlighted portion. The word "shall" should be used judiciously. Policies alone cannot effectuate change.</p> <p>Recommend against deleting "mitigating against". "Reversing" implies improving the degradation that has already occurred which may not be achievable in all cases.</p>

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Preamble	Housing and Communities	8	Amend 1st paragraph	Obtaining decent, reasonably priced [homes] <u>housing options</u> [in safe and attractive neighborhoods] has been a persistent problem for the residents of O'ahu, and is a primary concern of the General Plan. This section recognizes the importance of [developing whole communities] <u>integrated and diverse communities.</u> [that are] <u>New housing development must be</u> well-integrated with the surrounding land uses and the natural environment and [that] <u>ideally</u> include [housing] <u>ready access to schools</u> , services, amenities, and job opportunities.	<p>Recommend against deleting “in safe and attractive neighborhoods” as affordability is not the only aspect of housing and communities that is of concern.</p> <p>Recommend against deleting “developing whole communities” as a key planning principle is to develop communities that are livable – meaning walkable with convenient access to businesses, personal services, gathering places, outdoor spaces, etc. The term “whole communities” encompasses all of this.</p> <p>Avoid use of forceful words like “must”. Consistency with the General Plan is considered when reviewing projects requiring a discretionary land use approval.</p>

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Preamble	Housing and Communities	8	Amend 2nd paragraph	The objectives and policies for housing seek to ensure a wide range of housing opportunities and choices and to increase the availability of affordable housing and meet County and State affordability goals; to encourage higher-density housing via mixed-use and transit-oriented developments in rail station areas; to encourage infill housing where permitted; to increase the use of sustainable building designs and techniques; to reduce <u>vacant units as well as</u> speculation in land and housing; and to [address issues associated with homelessness so] <u>build affordable housing units for our residents with the least income to address homelessness and ensure that all people have decent and stable shelter.</u>	Recommend no change. Regulating vacant units has been a contentious issue and should not be addressed in the General Plan. The issues of homelessness are varied, and building more affordable housing units is not the sole solution. Often "shelter" is an intermediate solution, whether it be emergency or transitional shelters, or group living facilities.

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Preamble	Transportation and Utilities	9	Amend 1st paragraph	A safe, efficient, and cost-effective multi-modal transportation system that is less not dependent on fossil fuels and generates less greatly reduces greenhouse gas emissions is essential to our environment, safety, economic productivity prosperity , and quality of life. The cost of building and maintaining the various elements of a comprehensive transportation system to service the island is a major public investment. Coordinated planning of accessibility and circulation requirements and integration of the transportation system with existing and planned developments is important in the effective management of urban growth to sustainability goals and resident quality of life . The transportation objectives and policies address the need for a balanced ground transportation system that allows safe, comfortable and convenient travel for all users, including pedestrians, micro-mobility users, bicyclists, public transit riders, and motorists.	<p>Recommend no change to highlighted language. The term “not” is too forceful of a word to use in the GP.</p> <p>Recommend against changing the wording in the second highlight. The revised language changes the meaning.</p>

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Preamble	Transportation and Utilities	9	Amend 2nd paragraph	The airports and harbors are State facilities and are under State jurisdiction. The City's role is [limited to regulating] <u>to align and regulate</u> surrounding land uses, [providing] <u>provide</u> connectivity to these key facilities, and [processing certain needed permits.] <u>coordinate with the State on critical climate change adaptation efforts to ensure long-term functionality for our residents.</u>	Recommend no changes to highlighted language. While the City can provide input and coordinate permitting efforts, we should not have the burden of "ensuring long-term functionality", this is ultimately the responsibility of the State.
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Preamble	Transportation and Utilities	9	Amend 3 rd paragraph	Population growth results in increased demands for water, sewerage, and recycling and solid waste disposal services provided by government, as well as [the] communication, electricity, and [gas] <u>utility</u> systems provided by the private sector. [Not only must such needs be met, but the] <u>The</u> social, economic, and environmental [consequences] <u>impacts</u> of meeting these needs must be carefully considered.	Recommend no changes to highlighted language. "Impacts" implies negative effects. "Consequences" has a broader meaning.
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Preamble	Transportation and Utilities	9	Add language to end of the 4 th paragraph	<u>As O'ahu moves toward a carbon neutral, zero waste, resource constrained future, utilities will be critical partners in ensuring sustainability.</u>	Acceptable

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Preamble	Energy	9	Amend title	ENERGY <u>AND CLIMATE CHANGE</u>	No comment at this time.

Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Preamble	Energy and Climate Change	9	Amend 1 st paragraph	<p>There is no more salient example of the direct impact of [world events] <u>larger global dynamics</u> on an island community than the [provision of energy.] <u>escalating dangers of global warming and the volatility of global energy supply chains.</u> With [about] <u>more than 90%</u> of O'ahu's electrical and transportation needs powered by imported fossil fuels, [increasing] <u>achieving</u> energy self-sufficiency is [a major stride toward] <u>a critical component of security and sustainability.</u></p> <p><u>[Revised objectives and policies recognize that nature is all around us, even in urban areas. Renewable energy development, efficient energy utilization, conservation, and reducing energy demand are addressed with the goals of reducing dependence on outside sources, increasing the resiliency of energy systems, and promoting sustainable energy practices. Policies have been revised to support net zero to net positive performance in the] Our health and livability, even in the most urban area, directly depend on the health and integrity of natural ecosystems. Our island's achievement of 100% renewable energy and renewable transportation must include an increase in the resilience of our energy grid, protection of agricultural</u></p>	<p>Recommend no changes to highlighted language. This is a preamble and the existing language suffices.</p> <p>Please also check the accuracy of the 90% statement in the second sentence.</p>
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							productivity, enhancing community trust, and guarding against the most hazardous impacts of climate change. Our City policy now commits us to net zero emissions by 2045 across all areas of energy, low carbon emissions, waste streams, all utilities, and food security.	
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Preamble	Physical Development and Urban Design	10	Amend first two sentences in the 1st paragraph	Physical development and urban design is concerned with the quality of growth that occurs within the various parts of <u>life across communities on the [Island]</u> island. The objectives and policies in this area of concern deal with the coordination of public facilities and land development, compatibility of land uses, and specification of certain land uses at particular locations.	Recommend no change.
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Preamble	Physical Development and Urban Design	10	Amend language in last sentence in the 1st paragraph	New policies also emphasize the need to recognize and prepare for the <u>current and even greater</u> long-term impacts of climate change.	Acceptable

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Preamble	Physical Development and Urban Design	10	Amend last sentence at end of the 2nd paragraph	Given the population distribution reflected in the General Plan, it is intended that rural centers be allowed incremental growth over [time, in an organic fashion, providing] <u>time, providing</u> for generations to remain in their home towns and maintain the economic viability of our rural and suburban communities.	Planning Commission recommendation Acceptable

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Preamble	Physical Development and Urban Design	10	Amend 3rd paragraph	The General Plan [now also contains an objective on] <u>recognizes the increasing need to plan for, address, and mitigate the impacts of climate change and sea level rise. It calls for the City to lead and for all public and private organizations to prepare for [the future] problems caused by rises in sea level, rises in groundwater levels, and more frequent and severe storms, shifts in local rainfall patterns, <u>increased flooding</u>, and higher urban temperatures. The Climate Change Adaptation Priority Guidelines of the Hawai'i State Planning Act, HRS § 226-109, <u>the Ola: O'ahu Resilience Strategy, the Multi-Hazard Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan for the City and County of Honolulu, the Climate Adaptation Design Principles for Urban Development, and the forthcoming City and County of Honolulu Climate Adaptation Strategy</u> support planning and preparing for future disruptions and dislocations due to climate change.</u>	Recommend no change. Original language is more accurate and concise. It is also not necessary to list every related document in the General Plan, this is not done for other topics.

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Preamble	Public Safety and Community Resilience	10	Change language in last sentence at end of 1 st paragraph	This includes creating resilient, disaster-ready communities that are mentally and physically prepared for disasters and environmental stressors including those caused or exacerbated <u>driven</u> by climate change, and sea level rise.	Acceptable
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Preamble	Culture and Recreation	11	Amend 1 st sentence of 1st paragraph	Preservation and enhancement of Hawai'i's multiethnic culture will be achieved through policies that encourage and respect the Native Hawaiian culture and its vital influence on the way of life on O'ahu; recognize unique local cultures, values and traditions; <u>ensure equity for historically marginalized groups in our community</u> ; protect and enhance cultural, historic and archaeological sites, buildings, and artifacts; and promote the living arts and culture of our multi-cultural heritage.	No comment at this time.

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Preamble	Culture and Recreation	11	Amend 2 nd paragraph	[The use of leisure time is addressed through objectives] <u>Programs</u> and policies encouraging visual and performing arts and the provision of a wide range of recreational facilities and services [that are readily available to] <u>are critical to the quality of life for all</u> residents and visitors. New policies also call for utilizing our unique natural environment in a responsible way for cultural events and activities, and for creating and promoting recreational venues for all to enjoy from [kūpuna] <u>kūpuna</u> to keiki, kama'āina and malihini.	Acceptable

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Preamble	Government Operations and Fiscal Mgmt	11-12	Amend 1st paragraph	<p>The objectives and policies in the first ten <u>key areas</u> [of concern represent an ambitious agenda which stretches the resources of City government to the limit.] <u>rely on a well-run, transparent, and resourceful City government.</u> Increased efficiency, effectiveness, responsiveness, and fiscal [integrity] <u>responsibility</u> in carrying out the functions of City government are crucial to the City's ability to successfully fulfill its many duties. <u>[A good approach is to right size government so that its programs and services fit the needs of the people of O'ahu.] In an age of increased technology, automation and citizen engagement, government operations must evolve to become more open, embrace crowd-sourcing, and collaborate with communities while also delivering services quickly and ensuring integrity. Increasing challenges require more nimble systems that can adapt and pivot. Revenue mechanisms to support these operations should ensure social and economic equity, encourage sustainability, and be aligned to support and not undermine the other ten key areas.</u></p>	<p>Recommend no changes to highlighted sentences. Existing language suffices in a much more concise manner.</p>

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Preamble	Role of the C&C Govt	14	Amend 1 st paragraph	Also essential to policy implementation are the City's annual budget and six-year capital-improvement program, both of which should must be consistent with the objectives and policies of the General Plan, especially with regard to long-term commitments of money. <u>funding.</u>	Avoid forceful terms such as "must".
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Preamble	Role of the C&C Govt	14	Amend 2 nd paragraph	[It is necessary to remember, however, that the] <u>The</u> City and County government is not alone in determining the general welfare of the people of O'ahu. The State and Federal governments, too, have an important influence on the <u>quality of</u> life of the community. The City and County recognizes the need for close cooperation among the various levels of government and [in striving to meet] promote the objectives of the General Plan [pledges not to lose sight of this very great need.] when acting in concert with state and federal partners.	Avoid forceful terms such as "must". Recommend no changes to highlighted sentence. Revised sentence is awkward.

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Preamble	Citizen Participation	14	Amend 1 st paragraph	<p>[Individual] <u>The participation of individual citizens and community groups</u> [should participate freely] <u>is critical to help bring about the success of the General Plan.</u> Indeed, in a democratic society, they have a responsibility to express their concerns to the City and County government and [to] work constantly for more effective government action. [Residents of the] <u>The City and County of Honolulu</u> [are encouraged to democratically and meaningfully participate in the determination of] <u>will eliminate barriers and encourage the democratic and meaningful participation of all residents to help determine the direction and quality of future</u> [growth] <u>development on O'ahu through the City's Neighborhood Board system, community organizations, and associations.</u></p>	Recommend no changes to highlighted portion, emphasis is on the role of citizens.
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Preamble	Citizen Participation	14-15	Amend last sentence of 2 nd paragraph	<p>The government also needs to engage its citizens in new, evolving ways to maximize participation, including social media and other [forms of electronic communications.] <u>digital platforms.</u></p>	Acceptable

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Preamble	Implementation	15	Amend 1 st paragraph	[By itself, the General Plan cannot bring about all of the changes and improvements which the City and County government considers to be desirable and attainable. It] The <u>General Plan</u> is, by design, a [very] broad <u>policy</u> document, and one of its purposes is to establish a comprehensive vision for the City and County of Honolulu and [to] <u>identify and adhere to a coherent set of guidelines, values, and principles</u> which can be used in developing plans, programs, and legislation for guiding O'ahu's future.	Recommend no change. The first sentence is important for context. "Adhere" implies that something has the force of regulation, which this Plan does not provide.
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Preamble	Implementation	15	Amend 2 nd paragraph, 1st sentence	The <u>Development Plans (DPs)</u> and <u>Sustainable Community Plans (SCPs)</u> , according to the City Charter, are "conceptual schemes" that describe "the desired urban character and the significant natural, scenic and cultural resources" within a region (Revised Charter of Honolulu Sec. 6-1509).	Acceptable

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Preamble	Implementation	15	Amend last sentence, 3 rd paragraph	These plans should not, however, be confused with zoning ordinances [.] <u>which</u> [Zoning ordinances] will continue to regulate the use of land within clearly demarcated zones and set detailed standards for the height, bulk, and location of buildings.	Acceptable
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Preamble	Implementation	15	Amend last 2 sentences, 4 th paragraph	This will ensure that the provision of City services is in accord with the General Plan's objectives, and policies, and provisions contained in the lower tiers of plans. Similarly, State [functional] <u>Functional</u> [plans] <u>Plans</u> and the General Plan are to be mutually consistent, as per the Hawai'i State Planning Act.	Acceptable
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Preamble	Implementation	16	Amend 3 rd sentence, 2 nd paragraph	In addition, the private sector contributes significantly to O'ahu's economy as the primary leaders in development, construction, and health care industries, thereby providing [jobs] <u>goods, services,</u> and employment for many residents.	Acceptable

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Preamble	Amendments	16	Amend last two sentences of 1 st paragraph in this section	[One means of accomplishing this is provided by the] <u>The City Charter</u> [which] directs the Director of Planning and Permitting to undertake a comprehensive review of the General Plan at least once every ten years for Council consideration. [More importantly, however,] <u>However,</u> the City Council may amend or revise the General Plan whenever it deems necessary [=] <u>to ensure relevance and address changing conditions.</u>	Recommend no change. Original language reads better.
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Preamble	Amendments	16	Delete first sentence of 2 nd paragraph in this section	[Emphasis should be placed on reevaluating and amending selected General Plan objectives and policies as problems and issues arise.]	Recommend no change. The first paragraph in this section focuses on the wholesale update of the General Plan, while the emphasis of this paragraph is on amending selection sections, as stated in the original language.

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Preamble	Amendments	17	Delete entire 3 rd paragraph of this section	[One of the key assumptions underlying many of the General Plan objectives and policies is anticipated future population growth for O'ahu as projected by the State Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT). Consequently, whenever DBEDT revises its population projections for O'ahu, the objectives and policies of the General Plan will be re-evaluated in light of the new projections, and amendments will be proposed as may be appropriate. Also, whenever revised population projections include an extended time horizon, the General Plan will be re-evaluated to ensure that its objectives and policies remain valid for the extended planning horizon.]	<p>Strongly oppose removing this paragraph - a growing population is the fundamental reason for planning which is captured in the General Plan.</p> <p>The GP considers how that <u>population</u> should be allocated in an island of limited resources. The DPs and SCPs provide further policy guidance, while the zoning code provides the means to regulate how <u>development</u> should occur to accommodate that <u>population</u>. It is important to understand that the terms "<u>population</u>" and "<u>development</u>" are not synonymous and are not interchangeable in the context of the GP.</p> <p>DPP is amenable to deleting the last sentence of the 3rd paragraph (highlighted). It is too specific for the Preamble.</p>
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Preamble	Interpretation	17	Amend 1 st sentence, 2 nd paragraph in this section	The City's directed [<u>growth</u>] <u>development</u> policy is stated in Chapter I (Population), Objective B.	Strongly recommend no change. Objective B is focused on population growth, <u>not</u> development.

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Population	Objective A	19	Amend language	To plan for anticipated population growth development in a manner that acknowledges the limits of O'ahu's natural resources, that protects the environment, and that minimizes social, cultural, and economic disruptions.	Recommend no change to highlighted language. It is important to understand that the terms "population" and "development" are not synonymous and are not interchangeable in the context of the GP. DPP is amenable to the following: To plan for anticipated population growth development in a manner...
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Population	Objective A, Policy 1	19	Amend language	Allocate efficiently the money and resources of the City and County in order to meet the needs of O'ahu's anticipated future population. <u>current residents and future generations.</u>	Recommend no change. Future population is the fundamental reason for planning which is captured in the General Plan.
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Population	Objective A, Policy 2	19	Amend language	Provide adequate support facilities infrastructure to accommodate future numbers of visitors to O'ahu while seeking to minimize disruption to <u>protecting the quality of life for residents and</u> protect <u>protecting</u> the natural environment.	Recommend no change to highlighted language. Infrastructure is not the same as support facilities.

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Population	Objective A, Policy 3	19	Amend language	[Seek a balanced pace of physical] <u>Balance</u> development [in harmony] with the County's environmental, social, cultural, and economic goals by [effecting and] <u>consistently and forcefully</u> enforcing City and County regulations.	Recommend no change , revised language changes the meaning and is awkward.
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Population	Objective A, Policy 5	19	Amend language	Support family planning [-] <u>and social equity.</u>	Suggest a separate policy or clarify. This is not a pairing that makes sense.
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Population	Objective B, Policy 3	20	Amend Policy 3 Note: This adds a new Section b and then rennumbers b and c	Manage land use and development in the urban-fringe and rural areas so that: a. development is contained within growth boundaries; and b. population densities in all areas remain consistent with the character and the culture and environmental qualities desired for each community.] <u>b. development is prevented in areas subject to extreme weather events such as sea level rise, flooding, high wind zones, and fire; and</u> <u>c. population densities in all areas remain consistent with the character,</u> [and the] culture, and environmental qualities desired for each community.	Recommend no change. Strongly oppose the addition of new item (b). Objective B is on population distribution, not on regulating development in certain areas. The General Plan is a policy document, not a regulatory tool.

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Table 1		20	Add language to * at bottom of table	* O'ahu's population is based on DBEDT's latest population projections. The percent share for each DP/SCP area is an approximation derived through rounding.	Recommend no change. "Development Plan" is the term used in the City Charter, Section 6-1509.
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Figure 3	Oahu Development Pattern	21			Revise Figure to be consistent with Exhibit 1-1 in the East Honolulu SCP (Ordinance 21-11).
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	II. The Economy		23	Amend section title	II. THE ECONOMY AND <u>EQUITY</u>	No comment at this time.
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	The Economy and Equity	Objective A	23	Amend language	To promote <u>diversified economic opportunities that enable all the people of O'ahu to attain meaningful employment</u> [and a decent standard of living.] <u>while earning a living wage.</u>	Recommend no changes to highlighted language. Sentence as written would include earning a living wage.
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	The Economy and Equity	Objective A, Policy 1	23	Amend language	Support a strong, diverse, and dynamic economic base resilient to changes in global conditions.	Acceptable

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	The Economy and Equity	Objective A, Policy 3	23	Amend language	Pursue opportunities to grow and strategically develop non-polluting industries such as <u>healthcare, sustainable agriculture, regenerative tourism, green energy and transportation, innovation and technology, housing and re-development, resilient infrastructure, and film and entertainment [trade, communications, media, medical, life sciences, and technology]</u> in appropriate locations that contribute to O'ahu's long-term environmental, economic, and social sustainability.	Recommend no change. Added language is too specific and should use layman's terms rather than industry-specific words that may not be widely understood. DP is amenable to replacing medical with healthcare and adding sustainable agriculture. Is housing and re-development a non polluting industry?
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	The Economy and Equity	Objective A, Policy 5	23	Amend language	Foster a healthy business climate by <u>making [streamlining] regulatory processes [;] more transparent, predictable and efficient. [and by encouraging complementary policies that support access to capital and markets and protection of the natural environment.]</u>	Recommend no change. Further discussion is required, policies 4 and 5 may need reworking.
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	The Economy and Equity	Objective A, Policy 6	24	Amend language	Encourage <u>Support</u> the development of local, national, and world markets for the products of O'ahu-based industries <u>and cooperatives</u> .	Recommend no change. Why are cooperatives singled out?

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	The Economy and Equity	Objective B	24	Amend language	To maintain a successful visitor industry that creates <u>meaningful living wage</u> employment, enhances quality of life, and celebrates actively supports our unique sense of place, natural beauty, Native Hawaiian culture, and multi-cultural heritage.	Recommend no changes to highlighted language. We want broad language in a General Plan, especially in the Objective. "Living Wage" is only one aspect of employment and "meaningful" covers it.
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	The Economy and Equity	Objective B, Policy 1	24	Amend language	[Encourage] Ensure that the visitor industry [to improve] supports the quality of the visitor experience, the economic and social well-being of communities, and the quality of life of residents [-] <u>by promoting a regenerative tourism model that protects natural resources while minimizing visitor impact.</u>	Recommend no changes to highlighted language. "Ensure" is too strong of word. Keep "encourage". Suggested alternative language on the last sentence forthcoming.
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	The Economy and Equity	Objective B, Policy 2	24	Amend language	Respect and emphasize the value that Native Hawaiian culture, and its cultural practitioners, and other established ethnic traditions [-] bring to enriching the visitor experience and appreciation for island heritage, culture, and values.	Acceptable

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	The Economy and Equity	Objective B, Policy 3	24	Amend language	Guide the development and operation of visitor accommodations and attractions in a manner which avoids unsustainable increases in the cost of providing public services and infrastructure, and which respects existing lifestyles, cultural practices, and natural, cultural, and historic [resources] <u>resource access for local residents</u> .	Recommend no change. Visitor accommodations and attractions should not be at the expense of natural, cultural, and historic resources in the largest sense, not just to maintain "access for local residents".
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	The Economy and Equity	Objective B, Policy 4	24	Amend language	[Provide for] <u>Partner with the private sector to support</u> the long-term viability of Waikīkī as a world-class visitor destination and as O'ahu's primary resort area . [by giving Waikīkī priority in visitor industry related public expenditures and by encouraging private investment in enhancing facilities and attractions that support the visitor industry.]	Recommend no change. Waikiki continues to be Oahu's primary resort area and policies supporting this is needed. This would be an appropriate place to incorporate SLR.
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	The Economy and Equity	Objective B, Policy 5	24	Amend language	Provide related public expenditures for <u>infrastructure in</u> rural and urban-fringe areas that are highly impacted by the visitor industry.	Recommend no change, further discussion may be required to prevent the policy limitation towards only infrastructure.

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	The Economy and Equity	Objective B, Policy 6	24	Amend language	Provide for a high-quality and [safe] <u>livable</u> environment for [visitors and] residents <u>as well as visitors in Waikīkī [7] .</u> [and support measures to ensure visitors' and residents' safety in all areas of O'ahu.]	Recommend no change. Emphasis is on safe environment and includes all of Oahu.
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	The Economy and Equity	Objective B, Policy 7	24	Amend language	Concentrate on the quality of the visitor experience in Waikīkī [7] . [rather than on development densities.]	Recommend no change. The emphasis is that continued development is not the solution for maintain and assuring a viable tourism industry over the long-term. As revised, it is an incomplete thought.
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	The Economy and Equity	Objective B, Policy 8	25	Amend language	[Facilitate] <u>Manage</u> the development of the following secondary resort areas: Ko 'Olina [Resort] , Turtle Bay [Resort] , [Hoakalei Resort at] Ocean Pointe, <u>and</u> Mākaha Valley [, and Laie.] <u>in a manner that respects existing lifestyles and the natural environment.</u>	Partial Planning Commission Edit Leave in Laie, it is included in the Koolau Loa SCP, Ordinance 21-1.
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	The Economy and Equity	Objective B, Policy 9	25	Amend language	Preserve [the well-known and widely publicized] scenic qualities of O'ahu for residents and visitors alike.	Acceptable, except restore "the"

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	The Economy and Equity	Objective B, Policy 10	25	Amend language	Encourage physical improvements, social services and cultural programs that contribute to a high [-quality] <u>value</u> visitor experience [-] , <u>while ensuring that visitors financially support these improvements.</u>	Recommend no change. Unclear what “high value visitor experience” means. GP policies are meant to be broad, this language is too specific and what does this imply? Fees collected must be allocated to all these programs and improvements? OPPOSE change from “quality” to “value”. SUPPORT the addition at the end of the policy.
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	The Economy and Equity	Objective B, Policy 11	25	Delete Policy 11	[Policy 11 Consider small scale community oriented visitor accommodations in non resort areas with attention to community input, compatibility of uses, infrastructure adequacy, and the ability to enforce effectively.]	Planning Commission Edit Recommend no change. The existing North Shore SCP (2011) includes a policy on small-scale visitor accommodations in Haleiwa and Waialua. As the update process is currently ongoing.
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	The Economy and Equity	Objective C	25	Amend language	To ensure the long-term viability and continued productivity and sustainability of agriculture on O'ahu	Acceptable
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	The Economy and Equity	Objective C, Policy 2	25	Amend language	Support agricultural diversification to help strengthen the agricultural industry and [tø] make more locally grown food available for local consumption.	Acceptable

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	The Economy and Equity	Objective C, Policy 3	25	Amend language	Foster market opportunities and increased consumer demand for [safe,] locally grown, fresh and [processed] <u>value-added</u> agricultural products.	Recommend no change. Safety is important in the food supply. "Processed" means manipulated (i.e. peeled, packaged, chopped, seasoned, etc.) or prepared local foods. Value-added is acceptable to add.
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	The Economy and Equity	Objective C, Policy 4	25	Amend language	Streamline the implementation of regulations <u>Make regulations more transparent and efficient</u> to enhance a producer's ability to develop, market, and distribute locally grown food and products.	Recommend no change. The key word here is implementation
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	The Economy and Equity	Objective C, Policy 6	25	Amend language	Promote <u>Support</u> small-scale farming activities and other operations, such as truck farming, flower growing, aquaculture, livestock production, taro growing, and subsistence farms.	Acceptable
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	The Economy and Equity	Objective C, Policy 7	26	Amend language	Encourage landowners to actively use agricultural lands for agricultural purposes, <u>and to permanently preserve agricultural land with high productivity potential for agricultural production.</u>	Acceptable
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	The Economy and Equity	Objective C, Policy 8	26	Amend language	Encourage landowners to permanently preserve agricultural land with high productivity potential for agricultural production. <u>Encourage new policies, programs, and technology that allow sustainable agricultural production to coexist on lands with renewable energy generation.</u>	Acceptable

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	The Economy and Equity	Objective C, Policy 10	26	Amend language	Support and encourage technologies and agricultural practices that conserve and protect water, soil, air quality, and drainage areas, <u>reduce carbon emissions</u> , and that promote public health and safety.	Acceptable
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	The Economy and Equity	Objective C, Policy 11	26	Amend language	Support and encourage the availability and use of non-potable water for agricultural irrigation.	Acceptable
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	The Economy and Equity	Objective C, Policy 15	26	Amend language	Protect the right to farm by <u>local farming operations by enforcing right-to-farm laws enacting policies to protect agricultural operations</u> and by imposing meaningful buffer zones.	Recommend no change. Refers to Right to Farm Act, HRS Chapter 165.
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	The Economy and Equity	Objective D, Policy 3	27	Amend language	Encourage the expansion <u>Support</u> of ocean recreation activities for residents and visitors <u>that are done</u> in a sustainable manner.	Acceptable, suggest "operated" instead of "done".
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	The Economy and Equity	Objective E	27	Amend language	To prevent the occurrence of large-scale unemployment <u>ensure meaningful employment and economic equity.</u>	Recommend no change.
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	The Economy and Equity	Objective E, Policy 1	27	Amend language	Encourage <u>Support</u> public and private training and employment programs to prepare residents for existing and future jobs, <u>including historically marginalized communities.</u>	Acceptable, except typo: "Including <u>those</u> for..."

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	The Economy and Equity	Objective E, Policy 3	27	Amend language	Encourage the provision of retraining programs for workers in industries with planned reductions in their labor force Support the provision of living wages for City workers and for O'ahu residents more broadly.	Recommend no change. This policy is not about City workers it is about supporting workforce retraining in the event of (any) industry downsizing.
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	The Economy and Equity	Objective E, Policy 4	27	Amend language	Identify emerging industries, and encourage industries, encourage investments needed to support the industries in these sectors, and to develop a skilled workforce to fill positions in these areas.	Recommend no change. Proposed language is more confusing and does not change meaning.
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	The Economy and Equity	Objective F	27	Amend language	To maintain a high level of Federal spending programs and economic activity on O'ahu consistent with the City's infrastructure and environmental goals.	Acceptable
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	The Economy and Equity	Objective F, Policy 1	27	Add comma	which contribute to the economic, social, cultural, and environmental well-being	Acceptable
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	The Economy and Equity	Objective F, Policy 2	27	Amend language	Encourage Ensure that the Federal government to pay for the cost of public services used by Federal agencies.	Recommend no change. "Ensure" too strong of a word. Check grammar.

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	The Economy and Equity	Objective F, Policy 5	28	Add NEW Policy 5	Policy 5 Encourage the continuation of a high level of military-related employment both on and off base in the Hickam-Pearl Harbor, Wahiawā, Kailua-Kāne'ōhe, and 'Ewa areas.	Recommend no change. The objective is specifically on federal spending. This policy appears to be related to businesses that rely on the military population for support?
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	The Economy and Equity	Objective G	28	Amend language	To [bring about orderly economic growth] support economic equity and reduce stratification between economic groups on O'ahu.	Awkward wording.
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	The Economy and Equity	Objective G, Policy 1	28	DELETE Policy 1	Policy 1 Concentrate economic activity and government services in the primary urban center and in the secondary urban center at Kapolei.	Oppose deletion. One of the primary objectives of the GP is to guide growth. These are the population centers.
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	The Economy and Equity	Objective G, Policy 2	28	Amend language and Renumber Policy 2 as Policy 1	Policy [2] 1 [Permit the moderate growth of business centers in the urban fringe areas.] Ensure the equitable distribution of city capital spending, employment opportunities, infrastructure investments, and other benefits throughout communities based on need and regardless of income level.	Recommend no change. The revised language completely changes the meaning of this policy. Consider combine added language to the above policy to express that less populated areas should have commensurate business activity to better match jobs and housing.
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	The Economy and Equity	Objective G, Policy 3	28	Renumber Policy 3 as Policy 2	Policy [3] 2	

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	The Economy and Equity	Objective G, Policy 4	28	DELETE Policy 4	Policy 4 Encourage the continuation of a high level of military-related employment both on and off base in the Hickam Pearl Harbor, Wahiawā, Kailua-Kāne'ōhe, and 'Ewa areas.	This became new Policy 5 in Objective F Oppose this deletion. This is more appropriately placed under Objective G which relates to orderly growth.
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Natural Environment and Resource Stewardship	Objective A, Policy 1	29	Amend Language	Protect O'ahu's natural environment, especially the shoreline, valleys, ridges, and watersheds, <u>and wetlands</u> from incompatible development.	Acceptable
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Natural Environment and Resource Stewardship	Objective A, Policy 2	29	Amend Language	Seek <u>Promote</u> the restoration of environmentally damaged areas and natural resources.	Recommend no change. The General Plan is a policy document, not an action plan. "Seek" is stronger language than "promote".
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Natural Environment and Resource Stewardship	Objective A, Policy 3	29	Amend Language	Protect, <u>Preserve, protect, and restore</u> and enhance stream flows and stream habitats to support aquatic and environmental processes and riparian, scenic, recreational, and Native Hawaiian cultural resources.	Recommend no change. Green/grey solutions may be appropriate in some cases, including partial restorations, flood protections, etc.

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Natural Environment and Resource Stewardship	Objective A, Policy 4	29	Amend Language	Require development projects to <u>avoid</u> give due consideration to natural features and hazards such as slope, inland and coastal erosion, and flood hazards, water-recharge areas, and existing vegetation , as well as to plan for <u>the impact of rising sea levels on</u> coastal hazards that threaten life and property.	Recommend no change. The term “avoid” is to forceful of a word. Why remove existing vegetation? Coastal hazards already includes SLR.
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Natural Environment and Resource Stewardship	Objective A, Policy 5	29	Amend Language	Require sufficient setbacks from O'ahu's shorelines to minimize threats to <u>protect</u> life and property and to minimize <u>property</u> , <u>preserve natural shoreline areas and sandy beaches</u> , <u>preserve public lateral access along the shoreline</u> , and <u>actively avoid</u> the future need for protective structures or relocation of structures.	Recommend no change. Access is covered further below in another policy.
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Natural Environment and Resource Stewardship	Objective A, Policy 7	30	Amend Language	Protect the natural environment from damaging levels of air, water, <u>carbon</u> , and noise pollution	Recommend no change. Carbon pollution is a form of air pollution and does not need to be called out separately here.
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Natural Environment and Resource Stewardship	Objective A, Policy 9	30	Amend Language	Protect <u>Increase tree canopy and ensure</u> their integration into new developments, and <u>protect</u> significant trees on public and private lands. and encourage their integration into new developments.]	Acceptable, except “ensure” should be “encourage”.

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Natural Environment and Resource Stewardship	Objective A, Policy 12	30	Amend Language	Plan and prepare for <u>and mitigate</u> the impacts of climate change on the natural environment, including [strategies of adaptation.] <u>fresh water supply, forest health, fire control, and beach preservation.</u>	Recommend no change. The language is too specific, and "adaptation" covers the added examples and possibly more
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Natural Environment and Resource Stewardship	Objective B, Policy 1	30	Amend Language	Protect the Island's significant natural resources: its mountains and craters; forests and watershed areas; [marshes,] <u>wetlands</u> , rivers, and streams; shorelines, fishponds, and bays; and reefs and offshore islands.	Acceptable
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Natural Environment and Resource Stewardship	Objective B, Policy 4	30	Amend Language	[Promote] Protect and expand public access to the natural <u>and coastal</u> environment for recreational, educational, and cultural purposes and [the maintenance thereof] <u>maintain access</u> in a way that does not damage natural, historic, or cultural resources.	Acceptable
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Housing and Communities	Objective A, Policy 1	31	Amend Language	Support programs, policies, and strategies which will provide [decent homes] <u>affordable and sustainable housing options</u> for local [residents] residents, [at the least possible cost.] <u>especially in the lowest income brackets.</u>	Recommend no change Further discussion is required. Public cost should be a factor in the City's affordable housing strategy and policies, in addition the GP is intended to address policies for all residents on Oahu and should not be directed towards any one particular group.

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Housing and Communities	Objective A, Policy 2	31	Amend Language	[Streamline approval] Increase automation, transparency, and efficiency in permit and approval procedures for housing and other development projects.	Recommend alternative term to "automation," as it may infer a reduction in review towards the health and safety of structures, traded-off in an "automated" process.
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Housing and Communities	Objective A, Policy 3	31	Amend Language	Encourage innovative residential developments which result in lower costs, [the] sustainable use of resources, [the] more efficient use of land and infrastructure, greater convenience and privacy, and a distinct community identity.	Acceptable
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Housing and Communities	Objective A, Policy 11	32	Amend Language	Encourage the construction of affordable homes within established low-density and rural communities by such means as 'ohana units, duplex dwellings, and cluster development that embraces the 'ohana concept by maintaining multi-generational proximity for local families.	Recommend no change. "Rural" in this context does not mean "agricultural" but is equivalent to country or "low density" housing areas.
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Housing and Communities	Objective A, Policy 12	32	Amend Language	Promote higher-density, mixed-use development where appropriate, including rail transit-oriented development, to increase the supply of affordable and market homes convenient to jobs, <u>schools</u> , shops and public transit.	Acceptable

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Housing and Communities	Objective A, Policy 13	32	Amend Language	Encourage the production and maintenance of affordable rental [housing,] <u>housing.</u> [‘ohana housing, and accessory dwelling units.]	Further discussion required on housing types and other housing options and strategies.
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Housing and Communities	Objective B, Policy 2	33	Amend Language	<u>Establish policies and programs that discourage</u> [Discourage] speculation in lands outside of areas planned for urban [use.] <u>use,</u> <u>reduce the prevalence of vacant units, reduce the use of residential units for short term vacation rentals.</u>	Recommend no change. Policy contains too many different thoughts, recommend checking for duplicity
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Housing and Communities	Objective C	33	Amend Language	To provide residents with a choice of living environments which are reasonably close to employment, education, recreation, and commercial centers and which are adequately served by transportation networks and public utilities.	Acceptable
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Housing and Communities	Objective C, Policy 1	33	Amend Language	Ensure that residential developments offer [a variety of homes] <u>affordable housing</u> to people of different income levels and to families of various sizes. [to reduce large household sizes and alleviate the existing condition of overcrowding.]	Further discussion required, removal of “large household sizes” is acceptable, but maintain language on “existing conditions of overcrowding.”
Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Housing and Communities	Objective C, Policy 4	34	Amend Language	Encourage residential development in [suburban] areas where existing roads, utilities, and other community facilities are not being used to capacity, and in urban areas where higher densities can be readily accommodated.	Recommend no change. To produce sufficient housing, and affordable housing, appropriate infill should be encouraged in suburban areas. May also inadvertently support policy for expansion of development in rural areas.

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Resolution 21-23	O'ahu General Plan	Plan	Housing and Communities	Objective C, Policy 6	34	Amend Language	<u>Avoid</u> residential development in areas where the topography makes construction difficult or [hazardous] <u>hazardous, where sea level rise and flooding will occur</u> , and where providing and maintaining roads, utilities, and other facilities would be extremely costly or environmentally damaging.	Replace the language, "will occur" with "are a hazard."
Comments on remaining GP sections are forthcoming.								