

Resolution 21-23  
Testimony

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## Written Testimony

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Councilmember Elefante's proposed amendments to the O'ahu General Plan.

Written Testimony

Sincerely,  
Dyson Chee

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## Written Testimony

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Aloha!

I am a lifelong Oahu resident and would like to provide feedback. I recently tried to purchase an affordable/reserved housing unit and was denied because I purchased investment property in Las Vegas in 2007. At 38 years of age, I currently still live with my elderly parents because I have been priced out of the market with no exit strategy in sight, while those from the mainland and foreign countries are currently allowed to purchase first time buyer/affordable units.

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I've asked HCDA and HHFDC to consider amending their eligibility requirements to allow Hawaii residents who own investment property out of state to be eligible for affordable housing, however, I was ignored. I submitted multiple offers with \$100,000 cash down to purchase an older market priced studio and was both insulted and rejected by multiple sellers who only consider all cash offers. I want to purchase an owner occupant unit to live in, however, I cannot afford market prices as as (which are artificially inflated due to affordable housing requirements and ratios).

Until they change the entry requirements (Which it appears they never will), I support increasing the height and density limits along the rail line. I believe the height limit is currently 400 feet, and 500 to 600 feet is reasonable. Increasing density by allowing micro units will also help with affordable housing since many people who live near a rail station will not need to own or use a car. Allow for building of walkable communities near the line.

I just want to be able to purchase a small studio of my own, but cannot afford today and tomorrow's prices. Increase building height limits near the rail stations and reduce the square footage minimums via increased density requirements so I have more options. That is my only hope to purchase a home of my own on my home island.

Mahalo!

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AGENDA REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2021 9:00 A.M.**

***Testimony from Johnnie-Mae L. Perry, resident of Wai'anae, O'ahu, O'hana, 7<sup>th</sup> generation of Wai'anae, and long-time community advocate. Email: [waianaenb569@gmail.com](mailto:waianaenb569@gmail.com)***

*I am a novice at this; therefore, I need the aforementioned Councilmember Brandon J. C. Elefante, Chair, Esther Kia'aina, Vice Chair and Planning & Zoning members, and District 1 Councilmember Andrea Tupola assistance to insert my community concerns in **Resolution 21-23 O'ahu General Plan** in the appropriate preamble. In addition, residents that reside at the*

Beginning at Kaena Point thence east along the south boundary of Kaena Military Reservation extended, east along the south boundary of Kaena Military Reservation, east to top of the south rim of the Waianae Range, south east along the Waialua-Waianae District Boundary (crest of the Waianae Range) to the junction of the Wahiawa-Waianae District Boundary, thence south along the Wahiawa-Waianae District Boundary to the junction of the Wahiawa-Waianae District Boundary and the Lualualei Naval Reservation, south west along the Lualualei Naval Reservation to Lualualei Homestead Road, west to the junction of Mailili Road and Lualualei Homestead Road; west to the crest of Puu Mailili; thence for 3000 feet along this crest to the southern boundary of the Waianae WWTP, west along this boundary to the Pacific Ocean, thence north to the point of beginning.

***Please insert the following in the appropriate preamble: No private nor city, state, and federal "landfill" in the above-forementioned boundaries. Stronger law enforcement and city, state and federal to address "illegal gambling, advertisement of alcohol, tobacco, vaping, etc. on store fronts, loitering at store fronts for example 7-11 stores, and illegal dumping."***

***Resolution 21-23 O'ahu General Plan***

5. RESOLUTION 21-23 – O'AHU GENERAL PLAN. Adopting the 2017 edition of the General Plan of the City and County of Honolulu (The O'ahu General Plan), which supersedes all previous editions and changes. (Transmitted by Communication D-235[2018])

Related communications:

CC-360 (2021) Councilmember Elefante, submitting proposed amendments on October 15, 2021 to the O'ahu General Plan attached to Resolution 21-23.

D-697 (2021) Department of Planning and Permitting, submitting comments and proposed amended General Plan language on October 11, 2021 in response to the proposed amendments in Council Communications No. 269(21).

*Mahalo,*

*Johnnie-Mae L. Perry*

*October 18, 2021*

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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## Written Testimony

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Feedback for the General Plan:

IV: Housing and Communities. Feedback for inclusion in Objective A or B:

Written Testimony "Encourage homeownership, including single-family homes, by local individuals and families (year-round owner occupants) rather than investors."

Rationale: Such an objective would combat the issues of short-term vacation rentals and monster homes as well as potentially drive rental prices down by increasing homeownership by local individuals and families.

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IV. Housing and Communities  
Objective A. Policy 2.

Written Testimony Please include the word "transparency" within the policy regarding permitting.

Rationale: Permitting should be made more transparent to applicants and the general public.

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**From:** CLK Council Info  
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Aloha Z&P Chair Elefante and Committee Members,

In addition to the O'ahu General Plan Hui comments submitted by Donna Wong, which I support, I wish to make the following strong objections to the dramatic weakening of policies and objectives in the revised draft based on DPP suggestions related to Climate, the Climate Crisis, or Climate Change. Pick one term and run with it - but do not put it in the closet and hope it goes away. It won't.

Section VI. Energy. DPP has suggested adding after Energy the word SYSTEMS, which is fine so long as Climate Change or the Climate Crisis is *\*ALSO\** added to the title of this section and addressed throughout the document.

Written Testimony DPP's suggestion that climate is "interwoven" in the document and therefore does not deserve to be highlighted as a key element of the OGP is, in my view, absolutely not true and sadly short-sighted.

The Climate Crisis will overwhelm every other policy in the OGP in the coming years (not even decades) if we do not treat it as a distinct, high, and urgent priority under the OGP.

Therefore, I urge your Committee to reconsider every mention of energy and climate (and resilience) (particularly in Section VI) and do the following: (a) amend the Policy heading to Energy Systems and *\*Climate Crisis (or Change or Climate)\**, (b) add back in the OGP Hui's suggested language in these areas with specific targets for renewable energy targets *\*by 2030\** instead of 2045 - we need to embed urgency in our climate and resilience policies now - 2045 is too late; (c) align *\*the other Policies\** with these key goals of achieving new 2030 and existing 2045 clean energy goals of the State and City.

While the current proposed draft does make significant progress toward sustainability and

giving priority to residents' needs in many areas -- mahalo! -- the lack of priority given to the City's obligation, through the foundation planning document for the next decade or more, to address the climate crisis is a glaring weakness.

I think we will all regret if this weakness is not fixed in this round of revisions.

Mahalo nui,  
Denise Antolini, Pūpūkea Resident

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O'ahu General Plan Hui testimony on proposed amendment to  
Resolution 21-23 O'ahu General Plan

**O'ahu General Plan Hui Mission Statement**

We envision an updated O'ahu General Plan that recognizes residents and future generations as the highest priority in planning for our extraordinary and unique Pacific island home. We strive to holomua – move forward – a revised General Plan that: promotes sustainable, inclusive, self-reliant communities; is rooted in Hawai'i's indigenous wisdom and ahupua'a practices; acknowledges the carrying capacity and limits of our infrastructure and natural resources; protects and enhances a clean and healthful environment, and promotes environmental and social justice; acts immediately on the climate emergency; advances neighborhood food security; supports housing that is attainable for local families and working residents; promotes a diversified economy that substantially reduces reliance on tourism; ensures effective implementation, accountability, and alignment with O'ahu's eight sustainable and development plans; and enforces strict adherence to City and County ordinances and rules. Sustainability focuses on meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. Sustainability implies equilibrium and limits. Never ending growth is not sustainable, especially on an island.

Submitted by:

Donna Wong

Shar Chun-Lum

Kathleen Pahinui

Denise Antolini  
Larry McElheny  
Elizabeth Reilly  
Choon James

We thank Council member Elefante for his understanding of the importance of sustainability, climate change and sea level rise by including these issues in his amendments to the General Plan.

According to the City Charter, the General Plan “...is to 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...” which are all quality of life issues.

In addition to following the mandate of the City Charter a realistic and workable General Plan should:

- Encourage, honor and incorporate legitimate and meaningful resident participation
- Recognize residents and future generations as the highest priority in planning for our extraordinary and unique island home
- Promote sustainable, inclusive and self-reliant communities
- Be rooted in Hawaii’s indigenous wisdom and ahupua`a practices
- Acknowledge the carrying capacity and limits of our infrastructure, natural resources and land
- Protect and enhance a clean and healthful environment
- Support housing that is attainable for local families and working residents.
- Recognize residents and future generations as the highest priority in planning for our extraordinary and unique Pacific island home.

We would like you to consider making the following changes:

- Add Climate Change to the Energy title to read Energy Systems and Climate Change. This change recognizes the connection between energy sources and our changing climate.
- Add Carrying Capacity to the Population title to read Population/Carrying Capacity. We must recognize that we live on an island in which there are a maximum number of individuals that an environment can sustain over time without destroying or degrading the environment. Our planning documents must recognize this connection and begin enacting policies to address the capacity of our island, our communities, our water and infrastructure before we reach the point of no return.

Please consider our amendments, underlined and crossed-out, to item 25, which amends the 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph of the Preamble, Content of the General Plan:

- Compact and mixed-use development patterns that encourage low- and mid-rise housing for residents that reflects and preserve neighborhood character and higher densities and conserve energy and resources;
- Preservation and protection of agricultural, natural, cultural and open space resources;
- Energy efficient multi-modal transportation, pedestrian-friendly pathways, ~~networks~~ and ~~rail~~ transit-oriented developments along the 20-mile rail line to reduce automobile use;
- Efficient building design and technology to reduce waste, water, and energy consumption to achieve net-zero targets;
- Greater public awareness of and actions to avoid and reduce waste and eliminate excessive consumption;
- ~~Increased participating and scope of~~ Workable and efficient on-island recycling, upcycling, and waste stream reduction programs;
- Use of renewable energy sources to reduce dependence on imported fossil fuels to align with city and state climate and energy targets; where economically and environmentally appropriate;
- Place greater emphasis on production, distribution, and consumption of locally-grown food and locally produced products;
- Economic diversification that prioritizes ~~emphasizes~~ the well-being of O‘ahu’s residents and is resilient to changes in global conditions;

Item 29, Balance Economy, page 8, add the amendment to the following to the last sentence: A new policy also promotes an equitable access to technology and innovation and technologically savvy economy ...

Item 30, Natural Environment and Resource Stewardship, page 8, please consider adding amendments to the last sentence, The objectives and policies must recognize the importance of Hawai‘i’s indigenous wisdom and ahupua‘a practices and address climate change in protecting the natural environment for current and future generations.

Item 31, Housing and Communities, page 8, please consider our amendments to the paragraph: Obtaining decent, reasonably priced primary homes in safe and attractive neighborhoods has been a persistent problem for the residents of O‘ahu primarily due to the second-home market and vacation rentals in residential zones, ~~and is a primary concern of the General Plan.~~ This section recognizes the importance of preserving existing residential neighborhoods. ~~developing whole communities that are well-integrated with the surrounding land uses and the natural environment and that include housing, services, amenities, and job opportunities.~~

Item 32, page 8, please consider adding the following amendments: The objectives and policies for housing seek to provide a choice of living environments and affordable housing for residents, including the houseless, and to reduce inflationary speculation. ~~ensure a wide range of housing~~

~~opportunities and choices for residents 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 speculation in land and housing; and to address issues associated with homelessness so that all people have decent and stable shelter.~~

Item 33, Transportation and Utilities, please consider adding the following amendments: A safe, efficient, and cost-effective ~~multi-modal~~ transportation and pedestrian-friendly systems that reduce dependence on fossil fuels and generates less greenhouse gas emissions is essential to our environment, economic productivity, 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 to resident quality of life and achieving sustainability. ~~in the effective management of urban growth.~~ 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, bicyclists, public transit riders, and motorists.

Item 35, Transportation and Utilities, please consider adding the following amendments, To ensure sustainability, ~~Population growth results in increased demands for~~ reliable, cost-effective water, sewerage, recycling, and solid waste disposal services require innovation and better management provided by City government. ~~as well as the communication, electricity, and gas systems provided by the private sector.~~ Not only must such needs be met, but ~~The social, economic, and environmental consequences of meeting these needs must be~~ evaluated and mitigated. ~~carefully considered.~~

We eliminated Item 36 as too wordy and unfocused.

Item 37, we recommend the title Energy Systems and Climate Change.

Item 38, please consider amending (and shortening) the paragraph to read: ~~There is no more salient example of the direct impact of world events on an island community than the provision of energy.~~ With about 90% of O‘ahu’s electrical and transportation needs powered by imported fossil fuels, increasing energy self-sufficiency is a major priority to achieving stride toward sustainability. ~~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 must support net zero to net positive performance in the areas of energy, low carbon emissions, waste streams, all utilities, and food security.

Item 40, Preamble, Physical Development and Urban Design, we recommend the following amendments: Urban design emphasis is contained in objectives to create and maintain quality of life for residents ~~attractive, meaningful, and stimulating environments~~ and to promote and

enhance the social and physical character of O‘ahu’s older towns and neighborhoods. Given the population distribution reflected in the General Plan, it is intended that rural centers maintain their rural character, providing for residents and future generations to remain in their home towns and maintain the existing character of our rural and suburban communities.

For Item 44, Preamble, Culture and Recreation, we recommend the following amendments: Protection and preservation and enhancement of Hawai‘i’s multiethnic culture will be directed toward people, our most important resource, and 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; protect and preserve enhance cultural, historic and archaeological sites, buildings, and artifacts; and promote the living arts and culture of our multi-cultural heritage. The City ~~also~~ recognizes the importance of providing adequate well-maintained park space and facilities to keep up with resident needs and mitigate visitor impacts in all parts of the island, changing demand.

Item 49, Preamble, Role of the City Government, we recommend adding: The City and County government will implement the policies contained in the General Plan through ordinances and resolutions as well as through rules and regulations. Public accountability, strict enforcement, and effective implementation are critical to carry out the objectives and policies of the General Plan. Also essential to policy implementation are the City’s annual budget and six-year capital-improvement program, both of which should be consistent with the objectives and policies of the General Plan, especially with regard to long-term commitments of funding.

The Population Carrying Capacity section is about planning for and controlling population to avoid social and economic disruptions and recognizing that O‘ahu’s natural resources are finite.

We must recognize that we live on an island in which there are a maximum number of individuals that an environment can sustain over time without destroying or degrading the environment. Add the tourist population, military population and resident population together and our island environment could be at a tipping point but without addressing the carrying capacity of the ‘aina we will only know when it is too late.

In the Population/Carrying Capacity section we would like you to reconsider the following:

I. Population Objective A

- Keep the existing wording *To control growth of Oahu’s resident and visitor populations in order to avoid social, economic, and environmental disruptions.*
  - This policy has been a foundational element of the General Plan for over forty years. It wisely recognizes the limits inherent in an island environment.
  - Abandoning this objective means that we have given up on controlling growth in order to provide a better quality of life for local residents.

I. Population/Carrying Capacity Objective A Policy 2

- Replace proposed wording with Limit the number of tourists allowed on the island based on carry capacity and impacts on residents, infrastructure, and natural resources. This statement is in keeping with HTAs regenerative tourism and recognizes the need to study



untold and uncontrolled numbers of tourists on local residents, our infrastructure and our island finite natural resources.

- We would like you to consider replacing the wording in Population Objective A Policy 2 Provide adequate support facilities to accommodate future numbers of visitors to O`ahu while seeking to minimize disruption to residents and protect the natural environment with Limit the number of tourists allowed on the island based on carry capacity and impacts on residents, infrastructure, and natural resources. The General Plan is the people's plan, our guiding document of policies and objectives that should be directed to achieving a greater quality of life for local residents and not tourists.

I. Population/Carrying Capacity Objective A Policy 5

- Replace ~~Support family planning and social equity~~ with Recognize the resident population's impact on climate change and plan for climate change effects on development. This proposed wording recognizes people's impact on the climate and how changing climate will impact development, present and future, so that we can begin discussing and enacting policies that address such things as rising sea levels and relocating infrastructure from coastal areas.

I. Population/Carrying Capacity Objective A Policy 6

- Keep the current policy Publicize the desire of the City to limit population growth. This policy has been in the General Plan since 2002 and is the only that policy that expresses the City's objective to limit population on O`ahu to ensure a better quality of life for local residents. If it is removed then there is no City policy expressing the desire to limit population on O`ahu.

I. Population/Carrying Capacity Objective B

- Change this Objective to read *To establish a pattern of population distribution that will allow all residents to enjoy a good quality of life.* The proposed wording *live, work and play in harmony* is meaningless and open to interpretation. Quality of life recognizes the degree to which residents are healthy, comfortable, and have a joyful and meaningful life.

I. Population/Carrying Capacity Objective B, Policy 1

- Delete the words ~~and county~~ and keep the existing wording Allocate efficiently the money and resources of the City in order to meet the needs of O`ahu's anticipated future population. This policy pro-actively recognizes that funding and other resources will be needed island wide.

I. Population Objective B Policy 3

- Add ~~and undesirable spreading of development is prevented to a.~~ of this new policy to read a. development is contained within growth boundaries to prevent undesirable spreading of development. The proposed wording clarifies that urban sprawl is not encouraged or a desired growth pattern.

\*\* See O`ahu Development Pattern maps at end of testimony

II. Balanced Economy Objective A Policy 3

- Please consider adding the underlined words: Pursue opportunities to grow and strategically develop non-polluting industries such as [trade, communications, media, medical, life sciences,] regenerative tourism, healthcare, agriculture, renewable energy, and technology in appropriate locations that contribute to O‘ahu’s long-term environmental, economic, and social sustainability. *(Regenerative tourism aims to restore the harm that our system has already done to the natural world, and by using nature’s principles, to create the conditions of life to flourish. It views wholes and not parts, and is a very different way of looking at the world).*

## II. Balance Economy Objective C Policy 7

- Please consider our proposed amendments: Encourage landowners, in every district, to actively use agriculturally designated and zoned lands for agricultural and farming and ranching purposes.

## II. Balanced Economy Objective C Policy 8

- Please consider our proposed amendments: Require ~~Encourage~~ landowners, in every district, to permanently preserve agricultural land with high productivity potential for agricultural production. *We eliminated reference to coexistence with renewable energy generation as this policy should focus on food security for the future.*

## III. Natural Environment and Resource Stewardship Objective A Policy 4

- Please consider our proposed amendments: Increase tree canopy and ensure their integration into new developments, and protect existing trees on public and private lands and require widespread native tree planting, installation of pollinator gardens and ~~and encourage their integration into new developments~~ sustainable landscaping in all new communities.

## IV. Housing and Communities Objective A, Policy 2

- Please consider our proposed amendments: Increase automation, transparency, and efficiency in permit approval procedures for housing for local owners of residential single-family homes and other development projects.

## IV. Housing and Communities Objective A, Policy 3

- Please consider our proposed amendments: Encourage residential development that protects existing distinct residential communities and the island way of life with a balance of innovative residential developments with attention to climate change [which] that 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.

## IV. Housing and Communities Objective A, Policy 9

- Please consider this new wording: Whenever possible, preserve existing housing that is affordable to low- and moderate-income residents.

## IV. Housing and Communities Objective C, Policy 5-6

- We recommend, adding the following: Discourage residential development in areas where the topography makes construction difficult or hazardous, where slopes are 20% or greater, where sea level rise and flooding are a hazard, and where providing and

maintaining roads, utilities, and other facilities would be extremely costly or environmentally damaging.

IV. Housing and Communities Objective C, Policy 7

- We recommend, adding the following: Preserve older communities through planned maintenance and infrastructure replacement through self-help and housing rehabilitation programs utilizing governmental, public, and private investments.

IV. Housing and Communities Objective C, Policy 8

- We recommend the adding to the following: Encourage the military to provide housing for active duty personnel and their families on military bases and in areas turned over to military housing contractors and provide incentives to land owners so that available residential housing be offered to local families first and that rent caps be established to prevent rents based on military housing allowances.

V. Transportation and Utilities Objective B, Policy 2

- We recommend keeping the deleted language recognizing climate change and existing and future drought conditions.

VI. Energy Systems and Climate Change Objective C

- We recommend adding businesses and visitors in addition to residents.

VI. Energy Systems and Climate Change Objective C, Policy 1

- We recommending adding businesses and visitors in addition to residents.

VI. Energy Systems and Climate Change Objective D (new)

- Please consider incorporating this new Objective into the General Plan: Site on-land windmills to protect human health.

VI. Energy Systems and Climate Change, Objective D, Policy 1 (new)

- Please consider incorporating Policy 1 into the General Plan: Require that utility-scale on-land wind turbines be setback a minimum of 5 miles from all residentially zoned property lines, schools, farms, care homes, and hospitals.

VI. Energy Systems and Climate Change, Objective E (new)

- Please consider incorporating Objective E into the General Plan: To align City goals and programs with international and national targets for addressing climate change and increase energy self-sufficiency by 50% by 2030 compared to 2020 importation of fossil fuels to O‘ahu and maintain an efficient, reliable, resilient, and cost-effective energy system.

VII. Physical Development and Urban Design Objective A, Policy 4

- We recommend the following amendments: Facilitate and encourage ~~compact low and mid-rise higher-density~~ development in urban areas as primary homes for residents designated for such uses.
- VII. Physical Development and Urban Design, Objective A, Policy 5
- We recommend: Encourage the establishment of ~~mixed-use~~ town centers that are compatible with the physical and social character of their community.
- VII. Physical Development and Urban Design, Objective A, Policy 14 (new)
- Please consider incorporating this new Policy into the General Plan: Evaluate infrastructure and natural environment carrying capacity when considering any new development.
- VII. Physical Development and Urban Design, Object B, Policy 4 (new)
- Please consider incorporating this new policy into the General Plan: Identify and recognize vulnerable coastal and inland areas susceptible to sea level rise.
- VIII. Public Safety and Resiliency Objective A, Policy 12 (new)
- Please consider incorporating this new Policy into the General Plan: Establish Neighborhood Security Watch Groups through cooperation/collaboration with local law enforcement and people living in each community to reduce crime and improve their quality of life.
- X. Culture and Recreation Objective A, Policy 1
- Please consider our proposed amendments: Protect and preserve ~~Recognize~~ the Native Hawaiian host culture, including its customs, language, history, and close connection to the natural environment, as a dynamic, living culture and as an integral part of O'ahu's sustainability and way of life that is rooted in Hawai'i's indigenous wisdom and ahupua'a practices.
- X. Culture and Recreation Objective B, Policy 1
- Please consider incorporating these amendments into the General Plan: [~~Encourage~~] Promote Support the restoration and preservation of early Hawaiian cultural structures, artifacts, ~~and~~ landmarks, and ahupua'a boundaries.
- X. Culture and Recreation Objective D
- Please consider incorporating this new wording into the General Plan: Manage public access to natural areas in a way that ensures protection of those areas.
- X. Culture and Recreation Objective D, Policy 2
- Please consider incorporating this new wording into the General Plan: Through public participation and dialogue, develop, [~~and~~] maintain, and expand a system of regional parks and specialized recreation facilities to meet the needs of the different diverse communities on O'ahu.
- X. Culture and Recreation Objective D, Policy 8

- Please consider incorporating this new wording into the General Plan: Prohibit unpermitted commercial use of beaches and public parks outside of resort areas.

X. Objective D, Policy 13

- Please consider incorporating this new wording into the General Plan: Provide the safe use of Oahu's oceans through stronger support for the City Ocean Safety Department.

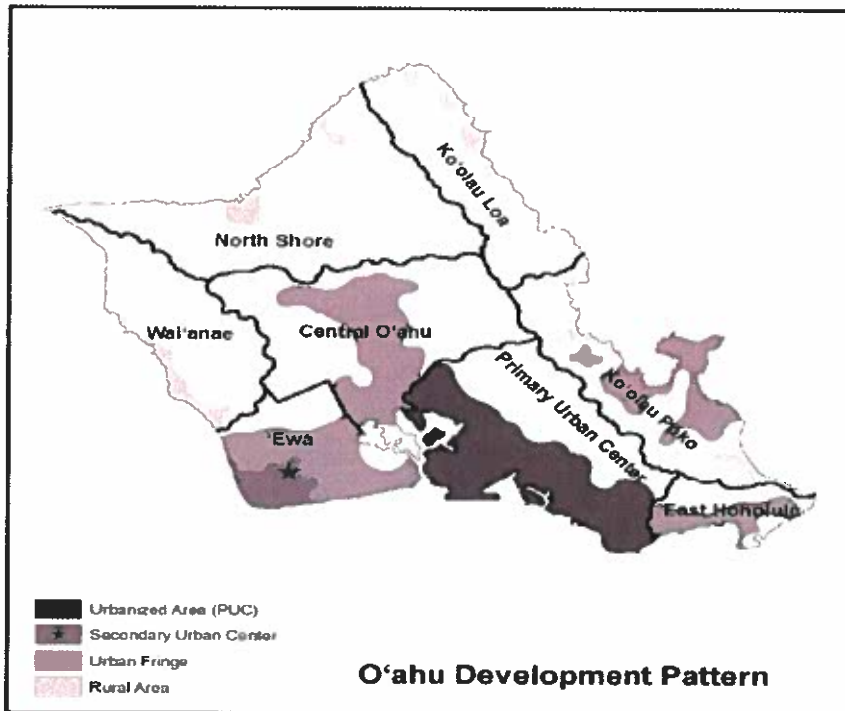
XI. Government Operations and Fiscal Management Objective A

- Please consider incorporating this new wording into the General Plan: All city powers shall be used to service and advance the general welfare, safety and aspirations of its inhabitants in an efficient, effective, ethical and professional manner and in a sustainable manner that promotes stewardship of natural resources for present and future generations.

XI. Government Operations and Fiscal Management Objective B, Policy 1

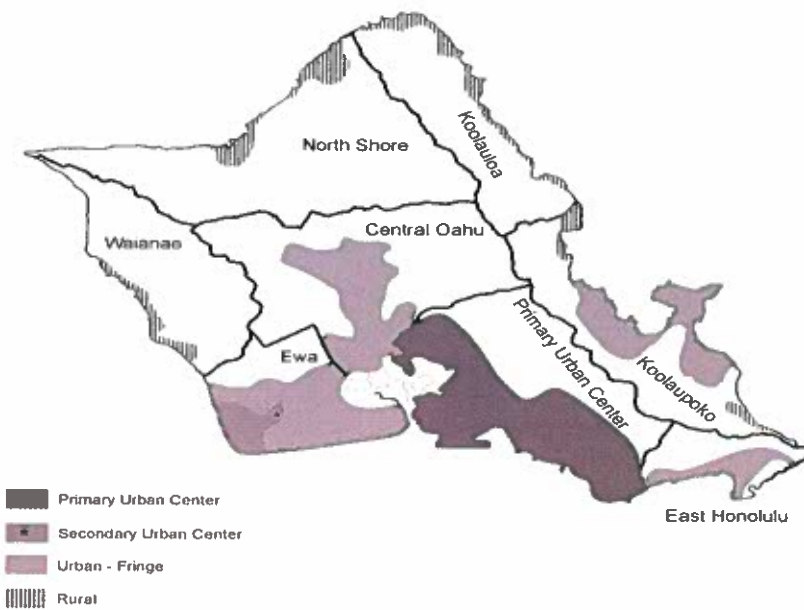
- Please consider incorporating this new wording into the General Plan: Provide for a balanced budget through fiscal prudence and careful analysis of priorities to protect O'ahu's residents and the public interest.

**New map in 2017 General Plan Resolution 21-23**



*\*Revised, June 2016 version*

## General Plan Development Pattern



### Existing map in current General Plan

**The map is not user friendly, confusing, hard to read and understand where and what the changes are.**

**A new map needs to have stronger distinctions i.e. hatched lines, colors etc. between the different areas.**

**A new map needs an overlay with sufficient detail to identify changes and allow readers to understand the boundary and designation changes.**

**A new map needs to use horizontal lines to identify rural areas.**

**A new map needs a legend to explain why rural areas were removed in Koolau Loa and Koolau-poko and what all the white represents.**

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## Written Testimony

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Representing Self  
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October 19, 2021

RE Reso 21-23 Oahu General Plan

Aloha Committee Chair Elefante and Committee Members:

Mahalo for taking up the Oahu General Plan and working to move it forward. As the overarching planning document for our island, it carries great weight and impacts all of the development and sustainable community plans. The final document will be with us for a long time and I wish to provide some suggested revisions that I hope you will consider.

Overall, the comments and recommended changes are really good. However, there are a few areas where I think we should be a bit stronger; all comments are based on the submitted document dated October 15, 2021 by Committee Chair Elefante:

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40 – 2nd sentence add in: ...it is intended but not a given, that rural centers be allowed incremental growth over time...

45 – 1st sentence remove: ... that are readily available to residents ~~and visitors~~.

72 – add to end of sentence: ...and does not prioritize visitors over residents.

73 – add a 2nd sentence: Do not prioritize visitors over residents.

74 – reword: Respect and emphasize the value ~~[that]~~ of Native Hawaiian culture, [and] its cultural practitioners, and other established ethnic traditions[,] ~~[bring to [enriching] enrich the visitor experience]~~ and emphasize appreciation for island heritage, culture, and values.

75 – reword and add: Guide the development and operation of visitor accommodations and attractions to resort areas and in a manner [which] that 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. Visitor accommodations should not be prioritized over residents' quality of life.

80 – delete all together: ~~[Encourage physical improvements, social services, and cultural programs that contribute to a high quality visitor experience, while seeking financial support of these improvements from the visitor industry.]~~

Comment: residents need to be prioritized over visitors.



- 81 – strongly support deletion of this policy: ~~[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.]~~
- 86 – add second sentence: Ensure all zoning laws and policies are followed.
- 87 – add following: Encourage ~~[landowners to permanently preserve agricultural land with high productivity potential for agricultural production.]~~ sustainable agricultural production to coexist on less-productive (C and below) lands with renewable energy generation.
- 116 – delete: Discourage speculation in lands outside of areas planned for urban use and [reduce] eliminate the use of residential dwelling units for short term vacation rentals.
- 121 – revise: ~~[Discourage]~~ Do not approve residential development in areas where the topography makes construction difficult or hazardous, where sea level rise and flooding are a hazard, and where providing and maintaining roads, utilities, and other facilities would be extremely costly or environmentally damaging.

Mahalo for all that you do. If you have any questions, please contact me at (808) 637-8545.

Mālama ‘aina,

Kathleen M. Pahinui  
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## Written Testimony

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Your position on the matter Support  
Representing Self  
Organization

Aloha Zoning and Planning Chair Elefante and members of the Committee:

I strongly support Chair Elefante's amendments to Resolution 21-23 as well as those being recommended by The Oahu General Plan Hui.

I also believe that there is adequate time to give due consideration to additional important amendments.

For example: The word "sustainability" appears throughout proposed General Plan language and elsewhere; with differing meanings. The concept is critical to the future of our island home and it is important that we are "all on the same page" regarding the word's meaning.

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I humbly and respectfully suggest that the following definition be included in the Preamble of the revised General Plan:

"Sustainability focuses on meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs.

Sustainability also implies equilibrium and limits. Never ending growth is not sustainable, especially on an island."

Sincerely,  
Larry McElheny

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## Written Testimony

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Written Testimony

The O'ahu General Plan should follow the purpose of HRS341-1. THE LEGISLATURE finds that the quality of the environment is as important to the welfare of the people as is the economy of the State. The legislature further finds that the determination of an optimum balance

between economic development and environmental quality Deserves the most thoughtful consideration, and that the maintenance of the optimum quality of the environment deserves the most intensive care.

The O'ahu General Plan should follow the purpose and findings of HRS341-1 very closely. Ka'a'awa and the irreplaceable scenic coastline from Kahalu'u to Haleiwa is an already existing optimal rural area where all neighboring COMMUNITIES have said no to

developers for many years now. Our ONLY connecting road is a 2 lane hazard that is NOT maintained at optimal quality, it is flooded and has over-capacity traffic much of the time while more buildings are approved by the DPP that are served only by this one road. It is not in our rural residents welfare to increase population on this 40 + miles of scenic agricultural land. Residents need food security and the end of so much fossil fuels use.

Emergency vehicles access is limited now. Imagine a tsunami cutting off thousands of people like on Kauai for months... Only on O'ahu. We are warned to have at least a months supply of food and water by Hawai'i Emergency heads. There are NO buildings that are able to be emergency shelters for us on this coast. So for the rural windward and North Shore - keeping urban sprawl out is truly optimal, sustainable, and desirable for the people and the environment.

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Representing Organization Self

Written Testimony

I oppose changes allowing the DPP to change the Ko'olauloa corridor population designations to allow urban development in this extremely lacking in infrastructure area. The only road from Haleiwa to Kahalu'u is NOT a viable one for the urban sprawl the Department wants. The residents have said so in all neighboring COMMUNITIES. so why is the DPP now changing this after so much opposition! Keep the Country Country is what most people want island wide. This is against all reason when truly looking at the agricultural needs and the only road eroding into the ocean being further over-capacity. Residents first should prevail.

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## Written Testimony

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Testimony on Res. 21-23  
For City Council Zoning and Planning Meeting  
Thursday, October 21, 2021

Aloha Chair Elefante and members of the City Council Zoning Committee,

I am Shar Chun-Lum, a founding member of Save Ala Moana Beach Park Hui and a core member of the O`ahu General Plan Hui. I stand on the testimony submitted by Donna Wong on behalf of the OGP Hui. To provide more context on the meaning of land to Hawaiians, I share this mana`o.

Written Testimony “Land is at the center of Native Hawaiian spirituality, health and well-being. The land is alive, respected, treasured, praised and even worshipped. The land is "one hanau," sands of our birth, and resting place for our bones. The land lives as do the 'uhane, or spirits of all our ancestors who nurtured both physical and spiritual relationships with the land. The land has provided for generations of Native Hawaiians, and will hopefully provide for those yet to come.”

'Aina: Ke Ola O Na Kanaka 'Oiwi Land: The Health of Native Hawaiians by Noa Emmett Aluli, M.D.

Our O`ahu General Plan should reflect these values —built on Resilience and Sustainability in good times and bad, protecting and preserving our most valuable asset for our residents now and in the future. Please consider our amendments which focus on a better Quality of life for our residents:

- Affordable housing for all and preservation of existing neighborhoods
- Meaningful job opportunities with a livable wage
- Quality education and training—available to all physically and digitally
- Healthy food and clean water
- Well maintained areas for recreation and relaxation
- Safe streets, roads and neighborhoods
- Clean and healthy environment
- Inclusive communication and participation in government

Do the policies move us to appropriate action?

--The latest news points out a world wide shipping slow down. We need to speed up support more local food production and not put renewable energy .

--Sea level rise is affecting properties around is island. Policies to restrict building highrises in these areas must be put into action now.

--As Governor Ige welomes back tourists, our policies encouraging Responsible tourism and limiting the number of visitors to O`ahu using our finite resources at any given time.

In closing, kudos to Chair Elefante and his staff as well as the staff at DPP for their diligence in revisiting the 2017 proposed OGP and working towards creating a Plan that addresses the current and future conditions of our island. We hope our amendments will be considered as the council moves towards accepting the final plan.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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