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Aloha Director Dahilig,

As I think you are aware, for the past year and a half I have been closely following the General Plan Update process. During that time, I have attended almost every Community Advisory Committee meeting, and then the Planning Commission meetings pertaining to the General Plan. I reviewed and commented on the Discussion Draft, and each of the various versions of the Departmental Drafts, including the five supplemental sets of changes provided to the Planning Commission.

I, as well as a wide range of community members with an equally wide range of interests and concerns, have provided both detailed comments on the substantive content of each of the versions of the General Plan, as well as comments on the overall direction and intent of the General Plan. Additionally, we have commented on the various stages of the General Plan Update process, including asking for clarification of future steps in the process and the associated timeline, to no avail.

As it has been for you and your staff, this level of engagement has required an enormous time commitment from the community. We do it because we care about the future of Kauai. However, throughout all of the iterations of the General Plan and supplemental changes, it has never been clear *what* the appeal process actually looks like, and *who* we are appealing to. I ask this because the majority of community members that I have interacted with in regards to the General Plan Update have seen little to no change in the documents from their input. If this is a community-based process, then why is the community not seeing the results it wants from the Plan? And, if the community isn't driving it, then who is? And if we don't like who or what is driving this process, and the resulting outcome in the General Plan, then what is the appeal process?

As we are coming to what appears as closure on this first stage of the General Plan Update approval process, I am looking forward to an immediate reply on my inquiry.

Best regards,
Anne Walton

