

Kauai County Planning Commission
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Aloha Planning Commission,

It is with appreciation for the Planning Department's efforts over the last 18 months that the *Kauai Community Coalition* has reviewed the Departmental Draft for the General Plan. In many ways the Planning Department have made great strides since the 2000 General Plan particularly in the recognition of the major issues, representation of the interests of the community, and development of action items.

The *Kauai Community Coalition* was formed last Summer specifically to track the process of the new General Plan. With the release of the Discussion Draft General Plan last November, we created 13 working groups to review various components of the plan. And, as you can imagine, this required an enormous amount of coordination, time commitment and reconciling of comments and recommendations - all from a volunteer crew of dedicated community members. These groups assembled a body of recommendations across the 13 working groups and presented them to the Planning Department on December 16, 2016.

In this packet that we submit today to the Planning Commission are our responses and recommendations in regards to the Departmental Draft that was released in January 2017. These recommendations represent refinements to our previous recommendations submitted in December 2016, and/ or we are re-submitting our original recommendations that we still think are valid but were not incorporated into this second Departmental Draft released in the last couple of weeks. These recommendations complement the public testimony given today from members of the *Kauai Community Coalition*.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the January 2017 Departmental Draft for the General Plan. We hope you will seriously consider the enclosed recommendations as a representation of the best efforts of a segment of the community to work cooperatively with the Planning Commission. We look forward to working in partnership with the Planning Department, Planning Commission and County Council in making this the best General Plan possible for Kauai.

Best regards,
Kauai Community Coalition