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Michael P. Victorino 4/7/21
Mayor Date

For Transmittal to:

Honorable Alice Lee, Chair
and Members of the Maui County Council
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Lee and Council Members:

SUBJECT: A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2.80B OF THE MAUI COUNTY CODE AND THE COUNTYWIDE POLICY PLAN, RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND RESILIENCE

The Department of Planning (Department) received Resolution 20-170, adopted on December 4, 2020, transmitting a proposed bill to amend Chapter 2.80B – General Plan and Community Plans, Maui County Code (MCC), to add a new goal and to add new and revise existing objectives, policies and implementing actions to the Countywide Policy Plan. As requested, the Maui, Molokai and Lanai Planning Commissions reviewed the proposed revisions and shared the following recommendations:

Lanai Planning Commission recommended council approve the ordinance with these proposed revisions provided during their regular meeting on February 17.

- Objective 1, Policy a:
Change from "noninvasive" to noninvasive food producing plants and trees, as well as native gardens and trees.
- Add Policy "k":
Promote programs using traditional knowledge of natural and cultural resource management in order to lower carbon emission levels to mitigate climate change impacts and limit the rate of global warming.
- Objective 2, add Policy "n":
Institute programs to protect iwi kupuna from the impacts of sea level rise
- Objective 3, revise to add the following:

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Significantly increase the use of renewable and green technologies to promote energy efficiency and energy self-sufficiency through projects completed in consultation with the local community, in order to ensure an appropriate fit.

Maui Planning Commission recommended council approve the ordinance and provided these comments during their regular meeting on February 23:

- Objective 1, Policy f, revise to add the following:
Strongly encourage or mandate photo-voltaic power for commercial properties.
- Objective 2, Policy h, replace “shoreline” with “special management area”:
Discourage new entitlements for residential, resort, or commercial development in the special management area.
- Objective 2, add policy “n”
Discourage new development on shoreline properties.
- Objective 3, add policy “n”:
Consider the impacts on social equity. Approach the goals with balance, and consider costs on all applicants.

Molokai Planning Commission recommended council approve the ordinance and made these suggestions during their regular meeting on February 24:

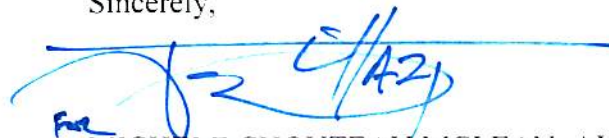
- Hold public meetings for the Molokai community to provide comments
- Request the Maui County Cultural Resources Commission to provide comments
- Ask school students to provide comments.

Here is a summary of the commissions’ recommendations:

<u>Commission</u>	<u>Date of Vote</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>	<u>Vote Count</u>
Lanai	Feb. 17, 2021	Recommended approval	6-0
Maui	Feb. 23, 2021	Recommended approval	7-0
Molokai	Feb. 24, 2021	Recommended approval	6-0

The director’s memorandum to the commissions and the verbatim minutes are attached. Should further clarification be necessary, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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February 17, 2021

MEMORANDUM

TO: LANAI PLANNING COMMISSION
MAUI PLANNING COMMISSION
MOLOKAI PLANNING COMMISSION

FROM: MICHELE CHOUTEAU MCLEAN, AICP 
PLANNING DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: **A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2.80B OF THE MAUI COUNTY CODE AND THE COUNTYWIDE POLICY PLAN, RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND RESILIENCE**

The attached Resolution 20-170 from the County Council proposes to amend Chapter 2.80B – General Plan and Community Plans, Maui County Code (MCC), to add a new goal and to add new and revise existing objectives, policies and implementing actions to the Countywide Policy Plan.

The Countywide Policy Plan is a component of the Maui County General Plan. The General Plan is comprised of the Countywide Policy Plan, the Maui Island Plan, and the regional community plans. Unlike the Maui Island Plan, which just applies to Maui island, and the community plans, which just apply to their respective regions, the Countywide Policy Plan applies to all of Maui County.

This initiative would add “mitigate climate change and work toward resilience” as a new goal of the Countywide Policy Plan. The bill includes the following:

- Revisions to Section 2.80B.030.A, MCC, to add the words “as amended” in reference to the Countywide Policy Plan.
- Adding “Mitigate Climate Change and Work Towards Resilience” as a new core theme in the Countywide Policy Plan
- Moving some Objectives, Policies and Implementing Actions from existing core themes to the new core theme
- Adding a new Goal and related Objectives, Policies, Implementing Actions to the new core theme.

The proposed revisions to the Countywide Policy Plan, Goals, Objectives, and Policies are as follows, with items moved from other core themes identified in parentheses:

L. Mitigate Climate Change and Work Toward Resilience

Goal: Minimize the causes and negative effects of climate change.

Objective:

1. Lower carbon emissions levels to mitigate climate change impacts and limit the rate of global warming.

Policies:

- a. Increase reforestation efforts by encouraging residents and visitors to plant noninvasive gardens and trees.
- b. Improve communication, coordination, and collaboration among those that work to mitigate climate change impacts.
- c. Promote the teaching and use of regenerative agriculture.
- d. Invest in infrastructure that is not dependent on fossil fuels and utilizes renewable energy.
- e. Improve efforts to mitigate and plan for the impact of natural disasters, human-influenced emergencies, and global warming. (Moved from Theme A: Objective 3, Policy d.)
- f. Encourage the building industry to use environmentally sustainable materials, technology, and site planning.
- g. Reduce air, noise, light, land, and water pollution, and reduce Maui County's contribution to global climate change. (Moved from Theme A: Objective 3, Policy f.)
- h. Plan and prepare for and educate visitors and residents about the possible effects of global warming. (Moved from Theme A: Objective 3, Policy g.)
- i. Promote programs and incentives that decrease greenhouse-gas emissions and improve environmental stewardship. (Moved from Theme A: Objective 4, Policy c.)
- j. Support the development of carbon-emission standards and an incentive program aimed at achieving County carbon-emission goals. (Moved from Theme H: Objective 1, Policy n.)

Implementing Actions:

- a. Implement Federal and State policies that require a reduction of greenhouse-gas emissions. (Moved from Theme A: Objective 3, Implementing Action b.)
- b. Establish a Countywide Climate Action Plan.
- c. Develop programs that assist residents and businesses with obtaining access to renewable energy sources.

- d. Revise laws to support neighborhood designs that incorporate the use of renewable energy sources that are appropriate for island living.
- e. Incorporate tree planting as a major component of Urban Design to both cool neighborhoods and reduce carbon dioxide.
- f. Coordinate with State, County, and private landowners in the development of forestry and tree planting to reduce carbon dioxide.
- g. Strongly support efforts to restore and improve Maui County's watersheds for the purpose of improving the water supply, controlling carbon dioxide levels, decreasing soil runoff and reducing coastal flooding.

Objective:

- 2. Reduce the impacts of sea-level rise by acknowledging climate change, adapting, mitigating, and planning accordingly.

Policies:

- a. Evaluate development to assess potential short-term and long-term sea-level rise impacts on near-shore environments.
- b. Improve efforts to mitigate and plan for the impact of sea-level rise.
- c. Protect undeveloped beaches, dunes, and ecosystems, and restore natural shoreline processes. (Moved from Theme A: Objective 1, Policy e.)
- d. Develop an inventory of private wastewater systems (septic systems, cesspools) that may be affected by sea-level rise.
- e. Strengthen coastal-zone management, re-naturalization of shorelines, where possible, and filtration or treatment of urban and agricultural runoff. (Moved from Theme A: Objective 2, Policy f.)
- f. Educate the construction and landscape industries and property owners about the use of best management practices to prevent erosion and nonpoint source pollution. (Moved from Theme A: Objective 3, Policy i.)
- g. Discourage beach hardening processes such as building sea walls and revetments that block movement of the shoreline and can accelerate erosion.
- h. Discourage new entitlements for residential, resort, or commercial development along the shoreline. (Moved from Theme J: Objective 1, Policy f.)
- i. Restrict development in areas that are prone to natural hazards, disasters, or sea-level rise. (Moved from Theme J: Objective 1, Policy g.)
- j. Move or rebuild public facilities away from near-shore environments to account for sea-level rise to the extent reasonable.
- k. Move or rebuild roads that are in sea-level rise inundation zones to the extent reasonable.
- l. Ensure that public or affordable housing projects include siting and design standards that promote equity and resilience for vulnerable populations.
- m. Identify, research, and evaluate innovative and sustainable financing to support mitigation and adaptation to sea level rise.

Implementing Actions:

- a. Develop programs to help transition shoreline property owners out of their near-shore locations and develop a long-term plan to stay out of the way of natural beach migration.
- b. Identify buildings, roads, and other infrastructure that are in sea-level rise inundation zones and assist in adaptive efforts, including nature-based solutions, elevation, or moving them away from such zones.
- c. Identify disaster redevelopment alternatives that support resilience-focused adaptation to sea level rise in the event of a catastrophic coastal event.

Objective: (Moved from Theme I: Objective 3, including all Policies and Implementing Actions)

3. Significantly increase the use of renewable and green technologies to promote energy efficiency and energy self-sufficiency.

Policies:

- a. Promote the use of locally renewable energy sources, and reward energy efficiency.
- b. Consider tax incentives and credits for the development of sustainable- and renewable-energy sources.
- c. Expand education about energy conservation and self-sufficiency.
- d. Encourage small-scale energy generation that utilizes wind, sun, water, bio-waste, and other renewable sources of energy.
- e. Expand renewable-energy production.
- f. Develop public-private partnerships to ensure the use of renewable energy and increase energy efficiency.
- g. Require the incorporation of locally appropriate energy-saving and green building design concepts in all new developments by providing energy-efficient urban design guidelines and amendments to the Building Code.
- h. Encourage the use of sustainable energy to power vehicles.
- i. Promote the retrofitting of existing buildings and new development to incorporate energy-saving design concepts and devices.
- j. Encourage green footprint practices.
- k. Reduce Maui County's dependence on fossil fuels and energy imports.
- l. Support green building practices such as the construction of buildings that aim to minimize carbon dioxide production, produce renewable energy, and recycle water.
- m. Promote and support environmentally friendly practices in all energy sectors.

Implementing Actions:

- a. Adopt an energy-efficiency policy for Maui County government as a model for other jurisdictions.

b. Adopt a Green Building Code and support green building practices.

Recommendation and Options

The Department supports emphasizing climate change in the Countywide Policy Plan and is recommending approval of the proposed bill. The Commission has the following options:

1. Recommend approval of the proposed bill to the Maui County Council.
2. Recommend approval of the proposed bill with amendments to the Maui County Council.
3. Recommend denial of the proposed bill to the Maui County Council.
4. Vote to defer action on the proposed bill in order to gather specific additional information.

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December 21, 2020

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Michael P. Victorino 12/21/20
Mayor Date

For transmittal to:

Ms. Michele McLean
Planning Director
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Ms. McLean:

Transmitted herewith is a certified copy of Resolution No. 20-170, which was adopted by the Council of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, on December 4, 2020. Also attached is a copy of Committee Report No. 20-151.

Respectfully,

Kathy L. Kaohu

KATHY L. KAOHU
County Clerk

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Enclosure

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
CLIMATE ACTION AND RESILIENCE
COMMITTEE

December 4, 2020

Committee
Report No. 20-151

Honorable Chair and Members
of the County Council
County of Maui
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Climate Action and Resilience Committee, having met on September 29, 2020, October 21, 2020, and November 18, 2020, makes reference to a Miscellaneous Communication dated July 13, 2020, from the County Clerk, relating to adding sustainable agriculture and climate change solutions to the Maui County General Plan objectives.

At its meeting of September 29, 2020, your Committee reviewed a proposed resolution entitled "REFERRING TO THE PLANNING COMMISSIONS A PROPOSED BILL AMENDING SECTION 2.80B, MAUI COUNTY CODE, TO ADD 'MITIGATE CLIMATE CHANGE AND WORK TOWARDS RESILIENCE' AS A GOAL OF THE COUNTYWIDE POLICY PLAN."

The purpose of the proposed resolution is to refer to the Maui, Moloka'i, and Lāna'i Planning Commissions a proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.80B, MAUI COUNTY CODE, TO ADD 'MITIGATE CLIMATE CHANGE AND WORK TOWARDS RESILIENCE' AS A GOAL OF THE COUNTYWIDE POLICY PLAN."

The purpose of the proposed bill is to amend the Countywide Policy Plan to incorporate the amended Section IV by adding "Mitigate Climate Change and Work Towards Resilience" as a theme and goal.

Your Committee notes the Countywide Policy Plan, approved by Ordinance 3732 (2010), is the top layer of the Maui County General Plan 2030, which also includes the Maui Island Plan and, at the bottom layer, community plans. As stated in Section IV's preamble, the Countywide Policy Plan is intended "to establish a broadly held consensus about the

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preferred future of the community.” The Countywide Policy Plan is composed of “themes and goals, each supported by more specific objectives, policies, and implementing actions.” The Countywide Policy Plan has 12 themes and goals; “Mitigate Climate Change and Work Towards Resilience” would be the 13th.

Your Committee noted there are climate change policies throughout the Countywide Policy Plan, but it is essential to focus on the importance of minimizing the causes and negative effects of climate change by grouping the policies under a single theme and goal.

Your Committee received presentations from the Climate Reality Project, Hawai‘i Chapter, and the Department of Earth Sciences, School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. Your Committee also received information and analysis from the Department of the Corporation Counsel, Department of Planning, Maui Emergency Management Agency, and University of Hawai‘i Sea Grant Program.

By correspondence dated October 15, 2020, the Chair of your Committee transmitted to the Department of the Corporation Counsel a revised proposed resolution, attaching a revised proposed bill to amend the Countywide Policy Plan to incorporate the amended Section IV by adding “Mitigate Climate Change and Work Towards Resilience” as a theme and goal.

At its meeting of October 21, 2020, your Committee received a presentation on sea-level rise from representatives of the University of Hawai‘i Sea Grant program on the report entitled “Guidance for Addressing Sea Level Rise in Community Planning.” Your Committee was informed that the purpose of the report was to assist planners in building upon and improve ongoing efforts to address sea-level rise and information included in the report could help strengthen the proposed legislation.

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Your Committee considered whether existing Countywide Policy Plan language on climate change should be moved to the proposed new theme and goal or duplicated there. Moving the existing language would minimize redundancy, but duplicating the existing language could provide added emphasis.

The Planning Director supported emphasizing climate change in the Countywide Policy Plan and expressed that the Countywide Policy Plan should avoid duplication.

Expressing support for the legislation, the Maui Emergency Management Agency Administrator noted its Emergency Operations Center was activated 13 times in the last year—a much higher rate than in previous years—as natural events are growing in quantity and intensity.

By correspondence dated November 10, 2020, to the Department of the Corporation Counsel, the Chair of your Committee transmitted a proposed resolution, attaching a revised proposed bill to amend the Countywide Policy Plan to incorporate the amended Section IV by adding “Mitigate Climate Change and Work Toward Resilience” as a theme and goal.

At its meeting of November 18, 2020, your Committee noted the revised proposed legislation removed the duplication present in earlier drafts and also included recommendations from the University of Hawai‘i Sea Grant Program, adding policy actions to:

- ensure that public or affording housing projects include siting and design standards that promote equity and resilience for vulnerable populations;
- provide sustainable financing to support mitigation and adaptation to sea-level rise; and

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- develop an inventory of private wastewater systems, like septic systems and cesspools, that may be affected by sea-level rise.

Your Committee discussed the proposed bill's absence of bracketing and underscoring, which are often used in legislation to show deletions and additions, respectively. Your Committee notes this technique, known as Ramseyer formatting, is effective for legislation proposing amendments to the County Code and County Charter. Those bills and resolutions include directives to the County Clerk to omit the bracketed material, bracketing, and underscoring when publishing the legislation in the Code or Charter, thus allowing for clean copies of the legislation. General Plan ordinances such as the Countywide Policy Plan are not codified in the Code or Charter. So the Council does not have the ability to direct the County Clerk to produce official copies of the legislation omitting the bracketed material, bracketing, and underscoring.

To assist the public and members of the Planning Commissions in seeing differences between the existing and proposed versions of the Countywide Policy Plan, however, your Committee has prepared a Ramseyered version of the amended Section IV, a copy of which is attached to this report as Exhibit "1". The material to be removed is bracketed. New material is underscored.

Your Committee notes substantial testimony was received over the course of its meetings, all in support of the legislation's intent and some offering suggestions that were incorporated.

Your Committee discussed and revised the proposed legislation, according to the advice of oral and written testimony, to add the following three "Implementing Actions" to Theme L, Objective 1 of the proposed amended Section IV of the Countywide Policy Plan:

- e. Incorporate tree planting as a major component of Urban Design to both cool neighborhoods and reduce carbon dioxide.

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- f. Coordinate with State, County, and private landowners in the development of forestry and tree planting to reduce carbon dioxide.
- g. Strongly support efforts to restore and improve Maui County's watersheds for the purpose of improving the water supply, controlling carbon dioxide levels, decreasing soil runoff, and reducing coastal flooding.

Your Committee also decided to avoid redundancy and to move existing climate change policy changes to the new theme and goal, rather than duplicating them.

The Planning Director and representatives from the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant program expressed their support of the revisions to the proposed legislation.

Your Committee notes, by Resolution 19-209, the Council has previously acknowledged a climate emergency and committed to transitioning to a safe climate. In this context, your Committee had no difficulty in recommending that climate change should be more prominently recognized in the Countywide Policy Plan.

Your Committee voted 6-0 to recommend adoption of the proposed resolution and filing of the communication. Committee Chair King, Vice-Chair Sinenci, and members Hokama, Lee, Paltin, and Rawlins-Fernandez voted "aye." Committee member Kama was excused.

Your Committee is in receipt of a proposed resolution, entitled "REFERRING TO THE PLANNING COMMISSIONS A PROPOSED BILL AMENDING SECTION 2.80B, MAUI COUNTY CODE, TO ADD 'MITIGATE CLIMATE CHANGE AND WORK TOWARD RESILIENCE' AS A GOAL OF THE COUNTYWIDE POLICY PLAN," approved as to form and legality by the Department of the Corporation Counsel, incorporating your Committee's recommended revisions and nonsubstantive revisions.

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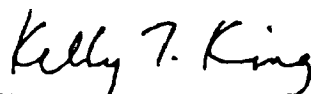
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Your Climate Action and Resilience Committee RECOMMENDS the following:

1. That Resolution 20-170, attached hereto, entitled "REFERRING TO THE PLANNING COMMISSIONS A PROPOSED BILL AMENDING SECTION 2.80B, MAUI COUNTY CODE, TO ADD 'MITIGATE CLIMATE CHANGE AND WORK TOWARD RESILIENCE' AS A GOAL OF THE COUNTYWIDE POLICY PLAN," be ADOPTED; and
2. That the Miscellaneous Communication be FILED.

This report is submitted in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of the Council.



KELLY TAKAYA KING, Chair

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Goals, Objectives, and Policies

SECTION IV: GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES

As part of the effort to develop this Countywide Policy Plan, the County of Maui supported and conducted a number of public-participatory workshops and meetings and other community-involvement activities. The intent of these outreach efforts was to establish a broadly held consensus about the preferred future of the community. A series of broad themes and goals, each supported by more specific objectives, policies, and implementing action statements, were formulated. The core themes are indicated below (in no order of priority):

- A. Protect the Natural Environment
- B. Preserve Local Cultures and Traditions
- C. Improve Education
- D. Strengthen Social and Healthcare Services
- E. Expand Housing Opportunities for Residents
- F. Strengthen the Local Economy
- G. Improve Parks and Public Facilities
- H. Diversify Transportation Options
- I. Improve Physical Infrastructure
- J. Promote Sustainable Land Use and Growth Management
- K. Strive for Good Governance
- L. Mitigate Climate Change and Work Towards Resilience

Goals are intended to describe a desirable condition of the County by the year 2030. They are intentionally general, but are attainable through concerted effort. Objectives tend to be more specific and may be regarded as milestones in the journey to achieve the larger goals. Policy statements are not intended as regulations, but instead provide a general guideline for County decision makers, departments, and collaborating organizations toward the attainment of goals and objectives. Implementation action statements are specific tasks, procedures, programs, or techniques that carry out policy. Because this Policy Plan is largely general and aspirational in nature, it is not intended to be used in the review of applications for ministerial permits.

As the policies of this Plan are applied, it is likely some policies will overlap or appear inconsistent, and policies will compete for scarce resources. In such cases, the participants of Focus Maui Nui recommended planning and decision making with a balanced approach that takes as many policies as possible into consideration without forsaking other needs. However, they recognized that some prioritization will be necessary. For example, most participants said that if they must choose between areas of need or make tradeoffs, the preservation of natural resources, the islands' identity, and cultural assets must be considered before improvements to infrastructure or even steps to strengthen the economy. Participants articulated a hope that more balance could exist in decision making, and they supported the notion that many issues could be addressed simultaneously by developing strategies that take into consideration ostensibly competing policies.

This Section sets forth the fundamental goals, objectives, and policies of the County in regard to realizing our key strategies countywide. This section also establishes the following elements mandated by Section 2.80B, Maui County Code: the County's vision and core principles. The subsequent goals, objectives, and policies are based on and intended to effectuate these elements. Cumulatively, Section IV contains all of the mandatory elements of the Countywide Policy Plan under Chapter 2.80B.

Goals, Objectives, and Policies

VISION

Maui County will be an innovative model of sustainable island living and a place where every individual can grow to reach his or her potential.

The needs of each individual, the needs of the whole community, and the needs of our natural and cultural assets will be brought into balance to reflect the high value we place on both our natural environment and our people.

The education and health of our people will be fostered to ensure that the residents of these islands can, if they choose, spend their whole lives here – raising children, owning homes, enjoying rewarding jobs, taking advantage of opportunities to contribute to this community, and to be good stewards of our local treasures and resources.

Maui County will be a leader in the creation of responsible, self-sufficient communities and environmentally sound economic development and land stewardship.

That which makes Maui County unique in the world will be preserved, celebrated, and protected for generations to come.

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CORE PRINCIPLES

To accomplish our vision, the people of our islands must foster and respect the Aloha Spirit. We must consider the future generations of Maui County and be true to these core principles:

- 1. Excellence in the stewardship of the natural environment and cultural resources;*
- 2. Compassion for and understanding of others;*
- 3. Respect for diversity;*
- 4. Engagement and empowerment of Maui County residents;*
- 5. Honor for all cultural traditions and histories;*
- 6. Consideration of the contributions of past generations as well as the needs of future generations;*
- 7. Commitment to self-sufficiency;*
- 8. Wisdom and balance in decision making;*
- 9. Thoughtful, island-appropriate innovation; and*
- 10. Nurturance of the health and well-being of our families and our communities.*

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Countywide objectives and policies for population, land use, the environment, the economy, and housing -

A. Protect the Natural Environment

Goal: Maui County's natural environment and distinctive open spaces will be preserved, managed, and cared for in perpetuity.

Objective:

1. Improve the opportunity to experience the natural beauty and native biodiversity of the islands for present and future generations.

Policies:

- a. Perpetuate native Hawaiian biodiversity by preventing the introduction of invasive species, containing or eliminating existing noxious pests, and protecting critical habitat areas.
- b. Preserve and reestablish indigenous and endemic species' habitats and their connectivity.
- c. Restore and protect forests, wetlands, watersheds, and stream flows, and guard against wildfires, flooding, and erosion.
- d. Protect baseline stream flows for perennial streams, and support policies that ensure adequate stream flow to support Native Hawaiian aquatic species, traditional kalo cultivation, and self-sustaining ahupua'a.
- [e. Protect undeveloped beaches, dunes, and coastal ecosystems, and restore natural shoreline processes].
- [f]e. Protect the natural state and integrity of unique terrain, valued natural environments, and geological features.
- [g]f. Preserve and provide ongoing care for important scenic vistas, view planes, landscapes, and open-space resources.
- [h]g. Expand coordination with the State and nonprofit agencies and their volunteers to reduce invasive species, replant indigenous species, and identify critical habitat.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Develop island-wide networks of greenways, watercourses, and habitat corridors.*

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Objective:

2. Improve the quality of environmentally sensitive, locally valued natural resources and native ecology of each island.

Policies:

- a. Protect and restore nearshore reef environments and water quality.
- b. Protect marine resources and valued wildlife.
- c. Improve the connection between urban environments and the natural landscape, and incorporate natural features of the land into urban design.
- d. Utilize land-conservation tools to ensure the permanence of valued open spaces.
- e. Mitigate the negative effects of upland uses on coastal wetlands, marine life, and coral reefs.
- [f. Strengthen coastal-zone management, re-naturalization of shorelines, where possible, and filtration or treatment of urban and agricultural runoff.]
- [g]f. Regulate the use and maintenance of stormwater-treatment systems that incorporate the use of native vegetation and mimic natural systems.
- [h]g. Advocate for stronger regulation of fishing, boating, cruise ship, and ecotourism activities.
- [i]h. Restore watersheds and aquifer-recharge areas to healthy and productive status, and increase public knowledge about the importance of watershed stewardship, water conservation, and groundwater protection.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Develop regulations to minimize runoff of pollutants into nearshore waters and reduce nonpoint and point source pollution.*

Objective:

3. Improve the stewardship of the natural environment.

Policies:

- a. Preserve and protect natural resources with significant scenic, economic, cultural, environmental, or recreational value.
- b. Improve communication, coordination, and collaboration among government agencies, nonprofit organizations, communities, individuals, and land owners that work for the protection of the natural environment.
- c. Evaluate development to assess potential short-term and long-term impacts on land, air, aquatic, and marine environments.

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- [d. Improve efforts to mitigate and plan for the impact of natural disasters, human-influenced emergencies, and global warming.]
- [e]d. Regulate access to sensitive ecological sites and landscapes.
- [f. Reduce air, noise, light, land, and water pollution, and reduce Maui County's contribution to global climate change.]
- [g. Plan and prepare for and educate visitors and residents about the possible effects of global warming.]
- [h]e. Provide public access to beaches and shorelines for recreational and cultural purposes where appropriate.
- [i. Educate the construction and landscape industries and property owners about the use of best management practices to prevent erosion and nonpoint source pollution.]
- [j]f. Support the acquisition of resources with scenic, environmental, and recreational value, and encumber their use.
- [k]g. Improve enforcement activities relating to the natural environment.
- [l]h. For each shoreline community, identify and prioritize beach-conservation objectives, and develop action plans for their implementation.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Document, record, and monitor existing conditions, populations, and locations of flora and fauna communities.*
- [b. *Implement Federal and State policies that require a reduction of greenhouse-gas emissions.*]
- [c]b. *Establish a baseline inventory of available natural resources and their respective carrying capacities.*

Objective:

- 4. **Educate residents and visitors about responsible stewardship practices and the interconnectedness of the natural environment and people.**

Policies:

- a. Expand education about native flora, fauna, and ecosystems.
- b. Align priorities to recognize that the health of the natural environment and the health of people are inextricably linked.
- [c. Promote programs and incentives that decrease greenhouse-gas emissions and improve environmental stewardship.]

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B. Preserve Local Cultures and Traditions

Goal: Maui County will foster a spirit of pono and protect, perpetuate, and reinvigorate its residents' multi-cultural values and traditions to ensure that current and future generations will enjoy the benefits of their rich island heritage.

Objective:

1. **Perpetuate the Hawaiian culture as a vital force in the lives of residents.**

Policies:

- a. Protect and preserve access to mountain, ocean, and island resources for traditional Hawaiian cultural practices.
- b. Prohibit inappropriate development of cultural lands and sites that are important for traditional Hawaiian cultural practices, and establish mandates for the special protection of these lands in perpetuity.
- c. Promote the use of ahupua`a and moku management practices.
- d. Encourage the use of traditional Hawaiian architecture and craftsmanship.
- e. Promote the use of the Hawaiian language.
- f. Recognize and preserve the unique natural and cultural characteristics of each ahupua`a or district.
- g. Encourage schools to promote broader incorporation of Hawaiian and other local cultures' history and values lessons into curriculum.
- h. Ensure the protection of Native Hawaiian rights.
- i. Promote, encourage, and require the correct use of traditional place names, particularly in government documents, signage, and the tourism industry.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Establish alternative land use and overlay zoning designations that recognize and preserve the unique natural and cultural characteristics of each ahupua`a or district.*
- b. *Develop requirements for all County applicants to perpetuate and use proper traditional place names in all applications submitted.*

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Objective:

2. **Emphasize respect for our island lifestyle and our unique local cultures, family, and natural environment.**

Policies:

- a. Acknowledge the Hawaiian culture as the host culture, and foster respect and humility among residents and visitors toward the Hawaiian people and their practices.
- b. Perpetuate a respect for diversity, and recognize the historic blending of cultures and ethnicities.
- c. Encourage the perpetuation of each culture's unique cuisine, attire, dance, music, and folklore, and other unique island traditions and recreational activities.
- d. Recognize the interconnectedness between the natural environment and the cultural heritage of the islands.
- e. Protect and prioritize funding for recreational activities that support local cultural practices, such as surfing, fishing, and outrigger-canoe paddling.

Objective:

3. **Preserve for present and future generations the opportunity to know and experience the arts, culture, and history of Maui County.**

Policies:

- a. Foster teaching opportunities for cultural practitioners to share their knowledge and skills.
- b. Support the development of cultural centers.
- c. Broaden opportunities for public art and the display of local artwork.
- d. Foster the Aloha Spirit by celebrating the Hawaiian host culture and other Maui County cultures through support of cultural-education programs, festivals, celebrations, and ceremonies.
- e. Support the perpetuation of Hawaiian arts and culture.
- f. Support programs and activities that record the oral and pictorial history of residents.
- g. Support the development of repositories for culture, history, genealogy, oral history, film, and interactive learning.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Establish incentives for the display of public art.*

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- b. *Establish centers and programs of excellence for the perpetuation of Hawaiian arts and culture.*

Objective:

- 4. **Preserve and restore significant historic architecture, structures, cultural sites, cultural districts, and cultural landscapes.**

Policies:

- a. Support the development of an island-wide historic, archaeological, and cultural resources inventory.
- b. Promote the rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of historic sites, buildings, and structures to perpetuate a traditional sense of place.
- c. Identify a sustainable rate of use and set forth specific policies to protect cultural resources.
- d. Protect and preserve lands that are culturally or historically significant.
- e. Support programs that protect, record, restore, maintain, provide education about, and interpret cultural districts, landscapes, sites, and artifacts in both natural and museum settings.
- f. Perpetuate the authentic character and historic integrity of rural communities and small towns.
- g. Seek solutions that honor the traditions and practices of the host culture while recognizing the needs of the community.
- h. Support the development of an Archaeological District Ordinance.
- i. Protect summits, slopes, and ridgelines from inappropriate development.
- j. Support the registering of important historic sites on the State and Federal historic registers.
- k. Provide opportunities for public involvement with restoration and enhancement of all types of cultural resources.
- l. Foster partnerships to identify and preserve or revitalize historic and cultural sites.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Identify, develop, map, and maintain an inventory of locally significant natural, cultural, and historical resources for protection.*
- b. *Prepare, continually update, and implement a cultural-management plan for cultural sites, districts, and landscapes, where appropriate.*
- c. *Enact an Archaeological District Ordinance.*
- d. *Nominate important historic sites to the State and Federal historic registers.*

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C. Improve Education

Goal: Residents will have access to lifelong formal and informal educational options enabling them to realize their ambitions.

Objective:

1. Encourage the State to attract and retain school administrators and educators of the highest quality.

Policies:

- a. Encourage the State to provide teachers with nationally competitive pay and benefit packages.
- b. Encourage the State to ensure teachers will have the teaching tools and support staff needed to provide students with an excellent education.
- c. Explore Maui County district- and school-based decision making in public education.

Objective:

2. Provide nurturing learning environments that build skills for the 21st century.

Policies:

- a. Expand professional-development opportunities in disciplines that support the economic-development goals of Maui County.
- b. Plan for demographic, social, and technological changes in a timely manner.
- c. Encourage collaborative partnerships to improve conditions of learning environments.
- d. Promote development of neighborhood schools and educational centers.
- e. Integrate schools, community parks, and playgrounds, and expand each community's use of these facilities.
- f. Support coordination between land use and school-facility planning agencies.
- g. Encourage the upgrade and ongoing maintenance of public-school facilities.
- h. Encourage the State Department of Education to seek reliable, innovative, and alternative methods to support a level of per-pupil funding that places Hawai'i among the top tier of states nationally for its financial support of public schools.
- i. Encourage the State to promote healthier, more productive learning environments, including by providing healthy meals, more physical activity, natural lighting, and passive cooling.
- j. Encourage the State to support the development of benchmarks to measure the success of Hawai'i's public-education system and clarify lines of accountability.
- k. Design school and park facilities in proximity to residential areas.

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- l. Support technology- and natural-environment-based learning.
- m. Encourage the State to support lower student-teacher ratios in public schools.
- n. Encourage alternative learning and educational opportunities.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Develop safe walking and bicycling programs for school children.*

Objective:

- 3. **Provide all residents with educational opportunities that can help them better understand themselves and their surroundings and allow them to realize their ambitions.**

Policies:

- a. Encourage the State to improve Maui Community College as a comprehensive community college that will serve each community.
- b. Broaden the use of technology and telecommunications to improve educational opportunities throughout the County.
- c. Attract graduate-level research programs and institutions.
- d. Promote the teaching of traditional practices, including aquaculture; subsistence agriculture; Pacific Island, Asian, and other forms of alternative health practices; and indigenous Hawaiian architecture.
- e. Integrate cultural and environmental values in education, including self-sufficiency and sustainability.
- f. Foster a partnership and ongoing dialogue between business organizations, formal educational institutions, and vocational training centers to tailor learning and mentoring programs to County needs.
- g. Ensure teaching of the arts to all ages.
- h. Expand and develop vocational learning opportunities by establishing trade schools.
- i. Encourage the State to integrate financial and economic literacy in elementary, secondary, and higher-education levels.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Encourage the State to establish a four-year university, and support the development of other higher-education institutions to enable residents to obtain bachelor degrees and postgraduate degrees in Maui County.*

Objective:

- 4. **Maximize community-based educational opportunities.**

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Policies:

- a. Encourage the State and others to expand pre-school, after-school, and home-based (parent-child) learning.
- b. Support public-private partnerships to develop youth-internship, -apprenticeship, and -mentoring programs.
- c. Support the development of a wide range of informal educational and cultural programs for all residents.
- d. Improve partnerships that utilize the skills and talents at Hawai'i's colleges and universities to benefit the County.
- e. Support career-development and job-recruitment programs and centers.
- f. Attract learning institutions and specialty schools to diversify and enhance educational opportunities.
- g. Expand education of important life skills for the general public.
- h. Support community facilities such as museums, libraries, nature centers, and open spaces that provide interactive-learning opportunities for all ages.

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D. Strengthen Social and Healthcare Services

Goal: Health and social services in Maui County will fully and comprehensively serve all segments of the population.

Objective:

1. In cooperation with the Federal and State governments and nonprofit agencies, broaden access to social and healthcare services and expand options to improve the overall wellness of the people of Maui County.

Policies:

- a. Work with other levels of government and the nonprofit sector to expand services to address hunger, homelessness, and poverty.
- b. Support the improvement of opportunities for disadvantaged youth, encourage the tradition of hanai relatives, and support expanded opportunities for foster care.
- c. Support expanded long-term-care options, both in institutions and at home, for patients requiring ongoing assistance and medical attention.
- d. Encourage the expansion and improvement of local hospitals, facilitate the establishment of new healthcare facilities, and facilitate prompt and high-quality emergency- and urgent-care services for all.
- e. Support broadened access to affordable health insurance and health care, and recognize the unique economic challenges posed to families when healthcare services are provided off-island.
- f. Encourage equal access to social and healthcare services through both technological and traditional means.

Objective:

2. Encourage the Federal and State governments and the private sector to improve the quality and delivery of social and healthcare services.

Policies:

- a. Strengthen partnerships with government, nonprofit, and private organizations to provide funding and to improve counseling and other assistance to address substance abuse, domestic violence, and other pressing social challenges.
- b. Encourage the State to improve the quality of medical personnel, facilities, services, and equipment.
- c. Encourage investment to improve the recruitment of medical professionals and the quality of medical facilities and equipment throughout Maui County.

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- d. Promote the development of continuum-of-care facilities that provide assisted-living, hospice, home-care, and skilled-nursing options allowing the individual to be cared for in a manner congruent with his or her needs and desires.
- e. Support improved social, healthcare, and governmental services for special needs populations.
- f. Plan for the needs of an aging population and the resulting impacts on social services, housing, and healthcare delivery.
- g. Improve coordination among the police, the courts, and the public in the administration of social and healthcare services.
- h. Support programs that address needs of veterans.
- i. Support programs that address the needs of immigrants.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Invest in programs designed to improve the general welfare and quality of life of Native Hawaiians.*
- b. *Assist and facilitate the State Department of Public Safety and others in efforts to strengthen programs and facilities that will improve the mental and social health of incarcerated people and assist in prison inmates' successful transition back into Maui County communities.*
- c. *Develop and maintain a comprehensive index that will measure the health and wellness needs of families.*
- d. *Provide heliports countywide for emergency health and safety purposes.*

Objective:

- 3. **Strengthen public-awareness programs related to healthy lifestyles and social and medical services.**

Policies:

- a. Expand public awareness about personal safety and crime prevention.
- b. Encourage residents to pursue education and training for careers in the healthcare, social services, and community-development fields.
- c. Expand public awareness and promote programs to achieve healthy eating habits and drug-free lifestyles.

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E. Expand Housing Opportunities for Residents

Goal: Quality, island-appropriate housing will be available to all residents.

Objective:

1. Reduce the affordable housing deficit for residents.

Policies:

- a. Ensure that an adequate and permanent supply of affordable housing, both new and existing units, be made available for purchase or rental to our resident and/or workforce population, with special emphasis on providing housing for low- to moderate-income families, and ensure that all affordable housing remains affordable in perpetuity.
- b. Seek innovative ways to lower housing costs without compromising the quality of our island lifestyle.
- c. Seek innovative methods to secure land for the development of low- and moderate-income housing.
- d. Provide the homeless population with emergency and transitional shelter and other supportive programs.
- e. Provide for a range of senior-citizen and special needs housing choices on each island that affordably facilitates a continuum of care and services.
- f. Support the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands' development of homestead lands.
- g. Manage property-tax burdens to protect affordable resident homeownership.
- h. Explore taxation mechanisms to increase and maintain access to affordable housing.
- i. Improve awareness regarding available affordable homeowner's insurance.
- j. Redevelop commercial areas with a mixture of affordable residential and business uses, where appropriate.
- k. Ensure residents be given priority to obtain affordable housing units developed in their communities, consistent with all applicable regulations.
- l. Establish pricing for affordable housing that is more reflective of Maui County's workforce than the United States Housing and Urban Development's median-income estimates for Maui County.
- m. Develop neighborhoods with a mixture of accessible and integrated community facilities and services.
- n. Provide alternative regulatory frameworks to facilitate the use of Kuleana lands by the descendants of Native Hawaiians who received those lands pursuant to the Kuleana Act of 1850.

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- o. Work with lending institutions to expand housing options and safeguard the financial security of homeowners.
- p. Promote the use of the community land trust model and other land-lease and land-financing options.
- q. Support the opportunity to age in place by providing accessible and appropriately designed residential units.

Objective:

- 2. **Increase the mix of housing types in towns and neighborhoods to promote sustainable land use planning, expand consumer choice, and protect the County's rural and small-town character.**

Policies:

- a. Seek innovative ways to develop 'ohana cottages and accessory-dwelling units as affordable housing.
- b. Design neighborhoods to foster interaction among neighbors.
- c. Encourage a mix of social, economic, and age groups within neighborhoods.
- d. Promote infill housing in urban areas at scales that capitalize on existing infrastructure, lower development costs, and are consistent with existing or desired patterns of development.
- e. Encourage the building industry to use environmentally sustainable materials, technologies, and site planning.
- f. Develop workforce housing in proximity to job centers and transit facilities.
- g. Provide incentives to developers and owners who incorporate green building practices and energy-efficient technologies into their housing developments.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Revise laws to support neighborhood designs that incorporate a mix of housing types that are appropriate for island living.*

Objective:

- 3. **Increase and maintain the affordable housing inventory.**

Policies:

- a. Recognize housing as a basic human need, and work to fulfill that need.
- b. Prioritize available infrastructure capacity for affordable housing.
- c. Improve communication, collaboration, and coordination among housing providers and social-service organizations.

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- d. Study future projected housing needs, monitor economic cycles, and prepare for future conditions on each island.
- e. Develop public-private and nonprofit partnerships that facilitate the construction of quality affordable housing.
- f. Streamline the review process for high-quality, affordable housing developments that implement the goals, objectives, and policies of the General Plan.
- g. Minimize the intrusion of housing on prime, productive, and potentially productive agricultural lands and regionally valuable agricultural lands.
- h. Encourage long-term residential use of existing and future housing to meet residential needs.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Develop policies to even out the peaks and valleys in Maui County's construction-demand cycles.*

Objective:

- 4. **Expand access to education related to housing options, homeownership, financing, and residential construction.**

Policies:

- a. Broaden access to information about County, State, and Federal programs that provide financial assistance to renters and home buyers.
- b. Expand access to information about opportunities for homeownership and self-help housing.
- c. Educate residents about making housing choices that support their individual needs, the needs of their communities, and the health of the islands' natural systems.
- d. Improve home buyers' education on all aspects of homeownership.

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F. Strengthen the Local Economy

Goal: Maui County's economy will be diverse, sustainable, and supportive of community values.

Objective:

1. Promote an economic climate that will encourage diversification of the County's economic base and a sustainable rate of economic growth.

Policies:

- a. Support economic decisions that create long-term benefits.
- b. Promote lifelong education, career development, and technical training for existing and emerging industries.
- c. Invest in infrastructure, facilities, and programs that foster economic diversification.
- d. Support and promote locally produced products and their locally owned operations and businesses that benefit local communities and meet local demand.
- e. Support programs that assist industries to retain and attract more local labor and facilitate the creation of jobs that offer a living wage.
- f. Encourage work environments that are safe, rewarding, and fulfilling to employees.
- g. Support home-based businesses that are appropriate for and in character with the community.
- h. Encourage businesses that promote the health and well-being of the residents, produce value-added products, and support community values.
- i. Foster an understanding of the role of all industries in our economy.
- j. Support efforts to improve conditions that foster economic vitality in our historic small towns.
- k. Support and encourage traditional host-culture businesses and indigenous agricultural practices.
- l. Support public and private entities that assist entrepreneurs in establishing locally operated businesses.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Develop regulations and programs that support opportunities for local merchants, farmers, and small businesses to sell their goods and services directly to the public.*
- b. *Monitor the carrying capacity of the islands' social, ecological, and infrastructure systems with respect to the economy.*

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Objective:

2. **Diversify and expand sustainable forms of agriculture and aquaculture.**

Policies:

- a. Support programs that position Maui County's agricultural products as premium export products.
- b. Prioritize the use of agricultural land to feed the local population, and promote the use of agricultural lands for sustainable and diversified agricultural activities.
- c. Capitalize on Hawai'i's economic opportunities in the ecologically sensitive aquaculture industries.
- d. Assist farmers to help make Maui County more self-sufficient in food production.
- e. Support ordinances, programs, and policies that keep agricultural land and water available and affordable to farmers.
- f. Support a tax structure that is conducive to the growth of the agricultural economy.
- g. Enhance County efforts to monitor and regulate important agricultural issues.
- h. Support education, research, and facilities that strengthen the agricultural industry.
- i. Maintain the genetic integrity of existing food crops.
- j. Encourage healthy and organic farm practices that contribute to land health and regeneration.
- k. Support cooperatives and other types of nontraditional and communal farming efforts.
- l. Encourage methods of monitoring and controlling genetically modified crops to prevent adverse effects.
- m. Work with the State to ease the permitting process for the revitalization of traditional fish ponds.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Redirect efforts in the Office of Economic Development to further facilitate the development of the agricultural section and to monitor agricultural legislation and issues.*
- b. *Publicly identify, with signage and other means, the field locations of all genetically modified crops.*
- c. *Create agricultural parks in areas distant from genetically modified crops before they are subdivided or otherwise developed.*

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Objective:

3. Support a visitor industry that respects the resident culture and the environment.

Policies:

- a. Promote traditional Hawaiian practices in visitor-related facilities and activities.
- b. Encourage and educate the visitor industry to be sensitive to island lifestyles and cultural values.
- c. Encourage a spirit of welcome for residents at visitor facilities, such as by offering kama'aina incentives and discount programs.
- d. Support the renovation and enhancement of existing visitor facilities.
- e. Support policies, programs, and a tax structure that redirect the benefits of the visitor industry back into the local community.
- f. Encourage resident ownership of visitor-related businesses and facilities.
- g. Develop partnerships to provide educational and training facilities to residents employed in the visitor industry.
- h. Foster an understanding of local cultures, customs, and etiquette, and emphasize the importance of the Aloha Spirit as a common good for all.
- i. Support the diversification, development, evolution, and integration of the visitor industry in a way that is compatible with the traditional, social, economic, spiritual, and environmental values of island residents.
- j. Improve collaboration between the visitor industry and the other sectors of Maui County's economy.
- k. Perpetuate an authentic image of the Hawaiian culture and history and an appropriate recognition of the host culture.
- l. Support the programs and initiatives outlined in the Maui County Tourism Strategic Plan 2006-2015.
- m. Promote water conservation, beach conservation, and open-space conservation in areas providing services for visitors.
- n. Recognize the important contributions that the visitor industry makes to the County's economy.

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Objective:

4. Expand economic sectors that increase living-wage job choices and are compatible with community values.

Policies:

- a. Support emerging industries, including the following:
 - Health and wellness industry;
 - Sports and recreation industry;
 - Film and entertainment industry;
 - Arts and culture industry;
 - Renewable-energy industry;
 - Research and development industry;
 - High-technology and knowledge-based industries;
 - Education and training industry;
 - Ecotourism industry; and
 - Agritourism industry.

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G. Improve Parks and Public Facilities

Goal: A full range of island-appropriate public facilities and recreational opportunities will be provided to improve the quality of life for residents and visitors.

Objective:

1. Expand access to recreational opportunities and community facilities to meet the present and future needs of residents of all ages and physical abilities.

Policies:

- a. Protect, enhance, and expand access to public shoreline and mountain resources.
- b. Expand and enhance the network of parks, multi-use paths, and bikeways.
- c. Assist communities in developing recreational facilities that promote physical fitness.
- d. Expand venue options for recreation and performances that enrich the lifestyles of Maui County's people.
- e. Expand affordable recreational and after-school programs for youth.
- f. Encourage and invest in recreational, social, and leisure activities that bring people together and build community pride.
- g. Promote the development and enhancement of community centers, civic spaces, and gathering places throughout our communities.
- h. Expand affordable access to recreational opportunities that support the local lifestyle.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Identify and reserve lands for cemeteries, and preserve existing cemeteries on all islands, appropriately accommodating varying cultural and faith-based traditions.*

Objective:

2. Improve the quality and adequacy of community facilities.

Policies:

- a. Provide an adequate supply of dedicated shelters and facilities for disaster relief.
- b. Provide and maintain community facilities that are appropriately designed to reflect the traditions and customs of local cultures.
- c. Ensure that parks and public facilities are safe and adequately equipped for the needs of all ages and physical abilities to the extent reasonable.

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- d. Maintain, enhance, expand, and provide new active and passive recreational facilities in ways that preserve the natural beauty of their locations.
- e. Redesign or retrofit public facilities to adapt to major shifts in environmental or urban conditions to the extent reasonable.

Objective:

- 3. **Enhance the funding, management, and planning of public facilities and park lands.**

Policies:

- a. Identify and encourage the establishment of regulated and environmentally sound campgrounds.
- b. Manage park use and control access to natural resources in order to rest sensitive places and utilize the resources in a sustainable manner.
- c. Provide public-recreational facilities that are clean and well-maintained.
- d. Develop partnerships to ensure proper stewardship of the islands' trails, public lands, and access systems.
- e. Ensure that there is an adequate supply of public restrooms in convenient locations.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Encourage the State to allow for overnight fishing along the shoreline in accordance with management plans and regulations.*
- b. *Develop and regularly update functional plans, including those relating to public facilities, parks, and campgrounds.*
- c. *Develop and adopt local level-of-service standards for public facilities and parks.*
- d. *Identify, acquire, and develop lands for parks, civic spaces, and public uses.*

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H. Diversify Transportation Options

Goal: Maui County will have an efficient, economical, and environmentally sensitive means of moving people and goods.

Objective:

1. Provide an effective, affordable, and convenient ground-transportation system that is environmentally sustainable.

Policies:

- a. Execute planning strategies to reduce traffic congestion.
- b. Plan for the efficient relocation of roadways for the public benefit.
- c. Support the use of alternative roadway designs, such as traffic-calming techniques and modern roundabouts.
- d. Increase route and mode options in the ground-transportation network.
- e. Ensure that roadway systems are safe, efficient, and maintained in good condition.
- f. Preserve roadway corridors that have historic, scenic, or unique physical attributes that enhance the character and scenic resources of communities.
- g. Design new roads and roadway improvements to retain and enhance the existing character and scenic resources of the communities through which they pass.
- h. Promote a variety of affordable and convenient transportation services that meet countywide and community needs and expand ridership of transit systems.
- i. Collaborate with transit agencies, government agencies, employers, and operators to provide planning strategies that reduce peak-hour traffic.
- j. Develop and expand an attractive, island-appropriate, and efficient public-transportation system.
- k. Provide and encourage the development of specialized transportation options for the young, the elderly, and persons with disabilities.
- l. Evaluate all alternatives to preserve quality of life before widening roads.
- m. Encourage businesses in the promotion of alternative transportation options for resident and visitor use.
- [n. Support the development of carbon-emission standards and an incentive program aimed at achieving County carbon-emission goals.]

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Implementing Actions:

- a. *Create incentives and implement strategies to reduce visitor dependence on rental cars.*
- b. *Establish efficient public-transit routes between employment centers and primary workforce residential areas.*
- c. *Create attractive, island-appropriate, conveniently located park-and-ride and ride-share facilities.*

Objective:

2. **Reduce the reliance on the automobile and fossil fuels by encouraging walking, bicycling, and other energy-efficient and safe alternative modes of transportation.**

Policies:

- a. **Make walking and bicycling transportation safe and easy between and within communities.**
- b. **Require development to be designed with the pedestrian in mind.**
- c. **Design new and retrofit existing rights-of-way with adequate sidewalks, bicycle lanes, or separated multi-use transit corridors.**
- d. **Support the development of a countywide network of bikeways, equestrian trails, and pedestrian paths.**
- e. **Support the reestablishment of traditional trails between communities, to the ocean, and through the mountains for public use.**
- f. **Encourage educational programs to increase safety for pedestrians and bicyclists.**

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Design, build, and modify existing bikeways to improve safety and separation from automobiles.*
- b. *Increase enforcement to reduce abuse of bicycle and pedestrian lanes by motorized vehicles.*
- c. *Identify non-motorized transportation options as a priority for new sources of funding.*

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Objective:

3. Improve opportunities for affordable, efficient, safe, and reliable air transportation.

Policies:

- a. Discourage private helicopter and fixed-wing landing sites to mitigate environmental and social impacts.
- b. Encourage the use of quieter aircraft and noise-abatement procedures for arrivals and departures.
- c. Encourage the modernization and maintenance of air-transportation facilities for general-aviation activities.
- d. Encourage a viable and competitive atmosphere for air carriers to expand service and ensure sufficient intra-County flights and affordable fares for consumers.
- e. Continue to support secondary airports, and encourage the State to provide them with adequate funding.
- f. During Community Plan updates, explore the use of the smaller airports.
- g. Encourage the State to provide efficient, adequate, and affordable parking and transit connections within and around airports

Objective:

4. Improve opportunities for affordable, efficient, safe, and reliable ocean transportation.

Policies:

- a. Support programs and regulations that reduce the disposal of maritime waste and prevent spills into the ocean.
- b. Encourage the upgrading of harbors to resist damage from natural hazards and disasters.
- c. Encourage the State to study the use of existing harbors and set priorities for future use.
- d. Explore all options to protect the traditional recreational uses of harbors, and mitigate harbor-upgrade impacts to recreational uses where feasible.
- e. Encourage the upgrading of harbors and the separation of cargo and bulk materials from passenger and recreational uses.
- f. Encourage the State to provide for improved capacity at shipping, docking, and storage facilities.
- g. Encourage the State to provide adequate parking facilities and transit connections within and around harbor areas.

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- h. Encourage the redevelopment and revitalization of harbors while preserving historic and cultural assets in harbor districts.
- i. Encourage the State to provide adequate facilities for small-boat operations, including small-boat launch ramps, according to community needs.
- j. Support the maintenance and cleanliness of harbor facilities.
- k. Support the redevelopment of harbors as pedestrian-oriented gathering places, with employee facilities and passengers.

Objective:

5. Improve and expand the planning and management of transportation systems.

Policies:

- a. Encourage progressive community design and development that will reduce transportation trips.
- b. Require new developments to contribute their *pro rata* share of local and regional infrastructure costs.
- c. Establish appropriate user fees for private enterprises that utilize public-transportation facilities for recreational purposes.
- d. Support the revision of roadway-design criteria and standards so that roads are compatible with surrounding neighborhoods and the character of rural areas.
- e. Plan for multi-modal transportation and utility corridors on each island.
- f. Support designing all transportation facilities, including airport, harbor, and mass-transit stations, to reflect Hawaiian architecture.
- g. Utilize transportation-demand management as an integral part of transportation planning.
- h. Accommodate the planting of street trees and other appropriate landscaping in all public rights-of-way.

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I. Improve Physical Infrastructure

Goal: Maui County's physical infrastructure will be maintained in optimum condition and will provide for and effectively serve the needs of the County through clean and sustainable technologies.

Objective:

1. Improve water systems to assure access to sustainable, clean, reliable, and affordable sources of water.

Policies:

- a. Ensure that adequate supplies of water are available prior to approval of subdivision or construction documents.
- b. Develop and fund improved water-delivery systems.
- c. Ensure a reliable and affordable supply of water for productive agricultural uses.
- d. Promote the reclamation of gray water, and enable the use of reclaimed, gray, and brackish water for activities that do not require potable water.
- e. Retain and expand public control and ownership of water resources and delivery systems.
- f. Improve the management of water systems so that surface-water and groundwater resources are not degraded by overuse or pollution.
- g. Explore and promote alternative water-source-development methods.
- h. Seek reliable long-term sources of water to serve developments that achieve consistency with the appropriate Community Plans.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Develop a process to review all applications for desalination.*

Objective:

2. Improve waste-disposal practices and systems to be efficient, safe, and as environmentally sound as possible.

Policies:

- a. Provide sustainable waste-disposal systems and comprehensive, convenient recycling programs to reduce the flow of waste into landfills.
- b. Support innovative and alternative practices in recycling solid waste and wastewater and disposing of hazardous waste.

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- c. Encourage vendors and owners of automobile, appliance, and white goods to participate in the safe disposal and recycling of such goods, and ensure greater accountability for large waste producers.
- d. Develop strategies to promote public awareness to reduce pollution and litter, and encourage residents to reduce, reuse, recycle, and compost waste materials.
- e. Pursue improvements and upgrades to existing wastewater and solid-waste systems consistent with current and future plans and the County's Capital Improvement Program.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Establish recycling, trash-separation, and materials recovery programs and facilities to reduce the flow of waste into landfills.*
- b. *Study the feasibility of developing environmentally safe waste-to-energy facilities.*
- c. *Utilize taxes and fees as means to encourage conservation and recycling.*
- d. *Implement and regularly update the Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan.*
- e. *Phase out the use of injection wells.*

[Objective:

- 3. **Significantly increase the use of renewable and green technologies to promote energy efficiency and energy self-sufficiency.**

Policies:

- a. Promote the use of locally renewable energy sources, and reward energy efficiency.
- b. Consider tax incentives and credits for the development of sustainable- and renewable-energy sources.
- c. Expand education about energy conservation and self-sufficiency.
- d. Encourage small-scale energy generation that utilizes wind, sun, water, biowaste, and other renewable sources of energy.
- e. Expand renewable-energy production.
- f. Develop public-private partnerships to ensure the use of renewable energy and increase energy efficiency.
- g. Require the incorporation of locally appropriate energy-saving and green building design concepts in all new developments by providing energy-efficient urban design guidelines and amendments to the Building Code.
- h. Encourage the use of sustainable energy to power vehicles.

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- i. Promote the retrofitting of existing buildings and new development to incorporate energy-saving design concepts and devices.
- j. Encourage green footprint practices.
- k. Reduce Maui County's dependence on fossil fuels and energy imports.
- l. Support green building practices such as the construction of buildings that aim to minimize carbon dioxide production, produce renewable energy, and recycle water.
- m. Promote and support environmentally friendly practices in all energy sectors.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Adopt an energy-efficiency policy for Maui County government as a model for other jurisdictions.*
- b. *Adopt a Green Building Code, and support green building practices.]*

Objective:

- [4]3. Direct growth in a way that makes efficient use of existing infrastructure and to areas where there is available infrastructure capacity.**

Policies:

- a. Capitalize on existing infrastructure capacity as a priority over infrastructure expansion.
- b. Planning for new towns should only be considered if a region's growth is too large to be directed into infill and adjacent growth areas.
- c. Utilize appropriate infrastructure technologies in the appropriate locations.
- d. Promote land use patterns that can be provided with infrastructure and public facilities in a cost-effective manner.
- e. Support catchment systems and on-site wastewater treatment in rural areas and aggregated water and wastewater systems in urban areas if they are appropriately located.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Develop a streamlining system for urban infill projects.*
- b. *Identify appropriate areas for urban expansion of existing towns where infrastructure and public facilities can be provided in a cost-effective manner.*

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Objective:

[5]4. Improve the planning and management of infrastructure systems.

Policies:

- a. Provide a reliable and sufficient level of funding to enhance and maintain infrastructure systems.
- b. Require new developments to contribute their *pro rata* share of local and regional infrastructure costs.
- c. Improve coordination among infrastructure providers and planning agencies to minimize construction impacts.
- d. Maintain inventories of infrastructure capacity, and project future infrastructure needs.
- e. Require social-justice and -equity issues to be considered during the infrastructure-planning process.
- f. Discourage the development of critical infrastructure systems within hazard zones and the tsunami-inundation zone to the extent practical.
- g. Ensure that infrastructure is built concurrent with or prior to development.
- h. Ensure that basic infrastructure needs can be met during a disaster.
- i. Locate public facilities and emergency services in appropriate locations that support the health, safety, and welfare of each community and that minimize delivery inefficiencies.
- j. Promote the undergrounding of utility and other distribution lines for health, safety, and aesthetic reasons.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Develop and regularly update functional plans for infrastructure systems.*
- b. *Develop, adopt, and regularly update local or community-sensitive level-of-service standards for infrastructure systems.*

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J. Promote Sustainable Land Use and Growth Management

Goal: Community character, lifestyles, economies, and natural assets will be preserved by managing growth and using land in a sustainable manner.

Objective:

1. Improve land use management and implement a directed-growth strategy.

Policies:

- a. Establish, map, and enforce urban- and rural-growth limits.
- b. Direct urban and rural growth to designated areas.
- c. Limit the number of visitor-accommodation units and facilities in Community Plan Areas.
- d. Maintain a sustainable balance between the resident, part-time resident, and visitor populations.
- e. Encourage redevelopment and infill in existing communities on lands intended for urban use to protect productive farm land and open-space resources.
- [f]. Discourage new entitlements for residential, resort, or commercial development along the shoreline.]
- [g]. Restrict development in areas that are prone to natural hazards, disasters, or sea-level rise.]
- [h]f. Direct new development in and around communities with existing infrastructure and service capacity, and protect natural, scenic, shoreline, and cultural resources.
- [i]g. Establish and maintain permanent open space between communities to protect each community's identity.
- [j]h. Support the dedication of land for public uses.
- [k]i. Preserve the public's rights of access to and continuous lateral access along all shorelines.
- [l]j. Enable existing and future communities to be self-sufficient through sustainable land use planning and management practices.
- [m]k. Protect summits, slopes, and ridgelines from inappropriate development.

Implementing Actions:

- a. Regularly update urban- and rural-growth boundaries and their maps.
- b. Establish transfer and purchase of development rights programs.
- c. Develop and adopt a green infrastructure plan.

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- d. *Develop studies to help determine a sustainable social, environmental, and economic carrying capacity for each island.*
- e. *Identify and define resort-destination areas.*

Objective:

2. **Improve planning for and management of agricultural lands and rural areas.**

Policies:

- a. *Protect prime, productive, and potentially productive agricultural lands to maintain the islands' agricultural and rural identities and economies.*
- b. *Provide opportunities and incentives for self-sufficient and subsistence homesteads and farms.*
- c. *Discourage developing or subdividing agriculturally designated lands when non-agricultural activities would be primary uses.*
- d. *Conduct agricultural development planning to facilitate robust and sustainable agricultural activities.*

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Inventory and protect prime, productive, and potentially productive agricultural lands from competing non-agricultural land uses.*

Objective:

3. **Design all developments to be in harmony with the environment and to protect each community's sense of place.**

Policies:

- a. *Support and provide incentives for green building practices.*
- b. *Encourage the incorporation of green building practices and technologies into all government facilities to the extent practicable.*
- c. *Protect and enhance the unique architectural and landscape characteristics of each Community Plan Area, small town, and neighborhood.*
- d. *Ensure that adequate recreational areas, open spaces, and public-gathering places are provided and maintained in all urban centers and neighborhoods.*
- e. *Ensure business districts are distinctive, attractive, and pedestrian-friendly destinations.*
- f. *Use trees and other forms of landscaping along rights-of-way and within parking lots to provide shade, beauty, urban-heat reduction, and separation of pedestrians from automobile traffic in accordance with community desires.*

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- g. Where appropriate, integrate public-transit, equestrian, pedestrian, and bicycle facilities, and public rights-of-way as design elements in new and existing communities.
- h. Ensure better connectivity and linkages between land uses.
- i. Adequately buffer and mitigate noise and air pollution in mixed-use areas to maintain residential quality of life.
- j. Protect rural communities and traditional small towns by regulating the footprint, locations, site planning, and design of structures.
- k. Support small-town revitalization and preservation.
- l. Facilitate safe pedestrian access, and create linkages between destinations and within parking areas.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Establish design guidelines and standards to enhance urban and rural environments.*
- b. *Provide funding for civic-center and civic-space developments.*
- c. *Establish and enhance urban forests in neighborhoods and business districts.*

Objective:

- 4. **Improve and increase efficiency in land use planning and management.**

Policies:

- a. Assess the cumulative impact of developments on natural ecosystems, natural resources, wildlife habitat, and surrounding uses.
- b. Ensure that new development projects requiring discretionary permits demonstrate a community need, show consistency with the General Plan, and provide an analysis of impacts.
- c. Encourage public and private partnerships to preserve lands of importance, develop housing, and meet the needs of residents.
- d. Promote creative subdivision designs that implement: best practices in land development, sustainable management of natural and physical resources, increased pedestrian and bicycle functionality and safety, and the principles of livable communities.
- e. Coordinate with Federal, State, and County officials in order to ensure that land use decisions are consistent with County plans and the vision local populations have for their communities.
- f. Enable greater public participation in the review of subdivisions.
- g. Improve land use decision making through the use of land- and geographic-information systems.

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Implementing Actions:

- a. Institute a time limit and sunseting stipulations on development entitlements and their implementation.*

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K. Strive for Good Governance

Goal: Government services will be transparent, effective, efficient, and responsive to the needs of residents.

Objective:

1. **Strengthen governmental planning, coordination, consensus building, and decision making.**

Policies:

- a. Plan and prepare for the effects of social, demographic, economic, and environmental shifts.
- b. Plan for and address the possible implications of Hawaiian sovereignty.
- c. Encourage collaboration among government agencies to reduce duplication of efforts and promote information availability and exchange.
- d. Expand opportunities for the County to be involved in and affect State and Federal decision making.
- e. Plan and prepare for large-scale emergencies and contingencies.
- f. Improve public awareness about preparing for natural hazards, disasters, and evacuation plans.
- g. Improve coordination among Federal, State, and County agencies.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Develop policies, regulations, and programs to protect and enhance the unique character and needs of the County's various communities.*
- b. *Evaluate and, if necessary, recommend modifications to the County Charter that could result in a possible change to the form of governance for Maui County.*
- c. *Study and evaluate the feasibility and implications of district voting in Maui County Council elections.*
- d. *Study and evaluate the feasibility of authorizing town governments in Maui County.*

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Objective:

2. Promote civic engagement.

Policies:

- a. Foster consensus building through in-depth, innovative, and accessible public-participatory processes.
- b. Promote and ensure public participation and equal access to government among all citizens.
- c. Encourage a broad cross-section of residents to volunteer on boards and commissions.
- d. Encourage the State to improve its community-involvement processes.
- e. Support community-based decision making.
- f. Expand advisory functions at the community level.
- g. Expand opportunities for all members of the public to participate in public meetings and forums.
- h. Facilitate the community's ability to obtain relevant documentation.
- i. Increase voter registration and turnout.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Implement two-way communication using audio-visual technology that allows residents to participate in the County's planning processes.*
- b. *Ensure and expand the use of online notification of County business and public meetings, and ensure the posting of all County board and commission meeting minutes.*
- c. *Explore funding mechanisms to improve participation by volunteers on boards and commissions.*
- d. *Develop a project-review process that mandates early and ongoing consultation in and with communities affected by planning and land use activities.*

Objective:

3. Improve the efficiency, reliability, and transparency of County government's internal processes and decision making.

Policies:

- a. Use advanced technology to improve efficiency.

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- b. Simplify and clarify the permitting process to provide uniformity, reliability, efficiency, and transparency.
- c. Improve communication with Lanaʻi and Molokaʻi through the expanded use of information technologies, expanded staffing, and the creation and expansion of government-service centers.
- d. Ensure that laws, policies, and regulations are internally consistent and effectuate the intent of the General Plan.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Update the County Code to be consistent with the General Plan.*
- b. *Identify and update County regulations and procedures to increase the productivity and efficiency of County government.*
- c. *Develop local level-of-service standards for infrastructure, public facilities, and services.*
- d. *Implement plans through programs, regulations, and capital improvements in a timely manner.*
- e. *Expand government online services.*

Objective:

- 4. **Adequately fund in order to effectively administer, implement, and enforce the General Plan.**

Policies:

- a. Adequately fund, staff, and support the timely update and implementation of planning policy, programs, functional plans, and enforcement activities.
- b. Ensure that the County's General Plan process provides for efficient planning at the County, island, town, and neighborhood level.
- c. Encourage ongoing professional development, education, and training of County employees.
- d. Encourage competitive compensation packages for County employees to attract and retain County personnel.
- e. Enable the County government to be more responsive in implementing our General Plan and Community Plans.
- f. Review discretionary permits for compliance with the Countywide Policy Plan.
- g. Strengthen the enforcement of County, State, and Federal land use laws.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Establish penalties to ensure compliance with County, State, and Federal land use laws.*

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Objective:

5. Strive for County government to be a role model for implementing cultural and environmental policies and practices.

Policies:

- a. Educate residents on the benefits of sustainable practices.
- b. Encourage the retention and hiring of qualified professionals who can improve cultural and environmental practices.
- c. Incorporate environmentally sound and culturally appropriate practices in government operations and services.
- d. Encourage all vendors with County contracts to incorporate environmentally sound and culturally appropriate practices.

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L. Mitigate Climate Change and Work Toward Resilience

Goal: Minimize the causes and negative effects of climate change.

Objective:

1. Lower carbon emissions levels to mitigate climate change impacts and limit the rate of global warming.

Policies:

- a. Increase reforestation efforts by encouraging residents and visitors to plant non-invasive gardens and trees.
- b. Improve communication, coordination, and collaboration among those that work to mitigate climate change impacts.
- c. Promote the teaching and use of regenerative agriculture.
- d. Invest in infrastructure that is not dependent on fossil fuels and utilizes renewable energy.
- e. Improve efforts to mitigate and plan for the impact of natural disasters and global warming.
- f. Encourage the building industry to use environmentally sustainable materials, technology, and site planning.
- g. Reduce air, noise, light, land, and water pollution, and reduce Maui County's contribution to global climate change.
- h. Plan and prepare for and educate visitors and residents about the possible effects of global warming.
- i. Promote programs and incentives that decrease greenhouse-gas emissions and improve environmental stewardship.
- j. Support the development of carbon-emission standards and an incentive program aimed at achieving County carbon-emission goals.

Implementing Actions:

- a. Implement Federal and State policies that require a reduction of greenhouse-gas emissions.
- b. Establish a Countywide Climate Action Plan
- c. Develop programs that assist residents and businesses with obtaining access to renewable energy sources.
- d. Revise laws to support neighborhood designs that incorporate the use of renewable energy sources that are appropriate for island living.
- e. Incorporate tree planting as a major component of Urban Design to both cool neighborhoods and reduce carbon dioxide.

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- f. Coordinate with State, County, and private landowners in the development of forestry and tree planting to reduce carbon dioxide.
- g. Strongly support efforts to restore and improve Maui County's watersheds for the purpose of improving the water supply, controlling carbon dioxide levels, decreasing soil runoff, and reducing coastal flooding.

Objective:

- 2. Reduce the impacts of sea-level rise by acknowledging climate change, adapting, mitigating, and planning accordingly.

Policies:

- a. Evaluate development to assess potential short-term and long-term sea-level rise impacts on nearshore environments.
- b. Improve efforts to mitigate and plan for the impact of sea-level rise.
- c. Protect undeveloped beaches, dunes, and ecosystems, and restore natural shoreline processes.
- d. Develop an inventory of private wastewater systems (septic systems, cesspools) that may be affected by sea-level rise.
- e. Strengthen coastal-zone management, re-naturalization of shorelines, where possible, and filtration or treatment of urban and agricultural runoff.
- f. Educate the construction and landscape industries and property owners about the use of best management practices to prevent erosion and nonpoint source pollution.
- g. Discourage beach hardening processes such as building sea walls and revetments that block movement of the shoreline and can accelerate erosion.
- h. Discourage new entitlements for residential, resort, or commercial development along the shoreline.
- i. Restrict development in areas that are prone to sea-level rise.
- j. Move or rebuild public facilities away from nearshore environments to account for sea-level rise to the extent reasonable.
- k. Move or rebuild roads that are in sea-level rise inundation zones to the extent reasonable.
- l. Ensure that public or affordable housing projects include siting and design standards that promote equity and resilience for vulnerable populations.
- m. Identify, research, and evaluate innovative and sustainable financing to support mitigation and adaptation to sea level rise.

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Implementing Actions:

- a. Develop programs to help transition shoreline property owners out of their nearshore locations and develop a long-term plan to stay out of the way of natural beach migration.
- b. Identify buildings, roads, and other infrastructure that are in sea-level rise inundation zones and assist in adaptive efforts, including nature-based solutions, elevation, or moving them away from such zones.
- c. Identify disaster redevelopment alternatives that support resilience-focused adaptation to sea level rise in the event of a catastrophic coastal event.

Objective:

3. Significantly increase the use of renewable and green technologies to promote energy efficiency and energy self-sufficiency.

Policies:

- a. Promote the use of locally renewable energy sources, and reward energy efficiency.
- b. Consider tax incentives and credits for the development of sustainable- and renewable-energy sources.
- c. Expand education about energy conservation and self-sufficiency.
- d. Encourage small-scale energy generation that utilizes wind, sun, water, biowaste, and other renewable sources of energy.
- e. Expand renewable-energy production.
- f. Develop public-private partnerships to ensure the use of renewable energy and increase energy efficiency.
- g. Require the incorporation of locally appropriate energy-saving and green building design concepts in all new developments by providing energy-efficient urban design guidelines and amendments to the Building Code.
- h. Encourage the use of sustainable energy to power vehicles.
- i. Promote the retrofitting of existing buildings and new development to incorporate energy-saving design concepts and devices.
- j. Encourage green footprint practices.
- k. Reduce Maui County's dependence on fossil fuels and energy imports.
- l. Support green building practices such as the construction of buildings that aim to minimize carbon dioxide production, produce renewable energy, and recycle water.
- m. Promote and support environmentally friendly practices in all energy sectors.

Goals, Objectives, and Policies

Implementing Actions:

- a. Adopt an energy-efficiency policy for Maui County government as a model for other jurisdictions.
- b. Adopt a Green Building Code and support green building practices.

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COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

WAILUKU, HAWAII 96793

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

It is HEREBY CERTIFIED that the recommendations contained in COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 20-151 were adopted by the Council of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, on the 4th day of December, 2020, by the following vote:

MEMBERS	Alice L. LEE Chair	Keani N. W. RAWLINS- FERNANDEZ Vice-Chair	G. Riki HOKAMA	Natalie A. KAMA	Kelly T. KING	Michael J. MOLINA	Tamara A. M. PALTIN	Shane M. SINENCI	Yuki Lei K. SUGIMURA
ROLL CALL	Aye	Aye	Excused	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

Resolution No. 20-170 was amended prior to adoption.



COUNTY CLERK

Resolution

No. 20-170

REFERRING TO THE PLANNING COMMISSIONS
A PROPOSED BILL AMENDING SECTION 2.80B,
MAUI COUNTY CODE, TO ADD “MITIGATE
CLIMATE CHANGE AND WORK TOWARD
RESILIENCE” AS A GOAL OF THE
COUNTYWIDE POLICY PLAN

WHEREAS, the Council is considering a proposed bill amending Section 2.80B, Maui County Code, to add to the Countywide Policy Plan a goal to mitigate climate change and work toward resilience; and

WHEREAS, to avoid repetition, the bill would move the following objectives into the new Theme L, “Mitigate Climate Change and Work Toward Resilience”:

- From Theme A:

- Objective 1, Policy e.

“Protect undeveloped beaches, dunes, and coastal ecosystems, and restore natural shoreline processes.”

- Objective 2, Policy f.

“Strengthen coastal-zone management, re-naturalization of shorelines, where possible, and filtration or treatment of urban and agricultural runoff.”

- Objective 3, Policies d, f, g and i.

“Improve efforts to mitigate and plan for the impact of natural disasters, human-influenced emergencies, and global warming.”

“Reduce air, noise, light, land, and water pollution, and reduce Maui County’s contribution to global climate change.”

“Plan and prepare for and educate visitors and residents about the possible effects of global warming.”

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“Educate the construction and landscape industries and property owners about the use of best management practices to prevent erosion and nonpoint source pollution.”

- Objective 3, Implementing Action b.

“Implement Federal and State policies that require a reduction of greenhouse-gas emissions.”

- Objective 4, Policy c.

“Promote programs and incentives that decrease greenhouse-gas emissions and improve environmental stewardship.”

- From Theme H:

- Objective 1, Policy n.

“Support the development of carbon-emission standards and an incentive program aimed at achieving County carbon-emission goals.”

- From Theme I:

- Objective 3, including policies and implementing actions.

“Objective:

3. Significantly increase the use of renewable and green technologies to promote energy efficiency and energy self-sufficiency.

Policies:

- a. Promote the use of locally renewable energy sources, and reward energy efficiency.
- b. Consider tax incentives and credits for the development of sustainable- and renewable-energy sources.
- c. Expand education about energy conservation and self-sufficiency.

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- d. Encourage small-scale energy generation that utilizes wind, sun, water, biowaste, and other renewable sources of energy.
- e. Expand renewable-energy production.
- f. Develop public-private partnerships to ensure the use of renewable energy and increase energy efficiency.
- g. Require the incorporation of locally appropriate energy-saving and green building design concepts in all new developments by providing energy-efficient urban design guidelines and amendments to the Building Code.
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Implementing Actions:

- a. Adopt an energy-efficiency policy for Maui County government as a model for other jurisdictions.*
 - b. Adopt a Green Building Code, and support green building practices."*
- From Theme J:
 - Objective 1, policies f and g.

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“Discourage new entitlements for residential, resort, or commercial development along the shoreline.”


“Restrict development in areas that are prone to natural hazards, disasters, or sea-level rise.”; and

WHEREAS, Sections 8-8.4 and 8-8.6 of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended, require that the appropriate planning commission review the general plan and revisions thereof and provide findings and recommendations to the Council; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it refers the proposed bill, entitled “A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.80B, MAUI COUNTY CODE, TO ADD ‘MITIGATE CLIMATE CHANGE AND WORK TOWARD RESILIENCE’ AS A GOAL OF THE COUNTYWIDE POLICY PLAN,” a copy of which is attached as Exhibit “A,” to the Maui, Moloka‘i, and Lāna‘i Planning Commissions for appropriate action, in accordance with Sections 8-8.4 and 8-8.6 of the Revised Charter of the County of Maui (1983), as amended;
2. That it respectfully requests that the Maui, Moloka‘i, and Lāna‘i Planning Commissions transmit their findings and recommendations to the Council as expeditiously as possible; and
3. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, Planning Director, and Maui, Moloka‘i, and Lāna‘i Planning Commissions.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

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Deputy Corporation Counsel
County of Maui

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Exhibit "A"

ORDINANCE NO. _____

BILL NO. _____ (2020)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.80B, MAUI COUNTY CODE, TO ADD "MITIGATE CLIMATE CHANGE AND WORK TOWARD RESILIENCE" AS A GOAL OF THE COUNTYWIDE POLICY PLAN

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI:

SECTION 1. Exhibit A-1 of Chapter 2.80B, Maui County Code, adopted as the Countywide Policy Plan of the County of Maui by Ordinance 3732 (2010), is amended to incorporate the amended Section IV, attached as Exhibit "1" to this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. Section 2.80B.030, Maui County Code, is amended by amending subsection A to read as follows:

"A. Exhibit A-1 of this chapter, as amended, entitled "The Countywide Policy Plan," which is on file with the office of the county clerk, is adopted as the countywide policy plan and by reference made a part of this chapter. Exhibit B of this chapter, entitled "The Maui Island Plan," which is on file with the office of the county clerk, is adopted as the Maui island plan and by reference made a part of this chapter. Exhibit C of this chapter, entitled "Long-Range Implementation Program," which is on file with the office of the county clerk, is adopted as chapter 10: long-range implementation program and by reference made a part of this chapter. The table of contents of the Maui Island Plan [shall] must include Chapter 10: Long-Range Implementation Program."

SECTION 3. Material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this bill, the County Clerk need not include the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance takes effect upon its approval.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Department of the Corporation Counsel
County of Maui

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SECTION IV: GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES

As part of the effort to develop this Countywide Policy Plan, the County of Maui supported and conducted a number of public-participatory workshops and meetings and other community-involvement activities. The intent of these outreach efforts was to establish a broadly held consensus about the preferred future of the community. A series of broad themes and goals, each supported by more specific objectives, policies, and implementing action statements, were formulated. The core themes are indicated below (in no order of priority):

- A. Protect the Natural Environment
- B. Preserve Local Cultures and Traditions
- C. Improve Education
- D. Strengthen Social and Healthcare Services
- E. Expand Housing Opportunities for Residents
- F. Strengthen the Local Economy
- G. Improve Parks and Public Facilities
- H. Diversify Transportation Options
- I. Improve Physical Infrastructure
- J. Promote Sustainable Land Use and Growth Management
- K. Strive for Good Governance
- L. Mitigate Climate Change and Work Toward Resilience

Goals are intended to describe a desirable condition of the County by the year 2030. They are intentionally general, but are attainable through concerted effort. Objectives tend to be more specific and may be regarded as milestones in the journey to achieve the larger goals. Policy statements are not intended as regulations, but instead provide a general guideline for County decision makers, departments, and collaborating organizations toward the attainment of goals and objectives. Implementation action statements are specific tasks, procedures, programs, or techniques that carry out policy. Because this Policy Plan is largely general and aspirational in nature, it is not intended to be used in the review of applications for ministerial permits.

As the policies of this Plan are applied, it is likely some policies will overlap or appear inconsistent, and policies will compete for scarce resources. In such cases, the participants of Focus Maui Nui recommended planning and decision making with a balanced approach that takes as many policies as possible into consideration without forsaking other needs. However, they recognized that some prioritization will be necessary. For example, most participants said that if they must choose between areas of need or make tradeoffs, the preservation of natural resources, the islands' identity, and cultural assets must be considered before improvements to infrastructure or even steps to strengthen the economy. Participants articulated a hope that more balance could exist in decision making, and they supported the notion that many issues could be addressed simultaneously by developing strategies that take into consideration ostensibly competing policies.

This Section sets forth the fundamental goals, objectives, and policies of the County in regard to realizing our key strategies countywide. This section also establishes the following elements mandated by Section 2.80B, Maui County Code: the County's vision and core principles. The subsequent goals, objectives, and policies are based on and intended to effectuate these elements. Cumulatively, Section IV contains all of the mandatory elements of the Countywide Policy Plan under Chapter 2.80B.

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VISION

Maui County will be an innovative model of sustainable island living and a place where every individual can grow to reach his or her potential.

The needs of each individual, the needs of the whole community, and the needs of our natural and cultural assets will be brought into balance to reflect the high value we place on both our natural environment and our people.

The education and health of our people will be fostered to ensure that the residents of these islands can, if they choose, spend their whole lives here – raising children, owning homes, enjoying rewarding jobs, taking advantage of opportunities to contribute to this community, and to be good stewards of our local treasures and resources.

Maui County will be a leader in the creation of responsible, self-sufficient communities and environmentally sound economic development and land stewardship.

That which makes Maui County unique in the world will be preserved, celebrated, and protected for generations to come.

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CORE PRINCIPLES

To accomplish our vision, the people of our islands must foster and respect the Aloha Spirit. We must consider the future generations of Maui County and be true to these core principles:

- 1. Excellence in the stewardship of the natural environment and cultural resources;*
- 2. Compassion for and understanding of others;*
- 3. Respect for diversity;*
- 4. Engagement and empowerment of Maui County residents;*
- 5. Honor for all cultural traditions and histories;*
- 6. Consideration of the contributions of past generations as well as the needs of future generations;*
- 7. Commitment to self-sufficiency;*
- 8. Wisdom and balance in decision making;*
- 9. Thoughtful, island-appropriate innovation; and*
- 10. Nurturance of the health and well-being of our families and our communities.*

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Countywide objectives and policies for population, land use, the environment, the economy, and housing -

A. Protect the Natural Environment

Goal: Maui County's natural environment and distinctive open spaces will be preserved, managed, and cared for in perpetuity.

Objective:

1. Improve the opportunity to experience the natural beauty and native biodiversity of the islands for present and future generations.

Policies:

- a. Perpetuate native Hawaiian biodiversity by preventing the introduction of invasive species, containing or eliminating existing noxious pests, and protecting critical habitat areas.
- b. Preserve and reestablish indigenous and endemic species' habitats and their connectivity.
- c. Restore and protect forests, wetlands, watersheds, and stream flows, and guard against wildfires, flooding, and erosion.
- d. Protect baseline stream flows for perennial streams, and support policies that ensure adequate stream flow to support Native Hawaiian aquatic species, traditional kalo cultivation, and self-sustaining ahupua'a.
- e. Protect the natural state and integrity of unique terrain, valued natural environments, and geological features.
- f. Preserve and provide ongoing care for important scenic vistas, view planes, landscapes, and open-space resources.
- g. Expand coordination with the State and nonprofit agencies and their volunteers to reduce invasive species, replant indigenous species, and identify critical habitat.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Develop island-wide networks of greenways, watercourses, and habitat corridors.*

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Objective:

2. Improve the quality of environmentally sensitive, locally valued natural resources and native ecology of each island.

Policies:

- a. Protect and restore nearshore reef environments and water quality.
- b. Protect marine resources and valued wildlife.
- c. Improve the connection between urban environments and the natural landscape, and incorporate natural features of the land into urban design.
- d. Utilize land-conservation tools to ensure the permanence of valued open spaces.
- e. Mitigate the negative effects of upland uses on coastal wetlands, marine life, and coral reefs.
- f. Regulate the use and maintenance of stormwater-treatment systems that incorporate the use of native vegetation and mimic natural systems.
- g. Advocate for stronger regulation of fishing, boating, cruise ship, and ecotourism activities.
- h. Restore watersheds and aquifer-recharge areas to healthy and productive status, and increase public knowledge about the importance of watershed stewardship, water conservation, and groundwater protection.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Develop regulations to minimize runoff of pollutants into nearshore waters and reduce nonpoint and point source pollution.*

Objective:

3. Improve the stewardship of the natural environment.

Policies:

- a. Preserve and protect natural resources with significant scenic, economic, cultural, environmental, or recreational value.
- b. Improve communication, coordination, and collaboration among government agencies, nonprofit organizations, communities, individuals, and land owners that work for the protection of the natural environment.
- c. Evaluate development to assess potential short-term and long-term impacts on land, air, aquatic, and marine environments.
- d. Regulate access to sensitive ecological sites and landscapes.
- e. Provide public access to beaches and shorelines for recreational and cultural purposes where appropriate.

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- f. Support the acquisition of resources with scenic, environmental, and recreational value, and encumber their use.
- g. Improve enforcement activities relating to the natural environment.
- h. For each shoreline community, identify and prioritize beach-conservation objectives, and develop action plans for their implementation.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Document, record, and monitor existing conditions, populations, and locations of flora and fauna communities.*
- b. *Establish a baseline inventory of available natural resources and their respective carrying capacities.*

Objective:

- 4. Educate residents and visitors about responsible stewardship practices and the interconnectedness of the natural environment and people.

Policies:

- a. Expand education about native flora, fauna, and ecosystems.
- b. Align priorities to recognize that the health of the natural environment and the health of people are inextricably linked.

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B. Preserve Local Cultures and Traditions

Goal: Maui County will foster a spirit of pono and protect, perpetuate, and reinvigorate its residents' multi-cultural values and traditions to ensure that current and future generations will enjoy the benefits of their rich island heritage.

Objective:

1. Perpetuate the Hawaiian culture as a vital force in the lives of residents.

Policies:

- a. Protect and preserve access to mountain, ocean, and island resources for traditional Hawaiian cultural practices.
- b. Prohibit inappropriate development of cultural lands and sites that are important for traditional Hawaiian cultural practices, and establish mandates for the special protection of these lands in perpetuity.
- c. Promote the use of ahupua`a and moku management practices.
- d. Encourage the use of traditional Hawaiian architecture and craftsmanship.
- e. Promote the use of the Hawaiian language.
- f. Recognize and preserve the unique natural and cultural characteristics of each ahupua`a or district.
- g. Encourage schools to promote broader incorporation of Hawaiian and other local cultures' history and values lessons into curriculum.
- h. Ensure the protection of Native Hawaiian rights.
- i. Promote, encourage, and require the correct use of traditional place names, particularly in government documents, signage, and the tourism industry.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Establish alternative land use and overlay zoning designations that recognize and preserve the unique natural and cultural characteristics of each ahupua`a or district.*
- b. *Develop requirements for all County applicants to perpetuate and use proper traditional place names in all applications submitted.*

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Objective:

2. Emphasize respect for our island lifestyle and our unique local cultures, family, and natural environment.

Policies:

- a. Acknowledge the Hawaiian culture as the host culture, and foster respect and humility among residents and visitors toward the Hawaiian people and their practices.
- b. Perpetuate a respect for diversity, and recognize the historic blending of cultures and ethnicities.
- c. Encourage the perpetuation of each culture's unique cuisine, attire, dance, music, and folklore, and other unique island traditions and recreational activities.
- d. Recognize the interconnectedness between the natural environment and the cultural heritage of the islands.
- e. Protect and prioritize funding for recreational activities that support local cultural practices, such as surfing, fishing, and outrigger-canoe paddling.

Objective:

3. Preserve for present and future generations the opportunity to know and experience the arts, culture, and history of Maui County.

Policies:

- a. Foster teaching opportunities for cultural practitioners to share their knowledge and skills.
- b. Support the development of cultural centers.
- c. Broaden opportunities for public art and the display of local artwork.
- d. Foster the Aloha Spirit by celebrating the Hawaiian host culture and other Maui County cultures through support of cultural-education programs, festivals, celebrations, and ceremonies.
- e. Support the perpetuation of Hawaiian arts and culture.
- f. Support programs and activities that record the oral and pictorial history of residents.
- g. Support the development of repositories for culture, history, genealogy, oral history, film, and interactive learning.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Establish incentives for the display of public art.*

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- b. Establish centers and programs of excellence for the perpetuation of Hawaiian arts and culture.*

Objective:

- 4. Preserve and restore significant historic architecture, structures, cultural sites, cultural districts, and cultural landscapes.

Policies:

- a. Support the development of an island-wide historic, archaeological, and cultural resources inventory.
- b. Promote the rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of historic sites, buildings, and structures to perpetuate a traditional sense of place.
- c. Identify a sustainable rate of use and set forth specific policies to protect cultural resources.
- d. Protect and preserve lands that are culturally or historically significant.
- e. Support programs that protect, record, restore, maintain, provide education about, and interpret cultural districts, landscapes, sites, and artifacts in both natural and museum settings.
- f. Perpetuate the authentic character and historic integrity of rural communities and small towns.
- g. Seek solutions that honor the traditions and practices of the host culture while recognizing the needs of the community.
- h. Support the development of an Archaeological District Ordinance.
- i. Protect summits, slopes, and ridgelines from inappropriate development.
- j. Support the registering of important historic sites on the State and Federal historic registers.
- k. Provide opportunities for public involvement with restoration and enhancement of all types of cultural resources.
- l. Foster partnerships to identify and preserve or revitalize historic and cultural sites.

Implementing Actions:

- a. Identify, develop, map, and maintain an inventory of locally significant natural, cultural, and historical resources for protection.*
- b. Prepare, continually update, and implement a cultural-management plan for cultural sites, districts, and landscapes, where appropriate.*
- c. Enact an Archaeological District Ordinance.*
- d. Nominate important historic sites to the State and Federal historic registers.*

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C. Improve Education

Goal: Residents will have access to lifelong formal and informal educational options enabling them to realize their ambitions.

Objective:

1. Encourage the State to attract and retain school administrators and educators of the highest quality.

Policies:

- a. Encourage the State to provide teachers with nationally competitive pay and benefit packages.
- b. Encourage the State to ensure teachers will have the teaching tools and support staff needed to provide students with an excellent education.
- c. Explore Maui County district- and school-based decision making in public education.

Objective:

2. Provide nurturing learning environments that build skills for the 21st century.

Policies:

- a. Expand professional-development opportunities in disciplines that support the economic-development goals of Maui County.
- b. Plan for demographic, social, and technological changes in a timely manner.
- c. Encourage collaborative partnerships to improve conditions of learning environments.
- d. Promote development of neighborhood schools and educational centers.
- e. Integrate schools, community parks, and playgrounds, and expand each community's use of these facilities.
- f. Support coordination between land use and school-facility planning agencies.
- g. Encourage the upgrade and ongoing maintenance of public-school facilities.
- h. Encourage the State Department of Education to seek reliable, innovative, and alternative methods to support a level of per-pupil funding that places Hawai'i among the top tier of states nationally for its financial support of public schools.
- i. Encourage the State to promote healthier, more productive learning environments, including by providing healthy meals, more physical activity, natural lighting, and passive cooling.
- j. Encourage the State to support the development of benchmarks to measure the success of Hawai'i's public-education system and clarify lines of accountability.
- k. Design school and park facilities in proximity to residential areas.

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- l. Support technology- and natural-environment-based learning.
- m. Encourage the State to support lower student-teacher ratios in public schools.
- n. Encourage alternative learning and educational opportunities.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Develop safe walking and bicycling programs for school children.*

Objective:

- 3. Provide all residents with educational opportunities that can help them better understand themselves and their surroundings and allow them to realize their ambitions.

Policies:

- a. Encourage the State to improve Maui Community College as a comprehensive community college that will serve each community.
- b. Broaden the use of technology and telecommunications to improve educational opportunities throughout the County.
- c. Attract graduate-level research programs and institutions.
- d. Promote the teaching of traditional practices, including aquaculture; subsistence agriculture; Pacific Island, Asian, and other forms of alternative health practices; and indigenous Hawaiian architecture.
- e. Integrate cultural and environmental values in education, including self-sufficiency and sustainability.
- f. Foster a partnership and ongoing dialogue between business organizations, formal educational institutions, and vocational training centers to tailor learning and mentoring programs to County needs.
- g. Ensure teaching of the arts to all ages.
- h. Expand and develop vocational learning opportunities by establishing trade schools.
- i. Encourage the State to integrate financial and economic literacy in elementary, secondary, and higher-education levels.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Encourage the State to establish a four-year university, and support the development of other higher-education institutions to enable residents to obtain bachelor degrees and postgraduate degrees in Maui County.*

Objective:

- 4. Maximize community-based educational opportunities.

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Policies:

- a. Encourage the State and others to expand pre-school, after-school, and home-based (parent-child) learning.
- b. Support public-private partnerships to develop youth-internship, -apprenticeship, and -mentoring programs.
- c. Support the development of a wide range of informal educational and cultural programs for all residents.
- d. Improve partnerships that utilize the skills and talents at Hawai'i's colleges and universities to benefit the County.
- e. Support career-development and job-recruitment programs and centers.
- f. Attract learning institutions and specialty schools to diversify and enhance educational opportunities.
- g. Expand education of important life skills for the general public.
- h. Support community facilities such as museums, libraries, nature centers, and open spaces that provide interactive-learning opportunities for all ages.

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D. Strengthen Social and Healthcare Services

Goal: Health and social services in Maui County will fully and comprehensively serve all segments of the population.

Objective:

- 1. In cooperation with the Federal and State governments and nonprofit agencies, broaden access to social and healthcare services and expand options to improve the overall wellness of the people of Maui County.**

Policies:

- a. Work with other levels of government and the nonprofit sector to expand services to address hunger, homelessness, and poverty.
- b. Support the improvement of opportunities for disadvantaged youth, encourage the tradition of hanai relatives, and support expanded opportunities for foster care.
- c. Support expanded long-term-care options, both in institutions and at home, for patients requiring ongoing assistance and medical attention.
- d. Encourage the expansion and improvement of local hospitals, facilitate the establishment of new healthcare facilities, and facilitate prompt and high-quality emergency- and urgent-care services for all.
- e. Support broadened access to affordable health insurance and health care, and recognize the unique economic challenges posed to families when healthcare services are provided off-island.
- f. Encourage equal access to social and healthcare services through both technological and traditional means.

Objective:

- 2. Encourage the Federal and State governments and the private sector to improve the quality and delivery of social and healthcare services.**

Policies:

- a. Strengthen partnerships with government, nonprofit, and private organizations to provide funding and to improve counseling and other assistance to address substance abuse, domestic violence, and other pressing social challenges.
- b. Encourage the State to improve the quality of medical personnel, facilities, services, and equipment.
- c. Encourage investment to improve the recruitment of medical professionals and the quality of medical facilities and equipment throughout Maui County.

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- d. Promote the development of continuum-of-care facilities that provide assisted-living, hospice, home-care, and skilled-nursing options allowing the individual to be cared for in a manner congruent with his or her needs and desires.
- e. Support improved social, healthcare, and governmental services for special needs populations.
- f. Plan for the needs of an aging population and the resulting impacts on social services, housing, and healthcare delivery.
- g. Improve coordination among the police, the courts, and the public in the administration of social and healthcare services.
- h. Support programs that address needs of veterans.
- i. Support programs that address the needs of immigrants.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Invest in programs designed to improve the general welfare and quality of life of Native Hawaiians.*
- b. *Assist and facilitate the State Department of Public Safety and others in efforts to strengthen programs and facilities that will improve the mental and social health of incarcerated people and assist in prison inmates' successful transition back into Maui County communities.*
- c. *Develop and maintain a comprehensive index that will measure the health and wellness needs of families.*
- d. *Provide heliports countywide for emergency health and safety purposes.*

Objective:

- 3. **Strengthen public-awareness programs related to healthy lifestyles and social and medical services.**

Policies:

- a. Expand public awareness about personal safety and crime prevention.
- b. Encourage residents to pursue education and training for careers in the healthcare, social services, and community-development fields.
- c. Expand public awareness and promote programs to achieve healthy eating habits and drug-free lifestyles.

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E. Expand Housing Opportunities for Residents

Goal: Quality, island-appropriate housing will be available to all residents.

Objective:

1. Reduce the affordable housing deficit for residents.

Policies:

- a. Ensure that an adequate and permanent supply of affordable housing, both new and existing units, be made available for purchase or rental to our resident and/or workforce population, with special emphasis on providing housing for low- to moderate-income families, and ensure that all affordable housing remains affordable in perpetuity.
- b. Seek innovative ways to lower housing costs without compromising the quality of our island lifestyle.
- c. Seek innovative methods to secure land for the development of low- and moderate-income housing.
- d. Provide the homeless population with emergency and transitional shelter and other supportive programs.
- e. Provide for a range of senior-citizen and special needs housing choices on each island that affordably facilitates a continuum of care and services.
- f. Support the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands' development of homestead lands.
- g. Manage property-tax burdens to protect affordable resident homeownership.
- h. Explore taxation mechanisms to increase and maintain access to affordable housing.
- i. Improve awareness regarding available affordable homeowner's insurance.
- j. Redevelop commercial areas with a mixture of affordable residential and business uses, where appropriate.
- k. Ensure residents be given priority to obtain affordable housing units developed in their communities, consistent with all applicable regulations.
- l. Establish pricing for affordable housing that is more reflective of Maui County's workforce than the United States Housing and Urban Development's median-income estimates for Maui County.
- m. Develop neighborhoods with a mixture of accessible and integrated community facilities and services.
- n. Provide alternative regulatory frameworks to facilitate the use of Kuleana lands by the descendants of Native Hawaiians who received those lands pursuant to the Kuleana Act of 1850.

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- o. Work with lending institutions to expand housing options and safeguard the financial security of homeowners.
- p. Promote the use of the community land trust model and other land-lease and land-financing options.
- q. Support the opportunity to age in place by providing accessible and appropriately designed residential units.

Objective:

- 2. Increase the mix of housing types in towns and neighborhoods to promote sustainable land use planning, expand consumer choice, and protect the County's rural and small-town character.

Policies:

- a. Seek innovative ways to develop 'ohana cottages and accessory-dwelling units as affordable housing.
- b. Design neighborhoods to foster interaction among neighbors.
- c. Encourage a mix of social, economic, and age groups within neighborhoods.
- d. Promote infill housing in urban areas at scales that capitalize on existing infrastructure, lower development costs, and are consistent with existing or desired patterns of development.
- e. Encourage the building industry to use environmentally sustainable materials, technologies, and site planning.
- f. Develop workforce housing in proximity to job centers and transit facilities.
- g. Provide incentives to developers and owners who incorporate green building practices and energy-efficient technologies into their housing developments.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Revise laws to support neighborhood designs that incorporate a mix of housing types that are appropriate for island living.*

Objective:

- 3. Increase and maintain the affordable housing inventory.

Policies:

- a. Recognize housing as a basic human need, and work to fulfill that need.
- b. Prioritize available infrastructure capacity for affordable housing.
- c. Improve communication, collaboration, and coordination among housing providers and social-service organizations.

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- d. Study future projected housing needs, monitor economic cycles, and prepare for future conditions on each island.
- e. Develop public-private and nonprofit partnerships that facilitate the construction of quality affordable housing.
- f. Streamline the review process for high-quality, affordable housing developments that implement the goals, objectives, and policies of the General Plan.
- g. Minimize the intrusion of housing on prime, productive, and potentially productive agricultural lands and regionally valuable agricultural lands.
- h. Encourage long-term residential use of existing and future housing to meet residential needs.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Develop policies to even out the peaks and valleys in Maui County's construction-demand cycles.*

Objective:

- 4. Expand access to education related to housing options, homeownership, financing, and residential construction.

Policies:

- a. Broaden access to information about County, State, and Federal programs that provide financial assistance to renters and home buyers.
- b. Expand access to information about opportunities for homeownership and self-help housing.
- c. Educate residents about making housing choices that support their individual needs, the needs of their communities, and the health of the islands' natural systems.
- d. Improve home buyers' education on all aspects of homeownership.

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F. Strengthen the Local Economy

Goal: Maui County's economy will be diverse, sustainable, and supportive of community values.

Objective:

1. Promote an economic climate that will encourage diversification of the County's economic base and a sustainable rate of economic growth.

Policies:

- a. Support economic decisions that create long-term benefits.
- b. Promote lifelong education, career development, and technical training for existing and emerging industries.
- c. Invest in infrastructure, facilities, and programs that foster economic diversification.
- d. Support and promote locally produced products and their locally owned operations and businesses that benefit local communities and meet local demand.
- e. Support programs that assist industries to retain and attract more local labor and facilitate the creation of jobs that offer a living wage.
- f. Encourage work environments that are safe, rewarding, and fulfilling to employees.
- g. Support home-based businesses that are appropriate for and in character with the community.
- h. Encourage businesses that promote the health and well-being of the residents, produce value-added products, and support community values.
- i. Foster an understanding of the role of all industries in our economy.
- j. Support efforts to improve conditions that foster economic vitality in our historic small towns.
- k. Support and encourage traditional host-culture businesses and indigenous agricultural practices.
- l. Support public and private entities that assist entrepreneurs in establishing locally operated businesses.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Develop regulations and programs that support opportunities for local merchants, farmers, and small businesses to sell their goods and services directly to the public.*
- b. *Monitor the carrying capacity of the islands' social, ecological, and infrastructure systems with respect to the economy.*

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Objective:

2. Diversify and expand sustainable forms of agriculture and aquaculture.

Policies:

- a. Support programs that position Maui County's agricultural products as premium export products.
- b. Prioritize the use of agricultural land to feed the local population, and promote the use of agricultural lands for sustainable and diversified agricultural activities.
- c. Capitalize on Hawai'i's economic opportunities in the ecologically sensitive aquaculture industries.
- d. Assist farmers to help make Maui County more self-sufficient in food production.
- e. Support ordinances, programs, and policies that keep agricultural land and water available and affordable to farmers.
- f. Support a tax structure that is conducive to the growth of the agricultural economy.
- g. Enhance County efforts to monitor and regulate important agricultural issues.
- h. Support education, research, and facilities that strengthen the agricultural industry.
- i. Maintain the genetic integrity of existing food crops.
- j. Encourage healthy and organic farm practices that contribute to land health and regeneration.
- k. Support cooperatives and other types of nontraditional and communal farming efforts.
- l. Encourage methods of monitoring and controlling genetically modified crops to prevent adverse effects.
- m. Work with the State to ease the permitting process for the revitalization of traditional fish ponds.

Implementing Actions:

- a. Redirect efforts in the Office of Economic Development to further facilitate the development of the agricultural section and to monitor agricultural legislation and issues.
- b. Publicly identify, with signage and other means, the field locations of all genetically modified crops.
- c. Create agricultural parks in areas distant from genetically modified crops before they are subdivided or otherwise developed.

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Objective:

3. Support a visitor industry that respects the resident culture and the environment.

Policies:

- a. Promote traditional Hawaiian practices in visitor-related facilities and activities.
- b. Encourage and educate the visitor industry to be sensitive to island lifestyles and cultural values.
- c. Encourage a spirit of welcome for residents at visitor facilities, such as by offering kama'aina incentives and discount programs.
- d. Support the renovation and enhancement of existing visitor facilities.
- e. Support policies, programs, and a tax structure that redirect the benefits of the visitor industry back into the local community.
- f. Encourage resident ownership of visitor-related businesses and facilities.
- g. Develop partnerships to provide educational and training facilities to residents employed in the visitor industry.
- h. Foster an understanding of local cultures, customs, and etiquette, and emphasize the importance of the Aloha Spirit as a common good for all.
- i. Support the diversification, development, evolution, and integration of the visitor industry in a way that is compatible with the traditional, social, economic, spiritual, and environmental values of island residents.
- j. Improve collaboration between the visitor industry and the other sectors of Maui County's economy.
- k. Perpetuate an authentic image of the Hawaiian culture and history and an appropriate recognition of the host culture.
- l. Support the programs and initiatives outlined in the Maui County Tourism Strategic Plan 2006-2015.
- m. Promote water conservation, beach conservation, and open-space conservation in areas providing services for visitors.
- n. Recognize the important contributions that the visitor industry makes to the County's economy.

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Objective:

4. Expand economic sectors that increase living-wage job choices and are compatible with community values.

Policies:

- a. Support emerging industries, including the following:
 - Health and wellness industry;
 - Sports and recreation industry;
 - Film and entertainment industry;
 - Arts and culture industry;
 - Renewable-energy industry;
 - Research and development industry;
 - High-technology and knowledge-based industries;
 - Education and training industry;
 - Ecotourism industry; and
 - Agritourism industry.

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G. Improve Parks and Public Facilities

Goal: A full range of island-appropriate public facilities and recreational opportunities will be provided to improve the quality of life for residents and visitors.

Objective:

1. Expand access to recreational opportunities and community facilities to meet the present and future needs of residents of all ages and physical abilities.

Policies:

- a. Protect, enhance, and expand access to public shoreline and mountain resources.
- b. Expand and enhance the network of parks, multi-use paths, and bikeways.
- c. Assist communities in developing recreational facilities that promote physical fitness.
- d. Expand venue options for recreation and performances that enrich the lifestyles of Maui County's people.
- e. Expand affordable recreational and after-school programs for youth.
- f. Encourage and invest in recreational, social, and leisure activities that bring people together and build community pride.
- g. Promote the development and enhancement of community centers, civic spaces, and gathering places throughout our communities.
- h. Expand affordable access to recreational opportunities that support the local lifestyle.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Identify and reserve lands for cemeteries, and preserve existing cemeteries on all islands, appropriately accommodating varying cultural and faith-based traditions.*

Objective:

2. Improve the quality and adequacy of community facilities.

Policies:

- a. Provide an adequate supply of dedicated shelters and facilities for disaster relief.
- b. Provide and maintain community facilities that are appropriately designed to reflect the traditions and customs of local cultures.
- c. Ensure that parks and public facilities are safe and adequately equipped for the needs of all ages and physical abilities to the extent reasonable.

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- d. Maintain, enhance, expand, and provide new active and passive recreational facilities in ways that preserve the natural beauty of their locations.
- e. Redesign or retrofit public facilities to adapt to major shifts in environmental or urban conditions to the extent reasonable.

Objective:

- 3. Enhance the funding, management, and planning of public facilities and park lands.

Policies:

- a. Identify and encourage the establishment of regulated and environmentally sound campgrounds.
- b. Manage park use and control access to natural resources in order to rest sensitive places and utilize the resources in a sustainable manner.
- c. Provide public-recreational facilities that are clean and well-maintained.
- d. Develop partnerships to ensure proper stewardship of the islands' trails, public lands, and access systems.
- e. Ensure that there is an adequate supply of public restrooms in convenient locations.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Encourage the State to allow for overnight fishing along the shoreline in accordance with management plans and regulations.*
- b. *Develop and regularly update functional plans, including those relating to public facilities, parks, and campgrounds.*
- c. *Develop and adopt local level-of-service standards for public facilities and parks.*
- d. *Identify, acquire, and develop lands for parks, civic spaces, and public uses.*

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H. Diversify Transportation Options

Goal: Maui County will have an efficient, economical, and environmentally sensitive means of moving people and goods.

Objective:

1. Provide an effective, affordable, and convenient ground-transportation system that is environmentally sustainable.

Policies:

- a. Execute planning strategies to reduce traffic congestion.
- b. Plan for the efficient relocation of roadways for the public benefit.
- c. Support the use of alternative roadway designs, such as traffic-calming techniques and modern roundabouts.
- d. Increase route and mode options in the ground-transportation network.
- e. Ensure that roadway systems are safe, efficient, and maintained in good condition.
- f. Preserve roadway corridors that have historic, scenic, or unique physical attributes that enhance the character and scenic resources of communities.
- g. Design new roads and roadway improvements to retain and enhance the existing character and scenic resources of the communities through which they pass.
- h. Promote a variety of affordable and convenient transportation services that meet countywide and community needs and expand ridership of transit systems.
- i. Collaborate with transit agencies, government agencies, employers, and operators to provide planning strategies that reduce peak-hour traffic.
- j. Develop and expand an attractive, island-appropriate, and efficient public-transportation system.
- k. Provide and encourage the development of specialized transportation options for the young, the elderly, and persons with disabilities.
- l. Evaluate all alternatives to preserve quality of life before widening roads.
- m. Encourage businesses in the promotion of alternative transportation options for resident and visitor use.

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Implementing Actions:

- a. *Create incentives and implement strategies to reduce visitor dependence on rental cars.*
- b. *Establish efficient public-transit routes between employment centers and primary workforce residential areas.*
- c. *Create attractive, island-appropriate, conveniently located park-and-ride and ride-share facilities.*

Objective:

2. Reduce the reliance on the automobile and fossil fuels by encouraging walking, bicycling, and other energy-efficient and safe alternative modes of transportation.

Policies:

- a. Make walking and bicycling transportation safe and easy between and within communities.
- b. Require development to be designed with the pedestrian in mind.
- c. Design new and retrofit existing rights-of-way with adequate sidewalks, bicycle lanes, or separated multi-use transit corridors.
- d. Support the development of a countywide network of bikeways, equestrian trails, and pedestrian paths.
- e. Support the reestablishment of traditional trails between communities, to the ocean, and through the mountains for public use.
- f. Encourage educational programs to increase safety for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Design, build, and modify existing bikeways to improve safety and separation from automobiles.*
- b. *Increase enforcement to reduce abuse of bicycle and pedestrian lanes by motorized vehicles.*
- c. *Identify non-motorized transportation options as a priority for new sources of funding.*

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Objective:

3. Improve opportunities for affordable, efficient, safe, and reliable air transportation.

Policies:

- a. Discourage private helicopter and fixed-wing landing sites to mitigate environmental and social impacts.
- b. Encourage the use of quieter aircraft and noise-abatement procedures for arrivals and departures.
- c. Encourage the modernization and maintenance of air-transportation facilities for general-aviation activities.
- d. Encourage a viable and competitive atmosphere for air carriers to expand service and ensure sufficient intra-County flights and affordable fares for consumers.
- e. Continue to support secondary airports, and encourage the State to provide them with adequate funding.
- f. During Community Plan updates, explore the use of the smaller airports.
- g. Encourage the State to provide efficient, adequate, and affordable parking and transit connections within and around airports

Objective:

4. Improve opportunities for affordable, efficient, safe, and reliable ocean transportation.

Policies:

- a. Support programs and regulations that reduce the disposal of maritime waste and prevent spills into the ocean.
- b. Encourage the upgrading of harbors to resist damage from natural hazards and disasters.
- c. Encourage the State to study the use of existing harbors and set priorities for future use.
- d. Explore all options to protect the traditional recreational uses of harbors, and mitigate harbor-upgrade impacts to recreational uses where feasible.
- e. Encourage the upgrading of harbors and the separation of cargo and bulk materials from passenger and recreational uses.
- f. Encourage the State to provide for improved capacity at shipping, docking, and storage facilities.
- g. Encourage the State to provide adequate parking facilities and transit connections within and around harbor areas.

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- h. Encourage the redevelopment and revitalization of harbors while preserving historic and cultural assets in harbor districts.
- i. Encourage the State to provide adequate facilities for small-boat operations, including small-boat launch ramps, according to community needs.
- j. Support the maintenance and cleanliness of harbor facilities.
- k. Support the redevelopment of harbors as pedestrian-oriented gathering places, with employee facilities and passengers.

Objective:

5. Improve and expand the planning and management of transportation systems.

Policies:

- a. Encourage progressive community design and development that will reduce transportation trips.
- b. Require new developments to contribute their *pro rata* share of local and regional infrastructure costs.
- c. Establish appropriate user fees for private enterprises that utilize public-transportation facilities for recreational purposes.
- d. Support the revision of roadway-design criteria and standards so that roads are compatible with surrounding neighborhoods and the character of rural areas.
- e. Plan for multi-modal transportation and utility corridors on each island.
- f. Support designing all transportation facilities, including airport, harbor, and mass-transit stations, to reflect Hawaiian architecture.
- g. Utilize transportation-demand management as an integral part of transportation planning.
- h. Accommodate the planting of street trees and other appropriate landscaping in all public rights-of-way.

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I. Improve Physical Infrastructure

Goal: Maui County's physical infrastructure will be maintained in optimum condition and will provide for and effectively serve the needs of the County through clean and sustainable technologies.

Objective:

1. Improve water systems to assure access to sustainable, clean, reliable, and affordable sources of water.

Policies:

- a. Ensure that adequate supplies of water are available prior to approval of subdivision or construction documents.
- b. Develop and fund improved water-delivery systems.
- c. Ensure a reliable and affordable supply of water for productive agricultural uses.
- d. Promote the reclamation of gray water, and enable the use of reclaimed, gray, and brackish water for activities that do not require potable water.
- e. Retain and expand public control and ownership of water resources and delivery systems.
- f. Improve the management of water systems so that surface-water and groundwater resources are not degraded by overuse or pollution.
- g. Explore and promote alternative water-source-development methods.
- h. Seek reliable long-term sources of water to serve developments that achieve consistency with the appropriate Community Plans.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Develop a process to review all applications for desalination.*

Objective:

2. Improve waste-disposal practices and systems to be efficient, safe, and as environmentally sound as possible.

Policies:

- a. Provide sustainable waste-disposal systems and comprehensive, convenient recycling programs to reduce the flow of waste into landfills.
- b. Support innovative and alternative practices in recycling solid waste and wastewater and disposing of hazardous waste.

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- c. Encourage vendors and owners of automobile, appliance, and white goods to participate in the safe disposal and recycling of such goods, and ensure greater accountability for large waste producers.
- d. Develop strategies to promote public awareness to reduce pollution and litter, and encourage residents to reduce, reuse, recycle, and compost waste materials.
- e. Pursue improvements and upgrades to existing wastewater and solid-waste systems consistent with current and future plans and the County's Capital Improvement Program.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Establish recycling, trash-separation, and materials recovery programs and facilities to reduce the flow of waste into landfills.*
- b. *Study the feasibility of developing environmentally safe waste-to-energy facilities.*
- c. *Utilize taxes and fees as means to encourage conservation and recycling.*
- d. *Implement and regularly update the Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan.*
- e. *Phase out the use of injection wells.*

Objective:

- 3. Direct growth in a way that makes efficient use of existing infrastructure and to areas where there is available infrastructure capacity.

Policies:

- a. Capitalize on existing infrastructure capacity as a priority over infrastructure expansion.
- b. Planning for new towns should only be considered if a region's growth is too large to be directed into infill and adjacent growth areas.
- c. Utilize appropriate infrastructure technologies in the appropriate locations.
- d. Promote land use patterns that can be provided with infrastructure and public facilities in a cost-effective manner.
- e. Support catchment systems and on-site wastewater treatment in rural areas and aggregated water and wastewater systems in urban areas if they are appropriately located.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Develop a streamlining system for urban infill projects.*
- b. *Identify appropriate areas for urban expansion of existing towns where infrastructure and public facilities can be provided in a cost-effective manner.*

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Objective:

4. Improve the planning and management of infrastructure systems.

Policies:

- a. Provide a reliable and sufficient level of funding to enhance and maintain infrastructure systems.
- b. Require new developments to contribute their *pro rata* share of local and regional infrastructure costs.
- c. Improve coordination among infrastructure providers and planning agencies to minimize construction impacts.
- d. Maintain inventories of infrastructure capacity, and project future infrastructure needs.
- e. Require social-justice and -equity issues to be considered during the infrastructure-planning process.
- f. Discourage the development of critical infrastructure systems within hazard zones and the tsunami-inundation zone to the extent practical.
- g. Ensure that infrastructure is built concurrent with or prior to development.
- h. Ensure that basic infrastructure needs can be met during a disaster.
- i. Locate public facilities and emergency services in appropriate locations that support the health, safety, and welfare of each community and that minimize delivery inefficiencies.
- j. Promote the undergrounding of utility and other distribution lines for health, safety, and aesthetic reasons.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Develop and regularly update functional plans for infrastructure systems.*
- b. *Develop, adopt, and regularly update local or community-sensitive level-of-service standards for infrastructure systems.*

Exhibit "1"

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J. Promote Sustainable Land Use and Growth Management

Goal: Community character, lifestyles, economies, and natural assets will be preserved by managing growth and using land in a sustainable manner.

Objective:

1. Improve land use management and implement a directed-growth strategy.

Policies:

- a. Establish, map, and enforce urban- and rural-growth limits.
- b. Direct urban and rural growth to designated areas.
- c. Limit the number of visitor-accommodation units and facilities in Community Plan Areas.
- d. Maintain a sustainable balance between the resident, part-time resident, and visitor populations.
- e. Encourage redevelopment and infill in existing communities on lands intended for urban use to protect productive farm land and open-space resources.
- f. Direct new development in and around communities with existing infrastructure and service capacity, and protect natural, scenic, shoreline, and cultural resources.
- g. Establish and maintain permanent open space between communities to protect each community's identity.
- h. Support the dedication of land for public uses.
- i. Preserve the public's rights of access to and continuous lateral access along all shorelines.
- j. Enable existing and future communities to be self-sufficient through sustainable land use planning and management practices.
- k. Protect summits, slopes, and ridgelines from inappropriate development.

Implementing Actions:

- a. Regularly update urban- and rural-growth boundaries and their maps.
- b. Establish transfer and purchase of development rights programs.
- c. Develop and adopt a green infrastructure plan.
- d. Develop studies to help determine a sustainable social, environmental, and economic carrying capacity for each island.
- e. Identify and define resort-destination areas.

Objective:

2. Improve planning for and management of agricultural lands and rural areas.

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Policies:

- a. Protect prime, productive, and potentially productive agricultural lands to maintain the islands' agricultural and rural identities and economies.
- b. Provide opportunities and incentives for self-sufficient and subsistence homesteads and farms.
- c. Discourage developing or subdividing agriculturally designated lands when non-agricultural activities would be primary uses.
- d. Conduct agricultural development planning to facilitate robust and sustainable agricultural activities.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Inventory and protect prime, productive, and potentially productive agricultural lands from competing non-agricultural land uses.*

Objective:

3. Design all developments to be in harmony with the environment and to protect each community's sense of place.

Policies:

- a. Support and provide incentives for green building practices.
- b. Encourage the incorporation of green building practices and technologies into all government facilities to the extent practicable.
- c. Protect and enhance the unique architectural and landscape characteristics of each Community Plan Area, small town, and neighborhood.
- d. Ensure that adequate recreational areas, open spaces, and public-gathering places are provided and maintained in all urban centers and neighborhoods.
- e. Ensure business districts are distinctive, attractive, and pedestrian-friendly destinations.
- f. Use trees and other forms of landscaping along rights-of-way and within parking lots to provide shade, beauty, urban-heat reduction, and separation of pedestrians from automobile traffic in accordance with community desires.
- g. Where appropriate, integrate public-transit, equestrian, pedestrian, and bicycle facilities, and public rights-of-way as design elements in new and existing communities.
- h. Ensure better connectivity and linkages between land uses.
- i. Adequately buffer and mitigate noise and air pollution in mixed-use areas to maintain residential quality of life.

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- j. Protect rural communities and traditional small towns by regulating the footprint, locations, site planning, and design of structures.
- k. Support small-town revitalization and preservation.
- l. Facilitate safe pedestrian access, and create linkages between destinations and within parking areas.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Establish design guidelines and standards to enhance urban and rural environments.*
- b. *Provide funding for civic-center and civic-space developments.*
- c. *Establish and enhance urban forests in neighborhoods and business districts.*

Objective:

- 4. Improve and increase efficiency in land use planning and management.

Policies:

- a. Assess the cumulative impact of developments on natural ecosystems, natural resources, wildlife habitat, and surrounding uses.
- b. Ensure that new development projects requiring discretionary permits demonstrate a community need, show consistency with the General Plan, and provide an analysis of impacts.
- c. Encourage public and private partnerships to preserve lands of importance, develop housing, and meet the needs of residents.
- d. Promote creative subdivision designs that implement: best practices in land development, sustainable management of natural and physical resources, increased pedestrian and bicycle functionality and safety, and the principles of livable communities.
- e. Coordinate with Federal, State, and County officials in order to ensure that land use decisions are consistent with County plans and the vision local populations have for their communities.
- f. Enable greater public participation in the review of subdivisions.
- g. Improve land use decision making through the use of land- and geographic-information systems.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Institute a time limit and sunseting stipulations on development entitlements and their implementation.*

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K. Strive for Good Governance

Goal: Government services will be transparent, effective, efficient, and responsive to the needs of residents.

Objective:

1. Strengthen governmental planning, coordination, consensus building, and decision making.

Policies:

- a. Plan and prepare for the effects of social, demographic, economic, and environmental shifts.
- b. Plan for and address the possible implications of Hawaiian sovereignty.
- c. Encourage collaboration among government agencies to reduce duplication of efforts and promote information availability and exchange.
- d. Expand opportunities for the County to be involved in and affect State and Federal decision making.
- e. Plan and prepare for large-scale emergencies and contingencies.
- f. Improve public awareness about preparing for natural hazards, disasters, and evacuation plans.
- g. Improve coordination among Federal, State, and County agencies.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Develop policies, regulations, and programs to protect and enhance the unique character and needs of the County's various communities.*
- b. *Evaluate and, if necessary, recommend modifications to the County Charter that could result in a possible change to the form of governance for Maui County.*
- c. *Study and evaluate the feasibility and implications of district voting in Maui County Council elections.*
- d. *Study and evaluate the feasibility of authorizing town governments in Maui County.*

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Objective:

2. Promote civic engagement.

Policies:

- a. Foster consensus building through in-depth, innovative, and accessible public-participatory processes.
- b. Promote and ensure public participation and equal access to government among all citizens.
- c. Encourage a broad cross-section of residents to volunteer on boards and commissions.
- d. Encourage the State to improve its community-involvement processes.
- e. Support community-based decision making.
- f. Expand advisory functions at the community level.
- g. Expand opportunities for all members of the public to participate in public meetings and forums.
- h. Facilitate the community's ability to obtain relevant documentation.
- i. Increase voter registration and turnout.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Implement two-way communication using audio-visual technology that allows residents to participate in the County's planning processes.*
- b. *Ensure and expand the use of online notification of County business and public meetings, and ensure the posting of all County board and commission meeting minutes.*
- c. *Explore funding mechanisms to improve participation by volunteers on boards and commissions.*
- d. *Develop a project-review process that mandates early and ongoing consultation in and with communities affected by planning and land use activities.*

Objective:

3. Improve the efficiency, reliability, and transparency of County government's internal processes and decision making.

Policies:

- a. Use advanced technology to improve efficiency.

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- b. Simplify and clarify the permitting process to provide uniformity, reliability, efficiency, and transparency.
- c. Improve communication with Lana'i and Moloka'i through the expanded use of information technologies, expanded staffing, and the creation and expansion of government-service centers.
- d. Ensure that laws, policies, and regulations are internally consistent and effectuate the intent of the General Plan.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Update the County Code to be consistent with the General Plan.*
- b. *Identify and update County regulations and procedures to increase the productivity and efficiency of County government.*
- c. *Develop local level-of-service standards for infrastructure, public facilities, and services.*
- d. *Implement plans through programs, regulations, and capital improvements in a timely manner.*
- e. *Expand government online services.*

Objective:

- 4. Adequately fund in order to effectively administer, implement, and enforce the General Plan.

Policies:

- a. Adequately fund, staff, and support the timely update and implementation of planning policy, programs, functional plans, and enforcement activities.
- b. Ensure that the County's General Plan process provides for efficient planning at the County, island, town, and neighborhood level.
- c. Encourage ongoing professional development, education, and training of County employees.
- d. Encourage competitive compensation packages for County employees to attract and retain County personnel.
- e. Enable the County government to be more responsive in implementing our General Plan and Community Plans.
- f. Review discretionary permits for compliance with the Countywide Policy Plan.
- g. Strengthen the enforcement of County, State, and Federal land use laws.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Establish penalties to ensure compliance with County, State, and Federal land use laws.*

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Objective:

5. Strive for County government to be a role model for implementing cultural and environmental policies and practices.

Policies:

- a. Educate residents on the benefits of sustainable practices.
- b. Encourage the retention and hiring of qualified professionals who can improve cultural and environmental practices.
- c. Incorporate environmentally sound and culturally appropriate practices in government operations and services.
- d. Encourage all vendors with County contracts to incorporate environmentally sound and culturally appropriate practices.

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L. Mitigate Climate Change and Work Toward Resilience

Goal: Minimize the causes and negative effects of climate change.

Objective:

1. Lower carbon emissions levels to mitigate climate change impacts and limit the rate of global warming.

Policies:

- a. Increase reforestation efforts by encouraging residents and visitors to plant non-invasive gardens and trees.
- b. Improve communication, coordination, and collaboration among those that work to mitigate climate change impacts.
- c. Promote the teaching and use of regenerative agriculture.
- d. Invest in infrastructure that is not dependent on fossil fuels and utilizes renewable energy.
- e. Improve efforts to mitigate and plan for the impact of natural disasters and global warming.
- f. Encourage the building industry to use environmentally sustainable materials, technology, and site planning.
- g. Reduce air, noise, light, land, and water pollution, and reduce Maui County's contribution to global climate change.
- h. Plan and prepare for and educate visitors and residents about the possible effects of global warming.
- i. Promote programs and incentives that decrease greenhouse-gas emissions and improve environmental stewardship.
- j. Support the development of carbon-emission standards and an incentive program aimed at achieving County carbon-emission goals.

Implementing Actions:

- a. *Implement Federal and State policies that require a reduction of greenhouse-gas emissions.*
- b. *Establish a Countywide Climate Action Plan*
- c. *Develop programs that assist residents and businesses with obtaining access to renewable energy sources.*
- d. *Revise laws to support neighborhood designs that incorporate the use of renewable energy sources that are appropriate for island living.*
- e. *Incorporate planting of native and indigenous trees as a major component of Urban Design to both cool neighborhoods and reduce carbon dioxide.*

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- f. Coordinate with State, County, and private landowners in the development of forestry and prioritizing of native and indigenous trees to reduce carbon dioxide.*
- g. Strongly support efforts to restore and improve Maui County's watersheds for the purpose of improving the water supply, controlling carbon dioxide levels, decreasing soil runoff, and reducing coastal flooding.*

Objective:

- 2. Reduce the impacts of sea-level rise by acknowledging climate change, adapting, mitigating, and planning accordingly.**

Policies:

- a. Evaluate development to assess potential short-term and long-term sea-level rise impacts on nearshore environments.
- b. Improve efforts to mitigate and plan for the impact of sea-level rise.
- c. Protect undeveloped beaches, dunes, and ecosystems, and restore natural shoreline processes.
- d. Develop an inventory of private wastewater systems (septic systems, cesspools) that may be affected by sea-level rise.
- e. Strengthen coastal-zone management, re-naturalization of shorelines, where possible, and filtration or treatment of urban and agricultural runoff.
- f. Educate the construction and landscape industries and property owners about the use of best management practices to prevent erosion and nonpoint source pollution.
- g. Discourage beach hardening processes such as building sea walls and revetments that block movement of the shoreline and can accelerate erosion.
- h. Discourage new entitlements for residential, resort, or commercial development along the shoreline.
- i. Restrict development in areas that are prone to sea-level rise.
- j. Move or rebuild public facilities away from nearshore environments to account for sea-level rise to the extent reasonable.
- k. Move or rebuild roads that are in sea-level rise inundation zones to the extent reasonable.
- l. Ensure that public or affordable housing projects include siting and design standards that promote equity and resilience for vulnerable populations.
- m. Identify, research, and evaluate innovative and sustainable financing to support mitigation and adaptation to sea level rise.

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Implementing Actions:

- a. *Develop programs to help transition shoreline property owners out of their nearshore locations and develop a long-term plan to stay out of the way of natural beach migration.*
- b. *Identify buildings, roads, and other infrastructure that are in sea-level rise inundation zones and assist in adaptive efforts, including nature-based solutions, elevation, or moving them away from such zones.*
- c. *Identify disaster redevelopment alternatives that support resilience-focused adaptation to sea level rise in the event of a catastrophic coastal event.*

Objective:

3. Significantly increase the use of renewable and green technologies to promote energy efficiency and energy self-sufficiency.

Policies:

- a. Promote the use of locally renewable energy sources, and reward energy efficiency.
- b. Consider tax incentives and credits for the development of sustainable- and renewable-energy sources.
- c. Expand education about energy conservation and self-sufficiency.
- d. Encourage small-scale energy generation that utilizes wind, sun, water, biowaste, and other renewable sources of energy.
- e. Expand renewable-energy production.
- f. Develop public-private partnerships to ensure the use of renewable energy and increase energy efficiency.
- g. Require the incorporation of locally appropriate energy-saving and green building design concepts in all new developments by providing energy-efficient urban design guidelines and amendments to the Building Code.
- h. Encourage the use of sustainable energy to power vehicles.
- i. Promote the retrofitting of existing buildings and new development to incorporate energy-saving design concepts and devices.
- j. Encourage green footprint practices.
- k. Reduce Maui County's dependence on fossil fuels and energy imports.
- l. Support green building practices such as the construction of buildings that aim to minimize carbon dioxide production, produce renewable energy, and recycle water.
- m. Promote and support environmentally friendly practices in all energy sectors.

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Implementing Actions:

- a. Adopt an energy-efficiency policy for Maui County government as a model for other jurisdictions.*
- b. Adopt a Green Building Code and support green building practices.*

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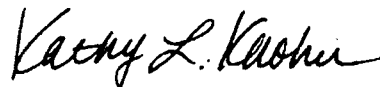
COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

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CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

It is HEREBY CERTIFIED that RESOLUTION NO. 20-170, was adopted by the Council of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, on the 4th day of December, 2020, by the following vote:

MEMBERS	Alice L. LEE Chair	Keani N. W. RAWLINS- FERNANDEZ Vice-Chair	G. Riki HOKAMA	Natalie A. KAMA	Kelly T. KING	Michael J. MOLINA	Tamara A. M. PAL TIN	Shane M. SINENCI	Yuki Lei K. SUGIMURA
ROLL CALL	Aye	Aye	Excused	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye



COUNTY CLERK

**MAUI PLANNING COMMISSION
PORTION OF REGULAR MINUTES
ITEM B.3
FEBRUARY 23, 2021**

Ms. McLean: Chair, the next item is also a bill that was transmitted to the Commissions for review from the County Council. And this one would establish that the consumption of intoxicating liquor in recreational areas under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks and Recreation is unlawful in Historic Districts 1 and 2 which are both in Lahaina and some minor updates are also proposed. And for this one, Jacky Takakura has a brief overview for the commission

Ms. La Costa: Thank you, Director. Ms. Takakura, if you will please.

- 3. MS. MICHELE CHOUTEAU MCLEAN, AICP, Planning Director, transmitting County Council Resolution 20-166 referring to the Maui Planning Commission a proposed bill to establish that the consumption of intoxicating liquor in recreational areas under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks and Recreation is unlawful in Historic Districts 1 and 2 (Lahaina). Some minor updates are also proposed. (J. Takakura)**

The entire text of the proposed bill for ordinance is available at <https://www.mauicounty.gov/1127/Legislation---Proposed>

Ms. Takakura: Thank you. Thank you, Chair and Commission Members. So, I just have a short presentation. I'm going to share screen now. Can everyone see that blue?

Ms. La Costa: Yes, we can see it.

Ms. Takakura: Okay, thank you. So, this is specifically regarding kind of a specific area, the Historic Districts Number 1 and 2 in Lahaina, and they are under their own chapter, Chapter 19.52 of the Maui County Code. So, at the end of last year, the Planning Department received Resolution 20-166 from the County Council, which proposes to amend Section 19.52.090, Maui County Code to prohibit the consumption of intoxicating liquor in recreational areas under the jurisdiction of Parks and Recreation in the Historic Districts 1 and 2 which is Lahaina. The bill also proposes to revise the definition of intoxicating liquor so it is the same as in HRS 281-1.

In addition, the Department is proposing to make some updates to this very old part of the Code. Some terms are obsolete, some are redundant and some fit in with terms that we already have in 19.04.040, which is the section on zoning code definitions. So, I don't know if you had a chance to look at the memo report, but it has those terms. Remember, we talked about some of these terms in Airport District, haberdasheries, magazine stands and just these terms that are antiquated and no longer in use. So, when we received this resolution, we took this as a chance to say, hey, why don't we bring this into, you know, 2021 and just revise these terms so that they're, you know, terms that we use now, and there's also a lot of terms that are redundant, like dry goods and department stores and so forth when they're all basically the same. So, we want to revise the uses and also put them in order because for some reason they're not in order.

And then in addition, we're proposing to make the height limit for single family dwellings and duplexes consistent with the height limit in other chapters of the Code, and I'll go into each of these in more detail.

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2 Okay, so I'm going to go in order of the way the Code is, and this is 090.B and that's use
3 regulations. Right now, there's 53 uses, and so we're going to...we're proposing to consolidate
4 them down to 19, and that would be with no loss or change in use. A lot of the terms that we're
5 putting them into, consolidating them into are already in existence in our definitions, and ones that
6 don't fit in, we're just going to leave them as is and that results in 19 instead of 53. And, you
7 know, I put all of them in the memorandum and that's why it's so long, but I really wanted to make
8 it clear that we're not trying to delete anything, we just want to modernize it and consolidate it.

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10 We are adding, proposing to add one new use, subordinate uses and structures which are
11 determined by the Director of Planning to be clearly incidental, customary to the permitted uses
12 and structures listed herein. And this language is the same language that we have in eight other
13 chapters of the Zoning Code. So, it's also adding this to make it consistent with other parts of the
14 Code. So, taking 53, reducing it to 19, adding one, and so then, we would end up with 20. And
15 by the way, these photos are reminiscent of the time when these use regulations were in
16 existence, you know, haberdasheries, servant's quarters, dry goods, meat markets and so forth.
17 It's just kind of interesting going back in time and seeing how it used to be.

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19 So, the next part is 19.52.090.C and this is regarding the height limit. Right now, the height limit
20 for all buildings is 35 feet, but this is rather high for dwelling units. In other dwelling units like
21 Residential, Rural, Ag, the height limit is 30 feet, so we're proposing that new single family and
22 duplexes be limited to 30 feet just like in the other zoning districts. It would have no impact on
23 existing structures or structures that are not single-family dwellings or duplexes.

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25 The next change for 090.D, is just changing the language from yard spacing to setback, and that's
26 to be consistent with the general direction of the Department on the use of those words, and you'll
27 see this more as we get into the Title 19 proposed revisions and other updates, but we're not
28 proposing any change in the size of the setback areas.

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30 And, 090.F, this is the where the resolution comes in and this recommendation actually came
31 from the Clean and Safe Lahaina Program. There's a Clean and Safe Wailuku and a Clean and
32 Safe Lahaina Program, and drinking in public parks has become an issue over the years, and
33 some of these parks, especially in the Historic Districts, are culturally significant, and I'll show you
34 a map of these in the next slide. By having this prohibition at the County parks that would also
35 make it consistent with the alcohol prohibition at other County parks. According to the minutes
36 from the November 20th, County Council meeting, there's broad community support for this bill,
37 including from the Lahaina Town Action Committee and the Lahaina Restoration Foundation.

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39 Just so you know, the Planning Commissions review changes to Title 19, but there would be one
40 other provision that would also need to be amended in relation to this, and that's Maui County
41 Code, Chapter 13. So, the two would have to change in order for this to take effect. And what
42 will happen is Corporation Counsel will work with the County Council's office and Department of
43 Parks and Recreation to be sure that once this part, 19.52 passes the Planning Commission
44 reviews that that Section 13.040.A would also be included for revision in the committees and then
45 for Council approval.

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1 This is a map of the two Historic Districts. The light blue is Historic District 1, and the pink is the
2 Historic District 2, and then you can see the little green outlines of the parcels that are parks. And
3 some of them, I'm sure are familiar to you, the Banyan Tree area, the courthouse, Mokuula, so
4 you know, these are pretty important places and significant places, and those are the ones that
5 are under the jurisdiction of Parks and Recreation.

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7 So, in summary, we want to modernize, consolidate and alphabetized the list of use regulations.
8 We want to add use of subordinate uses and structures, reducing the height limit for new single-
9 family dwellings and duplexes to 30 feet, just like in other Zoning Districts, and then prohibit
10 alcohol in the County parks. So, it's up to the commission to approve as proposed or if you'd like
11 to make amendments or you could deny or you could defer. So, that's the presentation. I'll be
12 here for questions if you have any. I'm going to stop showing my screen. Thank you.

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14 Ms. La Costa: Thank you, Ms. Takakura. Commissioners, do we have any questions on the
15 presentation? Commissioner Pali.

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17 Ms. Pali: Just for the record, I'm only going first because no one else is going first since I figure
18 I'll break the ice. I have a five-second rule. Okay, question. I'm going to start with the definitions.
19 Thank you, Jacky. If we're going to consolidate the definitions, is it correct for me to understand
20 that as you're implementing policy based off of these definitions, it's just going to obviously make
21 it easier? Is that kind of the thought process? Okay, so I think I only have one recommendation
22 that I'm not big on, but I just feel like it's just really different is the word, assembly. Hold on, where
23 did it go? Here, so you have the new definition called, assembly areas, and then you also have
24 a definition called, entertainment...oh, amusement center, and so I get that right now the
25 definition, the proposed definition for assembly area is facility with fixed seats, so it's more focused
26 on sorta the building structure, but the groups that you've thrown into assembly area, I feel are
27 just really different. You've got churches, dwellings of clergy connected to an incidental use, that's
28 part of a church. You've thrown in art galleries, you've thrown in auditoriums, and then you've
29 thrown in theatres, and then under amusement center, it seems like that's maybe more...you have
30 indoor or outdoor establishment, but then you've kind of got a broader like entertainment, passive,
31 active, patrons comes, spectators, independent or private, examples are acting, comedy,
32 theatrical shows, live recordings. Then you've got nightclubs, which if it's if it's a nightclub, it would
33 have fixed seats, karaoke, we have lots of karaoke here in Wailuku. And so, I would almost
34 recommend to... 'cause I feel like a rule that would be imposed on a church because there's, I
35 guess, special rules sometimes for churches. It might not apply to the art gallery and the theatre.
36 I feel like art gallery, auditoriums and theatres might be more appropriately put in as an
37 amusement center like the bars and the nightclubs versus an assembly area. So, when we're
38 starting to write policy, something that would normally be given a provision for the church may not
39 really apply for an art gallery. And so, my recommendation would be separate that a little bit
40 better. Just a recommendation. That's my first little thing here.

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42 And then the other one is, it's a question for you. I heard you say, moving forward, you want to
43 reduce the maximum height from 35 feet down to 30. Are there current homes and buildings in
44 that area that are over 30 now, or have we just never built up to the 35, so it's clear that it's
45 common that they're building under the 30. So, moving forward we might as well just keep it
46 under 30. Do you know the answer to that question?

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1 Ms. Takakura: If I may Chair?

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3 Ms. Pali: That's for Jacky.

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5 Ms. Takakura: Yeah.

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7 Ms. La Costa: Go ahead, Ms. Takakura.

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9 Ms. Takakura: We did...one of my co-workers did an informal measurement of some of the Front
10 Street structures, and some of them, and these are going to be the commercial structures, we're
11 probably about 32 feet high. There's probably some churches like maybe Maria Lanakila that
12 might be over.

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14 Ms. Pali: Okay.

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16 Ms. Takakura: But those would be considered, you know, nonconforming and no, they wouldn't
17 be a problem. So, generally speaking, you know, along Front Street, they're all, they would all be
18 within the 35-foot height, and they wouldn't be affected by any of this proposed change. I don't
19 know of any homes that are over.

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21 Ms. Pali: Okay, okay, ... (inaudible)...question. And then, I love the setback that's common sense,
22 I love that. Yard spacing that kind of takes you in the time zone, yeah, yard spacing that's cute.
23 Okay, and then the only other thing is if I'm reading the intoxicating liquor revisions, it excludes,
24 so, no drinking in the public areas except for if it's under jurisdiction of Parks and Rec., and that
25 was the map you showed. So, all those halls would not be subjected to no can drink over there
26 like that's...so in the words, you have your baby luau, you know, they going to have the cooler of
27 beer like those are excluded from this, but all other County parks cannot, can just clarify that?

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29 Ms. Takakura: My understanding is that in other County parks outside of the Historic District,
30 alcohol is already prohibited. For some reason, this one district has that caveat provided,
31 however, recreational areas under, you know, Parks and Rec shall be excluded from these
32 restrictions, whatever reason, the Historic District was excluded from that prohibition. So, the
33 proposal is to just take that out.

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35 Ms. Pali: The whole District was excluded?

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37 Ms. Takakura: Chapter 19.52 which is only related to Historic Districts 1 and 2.

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39 Ms. Pali: Okay, okay, so can you just repeat, can they drink in that map area that you showed us
40 or cannot drink? Because sometimes the double negatives and all that, like I'm just my brain's
41 not lining up with what we're...

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43 Ms. Takakura: The proposal would be that they cannot drink in those park parcels.

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45 Ms. Pali: That map you showed that's under the jurisdiction of Parks and Rec, this would say,
46 then no longer can drink in those areas?

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1 Ms. Takakura: That is correct, and I can share screen if anybody needs to see it again.

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3 Ms. Pali: Because right now, as it stands, they can, but this would say, no can.

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5 Ms. Takakura: Correct.

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7 Ms. Pali: Okay, thank you for that clarification. I have no further questions.

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9 Ms. La Costa: Commissioner Thompson.

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11 Mr. Thompson: Thank you. Yes, Jacky, hey is that here like 505 Front Street that's all in that so
12 do they lose their permit? That's...they're under the commercial part I imagine.

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14 Ms. Takakura: That is correct. This would only affect those nine park parcels. None of the
15 commercial properties or any of those with liquor license is not affected at all.

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17 Mr. Thompson: Did Keeaumoku weigh in on this 'cause his kuleana is right there too, criss across
18 the street on...this anybody talk to him. Did he have anything to say about that, no?

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20 Ms. Takakura: According to November 20th County Council minutes, did check with the
21 Aha Moku. As Planning Department, we didn't because we received this resolution and they were
22 asking for, you know, the commission's comments, but my understanding is that the
23 Councilmember did reach out to some of these groups, yes.

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25 Mr. Thompson: Thanks very much.

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27 Ms. Takakura: I remember specifically the Restoration Foundation and the Town Action
28 Committee I think, and then, yeah, she had mentioned Aha Mokus in her...(inaudible)...

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30 Ms. La Costa: Commissioners, other questions? Yes, sir, yes, ma'am, sorry Jacky.

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32 Ms. Takakura: Regarding Commission Member Pali's comments about the amusement center
33 and assembly area, those are taken directly out of the Maui County Code definitions, but, you
34 know, for clarity purposes, we can certainly include things, you know, 'cause like right now under
35 assembly area, churches is in there, but if the commission wants to recommend that you just keep
36 church as its own use in this, that that's certainly fine. But what we do as planners, when we're
37 reviewing things, we try to match things up, like if an application says church, we're going to look,
38 okay, what does the Code say? And if it has that same word then, you know, it's really clear and
39 that's what we were doing here, we saw the words, and then if there's an existing place in our
40 definitions, we use the term that's in the definitions. But we can certainly change things for clarity,
41 that's that's not a problem at all.

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43 Ms. La Costa: Anybody else have a question? Ms. Takakura, I do have a question for you please.
44 When you are looking at historical tours, which is Number 53 on Page 4, it doesn't mention
45 anything about walking tours, it only talks about vehicles, and you have to park in certain places,
46 yada, yada, but it says nothing about walking tours, and I think that would be great to encourage

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1 those formally like they have in so many other cities across America. So, it doesn't, I'm concerned
2 that there is...it's silent on that. Thank you.

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4 Ms. Takakura: Regarding that one, I think we were trying to find a balance between making too
5 many changes and going down, I hate to use the term, rabbit holes versus trying to stick with, you
6 know, not, not being too drastic in the changes. That's a fine line, but I do agree about
7 encouraging more types of tours than vehicles.

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9 Ms. La Costa: Because it's says...

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11 Ms. McLean: If I could echo Jacky's response. The initial bill was just relating to intoxicating
12 liquor, and then we took the opportunity to just update it and modernized it, but not to change the
13 substance of the Code. So, I'm not disagreeing with your suggestion, Chair, but that's why we
14 didn't include that or any other substantive changes.

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16 Ms. La Costa: Thank you, Director. Appreciate that. Okay, any other comments? Seeing none,
17 may I please have a motion from the floor... oh, sorry Director go ahead.

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19 Ms. McLean: Chair, Commissioner Freitas had his hand up.

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21 Ms. La Costa: Commissioner Freitas.

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23 Mr. Freitas: Thank you, Chair.

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25 Ms. La Costa: Sorry, I didn't see you.

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27 Mr. Freitas: On the map, it showed the Zone 1, Zone 2, and then it also listed a historic buildings
28 and historic sites. I've attended a couple of events at the prison, Old Lahaina Prison, and there
29 was alcohol. So, will this mean events such as that are not going to be allowed in that or is that
30 considered private property?

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32 Ms. Takakura: Would that be considered, Hale Paahao, I don't know the Hawaiian for the prison
33 site.

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35 Mr. Freitas: Yes.

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37 Ms. Takakura: Okay, so that is one of the Park parcels that is proposed to be excluded, but I
38 don't know if you saw the Parks...Department of Parks and++ Recreation response? I think I had
39 it included in the report, but they were proposing to say that alcohol could be allowed by permit.
40 And however, that's not the resolution that we received that we were asked to, you know, seek
41 your comments on, but you know, that may be something where as this goes through the process
42 that the County Council might, you know, incorporate that decision, but yeah right now the bill is
43 to simply prohibit as you see, but yeah, Parks had mentioned that also, that you know, by permit
44 it might be allowed.

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46 Mr. Freitas: Thank you, Ms. Takakura. I think Ms. Theo was signed up to testify and maybe she
47 can answer being the Executive Director of Lahaina Restoration.

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2 Ms. McLean: Yes, we haven't opened for testimony yet, and I... she did sign up earlier but I don't
3 see her on the call any longer unfortunately.

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5 Mr. Freitas: Okay, thank you.

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7 Ms. McLean: Chair, you're muted.

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9 Ms. La Costa: Thank you. I have one other question for you. There was a letter from Parks and
10 Recreation, it was referring to 19.52.090, it was suggested that a highlighted area that you showed
11 on your slide previously was omitted yet when this regulation was submitted, that comment was
12 ignored and it was modified according to, third page from the end of our packet. It starts off with,
13 regulation and then drinking in public Number F, underlined, and where you have redlined and
14 underlined, that is different from what the Parks and Recreation suggested. So, I'm just wondering
15 why that was changed from what they submitted.

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17 Ms. Takakura: So, the comments we received from Parks, if you look at your packet, starts on
18 Page 26 of 32, and it's...the attachments, Page 27, 28, and 29 are...oh, and 30, are from Parks.
19 So, the page that you see the black and red is from Parks, and I believe that's their...that's what
20 they proposed that it would be prohibited unless authorized by permit, license, lease or
21 concession, so that's it from September to the County Council, but for whatever reason the
22 resolution that we received from the County Council doesn't have that suggestion from Parks. It
23 simply has the brackets to remove that and that's all.

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25 Ms. La Costa: Well, if I understand it correctly, they are not doing any proviso for exclusions, but
26 instead they're including the recreation areas under the jurisdiction of Parks and Recreation. Are
27 those in line with what map you had pulled up on your share screen?

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29 Ms. Takakura: Yes, it would be just those nine or so parcels in the Historic Districts Numbers 1
30 and 2.

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32 Ms. La Costa: Thank you for your clarification. Sorry, I was muted. If there are no other
33 comments, we will open the floor for public testimony. Director, you have anyone signed up to
34 testify.

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36 Ms. McLean: Yes, Chair, Theo Morrison had signed up to testify but I don't see that she's on the
37 call, and she was the only one. So, Theo if you're on the call, please jump in or if there is anyone
38 else who wishes to testify on this item, please unmute your audio.

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40 Ms. La Costa: Going once, going twice, anyone interested in doing public testimony this is your
41 last chance. Okay, public testimony is now closed. Director.

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43 Ms. McLean: I would ask Jacky to again, will review the recommendation. The Department
44 recommends approval of the proposed bill and the Commission does have other options to
45 recommend denial or to defer or to recommend approval with modifications.

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Ms. La Costa: Do we need to have her restate what we already have seen, Director? Do we need Ms. Takakura to restate Number 3 shown in our agenda, recommendations?

Ms. McLean: The Department's recommendation is to approve the bill as presented to the Commission.

Ms. La Costa: May I have a motion please from the Commission?

Ms. Pali: I'll make a motion to approve as is.

Ms. La Costa: Thank you, Commissioner Pali. Do I have a second? Commissioner Castro, the second. Any discussion?

Ms. Pali: Yeah, I like cleaning it up and making it easier for the staff planners to match, you know, modern language and also just when they're seeing applicants, I think it makes sense. And I like that if people still want to have parties in those areas then then can consider just applying for a liquor permit which would give us a little bit more control and notice that something's going on over there so that we could manage it. So, I think it's a good thing.

Ms. La Costa: Commissioner Castro, have any further comments as the second.

Mr. Castro: I'm fine the way it is, the way it's presented.

Ms. La Costa: Thank you. Commissioners, any other discussion? Seeing none, I will call for the vote. All those in favor of the submitted...now I have brain damage, of the...of this submission, please raise your hand. Those opposed? Commissioner Freitas.

Ms. McLean: Commissioner Freitas had his hand raised. Oh, he froze on mine, thank you. Okay, so it is unanimous. The bill passes. Thank you.

It was moved by Ms. Pali, seconded by Mr. Castro, then

**VOTED: To Recommend Approval of the Proposed Bill to the County Council
as Presented.
(Assenting – K. Pali, S. Castro, J. Edlao, K. Freitas,
M. Hipolito, D. Thompson, P D. La Costa)
(Excused – C. Tackett)**

Respectfully Submitted by,

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Mr. Poepoe: Commissioner Moore?

Mr. Moore: Aye.

Mr. Poepoe: Commissioner Espaniola?

Ms. Espaniola: Aye.

Mr. Poepoe: And the Vice-Chair, Commissioner Poepoe, votes aye. Motion passes.

It has been move by Commissioner John Sprinzel, seconded by Commissioner Bridget Mowat, then unanimously

VOTED: to accept the revisions to Chapter 19.52.090 as proposed.

(Assenting: L. Espaniola; W. Moore; B. Mowat; J. Pele; L. Poepoe; J. Sprinzel)
(Absent: J. Bicoy; J. Perez. III)
(Excused: L. Buchanan)

Mr. Poepoe: And item --

Ms. Takakura: Thank you.

Mr. Poepoe: C.2.:

Mr. Poepoe read the following agenda item description into the record:

- 2. In accordance with Section 2.80B.060, Maui County Code, Ms. Michele Chouteau McLean, AICP, Planning Director, transmitting County Council Resolution 20-170 referring to the Molokai Planning Commission a proposed bill to add a new goal and related objectives, policies and implementing actions to the Countywide Policy Plan of the Maui County General Plan 2030.**

**The entire text of the proposed bill for ordinance is available at
<https://www.mauicounty.gov/1127/Legislation---Proposed>**

Mr. Poepoe: Item C.2., Planning Department.

Mr. Hart: Chair, this is a Council-initiated item the Department is transmitting to Commission for Commission's comment, so it's not an issue that comes with a

recommendation, just, basically, the information is provided for you to review and if you would like to provide any comments or add to it, we're here to document that.

Mr. Poepoe: Okay, so we can -- does any of the Commissioners have any questions or input? ...*(inaudible)*... Oh, yeah?

Mr. Hart: I do believe Ms. Del Rosario is attending in order to provide public testimony.

Mr. Poepoe: Okay. We'll go ahead and open up public testimony just state your name and continue on with your testimony.

Ms. Del Rosario: Is that me? I see I'm muted.

Mr. Poepoe: Oh yeah. Yeah, go ahead.

Ms. Del Rosario: Okay, thank you, Commissioners. My name is Michelle Del Rosario. I'm an executive assistant to Councilmember Kelly King. She was unable to join you this morning so she's asked me to provide the following testimony in support of item C.2. The purpose of the proposed bill is to amend the Countywide Policy Plan by adding, "Mitigate climate change and work towards resilience" as a goal. There are climate change policies throughout the Countywide Policy Plan, but it is essential to focus on the importance of minimizing the causes and negative effects of climate change by grouping the policies under a single theme and goal. The Department supported emphasizing climate change in the Countywide Policy Plan. The Planning Director expressed the Countywide Policy Plan should avoid duplication and these changes are reflected in the draft of the proposed legislation. I believe the other two Commissions, both Lanai and Maui, have already moved this item in support and have moved it forward. We respectfully ask for your full consideration and support today. Thank you.

Mr. Poepoe: Thank you. Anyone else in the public would like to testify go ahead jump in line and state your name?

Ms. Esmeralda: Axel Beers, did you want to testify on this item?

Ms. Chen: Vice-Chair, I think -- do any of the Commissioners have questions for the testifier?

Mr. Poepoe: Okay, I skipped that. Any -- any Commissioners have questions for the testifier? Seeing none, we can ask Suzie and Sybil if there is anybody else waiting.

Ms. Esmeralda: This is Suzie. I don't have anyone else signed up.

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Mr. Poepoe: Thank you, Suzie.

Ms. Lopez: This is Sybil. I have no one. No one that willing to testify. Thank you.

Mr. Poepoe: Thank you. Seeing that we have other testifiers, we can close public testimony. So, Corps Counsel, what's our next step?

Ms. Chen: Thanks, Vice-Chair. I -- I think the Department was hoping for comments from the Commission to transmit to Council if the Commission has any comments. Is that correct, Jordan?

Mr. Hart: Chair, that is correct. Thank you.

Mr. Poepoe: Commissioner Mowat.

Ms. Mowat: Are we -- are we going to give our support as a group or there's -- there need to be a motion or do we just -- what?

Ms. Chen: Yes, Vice-Chair, if I may. So, the Commission can discuss its comments, and the Department can note them down, and then we can -- the Department or I can repeat them back to the Commission, and then perhaps Vice-Chair would entertain a motion to transmit the comments as read to Council. That would be one way to do it.

Ms. Mowat: Okay, then, so you folks know where I stand as far as climate change and this is just exactly what I was talking about. So I -- I, myself, support this 100 percent and -- and would like to, for Molokai, to do -- do the same. So, that's my mana'o.

Mr. Poepoe: I just would like to ask if everybody has had the opportunity to review the - what is it called, the transmission or the memorandum? We have somebody?

Ms. Mowat: I -- I did.

Mr. Poepoe: Oh. So, if there is no other -- if there's no other discussion, we can make a recommendation.

Ms. Mowat: Vice-Chair, can I ask a question?

Mr. Poepoe: Yeah, go ahead.

Ms. Mowat: So, do we do it in a motion or as a recommendation as a whole body or --

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Ms. Espaniola: Vice-Chair, I have a question. I'm sorry, after you ask -- after you answer Commissioner Mowat.

Mr. Poepoe: So, I believe that each Commission submits a recommendation and this goes to the County Council.

Mr. Hart: Yeah. Chair, let me -- let me just add. So, you should act as a body, I think that would be ideal, and if you had anything to supplement or -- or if you just wanted to recommend approval as it is worded right now, we, basically, would document anything that you say and then pass that forward as -- as the recommendations, but I do think that acting as a body is most effective.

Ms. Espaniola: So, have -- has -- so has the committee got public input on these goals, this new directives that you have? I guess I'm directing it to Michelle, the question.

Ms. Del Rosario: The Council has received input at the Council level where members of our entire community can participate. Have they done that specifically just on the island of Molokai? No. But they have taken it during committee at the Council level.

Ms. Espaniola: So, I -- I would like to recommend public input, maybe they have some ideas that some members of the community have information, so I would like to suggest that you have a community meeting for the people of Molokai so that they can say they were part of the process in these new directives that you -- you folks have transmitted here for us to read.

Ms. Del Rosario: Thank you, Commissioner Espaniola. Yes, we could absolutely do that if you'll just put that in your notes.

Mr. Poepoe: That can be included in an amendment. Also, this is one of the opportunities that the public has to participate as well.

Ms. Del Rosario: Specific to the islands, so we would really love to have that input as well.

Mr. Poepoe: And the public does have the additional opportunity to address concerns at the commission -- at Council during the hearing?

Ms. Del Rosario: Yes.

Mr. Poepoe: Is there any other discussion on item C.2.?

Ms. Espaniola: Is the cultural committee involved at all with this new -- this -- this directive, this goal? Was the cultural committee notified?

Ms. Del Rosario: Is that directed to me?

Ms. Espaniola: Yes. Correct. I'm sorry. Michelle.

Ms. Del Rosario: Are you specifically asking about the Cultural Resources Commission?

Ms. Espaniola: Yes. Correct.

Ms. Del Rosario: Okay. I do not believe that they were tapped for input on this specifically, this was a planning measure, and this is coming out of Councilmember King's Climate Action and Resiliency Committee to make sure that we are acknowledging climate change and working towards moving our facilities out of those areas as far as County facilities, but also when we're looking at new building permits for homes that we're not putting people in harm's way due to sea level rise and other erosion and other issues. But we will respect whatever recommendations come from this Planning Commission.

Ms. Espaniola: So, were they -- were they at least notified of this new directive that you have, these new goals that you want to add in at all?

Ms. Del Rosario: I don't think so, Commissioner, because this was strictly a planning item, it was heard in the Care Committee, and I do not believe that the Cultural Resources Commission received any communication on this item.

Ms. Espaniola: So, I would -- I would like to recommend that they do at least have a review of it so that, like the Planning Commission, they have -- it went through the committees, the commission, so at least they are aware of it, so I would like to make a recommendation for the culture resource also be aware of the changes, the directive that you -- you're presenting.

Ms. Del Rosario: You mean like a notification to them?

Ms. Espaniola: Yes.

Ms. Del Rosario: Via like written communication?

Ms. Espaniola: Yes, just FYI and maybe they do -- maybe FYI for them and maybe they could have some suggestions or recommendations.

Ms. Del Rosario: Absolutely.

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Ms. Espaniola: We did have an excellent presentation of the climate change and we had some students that were present in the meeting, so I don't know maybe that's good learning for the students, good learning for them to know what's going on. We're aware of it, but they're not. You know, they could learn more as well. So, the school, inviting the schools and the students, I think that might be a good idea so they, themselves, probably not going to learn it, but I know that the students that came learned some stuff as well so --

Ms. Del Rosario: Chair, may I respond to an item?

Ms. Del Rosario: Yeah, go ahead.

Ms. Del Rosario: Thank you. I know it is a foundational principle -- principle for Councilmember King that we include Native Hawaiian perspectives, local knowledge, historical reference of the specific area, so that's very important to her, and so we're happy to do this.

Ms. Espaniola: Okay. Great. Mahalo.

Mr. Poepoe: Commissioner Pele.

Mr. Pele: Yeah. Chair -- Vice-Chair or Chair, can I throw something out and you guys can expound on it maybe?

Mr. Poepoe: ... (inaudible) ... directed to who?

Mr. Pele: I'd like -- I'd like to move that the Molokai Planning Commission support Resolution 20-170 in full, as it is written, to the -- to the County Council, and you guys can add any kind of stipulations you want, but I think we should support this Resolution completely as a body.

Mr. Poepoe: Thank you. All other members are ready for a motion on the floor? That's it, right?

Mr. Hart: Chair, if I could just clarify what I'm -- what I'm presenting? Obviously, there's -- there's comments. Are those comments to supplement the motion or is the -- is the recommendation to support and pass those comments forward as part of the recommendation?

Mr. Pele: I just wanted to open up that my bottom line is that we support this Resolution 20-170 and if there's --

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Mr. Poepoe: That definitely sounded like a motion.

Mr. Pele: Well, I move that we, as the Planning Commission, support Resolution 20-170, but I heard that they want to have public meetings, and they want to have the school involved, and I don't know how you guys want to tie that into it. I want it to be approved as a body -- as a body I think we throw -- I move that we support Resolution 20-170 as it's written and presented to us.

Mr. Hart: Okay, so -- so, Chair, what -- what we could -- the Department could do is, well anyway, you guys do whatever you want, but basically like based on what was discussed right now, it could be that the -- the recommendation for approval and then those supplemental items are comments or suggestions on -- on the issue, or is the entire body adopting all of those additional steps as their recommendation to Council as well as a recommendation for approval?

Mr. Poepoe: I leave it up to the Commission. I would actually include it as comments rather than submit it on behalf of the entire Commission, unless everybody else would like to. Commissioner --

Mr. Pele: I can withdraw -- I can withdraw my motion. I just figured this is not rocket science and it shouldn't be an hour. We support this right? So --

Mr. Poepoe: Agree. Commissioner Mowat.

Ms. Mowat: I -- I agree. I think we should do like Commissioner Pele suggest that we support it but we should also honor Commissioner Espaniola by including her suggestions and -- and I support her and her suggestions -- suggestions also, so if we could do it that way, just, you know, we're just giving comment and suggestions along with supporting the -- the new chapter or whatever. Okay? That's my mana'o. Mahalo.

Mr. Poepoe: Thank you. Anybody else have comment? Comments? Seeing none, we can throw an official motion on the floor.

Ms. Mowat: What about Commissioner Pele's -- what about Commissioner Pele's motion? Is that -- are we adding on to his or --

Mr. Pele: Well, I withdrew.

Ms. Mowat: Oh, withdrew it? Oh, oh okay. Okay.

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Mr. Pele: I withdrew it because I didn't -- I didn't know what you guys -- all I know is I support this. So, however you guys want to word it, if we're in agreement as a body, I know I support this, and if we want to bring in Commissioner Nora Espaniola's points, that's great, too, just I don't know how to put it down in a -- the motion so if somebody wants to --

Ms. Mowat: Okay.

Mr. Pele: I just support it and I want to throw our support behind it.

Ms. Mowat: Okay. I make a motion to support Kelly King's ordinance with our suggestions, as stated by one of the Commissioners, well, we don't have to add that part, but and that should be enough, yeah? That's enough, yeah. Jordan? Did you get all her -- did you get all her --

Mr. Hart: I believe I did. I'll restate -- I'll restate the suggestions to the process that I -- that I noted that the -- the Council have a community meeting so the people of Molokai can participate in the shaping of the proposed initiative, recommend that the CRC receive written notification for their information and to provide recommendations, and to collect comments from school students on the proposed bill.

Ms. Mowat: Is that correct, Nora? Okay, that's my motion.

Ms. Espaniola: Perfect. Perfect.

Ms. Mowat: Okay. That's my motion.

Mr. Pele: Second.

Mr. Poepoe: Okay, any discussion? Seeing none, I'll have a group vote. All those in favor, raise your hand. Motion is unanimous. It passes.

It has been moved by Commissioner Bridget Mowat, seconded by Commissioner John Pele, then unanimously

VOTED: to support Kelly King's ordinance with the following suggestions: That the Council have a community meeting so the people of Molokai can participate in the shaping of the proposed initiative, recommend that the Cultural Resources Commission receive written notification for their information and to provide recommendations, and to collect comments from school students on the proposed bill.

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(Assenting: L. Espaniola; W. Moore; B. Mowat; J. Pele; L. Poepoe; J. Sprinzel)
(Absent: J. Bicoy; J. Perez, III)
(Excused: L. Buchanan)

Mr. Poepoe: And that's the end of item C.2. Moving on to the Director's Report.

Ms. Esmeralda: Sorry. I believe John Pele is -- did John Pele --

Mr. Poepoe: Oh yeah, everybody went vote in the affirmative.

Ms. Esmeralda: Okay, he's frozen -- he's frozen on my screen.

Mr. Poepoe: Oh. Okay, thank you. D. Director's Report.

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE:

Present:

Laakea Poepoe, Vice-Chairperson
Leonora Espaniola
William Moore
Bridget Mowat
John Pele
John Sprinzel

Absent:

Julie-Ann Bicoy
John Perez, III

Excused:

Lori Buchanan, Chairperson

Others:

Jordan Hart, Deputy Planning Director, Department of Planning
Jacky Takakura, Administrative Planning Officer, Department of Planning
Sybil Lopez, Staff Planner, Current Division, Department of Planning
Stephanie Chen, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel
Suzette Esmeralda, Secretary to Boards & Commissions II, Current Division, Department of Planning

Ms. Takakura: Thank you.

Ms. Preza: And thank you Jackie, for your presentation, and for answering questions. And as always, thank you, Richelle, for your guidance. Great.

It was moved by Ms. Sally Kaye, seconded by Mr. John Delacruz, then unanimously

VOTED: To recommend approval of the proposed bill with the amendments as discussed.

(Assenting: R. Catiel, J. Delacruz, S. Kaye, S. Preza, N. Ropa, C. Trevino)

(Excused: J. Ornellas, S. Samonte)

(Absent: S. Menze)

2. A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.80B, MAUI COUNTY CODE, TO ADD 'MITIGATE CLIMATE CHANGE AND WORK TOWARD RESILIENCE' AS A NEW GOAL OF THE COUNTYWIDE POLICY PLAN

MS. MICHELE CHOUTEAU MCLEAN, AICP, Planning Director, in accordance with Section 2.80B.060, Maui County Code, transmitting County Council Resolution 20-170 referring to the Lanai Planning Commission a proposed bill to add a new goal and related objectives, policies and implementing actions to the Countywide Policy Plan of the Maui County General Plan 2030. (Jennifer Maydan)

The entire text of the proposed bill for ordinance is available at <https://www.mauicounty.gov/1127/Legislation---Proposed>

Ms. Preza: So we'll move on to Item B.2, which is a bill for an ordinance amending Section 2.80B Maui County Code to add mitigate climate change and work toward resilience as a new goal of the Countywide Policy Plan. I'm not sure if we have anyone here to present. We didn't receive any slideshow, like, hard copies in our packets. But, um, is anyone from the County here to speak a bit more on this or are we just going to jump straight into public testimony?

Mr. Jordan Hart: Chair, this is Jordan Hart, Deputy Director of the Planning Department.

Ms. Preza: Hi.

Mr. Hart: Hi. One item I just wanted to check on is, is do we substantively address both agenda items relating to the, to the historic district?

Ms. Preza: Sorry, both agenda items?

Mr. Hart: I'm sorry. I need to make a clarification on that. I was that was an error carryover from a different meeting. Okay, so sorry, we transmitted two items to the CRC, and I thought we were doing two at the same time. I got, I got myself confused.

Regarding the ordinance amending Section 2.80B of the Maui County Code to mitigate climate change and work towards resilience. There is a series of edits put forward in the transmittal that's been given to the Planning Commission. There is no presentation. I do note that Council Member King is here who's been instrumental in this process and maybe her testimony could provide a little bit more of the substantive background to the Commission for context. But as far as the Department's involvement, it was just going to be basically to provide the information to you and receive any comments that you may have on that.

Ms. Preza: Thanks Jordan. Great. So I'll open public testimony but I -- hi, Councilwoman King. I, I know that I read that testimony will be limited to a maximum of three minutes, but if it's okay with my fellow commission members, since Council Member King was, you know, like the chair of this committee, if we could give her longer than that, if she needs to kind of explain some of the background. Would you all be okay with that?

Mr. Delacruz: Fine.

Ms. Preza: Thank you. I see nods, so great. And Leilani, besides Council Member King, is there anyone signed up, else signed up to testify on this?

Ms. Ramoran-Quemado: Chair, yes, we have Michelle Del Rosario also signed up to testify.

Ms. Preza: Okay, great. Thank you so much. But great. Thank you Council Member King for being here.

Council Member Kelly King: Yeah. Thank you for having me. It's really interesting listening to you deliberate on the previous item and it's nice to see some familiar names on the screen. I worked with Stan Ruidas several years ago on trying to put together the . . . (inaudible) . . . Project. But I wanted to, I wanted to share with you my impetus for proposing to add the climate mitigation to the, the Countywide Policy Plan because it's a huge issue. It's probably the next well, you know, it's the next pandemic that's coming after the one that we're experiencing right now. And so we're trying to do a lot. We're trying to work with the Planning Department, and Public Works, and other departments on prevention and mitigation. And so we wanted to put that front and center as a major goal for the County's plan.

We are actually the first County to have a climate action. It's called Climate Action Resilience and Environment Committee now. And we actually just inspired the Big Island to create a similar community for their Council. But this is an issue that is growing and, they're, they're -- we're actually working pretty quickly in the County of Maui. So we just had a very impressive presentation by the Planning Department in my committee today on the SMA, the Special

Management Area Rules. But this, it kind of illustrates where we need to go and we need to move pretty fast and furious on some of these issues.

One of the changes that we made in Committee was based on a testifier presenting the one who runs the Alliance for Community Associations on Maui. And so we added the section on indigenous trees, trying to promote native tree plantings. That's, that was one new section.

The other thing that came up when I first proposed this is was the Planning Director, Michele McLean -- I was, I was pulling all of the climate action items under this this issue, but leaving them also where they were at so they would be dual action -- and she requested we actually bring them all under this one item so there wouldn't be that duality. So we did that in deference to her concerns. And so we consolidated everything under the Climate Action and Resilience Committee. So that's where we are today. And we have the requirements of sending that to all the Planning Commissions, so I hope you'll support it. It's a major issue today and especially for our island communities. And it's also having this front and center is helping me bring more resources, resources from ICLEI. I was recently recruited for the Board of ICLEI, which stands for International Council on Local Environmental Initiatives. And so we'll be able to bring some of those resources to Maui County and get us involved in the Circle City program, which will be make us one of five pilot projects in the US to, to launch a circular economy initiative.

So that's pretty much background and where we're at today with moving ahead with climate action. I'm here if you have any questions, so I'm just want to be a resource for you.

Ms. Preza: Thank you so much for sharing. I did have a question actually. So you mentioned about, at like, based on someone's testimony and adding in promoting the, the planting of indigenous trees. But I didn't see it. Could you point out where that is in the, in the proposed section?

Council Member King: I think you've got the -- you should have gotten the amended, the final section. The one that made it out of committee.

Ms. Preza: Because I did see it, you know, under the objective one, of 1A, the policy, I saw increased reforestation efforts by encouraging residents and visitors to plant noninvasive gardens and trees. But I didn't see specific. That was going to be one of my comments today was promoting, you know, the use of native, native trees . . . (inaudible) . . .

Council Member King: I thought that's how we worded it. I'll have to go back and look at it. I'm just trying to find out in your, your --. I don't have the ordinance in front of me right now. Sorry about that.

Ms. Preza: If you remember it off the top of your head, I figured I would ask. But I'm glad that that was a consideration.

Council Member King: Yeah.

Ms. Preza: Thank you. Commission members, do you have questions for Councilwoman King? If not, thank you so much for your testimony, for being here, and I hope you'll stick around in case maybe we have . . . (inaudible) . . .

Ms. Kaye: Actually Shelly, I do have a question for Kelly.

Ms. Preza: Sure, go ahead.

Ms. Kaye: Is it okay?

Ms. Preza: Yeah, okay.

Ms. Kaye: One of, one of the things I would ask you to address is the responsibility for enforcement. I know that, you know, this is done every ten years and I actually have a copy of what was done back in 2007. And I know that was an issue that came up back then, that there's not really a clear line of who's responsible for the implementing policies. I know that there's reporting that's supposed to be done; I think it's annually. And I'm not sure if that is done. So if you could address those, please.

Council Member King: Okay, well, there's, there's a difference between the --. Is it okay, Chair?

Ms. Preza: Yes. And I -- just for other future comments, maybe that would be better suited for, like, our discussion after public testimony has closed because it wasn't really a question for her. But you can go ahead and respond.

Council Member King: Okay, thank you. So there's a difference to the Community Plan and the Countywide Policy Plan. So kind the Countywide Policy Plan is firstly has a big issue, kind of visionary goals. And then when we pass ordinances relative to those goals, we put in the ordinance who is in charge of enforcement. You know, like, if we pass an ordinance outlining or realigning SMA, the SMA line or the shoreline, the shoreline designation, that would be, you know, that goes in the specific section for the Planning Department. But generally, the items that go into the Countywide Policy Plan are not specific policies. They're more visionary goals. But the items that go into the Community Plans, they have that whole section, the whole implementation section. So I'm not sure if that's what you're talking about. And then in that implementation section, there's a column that says who's responsible, what agencies are responsible for each of those implementing actions? But the General Plan doesn't have that. Does that answer your question?

Ms. Kaye: It does, but you raised the further issue of that never happens at -- I mean, that's where I was going with this -- that we have those in our Community Plan, but we've, we've made the argument over the years that even when they're that specific there, unless you have

someone that's monitoring the actual implementation of whatever, you know, encourage, recognize, promote all of the wonderful words, if you don't have somebody monitoring it, it kind of just falls by the wayside. So --

Council Member King: Yes, I totally agree with you on, on that issue. But I'm just -- my, my point was that the Countywide Policy Plan is not the place we put that. If we passed something relative to the Countywide Policy Plan, it will be in that ordinance. So the Countywide Policy Plan is more of a visionary, a vision, and it's got the vision. It's got the principles we go by. And that it allows us as committees to take our issues for our particular committees and say, okay, we're going to work on such and such ordinance, because in the policy plan, that's one of the goals to get there. And so the policies that we pass, and the ordinances we pass are, are the objectives that are going to get us to those goals.

Ms. Kaye: Thanks for the clarification.

Ms. Preza: Thank you. Other questions for Councilwoman King? Okay. If not, thank you so much. And I believe, Leilani, you said Michele Del Rosario would like to testify, is that correct?

Ms. Ramoran-Quemado: That's correct.

Ms. Preza: Okay, Michelle, if you would like to, feel free to unmute your video and your audio, and your testimony you have about three minutes. Michele, are you there?

Ms. Michelle Del Rosario: Hi. Aloha. All right, aloha. I come before you this evening, the Lanai Planning Commission Members, as an owner, a property owner on the island of Lanai, as well as a leadership member for the Climate Reality Project.

Climate Reality Project was formed by former Vice President Al Gore. And so I'll share quote with you that he has a very robust website. You can look up called the Climate Reality Project. And members of the community go through training to be able to be more knowledgeable and create change in their communities.

Vice President Gore's quote is, "The reality we face implores us to act." So I come before you this evening to recommend and request your support of a bill for an ordinance amending Chapter 2.80B of the Maui County Code, and the Countywide Policy Plan relating to climate change and resilience specifically adding mitigate climate change and work towards resilience as a new goal of our Countywide Policy Plan. And I would appreciate your support. Climate change is upon us and it's affecting all of our islands here in Maui County. And I would love to see both Pulama Lanai and County of Maui move forward and being proactive and creating resilience in all of our projects going forward and preparing us for climate change. Thank you.

Ms. Preza: Thank you for your testimony. Commissioners, do you have questions for Michelle? Okay, if not, then thank you so much. We appreciate your time.

Ms. Del Rosario: Thank you.

Ms. Preza: Leilani, has anyone else signed up to testify?

Ms. Ramoran-Quemado: Thank you Chair. No one else has signed up to testify.

Ms. Preza: Okay, and is anyone calling in via phone who would like to testify on this agenda item? Okay, if not, then I'll close public testimony. And Commissioners, we can begin our discussion. If you have thoughts or questions about the proposed changes if anyone wants to get us started.

Do you folks think it's a good idea? I think it's a great idea to add a section addressing this. I do have a few comments about maybe potential changes or additions to some of the policies. Maybe I could just speak about some of those things. If that's okay. If anyone else wants to go too, that's fine.

Okay, so I think, and so kind of to my last comment to Councilwoman King, and under objective one, policy A, which is increased reforestation efforts by encouraging residents and visitors to plant noninvasive gardens and trees. I think we should aim that to promote native gardens and -- plant native gardens and trees, because I think it's good that, you know, obviously we should encourage people to plant not invasive. But that could also just be other introduced species. Whereas I think native gardens and trees are more closely related to what would have been here and what worked for thousands of years prior to people coming. So I would recommend changing that language from noninvasive to specifically native.

Something else I would add in that section about mitigating climate change impacts would be to acknowledge and promote programs that utilize traditional knowledge in implementing climate change and, you know, programs and resilience. Because I feel like native Hawaiians lived here for hundreds of years very sustainably. And while I think this, you know, the efforts of these policies are heading in the right direction, I do think we need to address the fact that we're in Hawaii and that there are like many centuries of generational knowledge that could really help in our efforts to promote resilience against climate change. So I would recommend acknowledging that and also acknowledging, you know, promoting programs that, that help to promote natural and cultural resource management. And I feel like that in particular was missing from that section.

What else? I think also in objective two which was reducing the impacts of sea level rise by acknowledging climate change, adapting, mitigating and planning accordingly. I would add a policy that would be to either support or develop programming to protect iwi kupuna. You know, in traditional times, native Hawaiians often were, after passing, their iwi, or their remains, were placed in sand. And so I think with sea level rising, a lot of our kupuna are threatened. And so I think that should be a part of the policy to develop programs and support programs that will help address protection of those iwi. I think that's incredibly important as, as, sea levels will rise in coming decades.

And lastly, one of my other thoughts was on objective three, which was to significantly, significantly increase the use of renewable and green technologies to promote energy efficiency and energy self-sufficiency. I think that's a great goal, and I agree with a lot of the policies that are there. But I think there should be an additional policy that acknowledges that these seeking out renewable and green technologies should be, should be done in tandem with the local community to make sure that it's in the best interest of community members and that it fits with what the community members would like for, for their, for their community. And I think about that because of the big wind fight that happened years ago when I was in high school. And I think that we all, I hope that we all can acknowledge that renewable energy and green technology is a great thing, but it should be done in a way that is culturally sensitive and sensitive to the special places that we have here on land. And so I would suggest adding a policy that says that, you know, while we want to promote all these things, they should also be done working closely with the communities that are involved or that are impacted by these renewable energies.

And those were some of my thoughts. I don't know if others have comments or what you thought about some of the things that I proposed.

Ms. Kaye: I actually agree with everything you've said Shelly, I wonder if it would be useful to pair it down to specific language and specifically where you want to add it.

Ms. Preza: Thanks. Yeah, I mean, I tried to kind of break it down. I know that was just more of my thought process, but I tried to kind of --. I think with supporting use of traditional knowledge and incorporating, you know, cultural and natural resource management as a policy, I imagine that would go under objective one, to mitigate climate change impacts. And then the comment about iwi kupuna, I, I imagine would be under objective two which is, you know, reducing the impacts of sea level rise. And then I imagine that the working with local communities would go under three for, you know, encouraging the use of renewable and green technologies. But you're right, I think we should try to make more specific language and that combines everything that we've been saying. But you do other Commission Members, I would love to hear additional thoughts.

Ms. Ropa: Are the things that you said things that you want to add separately or change the language? Because I feel like it might be two different things, you know what I mean?

Ms. Preza: I think it would be to add to a policy or to suggest that they add. Because I'm not sure if there's anything besides the comment on, you know, changing non, noninvasive to native, I feel like the things that I was saying, they wouldn't, yeah, they wouldn't, like I think you're implying, like they wouldn't, they wouldn't be addressed if we just tried to change the existing language because they're not quite referenced. What do you think, Natalie? Or the Commissioners?

Ms. Ropa: Yeah, I agree . . . (inaudible) . . . Like the residents and visitors to plant noninvasive gardens and trees, if you change that to native, you know, like, does that mean that some of like the food plants and things like that people are planting to eat that maybe are not native or important. You know what I mean?

Ms. Preza: Right. I thought about that, too. I think, I don't know if that could maybe be added also like promote planting of native gardens and trees or, you know, food, food plants, you know, for like, for more sustainable lifestyles. I feel like that could fit there as well. Yeah, that's a good, that's a good thought. And I'm sorry, maybe Jared, if I could -- or not Jared -- Jordan, if I may ask, are we just, if we are -- you know, I know we're just kind of discussing our thoughts on this. So would it, if we are able to just come up with a list of thoughts that we all would like to support, that's all that we're kind of recommending, right? Or are we recommending the actual we're recommending the actual approval of the bill with potential amendments? Are those our options?

Mr. Hart: Yes. Approval, approval with amendments. I mean, you could basically, you know, make any series of recommendations you want, whether it be, you know, you recommend that it not be approved, approve with no amendments, or you could recommend amendments and approval. And so just to recap, I was basically, you know, when you were making your initial recommendation I was envisioning that you were talking about editing Item-A, or Item 1A, to incorporate native species. And then it sounded like there was also the incorporation of, of food and sustainability type plants that are consumed. And then for the other items, I was just envisioning that they were going to be basically add ons in Sections two and three because they didn't sound like they were edits of a partially completed or completed objective or policy. Excuse me. Or if you wanted to call out a specific location where you want to -- sorry about that -- if you wanted to call out specific location where you wanted them to be inserted, or if you thought that at the end was fine, you know, it's up to this body.

Ms. Preza: Okay. Thank you for the clarification. I think --. Okay, so that's where we're going with this as a Commission so that we know what the end goal is. Maybe before we start, like, talking about specifically what we want, where and how like thoughts that maybe haven't been expressed that you think should be added or anything that should be . . . (inaudible) . . . that we think should be removed.

Okay, if not, so I imagined that the, you know, utilizing traditional knowledge and promoting natural and cultural resource management, I imagine that that would be under objective one like in addition to the policies there. Because it seems like it would fit like there's already policies that they promote programs and incentives that decrease greenhouse gas emissions and improve environmental stewardship and development of these property. Like to me that would fit in that section if everyone agrees. Did anyone not agree with that? Okay, so I would suggest that be added to that policy. And I think what you're saying, Jordan, and what Natalie was referencing earlier was editing Policy 1A, which was increase deforestation efforts by encouraging residents and visitors plant -- we can put native gardens and trees and also food

or plant. I don't know how we would -- Natalie, do you have a thought or --? Or non-invasive plants that promote food sustainability? Maybe that could be a way to edit that first one.

Okay, and then objective two just be to, to protect the iwi kupuna . . . (inaudible) . . . I think I would add it . . . (inaudible) . . . Under the policies I would add ensure that the promotion of renewable and green technologies are that they were . . . (inaudible) . . . that the community is, is for those new activities. Sorry, I'm not saying that correctly, but I think it's just we want to involve make sure that local communities are involved in any kind of large scale of renewable --

Ms. Kaye: Shelly, I'm sorry, what page are you on?

Ms. Preza: -- works for the community and for taking care of places.

Ms. Kaye: Shelly, I'm having a hard time following where you are can you --

Ms. Preza: Sorry, Sally, you cut out. What did you say?

Ms. Kaye: I said, I'm having a hard time following where you are. Can you identify a page of the renewable energy goal that you're referring to? What page is that?

Ms. Preza: If you go to the first page that . . . (inaudible) . . . That, that is, there's, that is page four . . . (inaudible) . . . That is objective three; it's the renewable energy objective.

Ms. Kaye: Oh, see, you're all the way back there.

Ms. Preza: Sorry, Sally, can you hear me?

Ms. Kaye: Yes, I can hear you. You're all the way back there. I'm sorry. I was to the meat of it. I was trying to follow through the detailed one. I got it now. Okay. Yeah. So how about if, if and that's, that's a really, really wonderfully important thing that you brought up. So what if the, what if the suggestion would be to significantly increase the use of renewable and green technologies to promote energy efficiency and energy self-sufficiency after consultation with local communities that are targeted for the site for any renewable projects. Would that work?

Ms. Preza: You're suggesting we, we suggest the edit to be in the objective itself . . . (inaudible) . . . underneath it?

Ms. Kaye: I believe we're having trouble with --

Ms. Preza: Can you all, all hear me?

Ms. Kaye: Yeah. There's a networking issue. I'm getting a notice at my end.

Ms. Preza: Sorry, I think my, my internet is . . . (inaudible) . . . Okay, sorry. Oh you guys can't hear me? . . . (Inaudible) . . . Hi. Sorry. I think my internet cut out. Can you all hear me now? Okay, if you can't hear me maybe, I don't know if --. Can you hear me now? I was going to say maybe Chelsea should take over. Okay, I see nods. Apologies. I don't know what's happening with my internet but it kind of made, it made everyone freeze, so sorry. If it's okay, if I cut out again, if Chelsea maybe you could take over that would be great. But seeing as you can all hear me now, we'll just kind of plow forward, I guess.

Ms. Trevino: Yeah, everything has been very choppy, the whole meeting, for me.

Mr. Hart: Chair and Vice-Chair, if you look, you can see the signal that you guys are getting. It looks like you have kind of weak signal that both of you are getting right now. There's, there's like a, looks like a cell phone bars under the lower right of everybody's image.

Ms. Trevino: Yeah, I see Shelly's has been like one bar the whole meeting. I don't know. I have Hawaiian Telcom for internet so I know they've been having issues.

Ms. Preza: Okay, I can try to move location to see if my internet will get better, if you give me one moment. If not -- but feel free to continue discussion of this. I'm just going to move closer to the router.

Okay, so I'm closer to the router, but it's still showing my signal as poor so I'm not sure how - -. I don't want to keep anyone waiting in this meeting. I'm not sure if anyone else is able to take over with better Internet or what the rules are on that. It seems like Chelsea was having some issues as well.

Mr. Hart: You seem solid now.

Ms. Preza: It seems better now. Okay, maybe we'll just try to, try to keep going while the internet is good and we'll troubleshoot if anything else comes back. Apologies, everyone, for the technical difficulties.

Sorry, so was there further discussion on, on where things should be put or what should be added?

Mr. Hart: The last thing I was able to take notes on was there is a discussion. It seemed like Commissioner Kaye made some suggested edits and I was trying to, to basically make sure to get them correct and in the right place. That's, that's where I stopped taking notes.

Ms. Preza: Thanks. I think I was asking Sally if, if you thought that, that added thing about the working with the local community, if that should be added directly to the objective or perhaps as a policy underneath the objective.

Ms. Kaye: Yeah. And, and now that I know where you are, I think absolutely it should be in the objective because then it applies to all policies below it. And so some of them, you know, doing encouraging green footprint practices, that that's you know, that's probably not as relevant. But if you do it in the objective, then it's done. You don't have to pick and choose which policy.

Ms. Preza: I see.

Ms. Kaye: That's my thinking.

Ms. Preza: That makes sense. I'm sorry, Jordan, have you been able to kind of capture some of these notes as we've gone through?

Mr. Hart: Yeah, I've actually got all of them up until this point. And I just -- so basically it seemed like the suggestion was to merge your, your comment on consulting with the local community and making sure that the proposed project fits with the objective of significantly increasing the use of renewable and green technologies to promote energy efficiency and energy self-sufficiency. And so I'm trying to make sure that I understand it. It would be something to the effect of significantly increase the use of energy and green --. Sorry. Significantly increase the use of renewable and green technologies to promote energy efficiency and energy self-sufficiency, and then some version of in consultation with the local community where the project is proposed.

Ms. Preza: Yeah.

Mr. Hart: Okay, okay.

Ms. Preza: Thank you. Okay, thank you, Jordan. Thank you. Other additions and any other thoughts or discussion? And Jordan, am I correct in if, you know, we don't have further discussion, if we, you know, someone could move to, to recommend approval of the proposed bill with amendments that we could just say referencing the notes that that you've taken on behalf of our, our comments?

Mr. Hart: Yeah, you can do that.

Ms. Preza: Okay, thank you. So any other discussion or would anyone like to make a motion for this agenda item?

Ms. Kaye: Okay, I'll move that, that the Commission recommend approval of the proposed bill to the Maui County Council with the amendments as discussed and captured by the Planning Department.

Ms. Preza: Thank you. We have motion on the table. Would anyone like to second that motion?

Ms. Ropa: I'll second.

Ms. Preza: Natalie seconds. Thank you. Great. So we'll go to a vote. And as always, I'll call each of your names and you can tell me how you would vote. So, Roxanne?

Ms. Catiel: Aye.

Ms. Preza: Sally?

Ms. Kaye: Aye.

Ms. Preza: Natalie?

Ms. Ropa: Aye.

Ms. Preza: John Delacruz?

Mr. Delacruz: Aye.

Ms. Preza: Thank you. Chelsea?

Ms. Trevino: Aye.

Ms. Preza: Okay, thank you. And I also vote aye, so it passes unanimously. Thank you all very much.

It was moved by Ms. Sally Kaye, seconded by Ms. Natalie Ropa, then unanimously

VOTED: To recommend approval of the proposed bill with the amendments as discussed.

(Assenting: R. Catiel, J. Delacruz, S. Kaye, S. Preza, N. Ropa, C. Trevino)

(Excused: J. Ornellas, S. Samonte)

(Absent: S. Menze)

C. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Open Lanai Applications Report as distributed by the Planning Department with the February 17, 2021 agenda.

Ms. Preza: Thank you Council Member King for being here as well. Okay, excellent. And again, apologies for the technical difficulties we experienced. I hope it didn't prolong the meeting too much, but we'll move on to agenda item C.1. which is open applications report as distributed by the Planning Department. We get the same docket every, you know, we get