

North Kohala Community Development Plan

Steering Committee Members

1. **Carolyn Lancaster** is a five year resident of North Kohala and is currently employed with Elements Jewelry and Crafts. Carolyn devotes her time as chair of the Kohala County Fair and Auditor of the Kohala Senior Citizen group. Over the past year she has dedicated herself to the preparation of the North Kohala community in anticipation of the CDP process by helping to collect data and educate community members.

2. **Fern White** is a 27 year resident who is employed with the State Department of Education as an English teacher and has served on multiple community organizations (Pop-Warner, PTSA, Rodeo) She served as charter secretary for the North Kohala Merchants Association. Through her work as an educator, she feels she will be able to maintain and create new links at the high school level to promote student participation in the CDP process.

3. **Crystal West** is a 14 year resident of the North Kohala district and is presently employed with Sage Farms. Crystal is an avid hula dancer and graduated from Kohala High School. She has a deep appreciation for North Kohala's natural resources, people, and small businesses and sees them as focal points of the community. She feels that her view represents a younger generation living and working in North Kohala.

4. **Robert Martin** has lived in North Kohala for 20 years and is currently self-employed as a restaurateur in Hawi. Robert founded the North Kohala Resource Center and has volunteered his time with the Kohala Business Association and the West HI Mediation Center. His interest is in helping the community of North Kohala develop the capacity to be a constructive, intelligent, well-organized, and proactive partner with the State and County governments.

5. **Ted Matsuda** is a lifelong resident of the North Kohala district and is employed as a nurseryman with the Kohala Nursery. Ted has seen North Kohala transition from plantation camp and feels that planning can help keep Kohala the special place for future generations to live and work.

6. **Henry Dulan** was born and raised in North Kohala and has been retired since 1991. Henry is a senior citizen volunteer with the State Legislature and has worked with past political representatives from the island of Hawaii. As a long time Kohala resident Henry has seen North Kohala change over the years,

especially the transition from "plantation days" to its present social and economic state. This perspective of time and what has happened over the years is what Henry will be able to contribute to the CDP process.

7. **Alvin Kawamoto** grew up in the North Kohala community and retired from the State Department of Education as an elementary school teacher. He served as president and treasurer of the Hawaii Rodeo and Cowboy Association and coached in the Kohala Community Athletic Association. Alvin's experience as a union representative and school level policy board committee member has developed his communication and team building skills and will compliment his strong desire to serve his community.

8. **Stephen Sheffield Norris** has lived in the North Kohala community for 5 years and is currently self-employed as a marketing agent. Stephen was a co-founder of the Kohala Community Land Trust and has held the positions of chair, president, and treasurer. He is also a member of the Big island Sustainable Community Association. Stephen is a passionate advocate of Kohala and wants to improve the quality of life that makes living here joyful experience for everyone.

9. **David Fuertes** has lived in the North Kohala district for 35 years and is a retired teacher with the State Department of Education. David is a member of the Kohala Intergenerational Center and has facilitated meetings with community groups to work towards win-win situations. He has extensive experience in community capacity building and economic development and brings a broad community network to the process

10. **Michael Gomes** is a lifelong resident of North Kohala and is currently employed as a land manager with the Surety Kohala Corporation. Michael is an avid volunteer and is a member of the Kohala Watershed committee, the Kohala library committee and the North Hawaii Community Hospital. As an active resident of North Kohala, Michael brings his broad level of knowledge of Kohala's history, geography, and infrastructure to the Steering Committee.