



## THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I

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### **Planning Department's General Plan Update recipient of National Planning Excellence Award**

LĪHU'E – The Kaua'i General Plan Update (2018) is the recipient of the American Planning Association's (APA) Daniel Burnham Award for a Comprehensive Plan. APA's national excellence award – the award program's highest honor – is a proud tradition established more than 50 years ago to recognize outstanding community plans, planning programs and initiatives, public education efforts, and individuals for their leadership on planning issues.

"This national recognition exemplifies the excellence and good planning conducted within our County by the hardworking men and women of our Planning Department, including their grit and tenacity in withstanding criticism throughout the process," said Mayor Derek S.K. Kawakami.

Mayor Kawakami, Managing Director Michael Dahilig, and Councilmember Luke Evslin joined the County of Kaua'i's Planning Department at the 2019 National Planning Conference in San Francisco this week to accept the award.

The APA jury commended the plan's approach consisting of 19 streamlined policies that address many of the issues that impact the island, such as traffic and tourism congestion, rising housing costs, and the potential future impacts of climate change and sea level rise.

The APA jury also praised the plan's process to generate better transparency and community input during implementation, the establishment of a regular monitoring cycle with feedback points after each of the four phases, and calling for the creation of the Kākou Committee which convenes every two years to review the plan.





Photo caption: (from left to right) Stefan Pellegrini, Melissa White, Planning Director Ka'āina S. Hull, Managing Director Michael A. Dahilig, Councilmember Luke Evslin, Wendy Shabay, Former Project Assistant Alan Clinton, Long Range Planning Manager Marie Williams, Mayor Derek S.K. Kawakami, Long Range Planner Leanora Kaiaokamalie, Long Range Planner Marisa Valenciano, and Cheryl Soon.