## **KAUA'I PLANNING & ACTION ALLIANCE**

"Bringing people together to create a better future for Kaua'i"

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## PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO DISCUSS THE GENERAL PLAN AT KPAA'S MEMBERSHIP MEETING

(Lihue, Hawaii, October 22, 2004) – Members and friends of Kaua'i Planning & Action Alliance (KPAA) are invited to attend an event featuring guest speakers Ian Costa, Planning Director and Keith Nitta, Senior Planner from the County of Kaua'i Planning Department. The presentation is titled "Implementing the General Plan: A Progress Report" and will describe work underway to implement the General Plan since it was updated in November 2000. The Kaua'i General Plan provides guidance for decision-making on the development of our community.

This will also be a KPAA general membership meeting, and an update of the organization's activities will be provided.

The event is Wednesday, November 3rd from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. at the Radisson Kaua'i Beach Resort, Mokihana Room. Registration begins at 8:00 AM and a continental breakfast will be served. Advance registration is required.

Up to two representatives of KPAA's member organizations may attend at no charge. Additional representatives may attend for \$15. The cost for non-members is \$20 per person. However, those that meet membership guidelines for regular or supporting member status can pay the \$20 membership fee and attend for free. The Verizon Foundation is sponsoring a portion of the event.

KPAA was formed in 2003 out of the community's interest in Kaua'i's future and involvement in the revision of the Kaua'i General Plan. The non-profit organization brings together diverse organizations for collaborative planning to find community-based solutions and achieve targeted community goals. They provide a forum for nonprofit and community-based

2959 Umi Street, Suite 201 • Lihu'e, HI 96766 Phone 808.632.2005 • Fax 808.632.2018 • Email kpaa@kauainetwork.org organizations to network and find long-term solutions to issues confronting Kaua'i. The recently completed *Kaua'i Community Response Drug Plan* came from the work of KPAA and the Drug Action Team.

The <u>deadline for registering is October 27<sup>th</sup></u>. Contact KPAA at 632-2005 or email them at kpaa@kauainetwork.org for a membership application, registration form or to ask questions.