



Climate Change Commission

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Pledge Towards Equity

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1.3. CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION PLEDGE TOWARDS EQUITY

The Commission acknowledges that climate change is still viewed as primarily an environmental issue, and thus needs to be reframed as a human issue that is a core challenge for sustainable development with powerful economic, social, and environmental implications.¹² The Commission acknowledges the need to understand the different ways that people are vulnerable to the consequences of climate change events by virtue of their geographic locations, livelihoods, asset holdings, historical contexts, and social positioning.¹³ As O‘ahu plans for climate change impacts, we will explore to what extent mitigation or adaptation strategies may offer simultaneous opportunities to promote wider societal development objectives.¹⁴ In addition, the Commission supports the City in advancing meaningful community engagement practices that center the needs of local communities to address site-specific climate mitigation and adaptation projects. Understanding that change begins with leadership, the Climate Change Commission of the City and County of Honolulu pledges to:

- Host the Commission’s in-person meetings in different areas of the island of O‘ahu so that a diversity of communities can participate in the planning process for their communities, and to invite leaders of minoritized communities to participate
- Integrate social equity considerations, as defined by the 2014 Urban Sustainability Directors Initiative (USDN) Report, into all its publications and policies; and
- Provide diverse platforms and opportunities such as virtual and in-person meetings, focus groups, surveys, field trips, and presentations, to prioritize communities/groups that have historically been marginalized or underrepresented.

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¹² Mearns, Robin, et al. Social Dimensions of Climate Change: Equity and Vulnerability in a Warming World. World Bank, 2010, pp. xxiii, 319, doi:10.1596/978-0-8213-7887-8.

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