

## John P. Whalen, FAICP

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Mr. Whalen is an urban and regional planner whose professional career spans more than four decades and includes substantial administrative roles in government and private practice. He has undertaken numerous complex planning assignments, ranging from broad policy issues to site-specific physical development designs, in a wide variety of urban and rural settings in Hawai'i. Prior to forming his consulting firm, he served as Director of Land Utilization for the City and County of Honolulu, where he had responsibility for zoning controls and land use permitting throughout the Island of O'ahu. As head of his consulting practice, he was principal in charge of all planning assignments, from large-scale, comprehensive regional planning to land use entitlement work. One of the higher profile public projects was the revision of the Kaka'ako Mauka Area Plan for the Hawaii Community Development Authority in 2006. In addition to his professional work, Mr. Whalen has served in many volunteer capacities for non-profit organizations in Hawai'i, and is firmly committed to community service.

### Professional Experience

2010 - Present	Semi-retired planning consultant. Honolulu, Hawai'i.
1990 - 2010	President, PlanPacific, Inc. (formerly Lacayo Planning, Inc.). Honolulu, Hawai'i.
1985 - 1989	Director, Department of Land Utilization, City and County of Honolulu. Honolulu, Hawai'i.
1984	Urban and Regional Planning Consultant. Honolulu, Hawai'i.
1981 - 1983	Senior Associate, EDAW, Inc. Honolulu, Hawai'i.
1979 - 1981	Planning Division Chief, Department of Housing and Community Development, City and County of Honolulu. Honolulu, Hawai'i.
1974 - 1978	Environmental Planner, Department of General Planning and Land Utilization, City and County of Honolulu. Honolulu, Hawai'i.
1974	Planning Consultant, CARE. Guatemala, Central America.
1972 - 1974	Director, Fundación Grupos Unidos de Agricultores (ULEU). Chimaltenango, Guatemala.
1972	Community Planner, Bucks County Planning Commission. Doylestown, Pennsylvania
1971	Planner/Intern, Comisión de Desarrollo de la Cuenca del Río Guayas. Guayaquil, Ecuador.

### Education

Master of Science, Urban Planning. Columbia University, School of Architecture. New York, New York.  
Master of Arts, Public Law and Government. Columbia University, Graduate Faculties. New York, New York.  
Bachelor of Art, Political Science and Pre-Architecture. Rutgers University. New Brunswick, New Jersey.

### Professional Affiliations

American Planning Association, Hawai'i Chapter  
American Institute of Certified Planners, Elected to College of Fellows in 2006

### Community Affiliations

Hawaii Community Development Authority, Chairman (term to July 2019)  
Community Development Corporation of Honolulu, Past Board of Directors  
Parents and Children Together, Vice-President, Board of Directors  
Scenic Hawai'i, Inc., Advisor to Board of Directors  
Mālama o Mānoa, Advisor to Board of Directors  
Historic Hawai'i Foundation, Past Board of Trustees