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Welina me ke aloha,


The Kaupō community has been dreaming about restoring the old Kaupo School to become a community center for many years now. Old timers remember fondly going to school there, while local residents reminisce about the events and parties held there in days past. Twenty years ago, the Kaupō Community Association was formed by a grassroots group of residents with the express intention of restoring the school and creating a place for the community to come together.

All these years later this long-held vision remains the same. The community desperately needs a place where residents can gather; a place where we can store water and emergency supplies; a place where children, families and kūpuna can connect; a place where we can again celebrate birthdays, graduations, weddings, and other special events.

Kaupō is a small, isolated community that can easily become cut off from the outside world due to flooding, fire, extreme storm events, or road repair. Growing up in Kaupō, we faced many hazardous experiences and my siblings and I often joke about how amazing it is that we all survived our childhoods. And yet, those of us who live in Kaupō know that there is no more beautiful place in all the world.

For all these reasons and many more, I'd like to express my wholehearted support of Executive Order 4544 which will transfer the school property to Maui County enabling a long-term lease of the property to the Kaupō Community Association. This will allow us to finally bring all of the dreams of Kaupō's people to fruition. As a KCA board member and Kaupō resident, I am committed to caring for my community, seeing the restoration project to completion, and ensuring Kaupō's people have a place to come together—to celebrate, to help one another in the event of an emergency, and to fulfill our mission to protect the cultural heritage and natural beauty of Kaupō.

Mahao nui loa,



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