## **EDB Committee**

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To: EDB Committee

**Cc:** Helen Nielsen; Steve Goodfellow

**Subject:** Kaupo School Restoration - Item #EDB-175

Attachments: Kaupo School.pdf

Aloha,

Please find attached letter of support from Steve Goodfellow.

Thank you,

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May 15, 2019

ATTN: Maui County Council's Economic Development and Budget Committee

RE: Item #EDB-175: \$475,000 for the infrastructure portion of the historic Kaupo School restoration

Dear Committee:

I would like to take this opportunity to express our support of the restoration of the old Kaupo School and its infrastructure.

Southeast Maui, which Kaupo is a part of, is quite remote with minimal resources available to the community. This restoration project would provide the community members with a Community Center for gatherings and meetings. It would also serve as a Disaster/Hazard Mitigation Facility for the members of the community along with County/State/Federal agencies to operate a smaller version of an Emergency Operating Center (EOC) where emergency responders can gather. Currently there is no such facility available in their area for such use.

Goodfellow Bros. has been active with helping the Kaupo community, along with Maui County as a whole, in times of disasters (e.g. brush fires, flooding, etc.). It is critical to create a solid infrastructure at this property as there are currently no county services but for a non-potable water meter. With this funding, the Kaupo School would have a safe septic system, be able to provide filtered water, create enough water storage for fire flow, and create a center for a remote community with thousands of visitors driving through each day.

The historical restoration of the old Kaupo School would provide the remote area of Kaupo and its neighboring communities a sense of heightened comradery and safety.

Thank you in advance for your favorable consideration and support of this Project for the Kaupo and neighboring communities.

Sincerek

J Stephen Goodfellow Chairman of the Board