

EDB Committee

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Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:26 AM
To: EDB Committee
Cc: Shane M. Sinenci
Subject: Testimony of Support for EDB-175
Attachments: EDB-175 Support Mike Hanchett .pdf; EDB-175 Support Carla Hanchett.pdf

Aloha,

Please accept the attached testimony on behalf of my husband and I in support of EDB-175.

Mahalo,
Carla Ritte-Hanchett

TO: Economic Development and Budget Committee

Chairwoman Keani Rawlins-Fernandez
Vice Chair Kelly King
Council Member Riki Hokoma
Council Member Tasha Kama
Council Member Alice Lee
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Council Member Yuki Lei Sugimura

Date: May 15, 2019

From: Michael Hanchett
333 Anahaki Avenue
Ho'olehua, Hawaii 96729

SUBJECT: Please approve EDB – 175 to fund critical infrastructure for the Kaupō School Restoration Project.

Aloha Council Members,

I'd like to ask you to please approve EDB-175 to support the Kaupō School Restoration Project. Kaupō is a unique and beautiful place to visit and to live. Kaupō's people, especially the old timers, are deeply rooted to this special place. Families with ancestral ties to Kaupō still care for and love this land that holds the essence of old Hawai'i.

When I was raising my family in Kaupō, residents and families shared with and helped one another. Now my granddaughter is being raised in Kaupō, I hope she will be able to experience the love and support of a close community. I hope she will always know a Kaupō that is wild with wide-open spaces, dark starry nights, and quiet but for the sounds of nature—wind, rain, the ocean rumbling the 'ili'ili.

The Kaupō Community Association is helping to mobilize the community of Kaupō that is small in number with residences spread out over a large area. The community of Kaupō will be better able to meet their goal to protect the environmental beauty, cultural landscapes, natural resources, and rural lifestyle of Kaupō if they have a place to gather, meet, and come together once again.

Mahalo,



Michael Hanchett, Lineal Descendent of Kānaka Maoli of Kaupō, Landowner, Former Resident

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From: Carla Ritte-Hanchett
333 Anahaki Avenue
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SUBJECT: Please approve EDB – 175 to fund critical infrastructure for the Kaupō School Restoration Project.

Aloha Kākou,

I am writing to urge you to please support the Kaupo Community Association's request for funds, allocated in the 2019 budget amendment EDB-175. This critical support will enable our Kaupō Community to construct water storage and filtration systems, a septic system, and a pv system, as well as restroom facilities.

More than 20 years ago I was privileged to help found the Kaupō Community Association alongside other Kaupō kūpuna and long-time residents. It was our vision at the time to restore the old Kaupō School so that it could once again become a place for our community to gather.

The need for emergency supply storage and shelter in the event of a natural disaster or other emergency has always been a top priority as well. As a young mother raising my six children in Kaupō we faced numerous hazards throughout our years there. At times my children still joke that it is a wonder they all lived through their childhoods given the risks that were a part of our daily life. We had faith that Akua was watching over us and we could always count on the help of the other families in Kaupō as our community was very tightly-knit during those years.

The restoration of the old Kaupō School and Teacher's Cottage as well as the construction of the required infrastructure is no small undertaking. I am so very proud of KCA's board and leadership who have been able to mobilize our community to accomplish this goal. Again I ask you for your support that will ensure our community has a safe place to gather.

Mahalo,



Carla Ritte-Hanchett, Landowner, Former Kaupō Resident