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Mark Noetzel
Hawai'i Preparatory Academy
Assistant Head of School
65-1692 Kohala Mountain Road
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Aloha Mr. Mark Noetzel and the Hawai'i Preparatory Academy 'Ohana,

On behalf of the South Kohala CDP Action Committee, I extend our deepest gratitude to Hawai'i Preparatory Academy for offering to open your campus as an emergency shelter during the July 29, 2025 tsunami evacuation. Your willingness to welcome our community members with shelter, meals, and medical support provided an invaluable sense of safety and care at a critical time.

Emergencies place immense strain on families and individuals, and your swift and generous response ensured that those impacted had a secure place to stay and were treated with compassion and dignity. The hospitality and resources provided by your faculty, staff, and students exemplify the highest values of community stewardship and service.

We are truly grateful for your partnership and commitment to the well-being of Hawai'i Island residents. Please extend our appreciation to everyone at HPA who contributed to this effort—your leadership and aloha made a profound difference for those who needed it most.

Mahalo nui loa for standing with our community in times of need.

With warm regards,
SK CDP AC Chair

Trent Arnow
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
808-747-4112
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Kealahou HI 96750

Aloha Mr. Arnow and the Waimea Chapel 'Ohana,

On behalf of the South Kohala CDP Action Committee, I extend our deepest gratitude to the Waimea Chapel membership for offering to open your building as an emergency shelter during the July 29, 2025 tsunami evacuation. Your willingness to welcome our community members with shelter, meals, and support provided an invaluable sense of safety and care at a critical time.

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SK CDP AC Chair

Kawena Gomes
Administrator
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Kahu Billy Mitchell
Sr. Pastor

Aloha Mrs. Kawena Gomes, Kahu Billy Mitchell and the Mana Christian ‘Ohana,

On behalf of the South Kohala CDP Action Committee, I extend our deepest gratitude to the Mana Christian ‘Ohana for offering to open your building as an emergency shelter during the July 29, 2025 tsunami evacuation. Your willingness to welcome our community members with shelter, meals, and support provided an invaluable sense of safety and care at a critical time.

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Stephen Dunn
Parker School
65-1224 Lindsey Road
Kamuela, HI 96743

Aloha Mr. Dunn and the Parker School ‘Ohana,

On behalf of the South Kohala CDP Action Committee, I extend our deepest gratitude to the Parker School ‘Ohana for offering to open your building as an emergency shelter during the July 29, 2025 tsunami evacuation. Your willingness to welcome our community members with shelter, meals, and support provided an invaluable sense of

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Michelle Barber
Principal
Waikoloa Elementary & Middle School
68-1730 Ho'oko Street
Waikoloa, HI 96738

Aloha Mrs. Barber and the Waikoloa Elementary & Middle School 'Ohana,

On behalf of the South Kohala CDP Action Committee, I extend our deepest gratitude to the Waikoloa Elementary & Middle School 'Ohana for offering to open your building as an emergency shelter during the July 29, 2025 tsunami evacuation. Your willingness to welcome our community members with shelter, meals, and support provided an invaluable sense of safety and care at a critical time.

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Tamara L. Garay
Lofts at Waikoloa
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Waikoloa, HI 96738

Aloha Ms. Garay and the Waikoloa Lofts 'Ohana,

On behalf of the South Kohala CDP Action Committee, I extend our deepest gratitude to the Waikoloa Lofts 'Ohana

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