

# DRI 718 7 Arlington Ave Chun Family

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To the Martha's Vineyard Commission:

I have been a year-round resident of Oak Bluffs for 20 years and have summered on East Chop since 1969. I first met Eunu Chun on East Chop 40 years ago and I have enjoyed a long friendship with Eunu and his wife, Lisa Kim. Years before they bought 7 Arlington, when their children were babies, the Chuns were summer renters on East Chop. They have become an integral part of the East Chop community.

Over the past 10 years, the Chuns have regularly done restorative work to the house, making it safe and livable for their family. I remember when they replaced all the boards on the porch because it was sagging so badly. I assisted with landscaping for several years after they bought the property. As a homeowner, Lisa insisted that any installation of shrubs or flowers be consistent with understated landscapes on East Chop. Similarly, no trees were removed, except when necessary. Whenever we discussed landscaping, Lisa always considered any adverse impact on her neighbors.

Over the years, as the Chuns have spent more time on the Vineyard, the lack of winterization has become a problem. To their dismay, the condition and design of the house make winterizing all but impossible. I have looked at the drawings of the proposed new house and I wholeheartedly support the project. Not surprisingly, Lisa and Eunu have made neighborhood impact a priority in all phases of the design process. The new design preserves the essence of what remains of the original house and vastly improves upon the appearance of the current house. The new construction is proportionate to the size of the lot and is consistent with style of homes in the neighborhood. The new house will not be any closer to the abutter to the west than current house, McMansion tropes notwithstanding.

I have no doubt that in all phases of construction, Lisa and Eunu will continue to be the responsive and considerate neighbors that they been for many years. I enthusiastically support approval of the new designs. Thank you for taking the time to consider this letter.

Best regards,

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