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Dear Commissioner,

I am a homeowner in Edgartown. I have attended some of the hearings for this proposed project and believe there are many noteworthy benefits to residents of the island that deserve attention.

More conversation should be happening on the significance of the affordable housing donation. This could potentially result in the LARGEST affordable donation in the history of the island – and means an opportunity for many local residents to access new housing for their families.

Why is the fact that trails are being preserved, open space and sensitive habitat is being protected in perpetuity not being acknowledged and given due credit?

No one talking about the local tradespeople and suppliers that have families and businesses to support. This will add jobs and income for them.

The town of Edgartown has zoned this project as ½ acre residential, implying a maximum density in excess of 100 homes - the developers are proposing to put a fraction of that density on the site. That, coupled with that fact that over 63% of the property will be protected as open space and never developed seems a reasonable proposition to me.

The developers are offering what appears as a very thoughtful plan, one that another group might not be so willing to offer or execute.

I encourage the commission to consider the historical significance of the affordable housing donation and its potential impacts for local workers. Step back, think about the plan, the material benefits for the island workforce and the thoughtful planning and reasonableness exhibited by this group. While I am for preserving the island and its habitat, I am also for bringing significant benefits to the island, such as those laid out in this plan.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

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