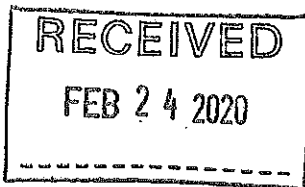


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Martha's Vineyard
137 Main Street, Edgartown MA 02539 / 508-627-5850

February 20, 2020

Martha's Vineyard Commission
33 New York Ave.
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557



Dear Commission Members,

I am writing today in support of The Red Cat Kitchen project. As a 20 year resident and business owner on Martha's Vineyard, I appreciate the tireless work and commitment of the MVC. A much needed voice of reason and oversight for our island.

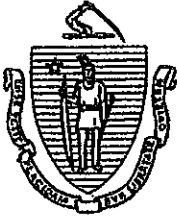
Ben DeForest and his The Red Cat Kitchen team have been at the forefront of culinary excellence for 20+ years. With a commitment to excellence in hospitality, they welcome locals and tourists alike. The unique style of restaurant is a treasure island wide. Ben's loyalty to the island is to the bone and we are all lucky to have such creative talent woven into the island fabric.

It is my hope that the MVC will support the next step for this important business and the building that houses it. Embracing not only the necessary and appropriate physical improvements to a building but also the significant cultural contributions that Ben and The Red Cat Kitchen make to our island.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christian Thornton". The signature is stylized and includes a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Christian Thornton
Chef / Owner
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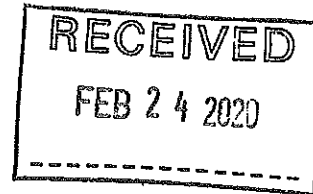


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Deval L. Patrick, Governor ♦ Aaron Gornstein, Undersecretary

July 1, 2014

Walter W. Vail, Chairman
Oak Bluffs Board of Selectman
P.O. Box 1327
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557



RE: Downtown Target Area Slum & Blight Designation

Dear Mr. Vail:

The Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program received the Town of Oak Bluff's request for approval of the above named target area, allowing the Town to carry out projects in the area using the national objective of prevention or elimination of slums or blight on an area basis. The submittal included a description and map of the target area, a determination that the area meets the criteria set forth in M.G.L. 121A and 121B, and an inventory of conditions in the target area. Based on the material submitted, the target area and supporting inventory have been accepted for national objective purposes, and are valid for a ten-year period beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2024.

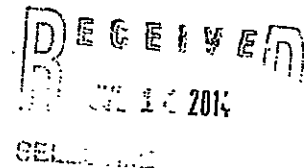
This does not in any way qualify any activity or project proposed in the target area as meeting the national objective or other threshold criteria. Each activity proposed in a Massachusetts CDBG application must also meet the program criteria in effect at the time of application to be eligible for funding consideration.

If the Town is to apply for an activity or project in the target area prior to the expiration of the ten year period noted above, and is seeking to qualify the activity or project under the national objective of prevention or elimination of slums or blight on an area basis, a copy of this letter should be included in place of the inventory and other supporting materials. DHCD will then confirm consistency of those proposals with the approved target area.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require any additional assistance.

Sincerely,

Louis M. Martin
Deputy Associate Director
Division of Community Services



cc: Alice Boyd, Bailey Boyd Associates