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**RE: Nova Vida**

Dear MVC Members:

I am writing you relative to the application of Nova Vida Church to install a 50'x 50' tent on Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road, Oak Bluffs for church services including amplification and amplified music. I cannot recall a more arrogant and disrespectful proposal that has come before this board. This application shows a complete and utter disregard for both the island as a whole and the neighbors of the church. It baffles me how this group of people could seek to impact every walker, bicyclist and driver on Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road with a huge tent that will be clearly visible from the road. That, however, is only the beginning of their arrogance and lack of respect. I cannot fathom how anyone, an alleged church or otherwise, would even ask to put a large group of people outdoors in a residential neighborhood at night three times a week and then on top of that ask for amplification and amplified music. To give the board an example of how far noise can travel our home is in Dodger's Hole in Edgartown and we can hear the announcements and crowd roars at the high school football games, which are not a disruption as it is a few weekends a year and either early in the evening or a Saturday afternoon and is a part of the island fabric that makes living here so special. I cannot imagine how loud this would be for the neighborhoods that are much closer than Dodger's Hole to this absurd proposal. Hearing amplified music along with chanting and screaming followers even one night a week is not fair to anyone.

I respectfully request that you deny this proposal.

Sincerely,



Sean E. Murphy