May 25, 2021

Local Initiative Program
Department of Housing & Community Development
100 Cambridge Street – Suite 300
Boston, MA 02114

Attn: Alana Murphy, Director of Policy; Deputy Director Housing Development

Re: Island Elderly Housing - Aidyberg III
5 Unit Rental Apartment 408 Project
LIP Application

Dear Ms. Murphy:

On behalf of the Town of Oak Bluffs Board of Selectmen, I am pleased to send you this Letter of Support for the above-referenced Chapter 40B Local Initiative Program ("LIP") project. At its meeting last night, the Select Board voted to endorse this 5 unit rental apartment project which will have 5 affordable rental units and to issue this Letter of Support.

The Board is very appreciative that Applicant Island Elderly Housing has taken the time over the last months, prior to submitting its LIP Application to the Board, to meet with our Town staff and department heads to review the proposal and its possible impacts with them and to listen to their feedback. Our Town Administrator and staff have indicated that the feedback was well received and helped shape the plans that have been submitted. We believe that the Applicant has shown a good track record in creating similar affordable housing developments in our community and are pleased that the Applicant will own and manage the development long-term, which should serve well for the property and the Town.

The location of the project is appropriate and we look forward to working with the Applicant on the final more detailed plans when they proceed to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a Comprehensive Permit. We believe that through that process, Oak Bluffs will benefit from the addition of 5 high quality affordable rental units for seniors which are greatly needed in our Town.

Therefore, we lend our support and urge you to approve this LIP Application.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
Brian Packish
Board Chairman
Mr. Ewell Hopkins, Chairperson  
Oak Bluffs Planning Board  
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557

Subject: Aidlyberg III Elderly Housing Expansion

Dear Chair Hopkins,

The Oak Bluffs Affordable Housing Committee fully supports Island Elderly Housing's application to add five affordable housing homes at their property at 38 Wing Road. The Aidlyberg III Special Permit application adds critical affordable housing supporting Oak Bluffs' growing aging population and housing production goals.

The permanently deed-restricted apartments support the Oak Bluffs Housing Production Plan, adding five units to the Subsidized Housing Inventory (SHI) as we work towards achieving the Commonwealth's 40B 10 percent affordable housing goal.

Island Elderly Housing and its residents are essential to the good of our community, and the Affordable Housing Committee strongly recommends the support of the Planning Board.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

K. Mark Leonard  
Chair, Oak Bluffs Affordable Housing Committee
April 19, 2021

Ewell Hopkins, Chairperson
Oak Bluffs Planning Board
P.O. Box 1327
Oak Bluffs, Mass. 02557

Chairperson Hopkins,

On behalf of the Island Housing Trust, I urge the Oak Bluffs’ Planning Board’s approval of Island Elderly Housing’s Aidyberg III proposal to construct five apartments for low-income elderly residents at 38 Wing Road under section 7.3 of the Town of Oak Bluffs’ Flexible Development zoning by-law.

Island Elderly Housing has provided critically needed affordable rental housing for elderly and disabled residents for decades. Over 170 island residents call IEH their home. The thoughtfully designed Aidyberg III apartments will complement the neighboring properties. These five apartments will provide desperately needed housing for lower-income elderly residents that will be permanently affordable and all count towards the Town of Oak Bluffs’ state Subsidized Housing Inventory (SHI).

Martha’s Vineyard is fortunate to have such an experienced nonprofit organization as Island Elderly Housing caring for our Island’s lower-income elderly and disabled residents. I urge your full support of the Aidyberg III rental apartments.

Sincerely,

Philippe Joudi
Executive Director

Cc: Simone DeSorcy, IEH President
It is my pleasure to offer the strong support of Harbor Homes of MV for the proposal of Island Elderly Housing to create 5 new housing units in Oak Bluffs. Harbor Homes has continued to collect data about the scope of the homeless crisis on the Vineyard. It is concerning that low income seniors are a subgroup that is significantly at risk of becoming homeless. Over 35% of Island residents that reported they had lost their housing were Islanders over the age of 62.

Island Elderly Housing is a treasured Island resource. It provides safe, secure housing to Island residents who have limited income and have no other option for housing. IEH has had a long waitlist for many years. It clearly is a program in need of expansion. Five additional housing units on Wing Road will benefit five seniors and strengthen our community.

Island Elderly Housing has done an impressive job in planning this project in a way that is sensitive to the environment and the neighborhood. The organization has successfully sought support from the Community Preservation Committees. IEH has been transparent about the design, scope and impact of the new development. The mission of Harbor Homes is to ensure that all residents, particularly low-income individuals and families, have access to safe, affordable housing. Island Elderly Housing’s project is aligned with this goal.

I encourage the Planning Board to move forward swiftly in approving and promoting this project.

Thank you.
April 16, 2021

Mr. Ewell Hopkins
Chairperson
Oak Bluffs Planning Board
PO Box 1327
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557

Dear Mr. Hopkins:

The Tisbury Community Preservation Committee is writing in support of the Aidylberg III project, located at 38 Wing Road in Oak Bluffs.

Island Elderly Housing was awarded Community Preservation Act monies by the voters in the Town of Tisbury in 2019, in the amount of $75,000.00 towards this project. The CPC is quite aware of the housing shortages on the Island—at the time of their application, there were 100 people on their waiting list. This organization, IHM, has a solid track record and has been successful in their mission to provide the elderly on Martha’s Vineyard a viable option for housing. The five proposed apartments will have affordability restrictions in perpetuity for low-income seniors on the Island and will protect this housing for those most in need for years to come. The Island needs these apartments, sooner rather than later.

Best regards,

[Signature]
Paul Munato
Chairman
April 15, 2021

Iwell Hopkins, Chairperson
Oak Bluffs Planning Board
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557

Re: IEH Aldylberg III

Greetings,

Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard (HAMV) is a planning, advocacy and community building organization whose mission is to create an Aging-Friendly island, meeting the needs of the rapidly growing Older Adult population, their families, and those who care for them.

We would like to express our support for IEH's Aldylberg III project.

Affordable and age-friendly housing for our Older Adults continues to be a challenge, and those over 65+ now represent 1-in-3 of our residents on Martha's Vineyard. While the existing housing provided by IEH offers a viable solution for some, the average waiting time of 3-4 years make it inaccessible to many in need. Expanding the housing infrastructure for our Older Adults with comfortable and aging-friendly housing is clearly a high priority especially with the forecasted 30%+ growth rate over the next 10 years for those 65+, further amplified by the current lack of affordable housing for those with lower incomes.

HAMV recently completed an island-wide Older Adult survey with over 2,500 adults participating. We heard that the vast majority of Older Adults feel it is important to “be on the Vineyard as you age” and for those who do not own a home, alternative housing options are very limited. Our data also confirmed that those Older Adults with annual household incomes less than $25k have more health challenges and are more likely to feel they don’t have the financial resources to meet their daily needs.
We ask that you consider these pressing housing needs of our Older Adults and our history of caring for those who has contributed so much to our Island's way of life.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our perspective. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Cindy Doyle, HAMV Chair
cdoylem@aol.com

Cindy Trish, Executive Director
ctrish@hamv.org
April 22, 2021

Ewell Tompkins, Chair
Oak Bluffs Planning Board
PO Box 1327
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557

To Whom it May Concern:

Please consider my full and enthusiastic support for the application submitted by Island Elderly Housing, Inc., to construct five new homes for low-income seniors on Wing Road in Oak Bluffs.

As someone who has rented a vacation home in Oak Bluffs since 1981, I thoroughly support increasing the supply of stable, safe, and rent subsidized year-round housing for our elderly population. The five proposed homes, while not nearly enough to meet the overwhelming demand, shall certainly contribute to the goal of increasing the inventory of perpetually affordable homes for our seniors.

The entire Island community must come together to support our elders. I respectfully urge the Planning Board to approve the construction of Aidyilberg 3.

Sincere regards,

[Signature]

Henry Louis Gates, Jr.
April 22, 2021

Oak Bluffs Planning Board
PO Box 1327
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557

Dear Oak Bluffs Planning Board,

I am Kayte Morris, the Senior Director of Food Equity Programs for the Island Grown Initiative (IGI) and the former Executive of the Island Food Pantry (now a program of IGI). I’m writing today to enthusiastically support Island Elderly Housing’s proposal for Aidylberg III.

Most year-round residents are well-aware of our desperate need for affordable housing on our island, and I have observed first hand the impact of these deficits. As Executive Director of the Island Food Pantry, we often encountered elders who were facing not only food insecurity, but also housing insecurity- particularly, individuals who were forced to live in unsafe living conditions due to lack of housing options. Both of these issues impact not only quality of life for our neighbors and friends, but are also important factors in negatively impacting health outcomes and chronic illness among this vulnerable population.

Island Elderly Housing has been a wonderful partner to us as we work to ensure that all Islanders have access to healthy food- they’ve assisted us as we’ve delivered groceries to residents throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic, hosted our Mobile Markets, and helped us distribute fresh produce to occupants.

The proposed apartments will bring more stability to the lives of our most vulnerable seniors here on the island and we wholeheartedly endorse their ability to serve more Islanders.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Kayte Morris
Sr. Director of Food Equity Programs, Island Grown Initiative
PO Box 622, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568
p: 646-715-2013 e: kayte@igimv.org
April 21, 2021

Ewell Hopkins, Chairperson  
Oak Bluffs Planning Board  
P.O. Box 1237  
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557  
planningboard@oakbluffsma.gov

SUBJECT: Island Elderly Housing – Aidylberg III

Dear Mr. Hopkins,

On behalf of Cape Cod 5, we are pleased to provide this letter in full support of the application coming before your board from Island Elderly Housing, Inc. on Thursday, April 22, 2021 for the construction of Aidylberg III at 38 Wing Road, Oak Bluffs.

As we know you are all well aware, these proposed 5 new apartments of Aidylberg III will be one more important step toward addressing the urgent need of creating affordable, dignified, safe, and perpetually-protected homes for low income, elderly residents of our Island community.

The creation of these 5 new apartments is in line with the town's long-range planning goals and is supported by the voters of Oak Bluffs and neighboring island towns as evidenced by their having chosen to dedicate a portion of their Community Preservation Act funds to this project.

Thank you for this opportunity to contribute our voice of support for this wonderful project as you complete your review.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy A. Savarese  
Chair & Chief Executive Officer

Richard J. Leonard  
Regional President - Martha's Vineyard
April 21, 2021

Ewell Hopkins
Oak Bluffs Planning Board
PO Box 1327
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557

Dear Mr. Hopkins,

I was recently made aware of Island Elderly Housing’s plans to construct additional affordable housing for Island seniors. The Aycliff House project will bring much needed additional units of affordable housing to the Island and I am in full support of the project.

Everyone who lives on the Island knows of the affordable housing crisis. Island Elderly Housing (IEH) has proven a responsible leader, sponsor and partner in developing and managing affordable housing for our most vulnerable Islanders: seniors and the disabled. By doing so, they are maintaining the social fabric of our community by keeping Island families intact.

I work with low- to moderate-income Islanders at the Vineyard Health Care Access Program, and every week someone asks me if I know of affordable rental units. That question was difficult to respond to 10 years ago. Now it is impossible.

I understand that the proposed project has been thoughtfully designed and planned with the neighborhood and Town needs in mind.

I urge the Town of Oak Bluffs to support this project and to join IEH in being part of the solution to one of the Vineyard’s most pressing social problems.

Thank you,

Sarah Kuh

Sarah Kuh, MPH
Director, Vineyard Health Care Access Program

114 New York Avenue, Oak Bluffs MA 02557 • skuh@myhealthcareaccess.org • (508) 696-0020
Aidylberg III

Dorothy Pitt <dortpbusi@gmail.com>
Thu 4/22/2021 1:27 PM
To: Oak Bluffs Planning Board <planningboard@oakbluffsma.gov>

Deer Mr. Hopkins,

As a homeowner at 117 Barnes Road, I write in support of the proposed expansion of the Island Elderly Housing project at 38 Wing Road. Elderly Housing is critical for the many folks who are looking at access to affordable housing as we age and want to stay on the island.

I hope you will approve the expansion of Aidylberg as it is in line with the town's long-range planning goals.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Pitt
117 Barnes Road
Oak Bluffs
Elderly Housing Application

CHARLAYNE HUNTERGAULT <charstar42@aol.com>
Thu 4/22/2021 9:10 AM
To: Oak Bluffs Planning Board <planningboard@oakbluffsma.gov>
April 22, 2021

Ewell Hopkins, Chairman
Oak Bluffs Planning Board
P.O. Box 1327
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557

Via Email: April 22, 2021

Ewell Hopkins, Chairman
Oak Bluffs Planning Board
P.O. Box 1327
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557

Via Email: planningboard@oakbluffsma.gov

SUBJECT: ISLAND ELDERLY HOUSING APPLICATION FOR AIDYLBERG 3

Dear Mr. Hopkins:

I write today to express my full support for the Special Permit application submitted by Island Elderly Housing to construct 5 new rent-subsidized homes for low-income elderly residents on Wing Road in Oak Bluffs.

My husband, Ron Gault, and I purchased our home in Oak Bluffs near Sunset Lake many years ago after a number of most delightful summer visits. When we lived in South Africa for 17 years, we returned every August until we left there in 2012 and were able to enjoy more than a month on what we like to think of as our Island Paradise. We chose Oak Bluffs over other island towns due to the Town’s diversity on every level: landscape, architecture, and Oak Bluff’s inclusion of people from every walk of life, background, income, age and the wonderful mix of seasonal and year-round residents.

And now the Island residents on the lowest levels of the income scale are facing home insecurity and worse. We can’t imagine those who love Oak Bluffs and its people and its history can possibly allow anything but a good outcome for the most vulnerable among us. And that is why we support the application in front of you that would provide 5 additional homes for our most vulnerable residents, our elders. It is our sincere hope and desire that we do all we can for those who came before us and provide them with safe and secure year-round housing. Sending prayers up for them and encouragement to you et al to take the steps necessary to ensure these homes are provided.

With deepest respect,

Charlayne Hunter-Gault
joined by
Ron Gault

Always Forward
Aidylberg III

Bethany Graham <bethanygraham@gmail.com>
Thu 4/22/2021 9:18 AM
To: Oak Bluffs Planning Board <planningboard@oakbluffsma.gov>

Hello,

I am writing this letter in strong support of the construction of 5 new apartments for Aidylberg III for LEH.

I am both a neighbor, residing at 27 Franklin Ave, and a home health physical therapist for the VNA of Cape Cod. I treat patients primarily in Oak Bluffs and Edgartown. There’s a strong need for additional housing, especially for the elderly.

I hope this project will be executed! I’m looking forward to more wonderful residents and patients in our neighborhood!

Thank you for taking the time to hear my voice.

Sincerely,

Bethany Graham, PT, DPT
508-801-4813

Sent from my iPhone
Aidylberg III

srmead25 <srmead25@aol.com>
Thu 4/22/2021 6:09 AM
To: Oak Bluffs Planning Board <planningboard@oakbluffsma.gov>

Dear Mr. Hopkins,

Count me in as a supporter of the 5 new apartments for low income seniors. I live about 1/4 mile from this. I have lived in Oak Bluffs year 'round since 1989, and summered here since 1963. My family's property ownership in Oak Bluffs dates back to the late 1800's.

I think this project is very important to get done. It is a very worthy project for our seniors who have served the Island.

Susan R. Mead

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone
Aidylberg III project

miketheport <miketheport@aol.com>
Thu 4/22/2021 6:25 AM
To: Oak Bluffs Planning Board <planningboard@oakbluffsma.gov>

Mr. Hopkins,

I am totally in favor of the Aidylberg project. I have been a year-round resident since 1980, and an Oak Bluffs resident and voter since 1985. I feel this is a needed project. Many of us seniors are currently on the IEH wait list. For me, this is a welcome addition to the area.

Michael F. Perry

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone
Elderly Housing

Jeann Moore <jeannemoo608@gmail.com>
Wed 4/21/2021 039 PM
To: Oak Bluffs Planning Board <planningboard@oakbluffsma.gov>
I fully support the application to construct 5 new apartments for low-income elderly residents. A great move in the right direction.
4/21/2021

To whom it may concern,

This is a letter to show support of 5 new apartments in Oak Bluffs, MA.

I was born and raised in Oak Bluffs and still reside there myself. My mother lives in one of the apartments over at Hillside Village in Vineyard Haven, MA. She loves it there. Hillside gave my mom the opportunity to stay independent and live on her own after my dad died 22 years ago.

My mom would always say she did not want to be a burden to her children. She never lived alone in her life before moving to Hillside Village. It has been such a blessing for her and I hope you will be able to provide for more housing for people in need of a home.

Thank you Sincerely,

[Signature]
Sharon M Simonin
Marie B. Allen, M.Ed.

59 Munroe Avenue
Post Office Box 47
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557
mballen@capecod.net

April 21, 2021

Mr. Ewell Hopkins, Chairman
Oak Bluffs Planning Board
POB 1327
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557

Re.: Aidlyberg 3

Dear Ewell:

As a former decades long member of Island Elderly Housing, serving as Board Member and Clerk, I am requesting the support of the application to construct five new apartments for low income elderly residents who are in desperate need for affordable housing.

As you are aware, the structure will front on Wing Road, and was expertly designed to fit into the existing streetscape.

At Town Meeting at Oak Bluffs, West Tisbury, Vineyard Haven, Edgartown, and Chilmark, the voters supported their Affordable Housing Committees’ recommendations to dedicate some of their Community Development Act funds to Aidlyberg 3.

Thank you for your consideration of this important and much needed project.

Sincerely,

Marie B. Allen

Cc: Dorothy Young
Simone DeSorcy
Island Elderly Housing Letter of Support

mark.leonard@l2strategies.com <mark.leonard@l2strategies.com>
Wed 4/21/2021 3:42 PM
To: ewellhopkins@mac.com <ewellhopkins@mac.com>; Oak Bluffs Planning Board <planningboard@oakbluffsma.gov>
Cc: Mark <landscape888@yahoo.com>; Affordable Housing <aho@oakbluffsma.gov>

1 attachments (62 KB)
AHC IEH Aldylhng Support Letter April21.pdf,

Ewell,

The Affordable Housing Committee submits the attached letter of support, asking the Planning Board to approve the Special Permit allowing Island Elderly Housing to expand the five units in Oak Bluffs.

Thank you,
Mark

Mark Leonard, Ph.D.
Chair, Oak Bluffs Affordable Housing Committee
(703) 371 4308
Letter of support

Wanda Moreis <wanda.moreis.wmm@gmail.com>
Tue 4/20/2021 8:41 PM
To: Oak Bluffs Planning Board <planningboard@oakbluffsma.gov>
Wanda Moreis
22 Summer Street
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

April 21, 2021

Dear OB Planning Board:

Please accept this letter as a statement of complete support for the Aidylberg 3 Island Elderly Housing Project.

As a native islander, registered voter & taxpayer, I truly understand the need for permanent, safe & secure housing for our senior & disabled community members.

Many of my friends and relatives have been given the wonderful opportunity for low income housing at IEH. Due to the support & services provided, they all seem happy, content and are thriving independently, even in the face of COVID.

Without a doubt, the Aidylberg 3 Project will be another step towards protecting the island's most vulnerable. A legacy I support completely.

Thank you for all your consideration in support of this application.

Sincerely,

Wanda Moreis
wanda.moreis.wmm@gmail.com
Support Letter Aidylberg Project

Wanda Moreis <wanda.moreis.wmm@gmail.com>
Tue 4/20/2021 9:17 PM
To: Oak Bluffs Planning Board <planningboard@oakbluffsma.gov>

Josephine Tucker
50 Village Road, Apt A-1
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

April 21, 2021

Dear OB Planning Board,

Please accept this letter as a statement of 100% support for the Aidylberg III Island Elderly Housing Project.

I have been a resident at IEH for four years and am the president of the Woodside Community Association. I am a proud Islander, registered voter & have been a taxpayer for many years.

Living at an IEH campus has afforded me a variety of new friendships and opportunities to learn and grow. Since I have many relatives on Martha's Vineyard, I am glad to be close by. Unfortunately due to Covid I have not been able to connect very often.

I am happy to say that my fellow residents & I are content with our secure IEH housing and are thriving independently, even in the face of COVID. The assistance & services provided by the IEH staff have been very supportive. I am truly grateful and feel welcomed and safe.

I support the Aidylberg 3 Project because I know there are many more deserving seniors like me who need safe, secure and permanent housing.

Thank you in advance for your support of this worthy project.

Sincerely,

Josephine Tucker
Letter of Support for Aidylberg III

Wanda Moreis <wanda.moreis.wmm@gmail.com>
Tue 4/20/2021 8:50 PM
To: Oak Bluffs Planning Board <planningboard@oakbluffsma.gov>
Cc: Sally Callahan <vineyardsally@yahoo.com>

Sarah Callahan
48 Cottage Street
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

April 21, 2021

Dear OB Planning Board:

I am writing in complete support of the application for Aidylberg 3. This senior housing project will provide 5 more affordable homes for low income elders and that is good news, indeed!

I have been a year round, Tisbury taxpayer and registered voter for more than 20 years. I also happen to live across from the IEH Hillside campus on Edgartown Road. In my observations, I find the residents to be quiet, considerate neighbors, and the properties are always kept up and attractive.

I am a strong supporter of the IEH program and believe wholeheartedly in their mission to provide safe, secure and permanent housing for the elders and differentially abled community members.

Thank you for your time and support of the Aidelberg 3 Project.

Sincerely,

Sarah Callahan
vineyardsally@yahoo.com
April 20th, 2021

Dear Oak Bluffs Planning Board,

I live on Norris Avenue, which is right off Wing Road. I walk every evening past the already established Astdylberg Village and feel a surge of comfort that we are taking care of our elders. We have too many elders on this island that need safe, comfortable, and easy access housing, and it is for these reasons and more that I fully support the application in front of you.

I am aware and thrilled that these 5 proposed apartments will also be built off Wing Road, and they will be protected in perpetuity for low income senior occupants 62 and over. I know a couple of people who live in these apartments, so I have witnessed the impact they have had. These are beautiful little abodes that fit so lovingly perfect into our neighborhood, making it feel like a neighborhood should feel. Which is to say, safe, united, and inclusive. Having these apartments uplifts us all and provides a sense of care and consideration every community should have. It’s an investment in our most storied people, who have lived on this earth, in many cases longer than we have and given great amounts of themselves to society. They are valuable and we must honor them by taking care of them. We all know that not everyone is able to retire with loads of money in the bank, but that should not darken the light on the good work they have done and in many cases are still doing with their lives through volunteer work and such. We need these apartments. I urge the Oak Bluffs Planning Board to see the value and critical need for housing like this and vote to support it. I am so grateful to Island Elderly Housing, Inc. for the work they do to guide us all toward doing the right thing for our Island elders.

With Warmth,

Laurel Redington  
Oak Bluffs Resident
Island Elderly Housing Special Permit Application

Peter Guest <pag62250@yahoo.com>
Tue 4/20/2021 3:16 PM
To: Oak Bluffs Planning Board <planningboard@oakbluffsma.gov>

Ms. Heard: Would you please forward this email to the Oak Bluffs Planning Board members?

Dear Chairman Hopkins and members of the board: As a long time resident of the Island, I have become increasingly aware of the need for more housing especially for our seniors as the Island becomes ever more gentrified and real estate prices rise.

Please expedite and approve the Aidylberg project on Wing Road. It is much needed by our seniors, and is a natural extension of the existing elderly housing next to it.

Sincerely, Peter A. Guest
Mr. Ewell Hopkins, Chairperson
Oak Bluffs Planning Board

Dear Mr. Hopkins,

I write to enthusiastically support Island Elderly Housing’s “Aidylberg 3” proposal to construct five units of low-income elderly housing on property bequeathed to IEH by one of its founders Margarite Bergstrom. In the mid 1990’s I had the privilege of being invited by Ms. Bergstrom to join the IEH Board and, like everyone with whom Bergie had contact, could not refuse her. The vision, passion, and commitment she and Co-Founders Margaret Love and Carol Lashnits had for what they knew was an unmet island need was unwavering and inspiring. It resulted in the creation of an essential component of and contributor to the Island’s quality of life for residents and their families. As you know the need for low-income elderly housing has continued to grow and, thanks to the Board and the IEH staff’s relentless efforts, IEH has continued to respond to it.

Island Elderly Housing’s track record speaks strongly to the quality of its facilities and programs ably provided by a dedicated, competent, compassionate professional staff. This proposal would be a welcome addition to their properties and on-going efforts.

The fact that both Bergie and Margaret Love left their personal property to IEH to further its mission is another insight into their commitment. The need they saw for this type of housing is today widely acknowledged on the island, and I think nothing would have pleased them more than knowing of this proposed use of Bergie’s property.

I strongly urge the Oak Bluffs Planning Board to approve this proposal. Thank you for your consideration,

Matthew Stackpole
Past Board, and Current Honorary Board, Member
April 19, 2021

re: IEH proposed project at Aidylberg

I write to support as strongly as possible the proposed project by IEH at its campus on IWing Road. I am very familiar with IEH and greatly admire its entire operation. For several years I have volunteered by driving its Blueberry Van, by driving tenants from Aidylberg and from Hillside to and from Woodside so that they might partake of IEH’s weekly community dinners (before COVID). I currently deliver food weekly from the Food Pantry to tenants who otherwise would go without. I have always been greatly impressed by the efficient and, more importantly, the caring and compassionate administration of their programs. My first-hand knowledge allows me to speak with confidence in support of IEH’s proposal.

I am very familiar with the neighborhood. I grew up over 80 years ago one street away on Vineyard Ave. I consider the proposed additional housing to be a definite asset to the neighborhood. IEH tenants are good neighbors, I would be happy to live nearby.

It goes without saying that the need for affordable housing on the Island is arguably the greatest problem facing all the towns... for young families, for summer workforce, as well as for our elderly. IEH is trying to help one segment of our population. As a lifetime resident and taxpayer in Oak Bluffs, I would be proud to see the Planning Board enthusiastically endorse this project.

Kerry H. Alley - Patricia Alley

Kerry H. Alley and Patricia Alley
39 Mae Ave.
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557
Hi Ewell,

On behalf of the Island Housing Trust, please find attached a letter of support for Island Elderly Housing's Aidylberg III rental housing project. We urge you and the Oak Bluffs Planning Board to approve IEH's proposal to create five new rental apartments that are desperately needed by our lower-income elderly residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Philippe

Philippe Jordi, Executive Director
Island Housing Trust
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Support Letter to Project for Aidylberg III

Nikola Stalovic <italplat.inc@gmail.com>
Mon 4/19/2021 9:09 PM
To: Oak Bluffs Planning Board <planningboard@oakbluffsme.gov>

Dear Mr. Hopkins,

We are owners of a restaurant in Vineyard Haven, Salvatore’s Restaurant.

Before Covid hit, we had the privilege to prepare and serve an Italian meal to the Residents of Island Elderly Housing on a Thursday evening, Community Supper Night.

We were so impressed by the community IEH has created.

We fully support the Creations of more homes, and look forward to once again dining with them, post-Covid.

Best regards,

Salvatore’s Restaurant
20 Union Street,
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568
Post Office Box 511

Owners
Salvatore Della Torre
Nikola Stalovic
Dusan Veselinovic
Aidlyberg II

NANCY PENHUNÉ <npenhune@verizon.net>
Mon 4/19/2021 156 PM
To: Oak Bluffs Planning Board <planningboard@oakbluffsma.gov>

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: NANCY PENHUNE <npenhune@verizon.net>
Date: April 19, 2021 at 9:28:27 AM EDT
To: npenhune@verizon.net
Subject: OB Planning Board

This is my letter of support for Island Elderly Housing’s Aidlyberg III project on the corner of Wing Road. I think the design is wonderful and so in keeping with the neighborhood and spirit of Oak Bluffs as well as providing more permanent low-income housing apartments for the Island which is sorely needed.

Over the years Island Elderly Housing has quietly and steadily built well maintained complexes in Vineyard Haven and in Oak Bluffs all at little or no cost to Island taxpayers because they have been mainly federally funded. They try to be good neighbors and blend into neighborhoods. Their sole goal has been to provide services to their residents and any fund raising efforts are reinvested in resident services.

This particular project is particularly meaningful to IEH because this is to be built on the homesite of Marguerite Bergstrom one of the original founders of the organization. She lived here for many years with her good friend Lydia Palmer both of whom were active in Oak Bluffs and Island affairs and always helping newcomers to the island. How they would love the idea of seniors sitting on this wonderful front porch watching the cars and people go by.

I’ve been a longtime supporter of Island Elderly Housing and I just wish some of the others Island towns would come up with some sites and ideas for similar projects.

Nancy P Penhune
25 Delano Road Vineyard Haven

Sent from my iPad
Low income apartments Wing Road / April 22 public meeting

minorgibson <minorgibson@aol.com>
Mon 4/19/2021 1:48 PM
To: Oak Bluffs Planning Board <planningboard@oakbluffsma.gov>

Ewell Hopkins, Chair
Oak Bluffs Planning Board

I am writing to support the proposal to build apartments for low-income older people on Wing Road in Oak Bluffs.

This island has a large and growing population of residents in their 60s and older. It is disturbing to contemplate many of them being forced off the island by high and rising housing costs, leaving their friends and neighbors. We should do whatever can reasonably be done to make it possible for them to stay.

I greatly hope the Planning Board will approve this project.

Robert E.L. Knight
P.O. Box 571
West Tisbury
MA 02575

Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS
Dear Planning Board,

I'd like to fully support the Aidylberg Project before you on Thursday 4/22/2021. Our seniors need affordable housing more than anyone. I know a few of the current residents and don't know where they would have ended up had Aidylberg not been there. Thank you.

Amy Billings
157 Pennsylvania Ave.
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557
April 16, 2021

Oak Bluffs Planning Board
P. O. Box 1327
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557

Dear Oak Bluffs Planning Board,

I am writing as a long time Oak Bluffs resident to voice my support for the Aidylberg III project to be located at 38 Wing Road, Oak Bluffs. Island Elderly Housing has done a tremendous job of providing housing to many elderly Vineyard residents, but presently they have a long wait list. The five proposed apartments would provide an opportunity to house additional low income elderly Vineyard residents so that they don’t have to leave the Vineyard to find housing that they can afford.

In summary I encourage the Oak Bluffs Planning Board to support this worthwhile project.

Sincerely,

Donna Leon
Greetings, Members of the Oak Bluffs Planning Board,

This letter is to inform you of my full support of Island Elderly Housing’s current construction plan—Aidyberg III—apartments for low-income elderly residents at 38 Wing Road. The Vineyard is in dire need of affordable housing for this ever growing demographic.

Marguerite Bergstrom was a founding member of Island Elderly Housing (IEH) and acted as its president for many years. She was keenly aware of the low-income housing deficit for seniors. To help alleviate that need, she gave to IEH her family land on which Aidyberg Village was later built.

Because of the imminent changes on the island due to its desirability as a place of residence, I'd like to offer a brief historic view of the Wing Road neighborhood specifically to establish its compatible nature with that of the current construction plan which honors Ms. Bergstrom's generosity and vision.

I grew up just three houses away from the Bergstrom family, spent half my time in the house next door to the Bergstroms, and still live “down the road a piece.” In the 1950s and ‘60s (and surely before) life was less hectic, doors remained unlocked, and people greeted everyone they met (friend and stranger alike), sometimes sitting on their front porches and having long conversations with passersby.

We children were in and out of our neighbors’ houses all the time: visiting and carrying out errands for the older folks. Our families shared so many things—Mrs. Gonzalves would deliver her fish stew; Mamie Sylvia, her rice pudding. My mother, Elsie Klein, never let a visitor leave the house without a jar of jelly or a pair of her hand-knit socks. Almost everyone had a vegetable garden, canning the harvest to supplement the winter table. Those preserved vegetables made the rounds in February and March if someone’s supply ran out. Anyone could come home to find a mess of clams in a bucket of sea water on the porch—or, depending on the season—a brace of rabbits, a whole bass in the sink, or for the older folks—a venison roast or bass or bluefish fillets neatly packaged and placed in the fridge. No note. The donor’s name was unnecessary—just neighbors taking care to fill a need where perceived.

We have the opportunity now to answer a need. That the current Aidyberg plan adheres to the style of architecture in the neighborhood is a boon (it even has a “front porch!”) and most welcome for those of us who wish to preserve the ambiance and “feel” of the place, something rapidly going out of style on the Vineyard.

The Wing Road neighborhood traditionally has been one steeped in community care. Ms. Bergstrom’s gift of land was meant to be shared, to be used specifically for the elderly—for those in need. If we really believe in helping each other, building Aidyberg III is putting belief into action.

It’s simply the neighborly thing to do.

Sincerely,
Susan Klein
Oak Bluffs native, and Wing Road kid from way back
Sr. housing

Megan Alley <mollydog1936@gmail.com>
Thu 4/15/2021 12:03 PM
To: Oak Bluffs Planning Board <planningboard@oakbluffsma.gov>
Ewell Hopkins, Chair

I am in full support for the plans for new Sr. housing facing Wing Road in Oak Bluffs. Please continue your good work.

Megan Alley
Adylberg III housing at 38 Wing Road in Oak Bluffs

Ci Ci <cicidrouin@comcast.net>
Tue 4/13/2021 8:31 PM
To: Oak Bluffs Planning Board <planningboard@oakbluffsma.gov>

To: Ewell Hopkins, Chairperson
Oak Bluffs Planning Board

Dear Mr. Hopkins,

I am sending this letter of support for Island Elderly Housing's new project of Adylberg III which includes 5 new units to be built on 38 Wing Road in Oak Bluffs, MA.

Elderly and affordable housing is in great need on Martha's Vineyard and IEH has provided this for so many. Their waiting list is long and many people are having to move off island because they cannot afford to live here anymore. They are having to leave their families, loved ones and an Island that they feel safe on and is their home.

I personally have had three relatives live in different IEH housing. My own mother, Mary Drouin, lived at Woodside IV for over a year before she passed away. My Aunt, Fortunata Metell, lived at Woodside I and then later moved to Adylberg II before she passed away. My Aunt, Kathy Paiva, lived at the Margaret C. Love House for a few years before moving to Vermont, to be closer to her daughter, before she passed away. All three of my relatives enjoyed their apartments and being a part of the IEH Community.

Before getting back into my teaching career, I also worked for IEH in their bookkeeping office for a few years under Dorothy Young, before she became the Director. When working there, I got involved in hosting some get togethers for the residents such as Beach Night. By providing these activities the residents could get to know each other and enjoy a fun night together. It was clear to see they loved living there and enjoying the peace of mind of having their own apartments.

I've also, in the past, served on the fundraising committee for IEH. These events we put together, art shows, dine to donate events, silent auctions helped to raise money for IEH's Blueberry Van. This allowed the van's driver to give the elderly residents rides to Dr. appointments and shopping trips for groceries. Monies raised at these events also helped to provide Thursday night dinners at Woodside II so the residents could gather and eat family style meals and share in each other's lives and happenings.

There is such a strong need for affordable, elderly housing here and IEH has proven over and over again with each new building they have constructed - that they can provide this and help to fill this need.

Please consider allowing these new apartments to be built and helping five more elderly people find a permanent home on Martha's Vineyard.

Sincerely,

Celeste Drouin
40 Quantapog Road
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557

Sent from my iPad
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MARGE HARRIS <margeharris@comcast.net>
Mon 4/12/2021 8:18 PM
To: Oak Bluffs Planning Board <planningboard@oakbluffsma.gov>

James and Margaret Harris
41 Franklin Avenue
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557
April 12, 2021

Ewell Hopkins, Chairman
Oak Bluffs Planning Board
Oak Bluffs Town Hall
56 School Street
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557

To the planning board members,

We live almost diagonally from Bergie’s home that will be demolished and where five new units for our elderly community will be built. We welcome the extension of housing for our Seniors and are proponents on any such building especially when it is a natural extension of the existing housing that is already there.

Let me provide some background to why we feel so strongly about this expansion to the existing facility. Jamie served for over 38 years as an OR tech at the MV Hospital and I served as a history teacher for 27 years at MVRHS, followed by four years as the Asst Superintendent. I mention these professional connections in order to stress that we are long-time residents of Oak Bluffs committed to the people of Oak Bluffs and to the entire Island. We raised four children in the red house on the corner of Franklin and Wing that abuts the Aidyberg complex.

We welcome the residents of Aidyberg as our neighbors. Through the years, some of the residents walked by our white picket fence and stopped to say hello or they would watch our dog catch her ball mid-air. After Covid, may this wonderful practice return so we can continue to enjoy our neighbors.

And so, we overwhelmingly support this expansion of a good idea. We encourage the Planning Board to move on it so that more of our elders may enjoy such good housing.

Thank you,
James M. Harris, Jr
and
Margaret Harris, Ed.D.
Eleanor Amaral  
P O Box 413  
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557  
April 7, 2021

Oak Bluffs Planning Board  
Town of Oak Bluffs  
P O Box 1327  
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557

Island Elderly Housing, Inc.- Aidylberg III project

To whom it may concern:

For over seventy-five plus years, I have been a resident of Oak Bluffs with the majority of those years on Wing Road and now the direct abutter of Aidylberg III project.

I fully support Island Elderly Housing, Inc. with their plans to build more affordable housing for low income elderly residents at 38 Wing Road. I feel it would be a great asset.

Martha’s Vineyard desperately needs to increase the availability of affordable housing for elderly residents who would prefer to remain on the island.

Aidylberg Village and I have developed a cordial friendship since being built and occupied.

The dwelling at 38 Wing Road is in dire despair and with Aidylberg III, this would be a great improvement to the Wing Road neighborhood.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Eleanor Amaral

32 Wing Road  
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557