

August 31, 2023

Martha's Vineyard Commission P.O. Box 1447 Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts 02577 Attention: Mr. Rich Saltzberg, DRI Coordinator

Re: 114 & 116 Dukes County Avenue

## Dear Commissioners,

Thanks to those of you who participated in the August 28th meeting of the Land Use Planning Committee's (LUPC) pre-hearing review of Island Grown Initiative's proposed project plans for the property at 114-116 Dukes County Avenue. We appreciate your comments and insights. At this time, IGI seeks to bypass a concur/not concur vote by the full Commission and requests to proceed directly to a review of the project via a public hearing process.

Please advise on next steps regarding the materials that should be submitted in preparation for a public hearing. As we indicated to the LUPC, the Island Food Pantry's lease at the PA Club in Oak Bluffs ends January, 2024. This important service to the community needs a permanent home and additional warehouse space in order to continue our services. We seek an expedited process to ensure this continuity. We appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Warmest Regards,

Rebecca Haag

**Executive** Director