

January 7, 2021 Harbor View Hotel Hearing

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To: Lucy Morrison <morrison@mvcommission.org>; Alex Elvin <elvin@mvcommission.org>;

Dear Lucy and Alex:

Please submit this email as a letter of opposition to the proposed expansion ("Modification") of the Harbor View Hotel's activities and physical plans.

Dear Commissioners:

The Harbor View Hotel was granted special permits in years past when it was known as being the "stately grande dame" of Edgartown, despite it being surrounded by a residential zone. Never did these earlier permits foresee a continuing expansion of this quiet and lovely historic lodging into a large "destination resort" commercial operation. It's exactly what the Hob Knob Inn's new owners are proposing for their own small inn also located in a residentially zoned neighborhood... a "destination resort".

The MVC has a duty to protect the integrity of the town and its character. Destination resorts can be placed elsewhere — but not in our cherished **residential** neighborhoods where we live, relax and enjoy our neighbors and quiet neighborhood. We've already seen all over town and the island that when local town departments and county agencies bend the rules and make "special" exceptions, that by giving what appears to be only "one inch" actually means that the commercial forces are taking one hundred miles and counting.

Enough.

I vigorously oppose the hotel's expansion plans., just as I oppose other similar back-door attempts to destroy neighborhoods in the pursuit of the almighty dollar. Your decision today has a lasting impact on the town ... forever.

Thank you,

Jane Chittick