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To: Martha's Vineyard Commission
Re: DRI 674-M3 Stone Bank Taqueria
Attn: Alex Elvin
Date: January 26, 2023

Dear Commissioners:

Attached to this email are some photos relating to the proposed Taqueria at the Stone Bank Development, to illustrate some points that I made in my previous letter.

1. Views from Main Street blocked by new structures or marred by inappropriate structures.
2. The architectural details of the Stone Bank and the former drive-through are barely noticeable amid the jumble of large bulky and more or less featureless buildings in their immediate vicinity that dwarf the stone buildings. All of the bulky new buildings are painted in colors that may be suitable to the Southwest, or perhaps San Francisco, but are not suitable to Vineyard Haven. The new buildings look like basic motel architecture. They do not "complement" the original buildings in either style or color but basically overwhelm the muted stone and the tile detail. All of the new buildings should be painted white or light gray, if the two stone structures are to stand a chance of being noticed at all.
3. Fences are going up everywhere. This is simply not attractive for the public, and suggests that no one wants to look at anything anyone else is building. The open feeling that used to be a lovely feature of the area between the SSA dock and Owen Park is being ruined with inappropriate, outsize building and fences. Adding more fences is not a viable solution to problems created by the proposed change in the original application.
4. In my opinion retention and highlighting of the green space to the left of the bank drive-through with planting of some shrubbery and trees would help to restore a little visual balance and provide the public (and the condo residents---if there are any actual residents) with something pleasant to look at.

Please vote NO on the installation of a taqueria-bar at the gateway to Vineyard Haven.

Sincerely yours,

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Vineyard Haven













