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Martha's Vineyard Commission

Post Office Box 1447

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Re: Bradley Square District of Regional Impact #612

Dear Commissioners:

The Martha's Vineyard NAACP (MV/NAACP) is hereby offering strong support for the approval of the referenced Bradley Square project. To honor, restore, renovate and preserve the historic site of the Bradley Memorial Church, the first African American church on Martha's Vineyard with this affordable housing development is testament to the sensitive preservation of the Denniston building and abutting land.

The MV/NAACP has been an ardent and persistent advocate on behalf of this project through our participation and involvement in discussions at many meetings of the project's design committee. The Bradley Square project has been presented to the MV/NAACP Executive Committee and general membership and has received unanimous approval of this organization's support and partnership with the Island Housing Trust Corporation to raise the necessary funding to complete this project.

The project's design committee has approved reserving space for a permanent office for the MV/NAACP which will avail the organization a constant community presence. This generosity cements the good will of the design committee's mission in partnering for success and contributing to the unity which drives the changes we wish to see in our community, families and businesses. The MV/NAACP's mission is to promote an inclusive environment that embraces, respects, and values the diversity in the island community. We are constantly advocating for equal rights, social and economic equality of all people.

The MV/NAACP would be most grateful for your favorable consideration of this application.

Sincerely,
Natalie E. Dickerson
President

Cc: Laurie Perry-Henry, 2nd Vice President
NAACP New England Area Conference