

**Paul Foley**

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**Subject:** North Bluff Sea Wall Project

Dear Mr. Foley & Members of the MV Commission:

As a lifetime summer resident of Oak Bluffs and owner with my siblings of a house on Ocean Park, I write to urge you to slow down any decision on the North Bluff Sea Wall Project to allow for further study, consideration of other options, and feedback from the public.

The thought of losing this stretch of beach, or having the existing stone wall replaced by a steel one, are both unsettling. I contend that the Oak Bluffs beaches are among the most visited, if not the most used beaches on the island. Our beaches are an introduction to the island for tens of thousands of visitors who arrive by boat and disembark in Oak Bluffs. We need to look to maintain, expand, and enhance our beaches, beachfront and the boardwalk.

Some mention has been made of the possible loss of funding if the project is not approved as is. This is not an acceptable argument. More funding can be obtained. But once the North Bluff wall and beachfront is unsettled to make way for a steel wall, it cannot be replaced.

I urge you not to make a hasty decision, as is too frequently done in decisions concerning the Town of Oak Bluffs. Let's work together to enhance and expand our beaches, envision a sea wall that is functional and aesthetically pleasing, and reconfigure and landscape the boardwalk above the beach as a place of beauty and function.

Thank you and I look forward to your consideration and response.

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