

Fwd: Letter of support for Harbor View hotel

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To Martha's Vineyard Commission,

My name is Rebecca Bartlett and I am writing this letter in support of Harbor View Hotel. I lived on the island for a total of 5 years throughout the several years as an employee of the Harbor View Hotel under the different owner's and management beginning in 2008. As I left the island in 2018, I was sad to leave the Island. I was also sad to see how little up-keep and care was being invested to the hotel over the past 10 years.

I watched Mr. Bernard Chiu over the two and half years of ownership, completely transform the hotel from landscaping, facelift to the façade, re-imagining guest spaces, while still keeping intact the historic and coastal charm, all in an elegant way.

When I was presented an opportunity to work for Mr. Chiu and the iconic Harbor View Hotel after the renovations, I was thrilled to become part of the vision. What he has done and continues to do for the hotel and Island is wonderful to see.

The hotel brings sophistication to the island, bringing in guests from all over the world, which in return only supports the local economy. It provides jobs, such as myself, especially in a time like this. A proposal for a spa, in an existing infrastructure, is just another enhancement that we all know will be done tastefully. I read how it's described as a "major expansion" however, the Spa, which is about as tranquil as you can get, will be in place of a pre-existing building, and will only compliment the rest of the aesthetics of the hotel grounds and neighborhood.

I support the Spa proposal and trust the board sees the benefits as well.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Bartlett