

# Shearer Cottage renovation

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

I am writing this note to express my support for the application, before you for the renovation and rebuilding of Shearer Cottage, an Oak Bluffs landmark.

This historic Inn has been the welcoming port, on Martha's Vineyard for many African Americans of all stripes. People who sought to explore the wonderful vistas and social life which is very unique to the Vineyard.

My family and I have stayed at Shearer, over the years for weekend visits, social and family events. We look forward to enjoying the renewal of this wonderful cornerstone of our home on Martha's Vineyard.

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