

### Aidylberg 3

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To the planning board members,

We live almost diagonally from Bergie's home that will be demolished and where five new units for our elderly community will be built. We welcome the extension of housing for our Seniors and are proponents on any such building especially when it is a natural extension of the existing housing that is already there.

Let me provide some background to why we feel so strongly about this expansion to the existing facility. Jamie served for over 38 years as an OR tech at the MV Hospital and I served as a history teacher for 27 years at MVRHS, followed by four years as the Asst Superintendent. I mention these professional connections in order to stress that we are long-time residents of Oak Bluffs committed to the people of Oak Bluffs and to the entire island. We raised four children in the red house on the corner of Franklin and Wing that abuts the Aidylberg complex.

We welcome the residents of Aidylberg as our neighbors. Through the years, some of the residents walked by our white picket fence and stopped to say hello or they would watch our dog catch her ball mid-air. After Covid, may this wonderful practice return so we can continue to enjoy our neighbors.

And so, we overwhelmingly support this expansion of a good idea. We encourage the Planning Board to move on it so that more of our elders may enjoy such good housing.

Thank you,

James M. Harris, Jr

and

Margaret Harris, Ed.D.