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Dear Bob,

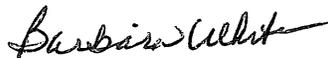
I am writing in opposition to the application for a 40B development submitted by Atlantic Development on Surfside Road on Nantucket.

I understand that the Board of Selectmen do not directly rule on this and that the project has to go through the state board and then to the Zoning Board of Appeals. However, the Selectmen have influence and I hope that you can lead the way in opposition to this project. Your opposition will have a big impact on both the Massachusetts Housing Authority and with the Zoning Board of Appeals.

While there is clearly a need for affordable housing on the island, this development should be denied for a number of reasons. It is way out of scale and suitability for our rather rural neighborhood with its single unit dwellings. Surfside already has 3 40B developments as well as other affordable single-family units. Traffic is saturated on the Surfside Road and Sachem's Path has not even been built yet. So, this is not a question of "Not in my Neighborhood" because we already have 40Bs in the neighborhood.

It is time for the Selectmen to take a lead and develop a master plan for affordable housing. The 40Bs should be located properly and dispersed around the island with an eye to congestion, noise and public safety. We need to work hard to get to the magic 10% so that developers cannot come into the island and put them wherever they please.

Sincerely,



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