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**Subject:** Surfside Commons-106 Surfside Rd

Ladies & Gentlemen

We are writing this letter to you in regards to the proposed Plan 40B of Surfside Commons at 106 Surfside Road. We oppose the proposed plan for the following reasons.

I. Saturation of 40 B's in the surrounding area. Sachem's Path, which is under construction

now is less than 1/8 mile away-Beach Plum Village is less than a 1/2 mile away-- Abram Quarry is less than 3/4 mile away. It is our understanding that the affordable housing plan of Nantucket was to be spread out throughout the entire island.

II. Scale

The proposed development is not in scale with any of the single family homes in the Surfside area. The proposal calls for building with heights as high as 60 ft. Presently, the tallest buildings in the area do not measure more than 30 ft. Furthermore, the locus is in a single family residential area.

III. Economy--negative effects on Nantucket Tourism

Surfside Road is the main road to one of the most popular beaches in Nantucket. People who travel this road both by bicycle and auto appreciate the natural beauty of the area. This proposed apartment complex would be inappropriate and an eyesore to say the least.

IV. Safety

The planned development is already in a congested traffic area. The proposed number of vehicles -( a minimum of 90 cars)- would create a safety hazard for not only every day living, but no doubt would hinder emergency vehicles when needed.

We have lived here at 20 Gladlands Ave for 28 years in peace & serenity.

Please allow us to continue--

Thank you

Jack & Roberta Benjamin

September 14, 2015

Jack and Roberta Benjamin  
20 Gladlands Ave  
Nantucket, Ma. 02554

Robert DeCosta, Chairman  
16 Broad Street  
Nantucket, Ma 02554

Dear Mr. DeCosta,

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