

Oak Bluffs Planning Board

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To the OB Planning Board:

I am writing to strongly advocate for the construction of an accessible restroom at the Tabernacle in the OB Campground. I have been part of a Campground family for more than a decade, and it is an imperative -- especially in today's fractured times -- to create inclusive environments for ALL people to participate in community traditions and gatherings.

Temporary bathrooms (e.g. port-o-potties; port-o-john's) **do not** provide adequate facilities for people with disabilities, and any new construction project (at the Campground or beyond) must factor in the needs of people with mobility challenges. This goes to the heart of what the campground stands for, or at least what I thought it did: a safe, equal, inclusive place to gather, commune, partake and celebrate.

To not factor in the needs (not preferences, but needs!) of people with disabilities is exclusionary and goes against the tenets and values of the Campground.

Thank you for your time.

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