

## Oak Bluffs Planning Board

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**Sent:** Friday, May 27, 2022 7:16 PM  
**To:** Oak Bluffs Planning Board  
**Cc:** Francis Gould  
**Subject:** Proposed accessory addition to the Tabernacle

Dear Planning Board,

I have spent over 30 summers under the gracious shade of the Tabernacle and the MVCMA trees. My father, Frank Gould, has worked tirelessly to ensure the future of the Tabernacle itself. I've watched my childhood friends graduate under its roof; I've picnicked with own young children on the lawns while listening to Tabernacle concerts; I've continued old friendships and made new ones on the lawns and porches of MVCMA.

I learned today that a group of people are trying to block a proposal for an accessory addition to the Tabernacle. What is perhaps most shocking is that their efforts are directed against the creation of wheelchair accessible toilets.

Our world is already a dark one. This is a moment for Oak Bluffs to come together to create INCLUSIVE spaces for people who want a moment of respite from the darkness.

The Department of the Interior and the MV Commission have already approved this addition. I ask you—for me, for my family, for our community—to approve this addition.

Please vote with your heart and with your knowledge that this addition will strengthen our shared community.

Thank you,  
Paige Black (nee Gould)