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Planning Board

Chairperson Arthur Glassman

133 William Street

New Bedford, MA 02740

Reference: Planning Board Meeting Agenda of February 8, 2023
Case 22-04 and 22-05 – New Bedford Cape Verdean Association

Dear Chairperson Glassman and Members of the Planning Board:

I am writing regarding the above referenced agenda item which is to be heard by the Planning Board on Wednesday, February 8, 2023. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the meeting due to a prior commitment scheduled for the same date. I would however like to offer my support for both Cases 22-04 and 22-05, which request a one-year extension of the Site Plan and Special Permit approvals that were granted by the Planning Board in February 2022, and pertain to the proposed construction at 1131–1145 Acushnet Avenue by the New Bedford Cape Verdean Association.

The New Bedford Cape Verdean Association has been planning and fundraising for many years for this wonderful project in the north end of the City. The plans originally submitted for your consideration regarding this project and the Special Permit request remain unchanged. However, the New Bedford Cape Verdean Association, a non-profit organization, requires additional time to finalize negotiations with contractors and continue the financial planning to support the cost of the proposed project. I continue to strongly support the New Bedford Cape Verdean Association project and ask you to grant the requested extensions.

Kindly read this letter into the record of the Planning Board meeting to make those in attendance and the general public aware of my support of Cases 22-04 and 22-05. Thank you in advance for your attention to this correspondence and for your favorable consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Linda M. Morad, City Council President 2023

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