Nantucket Permitting for the Straight Wharf Fish Market





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To the Town of Nantucket and the ABCC,

I represent Charles and Helen Schwab, and have for many years. We were surprised to see another attorney write and state that the Schwabs are her clients. For your information and for all public and official files, please note that Attorney deBenedictis has not at any time and does not now represent the Schwabs.

The Schwabs and many neighbors at Old North Wharf were originally concerned when told that the Straight Wharf Fish Market would be nightclub with a bar, dancing and live music. However, when a review of the permits disproved this, the Schwabs decided to not oppose the SWFM.

The Schwabs are long-time supporters of local Nantucket businesses, and support a family-friendly clam shack and fish market. They have full confidence that Gabriel Frasca and Kevin Burleson will create a quality establishment, and be respectful of their neighbors.

The Schwabs also trust the applicants, NIR, and the Town to apply their expertise to mitigate the nuisances that typically come with restaurants in a mixed-use area, such as noise and light pollution, venting odors, trash, crowds, and similar issues, and to do so in a way that is sensitive to the history and environment of the area.

To be clear, the Schwabs support this restaurant, and trust that its permits and operations will all be in order to set the stage for a great experience this Summer. We all look forward to enjoying a fresh clam roll and cold soft-serve twist cone on the harbor.

Best, Steven Cohen, Esq. Counsel to Chuck and Helen Schwab