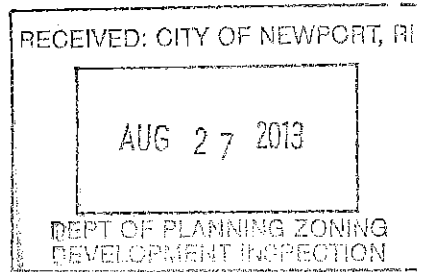


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*A Boutique Catering Company*

August 26, 2013



Mr. John M. Shehan  
Chairman, Historic District Commission  
43 Broadway  
Newport, Rhode Island 02840

Dear John,

As a life-long Newport resident and owner of an award-winning business on Aquidneck Island, I am pleased to offer my support to the proposed development of a Welcome Center at The Breakers. My company has worked with the Preservation Society for many years. We recognize the Preservation Society's commitment to maintaining the integrity of Newport's rich history while catering to the global visitors that come to Newport year after year. The new Welcome Center will provide an environment for the visitors that is comfortable, safe, attractive and assimilates with the historic nature of the local surroundings.

As a small local business owner who relies on the seasonal visitors, we see this development as a natural evolution for Newport that will improve the experience for our visitors and provide a platform to increase business and provide employment opportunities for Newport.

Sincerely,

Barbara Behan Howlett

*President, Glorious Affairs*  
*Aquidneck Ave, Middletown, RI*