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Chilmark Board of Selectmen
401 Middle Road
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Dear Selectmen,

I am writing to you to express my interest in serving as a Chilmark member of the Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council.

Jennifer Christy, a current Chilmark council member and Chairperson, has served two 3 year terms and will be stepping down from her position as of April 1, 2016. I would welcome the chance to represent Chilmark on the council and continue the valuable work supporting the island's arts initiatives and Chilmark's access to these initiatives.

Seven years ago, I moved to Martha's Vineyard with my husband, John Demers, a born and raised islander. It did not take me long to fall in love with the island. Currently, I am a resident of Chilmark. For the last four years, I have been an assistant teacher at the West Tisbury School and a graduate student at Lesley University studying elementary education. Recently, I accepted a summer position teaching art classes to elementary school students at Featherstone Center of the Arts.

I am passionate about art and education. I believe in the importance of providing inspiring experiences in art, science, and humanities to promote education and youth development. I believe in the importance of connecting local organizations with our island schools, helping to assist teachers in developing relationships between cultural participation thus increasing learning opportunities for island students. I believe in investing and supporting local cultural organizations and artists within our island community to improve the quality of life for all island residents and visitors.

Being part of the Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council would be a great honor. I am excited for the opportunity to be part of an important island organization. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Dyan Demers

