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To All,

For your information.

Thanks,

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Barrington_Daniels_Parker_Jr.

Dear Mr Randolph, Mayor, Council: Not sure you received this below fine letter from the **Honorable Judge Barrington D Parker, Jr. and his wife**, about the Seas matter. He is an outstanding long time resident of Palm Beach. Above link is provided so you know **Judge Parker is current Senior Appeals Judge, US Court of Appeals, Second Circuit**. His home

is on the Ocean block of Seabreeze. Below is his well written letter.

Also below that letter is **Mr and Mrs Robert Benedickson's letter**. Mr Benedickson is a fine gentleman. He and his very nice wife live on Seaspray. I am sending these because they are **not in the backup**, and time is getting short. Kind regards, SJG

LETTER FROM BARRINGTON D PARKER AND WIFE:

To the Officials and Town Council Members of Palm Beach:

My wife, Anne Connelly, and I have been home owners on the Sea Streets since 1995. We write to join a chorus of other residents in objecting to the Landmarks Preservation Commission's (LPC) efforts to designate all of the "Sea" streets as landmark blocks.

What the LPC has attempted to do fails on any number of grounds—both procedural and substantive. Perhaps the most surprising is that the LPC undertook to subject the designation project to "study" in mid-August. No appropriate notice was given to us or to others effected. This failure alone should be grounds for rejecting what the LPC is attempting to do. It is quite disappointing that the LPC acted at a time when the Commission, like everyone else, knows that the Town has emptied out. Did the Commission really believe that this matter—one which everyone knows was both controversial and of deep interest to the homeowners who would be effected-- could be fully aired and fairly considered when no one was around?

Whether the area should experience a blanket designation was exhaustively studied in 2003. Designation was rejected then and should be rejected now. After all, nothing of significance has changed.

Substantively: the homeowners on the Sea streets are already subject to exacting and extensive review and regulation by the ARCOM. This is familiar to you as well as to any of us who have tackled renovation projects. This process has worked in the past to preserve the character of the Town and the Sea streets. We see no reason to conclude that it will not work going forward. Homes on the Sea streets vary in age from 75 years to one or two years. A blanket designation cannot possibly, in our view, accommodate these differences.

Our home in Palm Beach—a community we love—is a major investment. Everyone knows that a blanket designation will depress the value of our home for us and our children. Why should the LPC which has the ear of non-residents and renters, be able to do this to us? Why are we arbitrarily singled out for an investment altering change while other essentially similar sections of town are left untouched?

We respectfully ask the Town Council to protect us and to stop the LPC.

Barrington D. Parker and Anne Connelly
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MR and MRS ROBERT BENEDICKSON'S LETTER:

Good afternoon Mayor and members of the town council,

I am writing to apprise you of my objection to the proposed historical designation of the "Sea Streets". I fully support my neighbors who have so eloquently argued against this proposal. I will now speak for myself, I reside at 222 Seaspray Avenue. My wife and I have lived on Seaspray for seven years now. I can safely say that there is NOTHING historical or of architectural significant's about my home. There is no architect or builder of record. My home is quit frankly an eye sore and had it not been for the considerable push back we received from ARCOM several years back it would be a much more attractive place to live today. That being said to now landmark my home as something it is not would be punitive in the highest order.

I ask that you reel in the rogue board that seems to be ignoring all existing protocol and vote no.

Thank you,
Robert and Denise Benedickson
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