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Dear Mayor & Town Council:

The reason I've heard most for not landmarking the "Seas" is "It's too late." We know this isn't the real reason; people are worried about losing value.

So, what's the answer?

Let's look at the numbers. PB's a historic town so the erosion of value, any value, is a bad idea and the "Seas" like the Estate Section, the Breakers, Worth Ave. etc. are the last surviving, earliest, big pieces of our built environment.

My bet is, if you took another poll, and God forbid that happens, the answer would be: Save it.

After all the best of the best have bought here; occassionally to live, obviously to save and to continue making money. Stephen Ross has been quoted in the NYTimes saying: "We like having historic buildings and neighborhoods near our projects. They add value."

So it's not "too late". "It's never to late". To save historic buildings which add value.

Best

Bill Strawbridge