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Dear Town Council and Mayor,

I am writing this letter to oppose the compulsory landmarking/historic district of the homes on the Sea Streets as proposed by the Landmarking Commission.

I find it most egregious that the town council met and voted on this issue during the summer months while most residents were away. Don't the residents deserve reasonable notice to attend these meetings that will affect the values of their homes so drastically? These actions violate the Sunshine laws which were put in place to protect communities like Palm Beach.

Historically, the Sea Street homes have been the smaller, more modest homes in Palm Beach. Many of the homes are in a state of disrepair. Certainly many are not historically significant and are of notably less value than the land they occupy.

I acknowledge the town may be fearful of new, and uncharacteristic architecture. My suggestion is to set higher standards for ACROM. The town should work in conjunction with ARCOM to support the facilitation of these higher standards.

I also understand that some members of the Landmarks Commission members do not live in Palm Beach. How illogical that people who do not even live in the community are making decisions that will affect so many who DO live in the community.

I respectfully ask that the Town Council and Mayor vote to permanently stop the proposal of Landmarking the Sea Streets.

Sincerely,
Kathy Georgas