

To Editors of Palm Beach Daily News

Re: Palm Beach Hotel Garbage Collection

The Town Council is set to hear an appeal brought by the Palm Beach Hotel on Tuesday December 10<sup>th</sup> seeking a reversal of Public Works Director Paul Brazil's equitable decision precluding the Hotel from dumping its garbage on its neighbors' street of Park Ave. for collection by public works. We think it is safe to say that nowhere else in this Town have residents of one street been designated as the literal dumping ground for garbage generated by others who live on a different street. Yet that is exactly what the Hotel feels its entitled to continue. The nuisance created by the noise, the stench, the unsightliness and potential health concerns are well documented by the video and pictures presented by Park Ave residents ahead of the hearing. Indeed another letter to the editor published on Sunday in favor of the Hotel's request to dump its garbage on Park Ave. referenced the "unsightly blight" that is sure to be "offensive to our immediate neighbors."

That position begs the question, what about the Hotel's neighbors directly behind it, i.e., the twenty-four single family homes on the quiet, one-way residential street of Park Ave? Why is it okay to subject these residents to the "unsightly blight" of a dozen lined up garbage bins every day on the sidewalk of Park Ave directly in front of the neighborhood park.

The Hotel's stated position is that it generates too much garbage and therefore it does not have space to store receptacles on its property. First that argument is frivolous and illogical and second it is simply a decoy for the Hotel's true position, which is, it does not want to be subjected to the nuisance of noise, smell, and unsightliness of its own garbage on its own street. The Hotel conflates "storage of garbage" and "collection of garbage" in an attempt to "create a hardship" which can only be solved by literally dumping 12 garbage cans on the street of other residents.

The Public Works Department is tasked with designating a garbage collection site, nothing more nothing less. Where the Hotel chooses to store its cans or dumpsters during the remaining twenty-three hours of the day, has absolutely nothing to do with the collection site. The Hotel's address is 235 Sunrise Ave., a commercial street. There is absolutely no rational or equitable justification to permit it to use the residential street of Park Ave. as its collection site. Park Ave. is a quiet, residential street with both historic and new single family homes. The residents take pride in the street, maintaining the structures and the grounds and as such it is a street for which the Town can be proud. The Town Council should protect this street from the Hotel's contemptuous position by upholding the deliberative decision of the Public Works Department.

On behalf of the residents of Park Ave respectfully submitted

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