## **RE: RESIDENTIAL ZONING**

230 Onondaga Avenue Palm Beach, FL 33480 May 24, 2021

Dear Mayor and Members of the Town Council:

I would like to start this request with just a single word: "WHY." Why are you, who do such a good job for all of us in Palm Beach, allowing the character of the town to be compromised? Perhaps it is for higher taxes, but I don't think that would be your priority. You are too concerned with the idea of what Palm Beach was, is now, and hopefully will be in the future.

I have seen some beautiful new houses in the best of taste, and I have seen some, which are offensive in their vulgarity. Is it necessary to cover the entire lot? Is it necessary to cover almost two lots in some cases?

It seems that the building codes are outdated and that you are going to take on the gargantuan task of updating them. Please allow resident input as you attack this project. You will learn from many of us that we are concerned with FEMA requirements as well as aesthetics. When we chose Palm Beach, we did so because it has an island flair as well as an historic past. Could we not combine these two aspects; for example, could we have the feel of the greenery with the prevailing architecture?

Sincerely, Jacqueline (and Richard) Murphy