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**Subject:** The Breakers

Dear John: As a former Mayor of Newport and a long-time Restaurateur, I have followed the discussion over the Preservation Society's plans to build a welcome center at The Breakers.

the need for the building is clear, and I am confident that the Society and its team of experts have identified the best location. The Breakers is no longer a single family residence. It is one of our State's iconic and most visited treasures, and the hundreds of thousands of annual visitors need and deserve a better reception than the one currently provided. Those who argue otherwise have probably never been in the business of serving the general public

As the owner of a restaurant near the mansions, I am particularly qualified to speak about the plan to offer refreshments at the welcome center. The Society has made is clear that only the most basic amenities, prepared off site by a local business, will be provided. Their objective is to provide visitors an opportunity for a quick rest-and-refresh, and then off to see the next mansion. I completely support that objective, and look forward to seeing those visitors in my restaurant at some point during their stay in our fine City.

In conclusion, I support the Preservation Society's plans and urge the Historic District Commission and other City regulatory bodies to approve it.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Sardella