

March 29, 2010

Dear Honorable Mayor and Commissioners of the City of Key West:

My name is Luiz Morizot-Leite, resident of 5138 SW 157<sup>th</sup> Ave, Miramar, FL 33027, who happens to be the Beach Safety Manager for Haulover Beach Ocean Rescue Lifeguards, which is a Bureau of the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department. I would like to take a moment to express my support for the creation of a Clothing Optional Beach (COB) at the City of Key West.

Throughout my 14 years working at Haulover Beach as a Lifeguard, and Lifeguard Manager, I have found the principals that make up the B.E.A.C.H.E.S Foundation and its sister organization South Florida Free Beaches to be a kind and sensitive group of people that love nature and have a strong sense of respect for Haulover Park and the Beach. They are a group of professional men and women who care to ameliorate the beach and strive day after day to cultivate a family environment at Haulover Beach. These men and women help the lifeguards to enforce the County Ordinances and serve on a daily basis as the “eyes and ears” of the lifeguards by vigilantly monitoring and helping to educate patrons on safety and park rules.

B.E.A.C.H.E.S Foundation and South Florida Free Beaches has done many wonderful things for Haulover Beach. The association acquired and donated electric wheelchairs to Miami-Dade County Parks and Recreation Department in order to accommodate disabled beachgoers; assisted in the repainting efforts of the lifeguard stations in the clothing optional area; coordinated the building of chickee huts on the beach; built showers and other improvements. The willingness and effort of this dedicated group of people make Haulover Beach a better place for the patrons and a great asset for our community.

Furthermore, during the daily lifesaving operations of a clothing optional beach, I found that dealing with this group of individuals, the aforementioned associations and the nudist population to be a very pleasant experience. The level of respect towards park rules, ordinance enforcement and rescues of near drowning patrons always seems to be more favorable on the Clothing Optional area than the clothing required area. I attributed this to the respect and strong sense of pride that these naturists have for their local beach and the strong leadership of B.E.A.C.H.E.S Foundation and South Florida Free Beaches. I would like to point out that any COB could create the potential for the unlawful action of lewd and lascivious behavior. Nonetheless, this type of behavior is usually not committed by the naturists, instead it is committed by opportunistic individuals that frequent not only the Clothing Optional Beach area but at clothing required parks and beaches throughout Miami Beach and other locales. The average number of police calls for lewd and lascivious at Haulover Beach, ranges more or less around three calls per month and some of the calls are due to behavior that is unconfirmed or not sustained.

I also would like to state that the presence of professional lifeguards equipped with binoculars discourage law breakers and inhibit inappropriate behavior and other unlawful actions to occur. Lifeguards rescue people from drowning, practice preventions, inform patrons about the Beach Warning Flags, provide first aid and resuscitations, enforce the County Ordinances. Therefore, I must recommend that all public beaches should have lifeguards.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

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