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RE: HAULOVER BEACH PARK'S DESIGNATED NATURIST FAMILY BEACH

As Mayor of the City of Sunny Isles Beach, I am writing this letter of support for the clothing-optional naturist beach at Haulover Beach Park. The naturist beach is less than 100 feet from our city.

We have seen this beach grow from a few hundred visitors a day to 8,000 to 10,000 visitors on a weekend day. With over one million visitors a year within a few feet of our beautiful city, naturally we are going to be diligent observers of the behavior of these beach visitors.

The City of Sunny Isles Beach is comprised of luxury condominiums, rental apartments, oceanside hotels, as well as townhouses and single family homes. We are extremely conscious of our image as a tourist destination. The City is home to numerous high-end hotels, which include the Trump International Hotel and the ultra luxurious Acqualina Hotel.

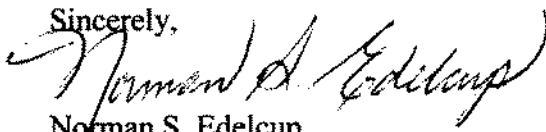
Some of the visitors to Haulover's naturist family beach are citizens of my city and our hotels are enjoying high occupancy rates as tourists come here to enjoy this beach. Some of these visitors have bought condos here and have made Sunny Isles Beach their home. These visitors have contributed to our resort and sales tax base.

The visitors to this beach have been well behaved, they keep the beach clean and they stay within the designated area. The naturist family clothing-optional beach has had no adverse secondary effects on our city or on our citizens who enjoy Haulover Park. Myself as mayor, our police department or our citizens simply would not tolerate otherwise. The citizens of Sunny Isles Beach walk and jog within a few feet of the length of the clothing optional beach and we have received virtually no complaints.

The City of Sunny Isles Beach and its police have developed a good working relationship with the South Florida Free Beaches/Florida Naturist Association. We have witnessed their Beach Ambassadors working closely with the lifeguard service, the county police and the park management. The naturist beach visitors have been good stewards of the beach and have been good neighbors.

I trust that this letter of support will encourage you to support the naturist beach.

Sincerely,


Norman S. Edelcup
Mayor