

Tropicana Condominium Association
15645 Collins Avenue
Sunny Isles Beach, Florida 33160

Honorable Carlos Alvarez, Mayor Miami-Dade County and,
The Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners
111 Northwest First Street, 29th Floor
Miami, Florida 33128

January 14, 2011

**RE: Support for The B.E.A.C.H.E.S. Foundation Concession Services at
Haulover Beach Park**

Dear Honorable Mayor and Commissioners:

I am writing to enthusiastically encourage you to select the joint venture headed by The BEACHES Foundation to provide concession services to Haulover Beach.

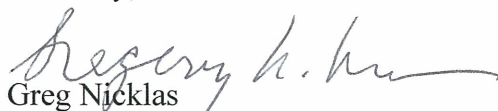
After many years of vacationing as tourists in Sunny Isles Beach so we could use Haulover Beach, my wife and I moved to Sunny Isles Beach and bought a home in the Tropicana in 2004 specifically because of its proximity to the clothing-optional beach in Haulover Park. Like us, many of the other residents in our building chose to buy their homes here solely so they could use the clothing-optional section of Haulover Beach. Our condominium building borders Haulover Beach on the northern edge of the park.

Since we have used the beach for so many years, we have gotten to know Shirley Mason and The BEACHES Foundation very well because of all the services they provide to those who use the beach. For 20 years Shirley and her husband Richard have worked tirelessly as volunteers to create and protect the beach, and to serve those who use it.

During the past few years, Miami-Dade has contracted with two vendors who do NOT know the beach or its customers. Both Toby's and the Boucher Brothers have provided concession services to the beach, but their service has definitely been unsatisfactory. After experiencing the service that The BEACHES Foundation has provided, it is completely clear that The BEACHES Foundation joint venture would be the best choice to receive the contract to provide concession services to the beach.

My wife and I, and many of our neighbors, hope that you will select The BEACHES Foundation to provide concession services on the beach.

Sincerely,



Greg Nicklas
President, Board of Directors
Tropicana Condominium Association