DECLARATION OF ALESSIA MARELLI

- 1. My name is Alessia Marelli. I live at 345 Ocean Drive, Miami Beach, Florida, 33139. I have been a resident of Miami Beach for 19 years. I moved to Ocean Drive in 2000, and rented an apartment on Ocean Drive and 15th Street and then Ocean Drive and 8th Street before purchasing an apartment on Ocean Drive and 4th Street, where I have lived for the last 16 years.
- 2. Ocean Drive has always been a curious place. In the early 2000's, the quality of Ocean Drive was much better than what it is today. I would often have breakfast at a café with outdoor seating. After long bike rides on Saturdays, I would go have a burger at News Café. It used to be enjoyable, but now the quality has gone down and it is impossible to walk down the street without getting harassed by the restaurants.
- 3. I am not sure what created the change, but now you don't see family-owned restaurants. Instead, there are chain restaurants. In the last 7 years or so, the food, the service, and the atmosphere have all become low quality.
- 4. The clientele of Ocean Drive has also changed. You don't see families or locals at these restaurants. Now when you go to Ocean Drive, people are blasting music from their phones or speakers. Many of the people sitting at the restaurants are not fully clothed. You don't want to sit on Ocean Drive because you can't even hear the person sitting next you.
- 5. Ocean Drive is particularly stressful on the weekends. It is a little bit better during the week, but on the weekends it is very difficult for me to get around in my own neighborhood. On weekends that attract large crowds, like Memorial Day Weekend, I choose to stay with friends elsewhere in Miami.
- 6. When people I know come to visit Miami, I recommend they go to the beach either south of 4th Street or otherwise much farther north. I tell them to avoid the beach between 5th and 15th Streets. If they ask for recommendations for places to eat on Miami Beach, I suggest Lincoln Road or Sunset Place, and I tell them to avoid Ocean Drive. Most visitors now choose to not spend

time on the Beach. They prefer to go to Wynwood, Downtown, Coral Gables, or the Upper East Side/Buena Vista neighborhoods. The Ocean Drive area is not so friendly to visitors.

- 7. I run in Lummus Park all the time. The park is one of the best in the world and is up there with the ocean-front promenades in Italy and Brazil. But I always make sure to avoid the west side of Ocean Drive because I don't want to deal with the people trying to solicit me.
- 8. Last summer, my best friend came to visit Miami Beach with her family, including her three children. She told me that they walked down Ocean Drive and stopped to eat and drink at one of the restaurants after being asked to come in. She was outraged by the cost of the bill when they were finished. They had to spend hundreds of dollars, much more than they expected to pay, and vowed to never go back to Ocean Drive.

I verify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on June 21, 2019.

Alessia Marelli