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Subject: Mid-Beach Issues

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Dear Mayor and Commissioners of Miami Beach,

As a resident of the mid-beach area of Miami Beach, I am writing to you with an urgent request that you direct the City Manager and Chief of Police and Code Compliance to immediately address the growing crime, vagrancy and other challenges that we are facing in MidBeach. Since the onset of the curfews in Miami Beach, much of the less desirable activity moves north when the bars and liquor stores close in the "impact zone" – causing our neighborhood to experience higher levels of drunkenness, nuisance, traffic and noise. We are horrified about what the next couple of months, culminating in Memorial Day Weekend, will be bringing us.

Two of the hot spots for this problem are the liquor store located at 39th and Collins, and the abandoned hotel at 3627 Collins, which is identified in google maps as "*Nightclubs in Miami Beach Free*". Residents and the management company (FirstService Residential) of our three buildings in the area, Mosaic, Beach House 8 and Caribbean, have complained about the latter establishment about many times. We are dealing with robberies, public urination and drug use and sales, threats and damage to property and more. Combined, we have more than 200 residences on this block. We have been patiently dealing with the Beach Walk project on our eastern side, with the Collins traffic due to the Indian Creek project to our west, and are now being attacked front and center by a raucous, dangerous crowd on a regular basis.

This situation must be addressed now! Our partners at the Mid Beach Neighborhood Association have brought this issue up often. The time to act has come, before some tragedy brings yet another negative round of press about the management of Miami Beach. We feel abandoned and that we are being treated as a secondary concern due to all of the attention that is necessarily being given to the Art Deco district and Ocean Drive – yet it is our taxes and votes that has given you the duty to protect us!

We are asking for more police visibility, with less tolerance for vagrancy and disorderly behavior. The construction zone feeling of chaos in the area needs to be cleaned up. The hot spots that occur, including the above-mentioned locations, need to be watched and warned so that they do not feel the laws in the City of Miami Beach do not apply to them. Trespassing citations and arrests need to be made.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. My husband and I have contacted you many times, and to date nothing has been done to help us feel safe at our home.

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