

On Mar 18, 2018, at 8:59 PM, Gerald Posner
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Dear Mayor and Commissioners,

My wife, Trisha, and I, are co-founders of SOFNA in 2007 and association directors at our 234-unit condo. In those roles, we have over the years appealed to city officials on matters of importance to our residential quality of life. This time, we reach out to you simply as full time resident taxpayers who love this city.

I will keep this mercifully short (reasonably so).

The past few days of Spring Break rank with a handful of other party weekends as one of the worst we have seen in our 15 years here.

In walking around the city south of Lincoln, we have personally witnessed:

- cars and motorcycles, some of the latter doing wheelies, drag racing along Fifth Street
- groups of ten to fifteen people on scooters dodging between cars, sometimes running onto the sidewalk, and once racing along the Beachwalk
- public intoxication, urination, and sex (a crowd cheering on a couple on Washington, no police in sight)
- open smoking of marijuana as well as drug sales seemingly everywhere

We have learned from neighbors that we were not the only ones who felt the city had lost control of the partiers. The police response which started today in earnest seems only reactive. Given that other popular Florida Spring Break locations, from Fort Lauderdale to Panama City, had announced crackdowns on illegal or unsafe behavior, was it not foreseeable that Miami Beach might have a record number of visitors? Given the laissez-faire attitude of the police, it also seems predictable that partiers would assume that 'anything goes.'

Trisha and I have great faith in all of you and in our police. We are confident that as our city leaders, if you make it a priority, you will find solutions going forward to maintain the city's deserved reputation as the capital of sun and fun while simultaneously making it abundantly clear that Miami Beach will not tolerate the kind of abusive and reckless behavior that is at times an illegal assault on all our sensibilities.

You all have plenty of work to do and no reply is necessary. Trisha and I will find your answer in the steps you take in the future to make certain that days like the last few are not a harbinger of the beach's future.

Sincerely,
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