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"Keeping Our Beaches Bare"

## Sex on the Beach Is a People Problem

The following statement appeared recently on a naturist bulletin board posting:

"...the public seems to be very confused about the difference between "normal" nude beach users and others (like gays who visit the same spots to play with each other). We can rail against such undesirables as much as we like. We can even organize other beach users to shoo them away. But we'll generally not eliminate them on our own. Our best bet is to make our own priorities much more visible to the public."

Our friend Richard Mason, of Miami Beach, answered back:

"The text of this paragraph is inaccurate at best and biased and offensive to gay men.

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normal for them. Besides those that may be gay, do not tolerate inappropriate behavior either.

"Most men that engage in

inappropriate behavior, in public parks, are married men. They are the ones that will haunt the restrooms and try to engage in inappropriate behavior in front of men they believe are gay. At Haulover Beach, the gay men want them off the beach.

"Inappropriate behavior can be an occasional problem. But it is not a gay problem or a straight problem. It is a people problem, primarily male. The best way to deal with it is to speak up for standards and call the police.

"Most of these men fear public exposure, because they are either on parole or they don't want their wives to find out. How do you classify them?

"We need to face up to the fact that even if we're allowed to go nude in our favorite places, once they become places for sex, we'll be kicked out.

"It's that simple!" ✨