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*"Keeping Our Beaches Bare"*

## Local "radical right" group gathering forces to stop nude use at Haulover Candidate "Issues Survey" couldn't be clearer

By Shirley Mason

Please review the following "Issues Survey" from the Miami-Dade Christian Coalition which was sent to all candidates running for office from this county. The areas they've chosen to ask about and the way the questions are posed reveal much about their interest and their leanings when it comes to supporting a candidate.

As concerned citizens wanting to elect people we feel represent our feelings and issues, my husband and I make a point of trying to speak with every local candidate running for office to learn about them, their views, and plans. We generally call them at their homes or campaign offices, or meet them at events.

What I've learned is that Joe Martinez is one of the local Christian Coalition's new anointed candidates with no history of activism and self admittedly has no real knowledge of the workings of government. He was very narrowly elected to the Miami-Dade County Commission on October 3rd, the day of the torrential rain and flooding. His win over a candidate that would have been clearly the choice of naturists, knowing something about his views and history of community activism. A few days before the election I finally got to speak with Joe Martinez.

What is even more disturbing than the loss of a superior candidate to the County Commission is that Mr. Martinez is adamantly opposed to social public nudity, knows that Haulover is a clothing optional beach (without any prompting or mention from me), and marked the survey stating that he supports an ordinance banning public nudity.

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He didn't seem to be aware that South Beach is top-free for women, but does consider that it should be illegal for women to sunbathe top-free and called it "indecent" and that his children should never have to see public nudity. When asked what he would do as a county commissioner [about public nudity], he said it should be stopped and followed by saying that the City of Miami Beach is out of the county's jurisdiction. He did make a point of saying that he doesn't understand how the County is "allowing"

such a thing at Haulover. So much for him knowing our laws as a police lieutenant.

Now armed with this information, I invite and encourage each person of the beach going public to do a bit of research on your own if you feel it important enough and care about any of the issues the Christian Coalition endorses.

B.E.A.C.H.E.S. Foundation is an educational organization and cannot endorse any specific candidate or party. But it wants to do what its mission states. It wants to educate, educate, educate – before harmful legislation appears and officials give their promises before knowing all sides of an issue, and lines are drawn in the sand. We will do all we can to keep you informed of the issues you want to know about and that relate to our purpose. But for our education campaign to be effective, we will need your involvement and your tax deductible financial support. *See the article "B.E.A.C.H.E.S. Foundation" under the Lead Stories section, or by clicking on the link in the heading.*

Don't let Haulover's clothing optional designation and Miami Beach's acceptance of top-free women be lost due to neglect and apathy. This is a precious freedom. Remember . . . "To know and not to act, is not to know." ✨

# Miami-Dade County Christian Coalition

## Issue Survey

Indicate your position on each of the following issues by circling the appropriate response (S-Support, O-Oppose, U-Undecided). Please initial this page and sign page two in the space provided.

### ABORTION

1. Support a resolution designating January 22 as "Sanctity of Human Life Day" in remembrance of all the women and children who have died in the tragedy of abortion.
2. Provide abortion coverage as part of local government's health care package.
3. Zoning laws to limit or restrict abortion clinics in residential or commercial areas.
4. Local tax support of clinics where abortion counseling and referrals occur, such as Planned Parenthood.
5. Tax support for programs at health clinics that offer contraception to minors without parental consent.

### ADULT ENTERTAINMENT

6. Revoke this "Adult Use" license of adult businesses upon conviction of a violation.
7. Pass a strong public decency ordinance to prohibit complete nudity in adult businesses.
8. Support an ordinance banning public nudity.

### HOMOSEXUALITY

9. Provide health insurance for same-sex or domestic partners of government employees.
10. Allow voters to decide whether to maintain or repeal the county's "sexual orientation" ordinance.
11. Require businesses that contract with the government to provide benefits for employees' same-sex or domestic partners.
12. Give "sexual preference, sexual orientation or life style" minority protection status equivalent to that currently covered under existing civil rights laws.

### GUNS

13. Strict enforcement of existing gun control laws, instead of passing new control legislation.

### INTERNET

14. Require filtering of obscenity over the Internet for computer accessible by minors at public libraries and schools.

### RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

15. Support Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) which would require a compelling interest before government may interfere in the free exercise of religion.
16. Permit prayer on public property.
17. Permit crosses, nativity scenes, menorahs, the Ten Commandments, and other religious symbols to be displayed on public property.
18. Permit churches to rent public property for meetings.
19. Local government board meetings may be opened with a word of prayer.

### TAXES

20. Require voter approval for new taxes.
21. Exempt churches from impact fees and other use taxes
22. Exempt private schools from impact fees and other uses taxes.

### ZONING

23. Zoning laws to limit or restrict church or religious meetings in residential or commercial areas.
24. Exempt private schools from costly fees, regulations, and building codes from which public schools are also exempt.

### GAMBLING

25. Gambling in this county should be expanded as a source of new revenue and jobs.

Initials (of Candidate) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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