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re: ZON-21-025, 2800 South Ocean Blvd., Special Exception Request for Beachfront
Concessionaire

The undersigned opposes the application submitted by The Four Seasons and Boucher Brothers for a Special Exception Request to operate a beachfront concessionaire.

The commercialization of this pristine beach, preserved by public funds, with a geometric expansion of seating facilities, food and drink kiosks, storage bins and garbage cans could not be more opposite the Town of Palm Beach should be striving for. The cosmetic appearance of these installations does not spare the intrusion they make on the natural beauty of the Beach

The application reveals a brazen plan that appears to encroach on the ability of those who may legally enter the beach to walk along the waterfront.

I draw no comfort from the assertion that the facilities will serve only the guests of The Four Seasons. The guests of the Four Seasons currently have unintrusive access to seating, food and beverages at the waterfront. The fact that the concessionaire may take payment by cash or credit card makes this pledge unenforceable. I am certain that the hotel is aware that the greenspace along Al A is not for parking. That does not stop the hotel from regularly having dozens upon dozens of vehicles parked there for numerous events. The Four Seasons has insufficient parking to host those events but they book them for financial gain. I have been told the paltry fine imposed for such conduct (\$250.00).

If guest status is obtained by agreeing to buy lunch, drinks or whatever the amount spent buys access to the beach there will be a geometric expansion of traffic, noise and garbage as a byproduct of this mis-use of the beach.

The proposed use will adversely affect the beach, natural habitat and residents of nearby residential properties. As a resident of Palm Beach I oppose the application.

Please make this part of the public record for the proceedings.

Respectfully Submitted,

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