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**Subject:** Body paint ordinance

Jimmy:

I just wanted to let you know that I support your proposed revisions to the body paint ordinance.

In my opinion, Fantasy Fest has morphed from the creative costume party envisioned by Tony Falcone and friends, into a week-long visual assault by people who think it is perfectly acceptable to walk around our town without wearing a stitch of clothing. My staff and I saw tons of naked and nearly naked people all week long, as we walked back and forth to the courthouse during the work day, including plenty of people with their genitalia and buttocks uncovered and exposed.

The whole focus of the festival has become nudity and x-rated sex, either through, innuendo or explicit shows featuring XXX adult film stars. The official brochure last year looked like the events listing for a porn convention with a "tighty whitey" party, a "lingerie" party and an "ABC – Anything But Clothes" party among others, all of which appear to be sponsored by the City. One official event featured a porn star and her exotic dancers who promised to "bare it all on stage." Really, . . . is that what we want our island to be known for?

I know that Fantasy Fest is an enormous economic engine for certain businesses in town, but I think it has gone too far unchecked. The TDC has created, at great expense, a series of beautiful print and televised advertisements celebrating the natural and architectural beauty, the diversity, and the laid back lifestyle in Key West and the Florida Keys. The unbridled nudity in October degrades this carefully cultivated image and frankly, just plain disgusts many locals.

Your ordinance won't resolve all of the ills, but it is one small step toward a more sane policy on public nudity. Thank you for your efforts on our behalf.

Sincerely,  
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