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By Our Readers

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Commission Will Stand By Decision

To the Editor:

Recognizing that it is a public entity, the Sea Isle City Tourism Development Commission acknowledges the right of the public to examine and comment on its activities.

Recent remarks appearing in the Spout Off section of your newspaper and Web site, however, draw inaccurate conclusions regarding the commission's duties, intentions and agenda.

The mistaken notion that the commission has recently chosen or been instructed, persuaded or coerced by others into engaging in activity designed to either advance a particular political position and/or to thwart another is ludicrous and something we categorically deny.

Since its inception in 1989, the tourism commission has performed autonomously with the single purpose of attracting and entertaining family visitors to Sea Isle City and extending the tourist season beyond summer.

We have accepted and carried out this mission with the best interest of Sea Isle City in mind and at heart.

We'll let our record of accomplishments speak for itself.

If re-emphasizing our policy that no political activity is to take place at tourism commission sponsored events offends some, we apologize but stand by that decision. This is an independent decision reached by the tourism commission. There have been no outside influences affecting the decision.

We firmly believe that tourism-oriented events are not the appropriate venues for partisan politics.

The Sea Isle Tourism Commission invites all interested individuals to attend our meetings, assist us at our events and, more importantly, learn what we really do. With pride in what we have achieved for our community, we will continue to conduct ourselves in a manner representative of all of the good qualities of our City and its people.

We encourage everyone else to do the same.

DAVID FARINA

Chairman

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