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Dear Mr. Owen,

I'm writing you this email in the hopes that you understand what Coconut Beach means to me, my friends, and our community.

Ten years ago, the first time I entered the Beach Complex, I didn't know what a big part of my life volleyball would be. Coconut beach became a place where I have met most of my friends, where people have met and formed their families and where now all of our children play together. Throughout the years Coconut Beach has been and still is an outlet where people can stay fit and develop good habits, where people develop relationships, where we all can feel good about ourselves and our community. I have been told so many times that Coconut Beach is a fascinating and incredible place. It is a gathering of wonderful, young professionals who can gather for team sports, friendship and relaxation.

After Katrina Coconut Beach was rebuilt with the help of many of its lifelong members and supporters because it's right, because it was missing because it was needed. Katrina brought a lot of pain and dark times for many; Coconut Beach did the opposite, it has reunited a large part of our community and that number just like before keeps growing; losing our complex would be nothing short of Katrina magnitude, it would tear our Coconut Beach Family apart, it would leave a hole where normalcy and sense of community and belonging once was.

Losing our complex would break many hearts and would send the wrong message about what is important in our community by ripping away even more than Katrina. Many feel the message from our government after Katrina was, we don't care, some still feel that way after losing it all, certainly the circumstances of the failures in the levee and canal breaches, the slow response time for help don't help this sentiment. Don't allow another wrong to happen, don't allow a positive in our lives, in our city, in our future to be ripped away.

Mr. Owen save our Coconut Beach, save this big part of our lives and our community.

Thanks!

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