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Mr. Owen -

I have previously emailed you about saving Coconut Beach. Sorry, but I have more important points to make about this complex. There are many people I know, some are very good friends, that fled the city after Katrina but once Coconut Beach was re-built, they returned to New Orleans. Why? Because this complex was home! This complex gave them a sense of normalcy. These people would not have returned had Coconut Beach not re-opened.

Also, this complex has held many, many tournaments and events for charity. For example, the annual volleyball tournament that raises money for Children's Hospital. This event is huge! And there are so many others.

Mr. Owen, please pay a visit to Coconut Beach during the week when the crowds are there. Bring some friends, order a burger and a drink watch some great volleyball play on court 1! Also, browse the pictures that were collected by all of us and posted onto the bar. These are the memories that the Corps is threatening to end.

Thank you,
Rhonda Zimmer