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Mr. Owen,

I would like to let you know how important Coconut Beach is to me. I moved to New Orleans with a new job in 1991 from Texas, not knowing anyone here. I found Coconut Beach within a year, and have been playing there year round ever since. The people and friendly atmosphere are something special. I have friends and acquaintences that i see, play with and against, talk about work/ politics/life that i have known for 17 years and new ones i meet every year.

It is a unique place, where there are young adults, older adults, and families all with a place to enjoy not just the sport of volleyball, but to enjoy each other. For many of us it is a way of life while for others its just a recreational night out. Coconut Beach is not just unique to the New Orleans area, in that it is one of just a handfull of outdoor sand volleyball complexes in the country, but it is a safe, fun place for the people of the New Orleans area to enjoy life. Having lived here for 18 years now, i have not found another recreational league, club, social society or environment that is such a positive aspect of so many thousands of people on a weekly basis.

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