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Dear Mr. Owen,

My name is Julie Gaffney and I am writing in regards to saving Coconut Beach. I am 36 years old and was born and raised in the great city of New Orleans. Coconut Beach has been a constant in my life for almost 20 years. It was a place my friends and I hung out at when I was in high school and then later on in my early 20's I played on my company's volleyball team. Now in my 30's, I go out there every Friday night to support my boyfriend and friends team.
Coconut Beach is a safe and fun place for people of every area of New Orleans and the surrounding parishes to come and socialize while also being active. It is a family friendly atmosphere and even pets are welcomed. There are far too many places that no longer exist where people can come together like we do here at Coconut Beach.
I have wonderful memories of Ponchatrain Beach, Celebration Station, the Fun Arcade on Vets in Metairie, the public swimming pools, and many more places that are gone and all that is left are the memories. And unfortunately the future generations of New Orleans will never be able to enjoy those places and create their own memories.
Please save Coconut Beach so that we can continue having a safe and fun place to socialize and get fit in the process, so that the children that are now coming with their parents have the option to come out and play as they get older. To have more than just childhood memories.
Thank you for this opportunity for myself and others to express our feelings on this subject and to show not just what an asset Coconut Beach is to New Orleans, but also to its people and it's future.

Sincerely,
Julie Gaffney