From: John Albano
To: MVN Environmental;
Subject: Save Coconut Beach
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Dear Mr. Owen,

I am writing to ask you to spare Coconut Beach in your plans. Please look towared other alternatives that won't hit our city with such a loss. We have lost enough already.
Coconut Beach is very important to my family. I met my wife playing volleyball there and we bring our children there to play. It is such a positive force in our city. It is the very essence of "rebuilding" - bringing back community. We recently purchased a home in the area feeling that the neighborhood was growing and the West End area was starting to thrive again. Coconut Beach's return was a fundemental factor in that decision.
Coconut Beach is a positive and healthy way for people to gather. It is crucial that we work to protect these places that keep our city viable and welcoming for families like ours. Please support our decision to remain in New Orleans to raise our family by recognizing what we are trying to protect. It is part of the fabric of our lives and we do not want it to become another memory of what life used to be like.

Thank you,
John Albano