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I write this email for the purpose of persuading the Army Corp of Engineers to consider working with Coconut Beach towards a compromise, so both can co-exist.

I started playing volleyball seven years ago when I moved to the New Orleans area. My first game was in a tournament that benefited Children's Hospital of New Orleans. This tournament means a lot to me personally, because my wife is an employee of Children's and my daughter has received treatment there. I am lucky that my employer sponsors the tournament and the hospital.

After Katrina, the Children's Hospital tournament was the first volleyball played at the newly reopened Coconut Beach. Ever since that tournament, I started to play in a league during the week. Sometimes twice a week. Playing volleyball has become a big part of my life here in New Orleans and I look forward to it each week.

I realize that the protection of the city takes precedent over the playing of volleyball for recreation. However, I do see that there is room for compromise and also see a opportunity for the Army Corp of Engineers to improve its relationship with the citizens of the New Orleans metro area.

In closing, I hope that you will consider all options available and do everything in your power to come to a decision that satisfies all parties involved.

Thank you for your time.

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