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Mr. Owen,

I know that you are faced with a tough decision, but you have to let coconut beach stay!

What Coconut beach means to me:

I have been playing at coconut beach for 17 years I am now 30 years old.

When I evacuated for Katrina, the first thing I did, after all the chaos subsided, was look for a place to play volleyball. There is none in Birmingham AL.

I grew up in New Orleans East, that has been taken away from me, no one should live in New Orleans East in its present shape. That was a Corps. mistake, please don't take away coconut beach, that would be another Corps. mistake.

I am want you to know that I look forward to playing at coconut beach during the week more than the weekend as a whole, and I love my weekends. Coconut beach is a way for 4,000+ New Orleanians to relax and relieve some stress. We are still rebuilding, don't take away something that is a positive community organization.

Mikey Retif is turning in his grave because of this.

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