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Mr. Owen,

I have been a patron of Coconut Beach for the past 8 years. It is also where my wife and I met in 2002. We have many fond memories and experiences there, and it has grown to be our favorite social and recreational facility in the city. Beyond my personal views, this facility has become a popular, unique, and family-friendly arena, not to mention one of the premiere volleyball complexes in the country.

As a native of New Orleans, I kindly propose that you and the Corps of Engineers continue to explore and consider alternative sites for the pumping station that is now being planned on the grounds of Coconut Beach. I know your organization is doing everything they can to protect our city from future storms. As an engineer myself I understand there are many technical challenges the Corps face in making the right decisions for our community.

In most engineering solutions there are compromises, and decisions are made to meet the right economic and technical requirements. In this case, I ask that you consider the impact in compromising Coconut Beach in lieu of these other elements. I know proper protection for our city is paramount, but reaching a solution that preserves Coconut Beach and maintains the required protection is the right decision for our community.

Thank you for your time,

Chris and Beth Holloway