From: Robin Henry
To: MVN Environmental;
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Please don't take away our Coconut Beach! I am 30 years old and have grown up in the New Orleans area. I had to move away after Katrina, but am moving to Lakeview at the end of this month. I was very excited I'd be so close to the lake, particularly Coconut Beach. A lot of my friends play volleyball there and I am supposed to be joining them after I get settled. It seems to be one of the few inexpensive and healthy activities to do in New Orleans that is also in a safe part of the city!

I understand how import an improved canal and pumping station is to the area. Most of my relatives lived in the area prior to Katrina, some even right along the canal on Bellaire. All but my grandparents returned after because they love the city and all the activities it has to offer, particularly those around their homes near the lake. Please try to find an alternative solution so that both objectives- improving flood protection and preserving features of the lakefront- can be met.

Sincerely,

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