From: Emily Claassen
To: MVN Environmental;
Subject: Please don"t take away Coconut Beach
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Dear Mr. Owen,

As you can probably tell from my e-mail address, I am a tall woman. There are two sports in which tall women excel: basketball and volleyball.

When I was young my father would take me to Audubon Park to play and we were so excited when Coconut Beach opened a few years later. He never taught me how to play basketball, so I was always an avid volleyball player, and though I have never played volleyball professionally, I have always enjoyed the commaradarie and spirit of playing at Coconut Beach.

My father and I have now been on a team together for many years, and he is one of the oldest players out there on Wednesday nights. I have met so many friends at Coconut Beach over the years and have sometimes played volleyball there until midnight. It's a whole lot of fun and I can't imagine not having Coconut Beach to share with my friends and family. With so many businesses now gone from the West End area due to Katrina, I would hate to see another business lost, especially one that has been so successful. I sincerely hope that you take my e-mail into consideration and keep Coconut Beach in business at its current location.

Thank you for your time,

Emily Claassen

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