From: Kristen Chanove
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Mr. Owen:

While I understand the importance of what the Corps is trying to accomplish and its importance to the city, I, and others, ask you to please consider saving Coconut Beach for the citizens of New Orleans and surrounding area.

Since it's beginning in the 1980's, this complex is home to volleyball players, from beginners to well seasoned, from old to young, who get together nearly every night of the week to meet great people and just have good clean fun! This complex boasts 17+ courts making it the largest sand volleyball complex in the USA and is home to over 10,000 patrons!! Coconut Beach is a refuge and a "home away from home" to many any night of the week! They have reached out and helped raise over $1 million dollars to benefit the New Orleans community including many charities and organizations such as Children's Hospital, Special Olympics, The Police Foundation, and many others. They have hosted the 2005 AAU Junior Beach Doubles Championships and a multitude of other professional events and regional tours. After Katrina, when our city and its people were devastated, so was Coconut Beach. Since then, we have raised enough support to come back better and stronger. I ask you to please consider what the plans for the pumping station would take away from so many people if Coconut Beach was no longer there.

Thank you for your time!

Regards,

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