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To: MVN Environmental;
Subject: Please save Coconut Beach!
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Dear Sir,
I understand that the existence of the Coconut Beach Volleyball Complex is once again threatened by plans to annex up to 100% of it as part of the Corps' pumping station project. You have to realize that the demise of Coconuts would be a step in the wrong direction in terms of the overall recovery of the metropolitan New Orleans area from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. This complex is a family destination for literally thousands of residents on a regular basis. It serves as a gathering spot, social center and fitness center all rolled into one and all of these aspects as vital to the overall health of the area. I believe that there are options to provide flood protection without destroying this institution that so many of us enjoy and support. I implore you to do whatever is in your power to preserve this sanctuary that has grown to be a part of the very fabric of our community. Thank you for your time.

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