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To: MVN Environmental;
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Mr Owen:

I am writing on behalf of myself and many others who feel that Coconut Beach is an important landmark for the New Orleans Lakefront. I have been playing volleyball at Coconut Beach for nearly 20 years now, and as a lifelong resident of Lakeview, I cannot envision that part of West End any other way.

I understand the importance of your project, as I do not want to ever go through anything that even resembles what I went through 4 years ago. But I also know that there are alternatives to tearing down a local landmark.

If you would just take 15 minutes one day and simply drive by Coconut Beach on a Tuesday-Friday night around 8:00 pm you would see that I am certainly just one of many who feels this way. Coconut Beach provides hundreds, possibly thousands of people of all ages with fun, family-oriented, recreational activity. It is rare that people from age 12-60+ can all play the same sport in the same location.

So, again, please reconsider your plans to tear down a part of New Orleans that so many people rely upon for fun and recreation.

Thanks,
Taylor Weidman