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Mr. Owen,

I was recently informed about the May 2009 plans for the 17 St. Canal Pumping Station and how it will impact Coconut Beach. This location of the new pumping station will shut Coconut Beach down for good. Bringing it back after Katrina took a voluntary collaborated effort of hard work, sweat, and money bringing. Practically every team helped in some degree. I just cannot believe or accept it being over. Is there any way at all that Coconut Beach and the new pumping station can co-exist by choosing another location?

Coconut Beach is important to the rebuilding efforts of New Orleans. Each team member consists of people who work hard, some having two jobs to make ends meet. Coconut Beach is some people's only activity during the week. This is the case with my wife and I who play on the same Wednesday night team. Without it, we (as well as many other couples we see) would lose this important social part of our lives and may never see other people who are in the same boat. The hard-working middle-class NEED this to continue their busy work weeks. Its a breath of fresh air and something to look forward to. It also re-energizes me to continue working hard. Coconut Beach is a good thing and it ceasing to exist would definitely put a damper on all of the hard-working middle-class who chose to stay in New Orleans. Just as this city is important to me, so is Coconut Beach.

Please reconsider another location so Coconut Beach and the new pumping station can co-exist.

Best Regards.
Joe Molero
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