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Hi Gib,

We were advised at our regular Tuesday night League this week that you are considering using part or all of the complex for a New Pumping Station. Being an engineer myself, I realize that there are probably some very good reasons why you've chosen the site. I also know that there are almost certainly alternative plans available.

I would urge you to please not underestimate the importance of the Coconut Beach Volleyball complex to New Orleans. A lot of time and energy has been put into rebuilding the complex since Hurricane Katrina. If you head down on any week-night during Spring, Summer or Fall you'll see hundreds of players playing on the nets in friendly competition. I myself started playing two years ago and have enjoyed every night since.

There are no alternative beach volleyball complexes in New Orleans. I believe the closest is in Mississippi. I urge you to please look closely at ways to compromise and achieve your goals of Category 5 hurricane defense but also allow for the citizens of New Orleans to have a world class beach volleyball complex.

Please let me know if I can do anything to help.

Kind regards,

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