From: Chris Noland
To: MVN Environmental;
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Mr. Owen,

I wanted to state to you my opinion on the acquisition of the Mickey Retif Sports Complex (Coconut Beach). Being that I grew up in Lakeview I believe that a new pumping station for the 17th street canal is a huge priority. However, there has to be some sort of compromise that can be met in order for that pumping station not to be placed on the existing Coconut beach. Please realize that Coconut Beach is a huge staple of New Orleans. I myself, have played volleyball there since I was 16 years old; I'm now 29 and I'm still playing. There must be some alternative to taking up 100% of the property where Coconut Beach is located. As I'm sure you're aware, there is a gigantic parking lot 100 feet from the property that is being used for absolutely nothing right now.

Sir, all that I'm asking is that you explore all of your options before something very special to a lot of people in New Orleans is taken away.

Thank you,

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