From: Donald Carvajal
To: MVN Environmental;
Subject: Coconut Beach
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Mr. Owen,

I am writing you to express my concern for the future of Coconut Beach. I have been playing out there for almost 10 years now and have become very familiar with most of the people that play out there. The most amazing thing about the sport of beach volleyball is that it has the least wear and tear on your body of any other competetive team sport and it can be enjoyed by people of all ages. I have played against kids as young as 8 or 9 and adults in their 60s. In this day and age when our nation is considered to be one of the fattest nations in the world, we need to have outlets like Coconut beach to allow people to get outside, move around and enjoy the weather, the people and still get a good amount of exercise out of it. Many people stop playing flag football, soccer and softball once they get into there mid-30's and as I have explained earlier, beach volleyball does not follow this same pattern.

Again, on behalf of all of the people that have ever been to Coconut beach and found one of the great treasures of New Orleans, I urge you to reconsider the amount of Coconut Beach that will be used for the pumping station.

Please don't take Coconut Beach away from us.

Thank you,

Donnie Carvajal