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To: MVN Environmental;
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Mr. Owen,

My name is David Burg. I am a volleyball player at Coconut Beach. I am writing you to let you Know I understand the importance of closing a open waterway to our city and neighborhoods. Pumping at the lake is of coarse the best place to keep storm surge out.
However, it is also a matter of quality of life for those of us who have returned and rebuilt our lives and the city we love.
I began playing at C. B. eight years ago. I went there as a lonely,recently divorced man looking for exercise and a new beginning.
I've developed many new friendships over the years. This helped to convince me New Orleans was still my home. I, as many players play more than one night a week. After Katrina, no one knew what the future held. However many players, while rebuilding their own homes rebuilt Coconut Beach. We are a self sustaining entertainment venue. Teams pay entry fees to participate in league play. Each Tuesday thru Friday there are as many as 14 nets with eight teams playing. Each team can field up to 6 players.That's 672 paying players with untold non players socializing. While the economy is forcing government cut backs of public services, Coconut Beach remains strong and growing with a deverse economic and social player base.
Please find away to keep our city safe and to keep a positive gathering place open.

Thank you,
David Burg

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