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Good afternoon!

I want to include myself in the petition to not close down Coconut Beach in New Orleans. There has to been some option that the Army Corps of Engineers can suggest and help out. For us - youth, young adults, adults, anybody who loves volleyball - this is a place where we can come and relax, de-stress, and hang out with friends. This is an atmosphere that is good for individuals, it doesn't drive them into criminal activities, instead teaches them to become good competitors and shows us that there are good activities in this city. Please do not take away something that we love.

I belong to a Hispanic Christian church and I can tell you from experience that there are not a lot of places in the city where we can take our youth group to hang out. Finding new and "good" environments is hard. Coconut Beach has been a hang out place for us, for our youth group, where we can have fun but also represent God in the best possible light.

I know there many, many, many individuals that would join me in this fight to save one of recreational places. Please hear our voices and work with us to come to a solution that will benefit both parties.

Thank you!
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