From: Susan Lavie
To: MVN Environmental;
Subject: save coconut beach
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Dear Mr. Owen,

I am writing to express to you the importance of Coconut Beach to myself and the community. Coconut Beach has a been and continues to be a huge part of my and my family's life. I have been playing volleyball out there for over 17 years and am looking forward to teaching my two small children how to play out there as well. I understand the need to build a pumping station to secure flood protection for the area, but would greatly appreciate if consideration can be given to ideas that allow a pumping station and Coconut Beach to coexist. Coconut Beach has provided a unique athletic atmosphere not available anywhere else in the area and it would be a great disservice to the community to see it closed down. Sporting events run out at the Beach have raised over million dollars for charities and the archdiocese of New Orleans. Should it be determined that Coconut Beach cannot remain in its current location, I sincerely hope that all efforts will be made to assist in its relocation, possibly within the flood walls.

Sincerely,
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