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Mr Owen

I am sure you are getting bombarded with emails and phone calls by all of us who love Coconut Beach and want to save it. Well I guess now it's my turn:)

I have lived in NOLA all my life, and I love it. Even after my family moved away, I remained here because it is my home, and Coconut Beach is a HUGE part of that. I have been playing there for over 10 years and have made so many friends that are now my family. Without Coconut Beach to go to every week, I would undoubtedly not see them nearly as much.

One steady thing in all the chaos over the last 3 and 1/2 years since Katrina has been the efforts of Bruce White and others to get Coconut Beach back up and running, and they did so in less than a year. That is how important and special Coconut Beach is to us, and now it is even bigger and better than ever. Can you imagine coming back here after Katrina to all of the devastation and in 9 months be able to go back to Coconut Beach to play ball again? To have something so familiar back in our lives? To me and all of us who love the Beach, it was a feeling equivalent to, if not better than, having the Saints play in the Superdome again for the first time after the storm, and we all know what that did for this city. The same applies to Coconut Beach.

Have you ever been to Coconut Beach in the evenings during the week? Have you visited on a weekend tournament day? It is fun, it is safe, it's great exercise, it's family oriented. How many places around this city can we say that about? I understand the need to protect this city from hurricanes and flooding, but this city also needs Coconut Beach. If there is no way around taking some of this land, PLEASE consider 10% instead of 100% in your plans.

Thank you for taking the time to read all of these emails from all of us who love Coconut Beach, for in doing so, I am sure you are finding out just how much Coconut Beach is and always will be in our hearts.

Most Sincerely,

Angela Minto=)

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