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Mr. Owen

I am writing in support of Coconut Beach in light of the potential impact that may soon take place as a result of the proposed pumping station plans. This year will mark 20 years of my participation at that complex and I have seen it grow tremendously over that period of time. Over those years, I have participated in League and Tournament play and my family routinely joins me at the complex to enjoy the recreation that it provides. I urge you to take into consideration the success of this complex and what it means to this region in terms of impact for many of the area's residents. Whenever we have out of town employees visit the complex, they are taken aback by its scope and atmosphere. If the complex is significantly impacted by expansion plans, it is unlikely that it will be resurrected to achieve the same impact it has today in another location. It has an ideal location by the lake and the marina and thrives in spite of being outside of flood protection. Coconut Beach enjoys a loyal following as witnessed by its rapid return after the devastation brought on it by Hurricane Katrina. Flood protection that eliminates thriving activities that make this a unique cultural center should be reconsidered for flood protection that can coexist with those activities.

I urge you to take this information into consideration as Project Manager.

Regards,

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