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To: MVN Environmental;
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Subject: Coconut Beach Sports Complex
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Dear Mr. Owen,

I was shocked to hear about the plans to close the coconut beach sports complex.

I have been playing volleyball at coconut beach for several years now and besides the

recreational and athletic aspects of the complex it is an essential part of my daily life.

This complex is one of the few things that make it possible for me to be back and stay in New Orleans.

I came back in the city immediately after Katrina and been here since.

Words cannot describe what effort it takes to be back and the level of exhaustion myself and many other people

are experiencing in doing so and helping the city recover.

This complex you are attempting to close allows myself and many others to relax, decompress, and forget about a lot of the problems, challenges, and issues we are facing personally and professionally here in New Orleans. Playing beach volleyball is like therapy that compensates for the stress we are all exposed too on a daily basis.

I strongly urge you to reconsider the closure of this complex and try to find other alternatives.

Thank you for your consideration.

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