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Subject: Coconut Beach acquisition
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Mr. Owen,

I am 57 years old and have been playing volleyball at Coconut Beach (CB) since the late 80's. I've seen the complex change from two or three nets and a refreshment stand to what it is today. I've met countless friends there and play volleyball competitively to keep in shape mentally & physically.

Why should you care about my story? Take it & multiply it by 1,500 and you probably have a good estimate of how many people enjoy CB every week.

No one wants to keep CB where it is at the expense of anyone's safety. Most of us that support CB took a beating from Katrina and CB has provided very important therapy in our recovery.

But I know via my friends at Levees.org and the Flood Protection Alliance that taking CB's land is not the only available option, nor has it been convincingly shown to be the best option.

Please keep in mind that we not only want to keep our city safe, but we want to keep our quality of life as much as possible. Please, please try to minimize the Corps' effect on CB as much as possible.

Thanks for your consideration,
Donna M. Urban