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We all just learned last night that the corps is planning on taking Coconut Beach land for pumping station use. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE reconsider doing this. I thought the boat launch facility further down the canal was going to be the site of a permanent pump. Coconut Beach is SO MUCH MORE than just a bunch of volleyball courts. I personally have been playing there since its beginnings as 5 little volleyball courts along the levee, so almost 20 years. There has to be a way that Coconut Beach can coexist with a pumping station. I know the restaurant Two Tony's right by the pumping station has found a way to coexist, so why can't we keep our courts. This set of courts and patch of sand has become home to so many of us. The people that I have come to know and play with are more than just a group of players, we are all family and friends. Three years after Katrina, New Orleans is still trying to get back to the way it was, the neighborhoods, the people, the spirit of the city. Coconut Beach is one landmark that truly represents a culture, a spirit and a heart beat of the city of New Orleans that has given all of us a reason to stay in the city and a hope that more good times are to come. I personally work for Boh Bros Construction Co., LLC and had my own small part on the pumping station construction project at the 17th Street Canal so I know the importance of pumping station, but I also know that there are other viable solutions to help control surge and flooding and allow us to SAVE COCONUT BEACH! This will not be the last time I send an email, so I want to leave you with the most important part of the message:

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Thank you,

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