From: Heather Albano
To: MVN Environmental;
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Mr. Owen,

I am joining the many taking the time to write and express how important Coconut Beach is to me, my family, my friends and our community. It is a safe, healthy and fun environment for spending our time. It is one of the things that makes our city special and the reason we want to stay and raise our family here. I began playing volleyball at Coconut Beach over 10 years ago. It has been an integral part of my life. The friends I met there are the ones I now call family. Our tribe is a mix of ages and backgrounds. I met my husband playing at Coconut and we take our 2 daughters to play in the sand now. I am looking forward to watching them play volleyball with their own friends as they grow up. I find it difficult to adequately express what Coconut Beach means to our family. Having Coconut Beach alive and well was part of our decision to purchase a home in Lakeview. It is a sign of growth and recovery in our city. Going out to play volleyball gave our lives normalcy after Katrina. Please don't destroy something that is such a force of positivity and success in our city.

Thank you,
Heather Albano