From: Amir Shahien
To: MVN Environmental;
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Mr. Owen,

I hope this finds you well. As a both a personal request and on the behalf of many concerned citizens of the Greater New Orleans region, I ask that you please reconsider the current course of action regarding the Coconut Beach sand volleyball complex at West End. I understand the importance of the work of the Army Corp. of Engineers; however, I think it necessary to emphasize the importance of this complex and the many roles that it plays in the everyday lives of so many here in the city and across the country. I am confident that your project goals and the fitness center/ volleyball complex/ bar/ social club/ mental health retreat/ rehabilitation center/ fundraising center that is Coconut Beach can co-exist and mutually benefit all parties involved. Once again, I ask that you and your organization reconsider your position. Only through a compromise in which Coconut Beach continues to function in its current capacity will you truly be serving the residents of this community.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Amir Shahien