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Subject: Coconut Beach Volley ball/ 17th street canal pumping Station
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Mr. Owen,

I am a life long resident of New Orleans. I have lived and traveled all over the world and I am sure you would agree that New Orleans is a very unique and beautiful city. One of the major reasons this city is such a magnificently different place is the residents. The rich character that the people of this city have is derived from their profound spirit of community. The Coconut Beach Volley Ball complex is one of those places where this sense of community is thriving and enhanced everyday. This recreational park is exactly the kind of entity that the Corp of Engineers is trying to protect with the new levy system improvements. I implore you to review your plans for the expropriation of this property and to refrain from taking all of the park away. These recreational areas are far and few between in New Orleans and they provide the citizens, that you work so hard to protect, a clean and safe place to recreate and continue the beautiful tradition of community in New Orleans.

Sincerely,
Neill D. Buie

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