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Hello Gibb

My name is Tom Davenport and I live in Denver, CO. I have played at the Coconut Beach facility on most visits to New Orleans and as an participant of leagues in the Denver area, and as a volleyball player, I was as aware as anybody the incredible value Coconut Beach adds to the New Orleans community. For years, the facility has provided a place for like minded, athletic people of all shapes, sizes and skill levels to congregate and not only participate in a great game, but more importantly spend time with friends and family. The value of this community was impressed upon me post Katrina when players shared with me that while many in the volleyball family left and have never returned, the participation in this particular activity, a simple game of volleyall, proved invaluable in helping add a sense of normalcy and continuity to a world that had been turned upside down.

I realize the need to address additional pumping is probably paramount, but I would encourage you to find away to accomodate the needs of the community with as little impact on the Coconut Beach site as possible. It is an asset to the city and people that live there and you should be careful not to underestimate the potential impact of it's loss, in a city that has already lost enough.

Sincerely

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