Shilling, Mona

From: Marie Beetner <mariebeetner@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2015 4:40 PM
To: *ALL CITY COUNCIL
Subject: New Competition Swimming Pool

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to you today to express my opinion on the new competition swimming pool being built in coordination with the Wiseburn School District. I have an 8 year old daughter that is a Jr. Olympic competitive swimmer and we are very familiar with how difficult it is to find practice time, especially in a 50 meter pool. Not only is this something that is desperately needed in the South Bay, it is something that could bring significant amounts of money into the city of El Segundo and its local businesses. To build this facility with a 50 meter competition pool, the proper stands, and warm up lanes would be an investment for our community and a destination for teams on the west side and south bay to host meets. This could build the aquatics teams for our high school and turn El Segundo into a place where kids want to train and have the ability to swim for their high school and earn college scholarships.

I plead with all of you in place to make this decision for our community, to consider going the extra mile financially to bring this facility to El Segundo. If done right, this will become a great asset for our community, schools and children.

Thank you,
Marie Beetner
Mayor Fuentes and Council Members,

I have seen the need for a new pool in El Segundo since I moved here in 2005. ESHS students need and deserve a reliable pool where they can practice and compete. The best option for our City and the South Bay is the upgrade option that includes a warm-up pool. This option provides the most versatility and would allow for income opportunities through hosting aquatic events.

My 14 yr old son is a member of the Armada swim team and plans to swim and play water polo in high school. My husband is a member of the Masters swim team that practices at the Plunge. Our family is very involved in the aquatic community and we have participated in meets at many aquatic facilities in SoCal. A new aquatic facility is long overdue for El Segundo. I hope that you will support the upgrade option. I also hope that funds will be allocated to refurbish the Plunge. Our community can support and would benefit greatly from two aquatic facilities.

Please support the Upgrade option!

Thank you.

Beth Schodorf
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Shilling, Mona

From: Gaylord Shilling <gshillingiii@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2015 2:55 PM
To: ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS
Subject: El Segundo, Wiseburn Aquatics Facility

Dear Council Members,

I'm a third generation El Segundo resident and like many others that grew up here I have spent many hours in the pools as a youth and as an adult involved in competitive Masters Swimming. I would like to express my support for the proposed Hybrid Option for the Aquatics Facility at the Wiseburn High School. Based on the excellent presentation and information/data provided by the consultants I believe this option provides the best all around solution for our future community needs in regards to aquatics facilities. It is my hope that all city council members will vote in favor of pursuing this option.

Best Regards,

Gaylord Shilling

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Shilling, Mona

From: Aaron Hale <aaronhale99@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2015 12:06 PM
To: ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS
Subject: Pool for El Segundo

My name is Aaron Hale, and as an El Segundo resident, lifelong competitive swimmer and parent to kids who swim and play water polo competitively, I strongly support a new aquatic facility in El Segundo. The best option for El Segundo is a 50 meter competition pool with a separate warm up pool.

This option provides the most flexibility for El Segundo. A 50 meter pool allows for two water polo courses in one pool, making it attractive for more and larger water polo tournaments. A 50 meter pool allows for long course (Olympic distance) swim meets as well as short course (25 yard) swim meets. A separate warm up pool will allow championship-level swim meets and water polo matches to be hosted in El Segundo - championship-level competitions need a warm up/warm down space separate from the competition pool.

Please choose the 50 meter pool with separate warm up pool.

Respectfully,
Aaron Hale

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310-938-4026
Greetings,

On behalf of the El Segundo High School Aquatics teams, boys and girls swim and water polo, I'd like to advocate for the Upgrade Option. As a participant in the Preliminary Aquatics Study as well as through my discussions with the aquatics coaches, we feel this option is the best fit for all parties. It would provide optimum use which could eventually equate to increased revenues. However, the most important argument I can make is on behalf of our kids: they deserve the best that the city of El Segundo can offer.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jaime Mancilla
Principal
El Segundo High School

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To Whom It May Concern,

I will not be able to attend the meeting tonight, but would like to voice my opinion the Upgrade Option for the new Aquatics Center.

I believe the 50 x 25 meter pool with a second/warm up pool would be the best option.

Thank you,

Michelle Blessing
Resident of El Segundo
Shilling, Mona

From: Brian Crist <bcrist@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2015 8:15 AM
To: ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS
Subject: Aquatics Center Pool

Dear Members of the El Segundo City Council;

I am writing to ask you to support a full size 50 meter x 25 meter pool with movable bulkheads, along with a separate warm-up pool, for the new joint El Segundo / Wiseburn Aquatics Center.

This size and configuration of pools will best provide for the widest variety of aquatics activities. As a parent of 3 swimmers / water polo players / lifeguards, I have visited most pools in Southern California over the past 15 years. The noted combination of pools will best support local residents and will insure the highest use of the facility. It will also help to draw large groups of swimmers and water polo players for swim meets and water polo tournaments, both of which will generate revenue for the facility and the surrounding businesses.

In my experience, once an aquatics facility is completed, due to required infrastructure, there is almost no way to modify the pool configuration without complete demolition and reconstruction. Please help to build this one right the first time so that it can see the level of utilization that the Plunge has seen for so many years.

Thank you so much for your help in bringing the FIRST much-needed and long-overdue premium aquatics facility to the South Bay.
we are so happy for the Aquatics Center in our city and the best option is a pool 50 x 25 and other pool for warm up. and thanks for all those people to take care about this matter we very very appreciate again.
Good Afternoon!

My name is Riley Brady and I am a lifelong resident of El Segundo. I currently have the pleasure of teaching and coaching for the El Segundo Unified School District. I am the Head Coach for the boys and girls ESHS Water Polo team. As a former player on the ESHS water polo and swim team I can truly say that the ESHS aquatics programs truly helped shape the man I am today. I am so excited about the building of a new pool. I have been attending the city council meetings and keeping up to date on the plans for the new pool.

As we all know El Segundo has been lucky to use the Urho Saari Swim stadium which was funded by Works Progress Administration. Urho Saari swim stadium has been great but it's out dated and could possibly go out of service at any time. It is time for a new pool and it is time to take advantage of the deal with Wiseburn School District to get the best possible pool. I am pleading with you that we truly need to take advantage of this deal because an opportunity like this may never come again. I feel the "upgraded" pool option will allow for the most optimal use by the city. This new pool will allow give our community the opportunity to grow the ESHS aquatic program, help rehab our senior citizens, and help build better businesses in our community. Please vote for the upgraded option of the new pool. With the City Council's support we can build a pool that this city has needed for so long.

Sincerely,
Riley Brady

Sent from my iPhone
Hi all -

As a resident of El Segundo for the past 23 years and an active member of the Masters swim team, I want to express the need for a new 50 meter pool.

We all understand the current swim stadium is highly outdated and is constantly facing numerous technical issues at any time. The hybrid option with a 50 meter long-course pool with separate warm up pool seems to make the most sense - logistically and financially.

El Segundo has a deep history of producing world-class swimmers. From Olympians (former and future) to top collegiate water polo players, to nationally recognized triathletes, our pool has provided a great venue for intense training.

We're also the training home for many Los Angeles County Lifeguards and long distance open water swimmers.

However, the past several years have seen our pool take a turn for the worse. It's become increasingly difficult to train effectively when the pool's maintenance cannot be held steady. And, living this close to the ocean means we also need to have top-notch swim instructors for our kids.

Being a long-term resident, I've seen our community grow and become a jewel of the South Bay. Property values alone are a testament to how the city continues to properly balance advancement while keeping historical perspective.

Now it's time for a new pool. There's no doubt we are a sports town - we have some of the most active residents in Los Angeles. It's no coincidence we're home to a world champion basketball and hockey team (and, at one point, football team). And world class figure skaters, volleyball players, baseball payers, and on and on. It's time for our future swim stars to have a proper pool to swim in.

I ask that each of you think of all of El Segundo's athletes when making your decision on the new pool proposal.

Sincerely,

Kevin Shinnick
133 Virginia St., #4
To the El Segundo city council,

Below is a link to a 56 meter pool in Carlsbad. I believe it will give you a good visual image of what the pool committee has been working toward. Thank you for your time and effort, I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday night.

Sincerely,

Lee Davis

Click on link:

http://youtu.be/qrPW1DN7qng
Dear City Council,
I am a parent of children who swim in El Segundo. My husband and I both grew up swimming competitively and are happy that our kids have chosen to swim. We attend many swim meets throughout Southern California and have noticed that the big meets which bring in the most revenue for the city all have 50 meter pools with warm up pools. As our children head into long course season I am reminded of the shortcomings of the beloved Plunge. To compete on a national level the kids need to train at that level. Our kids will swim 50 meter races next week never having trained in a 50 meter pool. So, in my opinion, the best option for aquatics in our city is the Upgrade Option - 50 x 25 meter pool with second/warm up pool. This offers the most versatile Aquatic Center and the best opportunity for El Segundo swimmers to develop to their full potential.
Thank you,
Shanon Albertson
> > City Council,
> > Hello, I am writing in full support of El Segundo's proposed construction of a new pool. I am a long time resident of this city. I have valued the long aquatic history of this town and have been a competitive swimmer myself. I am respectfully asking the city council to approve the construction of a 50x25 meter pool with a warm up pool. The construction of this pool with these dimensions would not only be a benefit to our town but would also allow it to be regarded as a top swimming venue.
> > Respectfully,
> Bill Wilson
To All Council Members,

As a resident of El Segundo and a supporter of aquatics through our family's participation in the Armada swim team, we respectfully request that the council support the new proposed aquatics center. We ask for support of the upgrade option that allows a 50 x 25 meter pool with a second warm-up pool and feel that this will benefit the schools, the public at large, and will serve as an asset to the community for many years to come.

Sincerely,
The Beckett Family

Cindy Beckett, M.A.
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Dear all,

We've sent several correspondences and, also, met face-to-face yesterday with Greg Carpenter, El Segundo's City Manager, and Tom Johnstone, Wiseburn School District's Superintendent. We expended a great deal of effort to alert them to our safety, national security and disaster prevention concerns with allowing access to the campus via Duley Avenue. We recommended limiting access to N Douglas Street.

We are an international freight forwarding facility adjacent to the proposed Wiseburn School campus. Our operations are 24-hours a day and 7-days a week, during which there are constant freighter / truck / tractor / trailer traffic both to and from our facility. A variety of potential hazards to those wandering in to our dock area are: Exposure to hazardous / combustible / explosive materials, traffic accidents, injuries / mortality, etc. Our own staff, whom are very highly trained, are strictly prohibited access to this area. For that matter, both visitors and staff are cautioned to use extreme care while traversing our facility's entire perimeter.

A high number of our cargo is shipped via passenger aircraft; therefore, we are a TSA / C-TPAT / IACSSP / TAPA certified facility that is under constant inspection by US Customs, Homeland Security and various other government entities. Many large, bright yellow signs on the exterior of our building indicates we are a DSX facility; therefore, loitering on the premises by unknown persons is strictly forbidden. TSA receives no Government funding. Their only source of revenue are penalties. Their fines for a infractions can be up to $10,000 per offender (Trespasser) and their superiors (School Administrators and District / City Representatives).

Despite our sincerest efforts, we were horrified to learn yesterday, that the location under consideration for the driveway of a new aquatic facility, is directly across from our dock and visitor parking driveway with only an extremely narrow street, Duley Avenue, separating the two. Not only this, that swimming competitions will be held at the facility from 3PM; basically, during high freighter / passenger car traffic business hours. Meanwhile, the facility will be open all day, to the public, too. Also, students will be able to access and leave their school campus via the aquatic facility's parking area on Duley Avenue.

Neither Mr Carpenter nor Mr Johnstone were able to assure us that aquatic center visitors / students will be prevented from entering our very dangerous dock area. They said they will make an effort to notify Wiseburn students / faculty, but cannot guarantee 100% compliance. We are uncertain whether or how they intend to inform the general public and visiting swim competitors / spectators.

The location of the aquatic center's driveway on Duley, Mr Carpenter explained, was chosen because visitors to the aquatic center "will not want to drive around the block to North Douglas" and "student parking must be separate from public parking". We cannot help, but wonder: Is it not worthwhile for those utilizing the swim facility to drive an extremely short distance further to North Douglas Street, if it will ensure their own, students' and your City's protection: In terms of preventing bodily injury / death, property damage, lawsuits and TSA (Homeland Security) fines?

Our experience, professional expertise and just common human compassion / conscientiousness / courtesy, requires we alert you to the potential for irreversible tragedy. We are not only concerned about traffic accidents / damage to vehicles and pedestrian / driver deaths / injuries, which by themselves are alarming to consider. We are, also, concerned about freight security; adherence to Homeland Security guidelines to protect passenger airplane flights; and protecting the uninitiated (Students / Faculty / Visitors) from exorbitant fines.

With this in mind, we continue to recommend access to and from the new aquatic is restricted to North Douglas Street only. If a separate entrance from the student / faculty parking lot is required, for the protection of all, it can and should be located there.
Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Sincerely,

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