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PUBLIC COMMUNICATION - MISC. - PLUNGE RENOVATION

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Subject: Stop Plunge Renovation - Resident on Eucalyptus

Hi There -

I am a resident who lives on Eucalyptus Drive. I am an alumnus of LMU, where I played water polo, and have spent a considerable amount of time swimming and playing water polo at the Plunge. While a historic facility that, when operational, is a nice place to compete, the lack of continued renovation over time to keep the facility operating with efficiency has put a large amount of pressure to now spend millions on a renovation. Given the lack of focus by the city over decades to adequately maintain the facility, it DOES NOT make sense to spend the money now. There are many other ways to spend these dollars more effectively throughout the city. Put more simply, with an estimated cost of \$15 million, the renovation already exceeds the price of the El Segundo/Wiseburn Aquatic Center at \$13.7 million.

For that cost, El Segundo deserves to have outdoor, competition depth and instructional pools, not a costly renovation of an outdated indoor facility. El Segundo High School swim meets, and water polo games should be held in the heart of the city, where loyal fans and supporters can join them to celebrate a tradition of excellence in and out of the pool.

To properly honor Urho Saari and El Segundo's tradition of excellence in aquatics the facility should be raised and a new, outdoor facility should be built in its place that properly addresses the needs of the community while paying homage to a historic landmark.

Thank you,

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