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PUBLIC COMMUNICATION - MISC. - REPAIR URHO SAARI POOL

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**To:** ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS <ALLELECTEDOFFICIALS@elsegundo.org>

**Subject:** request to repair Urho Saari pool

Please see attached.

Thank you.



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Dear City Council Members,

I hope this letter finds you well. As a resident of El Segundo and a concerned member of our community, I am writing to urge you and our esteemed city council to consider accepting bids to modernize and update our local indoor pool. The pool has been a cherished institution in our city for many years, bringing joy and recreation to countless families.

The significance of our local pool continuing to be a recreational swim site cannot be overstated. Not only could it provide a source of revenue for our community, but it has serves as a vital resource for swimming lessons, catering to individuals of all ages. It is particularly important for our youth to learn water safety skills at a young age, especially considering our proximity to the ocean. Research has shown that introducing infants to water at an early age can significantly reduce their risk of drowning and instill a lifelong love for aquatic activities. Furthermore, for older individuals facing debilitating health issues, the buoyancy of water provides a low-impact environment for exercise and rehab. Having access to a modernized pool facility would greatly benefit our aging population by offering them a safe and enjoyable space to stay active and improve their overall well-being.

Additionally, being within walking distance of the high school, the pool would be an ideal location for teens further promoting athleticism and self-care through exercise among our students. Furthermore, our local pool serves as an excellent spot for families to hold birthday parties and other gatherings, fostering community connections and memorable experiences for our residents.

While I am sure you are handling Hyperion with the best of intentions, however with the challenges we face, such as the toxic fumes from the plant on the west side of town, having a pool to escape to becomes even more crucial. The ability to enjoy clean, outdoor recreational activities without exposure to potentially harmful chemicals is something our community deserves. Providing a safe and inviting space for residents to relax and exercise could significantly enhance the quality of life in El Segundo.

I strongly believe that investing in our local pool is not only a wise decision economically, but also a testament to your commitment to the well-being and happiness of your citizens. By upgrading the facilities, we can ensure that the pool remains a cornerstone of our community for generations to come.

I sincerely hope you will consider my request and support the initiative to bring our local pool up to date. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Regards,

