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To: City Clerk
Subject: Monroe Street Pool Improvements - WE SUPPORT

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My name is Darin Mingo and I am a 3+ year Carlsbad resident as well as a lifelong waterman. Along with my wife and 3 school age children, we utilize the Carlsbad Community Pools (both Alga Norte and Monroe) and realize their importance to the community. Our oldest, Kaikea, currently plays water polo for Carlsbad Water Polo Club with the intention of playing for Carlsbad High School next year. He spends plenty of time in the Monroe Pool. My wife and I will occasionally get our lap swimming in as well during a practice if the open lanes aren't too crowded. Expanding the pool would benefit our family, our local teams, our high school, and our community!

While we realize the pool will be out of commission during construction and may cause short-term hardships for teams/swimmers that would otherwise be using the pool, there will always be a (growing) need for more pool time availability. Our son's team(s) may need to make adjustments, but our almost 10 year old twins should be able to enjoy the expanded pool by the time they get to high school.

We support the pool improvements!

Sincerely,
Darin Mingo & Antoinette (Toni), Kaikea, Hana, and Seira

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From: njansson1@icloud.com
Sent: Monday, September 9, 2024 9:38 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Monroe Street New Pool .

Dear City Council,

I am a 21 year resident of Carlsbad. We have 2 children (Freshman and Sophomore) that attend Carlsbad High School and play water polo for the school and a local club.

Carlsbad is a prominent coastal city with a highly desired school district. Our family has visited multiple Southern California schools and Carlsbad seems to be on the very low end of pool amenities. Since the Monroe pool was built in 1982 the population has grown from roughly 35K to 115K+. Let me remind you that the name of our city comes from a spa and “bad” means to bathe / swim in European countries. Why are we not embracing this? Based on population growth alone, the Monroe pool should already be expanded and the city should be planning another to keep up with recreational needs and sporting events. New developments within Carlsbad are higher density and often offer small splash pools rather than lap pools. I speculate that more residents would swim if more facilities were built. Limited parking and small pool areas make swimming less attractive. It should also be noted that Carlsbad beaches are disappearing and no major efforts have been made on that subject. This also contributes to the need for future pool space.

After the recent Monroe pump disaster, selfishly, my first thought was “let them build the pool after my kids are done with high school”. This is due to how long it took to get the pump and get it installed. The pool was down for over six months and had a huge impact on local recreational swimmers, high school aquatics program, water polo, swim team, etc. Our quality of life shifted for the worse due to more driving, less pool time, no home games or swim meets, and some residents simply couldn’t make it over to Alga during the limited available times.

My biggest concern is the duration of construction listed as 18 months. Understanding the scope as an engineer and contractor, I contend that this facility can be built in as little as six months from demo to pool opening. The city should place large liquidated damages on the schedule and offer an incentive for contractors to shorten the construction time. Find a way to award the contract based on a time commitment rather than just low bid.

In conclusion, the Monroe Pool expansion is long overdue and lets make it the least impact to our community by getting it done as quickly as possible.

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