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**Subject:** New Monroe Street Pool

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Dear Sherry,

As a many years Carlsbad resident who has always felt that the City of Carlsbad has done a very good job creating infrastructure with excellent parks around the city, I am hoping to see that excellence continue with a new facility at the Monroe Street pool location with a new, larger pool and complex.

My family has enjoyed using the Carlsbad Parks for years including the pools at Alga Norte and Monroe Street, currently my older son is playing on the Frosh/Soph water polo team at Carlsbad High School, and my younger son is playing club water polo with the Carlsbad team. Additionally, my wife and I also swim laps when we can.

As you are no doubt aware, pool time is very difficult to come by due to the lack of pool space, especially during times when the pools are down with pump issues, etc., so often Carlsbad residents end up having to go elsewhere to get pool time, or young children are forced to swim during practice times late at night, especially on school nights.

Given how the city has grown, and how the residents are avid users of Carlsbad parks and pools, creating additional modernized pool space for residents seems like a no-brainer to bring the pool system up to a level with the rest of the park system, plus, with all of the high density housing going up around all over the city, additional capacity is a necessity, not a luxury!

I can not attend the city council meeting tonight, though I know many people in the Carlsbad swim community are planning to be there, but will you please relay to the Mayor and City Council how important a new and larger pool facility at Monroe Street is!

Thank you!

Best Regards,

*Mark W. Wilke*

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**From:** Vishal Amin <aminvj@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Strong Support for Monroe Street Pool (MSP) Improvement Project

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Dear City Clerk and Members of the City Council,

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the Monroe Street Pool (MSP) improvement project, which will be reviewed by the City Council on September 10th. As a long-time Carlsbad resident and a parent deeply engaged in the community, I have seen firsthand the vital role this facility plays in the lives of countless families, including my own. The proposed renovations are not just necessary; they are a crucial investment in the future of Carlsbad, benefiting both its residents and the local economy.

**\*\*The Proven Success of Past Projects\*\***

The success of Alga Norte Community Park serves as a shining example of how investment in public recreational spaces can enhance both community engagement and economic development. Alga Norte's cutting-edge design, top-tier amenities, and welcoming environment have become a major draw, significantly increasing local and regional visitation. It has become a hub not only for recreational activities but also for competitive events, boosting the local economy through increased tourism and patronage of nearby businesses. The Monroe Street Pool holds similar potential—its redevelopment can drive the same kind of success, turning an aging facility into a modern cornerstone for our community.

**\*\*Economic Impact and Long-Term Benefits\*\***

Beyond the immediate improvement in services and community access, the Monroe Street Pool renovation will generate tangible long-term economic benefits. The inclusion of energy-efficient systems such as the replacement solar water heating system and rooftop solar panels will reduce operational costs, contributing to Carlsbad's commitment to sustainability. Additionally, upgrading the pool's filtration systems and infrastructure will minimize maintenance expenses over time, offering substantial savings for the city. The expansion and modernization of the facility will also position Monroe Street Pool as a venue capable of hosting larger events, from swim meets to community gatherings, further driving economic activity in our area.

**\*\*Prioritizing Community Needs\*\***

It is essential to recognize that the voters of Carlsbad have already identified this project as a priority. The approved funds reflect the collective voice of the community, which understands the critical need for this improvement. The current facility, having served us for over four decades, is increasingly strained. Without timely investment, the pool will continue to degrade, leading to higher repair costs, potential safety concerns, and missed opportunities to serve the residents of Carlsbad. In contrast, a revitalized Monroe Street Pool will provide a space that meets the needs of families, students, and athletes for generations to come.

**\*\*A Personal Connection\*\***

For my family, the Monroe Street Pool has been more than a place to swim—it has been a cornerstone of our daily life and a space where my children have learned invaluable life lessons. From time management to discipline, the pool has provided a setting for personal growth that extends far beyond the water. The pool has also been integral in supporting Carlsbad High School's athletic success, helping cultivate young talent that excels both in sports and academics. The facility's impact on the youth of Carlsbad cannot be overstated.

**\*\*A Call to Invest in Our Future\*\***

I strongly urge the City Council to support this important project. The Monroe Street Pool has been a key asset to our community for over 40 years, and with these necessary improvements, it will continue to serve as an invaluable resource for future generations. This investment will not only enhance the quality of life for all Carlsbad residents but will also strengthen the economic and social fabric of our city.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this crucial project. I am confident that the City Council will recognize the transformative potential of this investment.

Sincerely,  
Vishal Amin  
Carlsbad Resident

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