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Subject: Request to prioritize a 50-meter public pool

Dear Chair Pierpont, Vice Chair Faltings, and Members of the Board,

I am writing as a Livermore resident to respectfully encourage the Board to prioritize the development of a publicly accessible 50-meter pool for our community.

Interest in aquatic sports and lap swimming in Livermore continues to grow, and it is important that our facilities are designed to meet both current demand and long-term community needs. Adequate space is essential to support recreational swimmers, youth programs, competitive teams, and lifelong fitness opportunities without excessive scheduling constraints.

Nearly every Northern California city comparable to Livermore in size already offers a 50-meter pool. Providing one here would bring our recreation infrastructure in line with regional standards and reflect the expectations of residents who value high-quality public facilities.

Great facilities promote greater participation, and there has never been a more important time to invest in youth activities and youth sports. Swimming stands out as a particularly strong investment: swimmers consistently rank among the athletes with the highest GPAs, and the sport fosters discipline, time management, and long-term healthy habits that extend well beyond athletics.

Swimming is also a truly lifelong sport. It is low impact, supports full-body fitness, improves circulation and mobility, and is accessible to people across ages and abilities. A 50-meter pool would allow Livermore to expand inclusive programming for youth, adults, seniors, and adaptive users while supporting both recreational and competitive use.

Additionally, given the age of the May Nissen facility, it is clear that an update or replacement will be necessary in the foreseeable future. As the District considers future pool development, I strongly urge the Board to choose a 50-meter design rather than a 35-yard pool. While a 50-meter pool is only approximately 30% longer, it provides significantly greater flexibility, capacity, and long-term value for the community.

Thank you for your time, leadership, and continued dedication to recreation, wellness, and quality of life in Livermore. I appreciate your consideration and hope you will make a 50-meter pool a priority in upcoming planning and investment discussions.

Sincerely,

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