

**From:** [A. Spehr](#)  
**To:** [CityCouncil-List](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] ASPA lease  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 3, 2023 7:08:53 PM

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Please shorten the length of the lease with ASPA. Or add some consequences for not fulfilling openness qualifications.

I found Kinderswim to be mostly useless, because of the extremely tight scheduling. Ruby Bridges TK got out ten minutes later than the other TKs. Plus ten minute travel time to get home. Plus get dressed for swimming. Skip any snack! Load back up... Got there halfway through.

I want to be able to pay a fee and swim. I don't want to have to volunteer or pay a membership fee.

Thank you,

Alex Spehr

**From:** [Trish Spencer](#)  
**To:** [Lara Weisiger](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] ASPA  
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**From:** Krista <klbramble@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 3, 2023 5:48:24 PM  
**To:** Trish Spencer  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] ASPA

Hello

I do not normally contact my representatives in government and am not active in politics.

I am making an exception in this case to support renewal of the ASPA lease.

I cannot fully explain or convey in mere written words the profound value and beauty that ASPA brings to all members of our community.

Please consider the good that this organization has done and will continue to do if the lease is renewed.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,  
Krista Bramble

**From:** [Trish Spencer](#)  
**To:** [Lara Weisiger](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] ASPA - Lincoln and Franklin Pools  
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**From:** Peg Magarian <pegmagarian@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 3, 2023 5:48:49 PM  
**To:** Trish Spencer  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] ASPA - Lincoln and Franklin Pools

Dear Ms. Spencer,

Please renew the lease for the Alameda Swimming Pool Association. This community resource is EXACTLY the essence of what it means to live in Alameda. I have been a member of the pool association for decades and a homeowner in Alameda since 1985.

Here's a few highlights:

1. It is far cheaper to join the pool association than it is to go to the public pools regularly.
2. It's great to get to know all your neighbors at the pool.
3. The kids' swim classes are fantastic - for that reason along, ASPA is totally cost effective.
4. A sense of ownership of this great resource is kindled in EVERYONE who belongs - what could be better than that.

ASPA is a longstanding and wonderful Alameda treasure. I implore you to renew the lease!

Respectfully,

Peg Magarian  
2807 Van Buren Street  
510-410-2665

**From:** [Trish Spencer](#)  
**To:** [Lara Weisiger](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: [EXTERNAL] ASPA lease renewal  
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From: Andrea <[abwilder@comcast.net](mailto:abwilder@comcast.net)>  
Date: Oct 3, 2023 3:40 PM  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] ASPA lease renewal  
To: Trish Spencer <[tspencer@alamedaca.gov](mailto:tspencer@alamedaca.gov)>  
Cc:

To our honorable mayor and city council members,  
It has been such a privilege to be able to enjoy outdoor swimming since I moved to Alameda in 1988. Countless kids have been taught at an early age to not fear water and be comfortable or even excel at swimming, exercise lasting the rest of their lives. Very few communities have such programs. I for one, did not growing up. Our senior citizens enjoy free low impact exercise twice weekly. We are so lucky to live in this city. I believe the pool programs are such an incredible asset and I encourage you to renew the pools' lease.  
Yours truly,  
Andrea Wilder

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** [Trish Spencer](#)  
**To:** [Lara Weisiger](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: [EXTERNAL] ASPA pool lease renewal  
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From: Marciana Flores <marciana.n.flores@gmail.com>  
Date: Oct 3, 2023 2:52 PM  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] ASPA pool lease renewal  
To: Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft <MEzzyAshcraft@alamedaca.gov>, Tony Daysog <TDaysog@alamedaca.gov>, Tracy Jensen <tjensen@alamedaca.gov>, Trish Spencer <tspencer@alamedaca.gov>, Malia Vella <MVella@alamedaca.gov>  
Cc:

Hi City Council,

The ASPA pool is very valuable to my family. I have grown up using the pool as a little girl and want to have the same for my kids. We don't have many pool options around the island so keeping these 2 pools accessible to our community is critical. I would recommend approval of renewing the lease please!

Thank you!

Marciana Flores

**From:** [Trish Spencer](#)  
**To:** [Lara Weisiger](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: [EXTERNAL] ASPA  
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From: Susan Myers <samsat@att.net>  
Date: Oct 3, 2023 1:31 PM  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] ASPA  
To: Trish Spencer <tspencer@alamedaca.gov>  
Cc:

Swimming is an essential part of my life, since I am too old to keep running. I swim a mile plus three days a week.  
My children and grandchildren learned to swim at Lincoln pool

Susan Myers  
3215 Garfield

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Trish Spencer](#)  
**To:** [Lara Weisiger](#)  
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From: Eileen Mooningham <[emooningham@gmail.com](mailto:emooningham@gmail.com)>  
Date: Oct 3, 2023 1:29 PM  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] ASPA lease renewal  
To: Trish Spencer <[tspencer@alamedaca.gov](mailto:tspencer@alamedaca.gov)>  
Cc:

Good afternoon Councilmember Herrera Spencer

I have been a member of the Lincoln/Franklin swimming pools since they opened in the 1950's. I learned to swim there and then went on to swim with the Alameda Swim Team. I have many fond memories of swim classes and weekend family time at the pools. I was able to gain many friendships through the years with my swimming companions that I still have to this day.

As an adult, I also became a member of the pools and taught my children to swim there. They went on to swim with the Alligator Swim Team and also became lifeguards and swim instructors when they were teenagers and young adults.

Now, as a grandparent, I have been teaching some of my grandchildren to be water safe. They are now starting classes with some very excellent instructors. I am enjoying watching them become confident in their skills and also having fun.

Three generations of my family have been benefiting from the services that the ASPA has provided and I am so thankful for that. I hope that you will consider renewing the lease so that families in Alameda can continue to benefit from this useful service.

Sincerely,  
Eileen Mooningham

**From:** [Trish Spencer](#)  
**To:** [Lara Weisiger](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: [EXTERNAL] ASPA Lease Renewal support  
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From: Simon Pyle <espyle@gmail.com>

Date: Oct 3, 2023 12:21 PM

Subject: [EXTERNAL] ASPA Lease Renewal support

To: Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft <MEzzyAshcraft@alamedaca.gov>, Tony Daysog <TDaysog@alamedaca.gov>, Tracy Jensen <tjensen@alamedaca.gov>, Trish Spencer <tspencer@alamedaca.gov>, Malia Vella <MVella@alamedaca.gov>

Cc:

Dear Mayor Ashcraft, Vice Mayor Daysog, and Councilmembers Jensen, Herrera Spencer and Vella,

I write as a member of the Alameda Swimming Pool Association on behalf of my family and another family, the Quandt/El-Afifi's, who asked me to write on their behalf as they handle a severe illness in the family.

I encourage you to renew the lease with ASPA. The pool and its volunteer-run association are an important element in Alameda's community.

I'm glad to see there are elements in the lease to increase access and equity to the pools for all Alamedans, and it seems there is new energy in the organization to improve the efficiency, communication, and openness to members and prospective members. I believe that this partnership between the city and the volunteer organization can provide an affordable, accessible swimming experience to the wide Alameda community.

Best,  
Simon Pyle



**From:** [Trish Spencer](#)  
**To:** [Lara Weisiger](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: [EXTERNAL] FRANKLIN AND LINCOLN POOL  
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From: elizabeth yosofzay <e.yosofzay@yahoo.com>  
Date: Oct 3, 2023 11:57 AM  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FRANKLIN AND LINCOLN POOL  
To: Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft <MEzzyAshcraft@alamedaca.gov>, Trish Spencer <tspencer@alamedaca.gov>, tdaysong@alamedaca.gov, Tracy Jensen <tjensen@alamedaca.gov>, Malia Vella <MVella@alamedaca.gov>  
Cc:

Dear Mayor Ashcroft and City Council Members.

My name is Elizabeth Yosofzay-Mendoza and I live across the street from Franklin park and pool. My family has lived in our home since the 1940s and before the pool was even built. My mother learned to swim at this pool with the founders & creators Frank Weeden and Mr. Stolte. Not only did my mother learn to swim there but so did my sister, daughter and myself. My sister and I swam on the alligators swim team. The pool has been a staple in my family. My nephew is 8 months old and I hope that he too will have the opportunity to learn to swim at Franklin Pool. So many of my neighbors share the same story as I.

Franklin pool was and has taught so many of our children in Alameda to swim including the free kingerswim classes that are so important. Kids learn how to be water safe, this is especially important as we live on an island. I'm sure the water safety lessons that they have learned has not only saved lives but also brought an appreciation to the physical exercise of swimming.

The pool is not just a place to swim it is a community. Isn't that what the city wants! We have a wonderful community of swimmers. I take great joy in hearing the families having fun at the pool and park.

Please think of the impact you will be making to our community when you are making decisions like renewing the lease.

We are alameda strong!

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Yosofzay-Mendoza

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**From:** [Trish Spencer](#)  
**To:** [Lara Weisiger](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: [EXTERNAL] In support of Alameda Swimming Pool Association  
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From: Laura Chinnavaso <auntielaura64@yahoo.com>

Date: Oct 3, 2023 11:07 AM

Subject: [EXTERNAL] In support of Alameda Swimming Pool Association

To: Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft <MEzzyAshcraft@alamedaca.gov>, Tony Daysog <TDaysog@alamedaca.gov>, Tracy Jensen <tjensen@alamedaca.gov>, Trish Spencer <tspencer@alamedaca.gov>, Malia Vella <MVella@alamedaca.gov>

Cc:

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing in support of the Alameda Swimming Pool Association (ASPA). My family of 4 kids has found tremendous value in being able to pay one annual membership to give us flexible access to the pool including daily lessons in the summer. As someone who did not learn to swim as a child, it has been a priority for me to make sure my kids are all water safe. The ASPA teachers, guards and volunteers have all done a wonderful job in providing a safe and effective system for teaching children to swim. It has been a financial and logistical lifesaver for my family, as we have found scheduling lessons with ARPD to be far too rigid and cost ineffective for our family.

Thank you so much for your consideration in renewing the lease to ASPA.

Thank you,

Laura Chinnavaso

**From:** [Trish Spencer](#)  
**To:** [Lara Weisiger](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Alameda Pool Association  
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From: Ivana Krajcinovic <[unionivana@yahoo.com](mailto:unionivana@yahoo.com)>  
Date: Oct 3, 2023 11:09 AM  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Alameda Pool Association  
To: Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft <[MEzzyAshcraft@alamedaca.gov](mailto:MEzzyAshcraft@alamedaca.gov)>, Tony Daysog <[TDaysog@alamedaca.gov](mailto:TDaysog@alamedaca.gov)>, Tracy Jensen <[tjensen@alamedaca.gov](mailto:tjensen@alamedaca.gov)>, Malia Vella <[MVella@alamedaca.gov](mailto:MVella@alamedaca.gov)>, Trish Spencer <[tspencer@alamedaca.gov](mailto:tspencer@alamedaca.gov)>  
Cc:

Dear Alameda City Council,

I urge you to renew the lease for the Alameda Pool Association. I started swimming at Franklin pool during the pandemic - it was one of the few safe places to do the sort of exercise I need for my physical and mental health. We have a nice community and we pay and volunteer to keep it running.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ivana Krajcinovic  
949 Buena Vista Ave., Alameda 94501  
(510) -

**From:** [Trish Spencer](#)  
**To:** [Lara Weisiger](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Please approve the ASPA lease  
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From: Deborah Sullivan <cdisullivan@gmail.com>

Date: Oct 3, 2023 11:29 AM

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please approve the ASPA lease

To: Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft <MEzzyAshcraft@alamedaca.gov>, Tony Daysog  
<TDaysog@alamedaca.gov>, Tracy Jensen <tjensen@alamedaca.gov>, Trish Spencer  
<tspencer@alamedaca.gov>, Malia Vella <MVella@alamedaca.gov>

Cc:

Hello,

I am writing as an Alameda resident who swims at Lincoln pool. I am writing to urge you to approve the lease for Lincoln and Franklin pools.

I'll be honest, if rec wants to take over the pools and staff them during the day so that anyone in the area has access to them, then I am all for it. But if the Alameda government can't provide this service, please don't shut these pools down. I know you plan to open a swim center in Jean Sweeny park and that's great. But we need to be able to swim now. Everyday.

I am in my 60's and need this pool for my health. There really is no other choice for me in Alameda. I cannot join a private club. I have bad feet and cannot do many other exercises.

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Best,

Deb

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**From:** [Trish Spencer](#)  
**To:** [Lara Weisiger](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Alameda Swimming Pool Association  
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From: Pierre Devaux <pdevaux@point-blue.com>  
Date: Oct 3, 2023 11:16 AM  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Alameda Swimming Pool Association  
To: Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft <MEzzyAshcraft@alamedaca.gov>, Tony Daysog <TDaysog@alamedaca.gov>, Tracy Jensen <tjensen@alamedaca.gov>, Trish Spencer <tspencer@alamedaca.gov>, Malia Vella <MVella@alamedaca.gov>  
Cc:

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

I believe that the ASPA lease renewal is on the meeting agenda for tonight, and I simply wanted to voice my support for ASPA. Ever since moving to Alameda 5 years ago, my family has been benefiting from access to both Franklin and Lincoln pools via the ASPA.

We find the pools to be convenient, easily accessible, and well-maintained. It's a fantastic alternative to private clubs like the Claremont or The Hills, which are both out of reach, financially, for our family.

I hope that you're able to vote for the lease renewal in order to keep ASPA operating in Alameda.

Thank you,  
Pierre Devaux  
Alameda, CA

**From:** [John Jacobs](#)  
**To:** [CityCouncil-List](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Pending lease renewal for ASPA  
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Please vote in the affirmative to approve the lease negotiated between ASPA and City Of Alameda. In my view, it's not perfect but it allows ASPA to continue its mission and service to the City of Alameda, which it has done for more than 50 years.

Regards,

John Jacobs

25+ year ASPA volunteer and member

4th generation Alameda resident

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Marilyn Alwan](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Correspondence for city council agenda 10.3.23 meeting: item 7-B  
**Date:** Monday, October 2, 2023 4:04:36 PM

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2 October 2023

To Mayor and City Council Members:

The recently discussed Strategic Plan included approval of the agreement for the Lincoln and Franklin pools and the expansion of community access.

The Franklin Park pool is open to seniors two morning per week for one and one half hour each morning. That translates to one half hour per day and one hour per week to swim. Also there are always seniors waiting and sharing swim lanes.

I am a senior and a strong swimmer but am unable to qualify for Red Cross certification and so am unable to purchase an Alameda Swimming Pool Association membership.

I certainly do appreciate the use of the pool at Franklin Park. On behalf of myself and the senior swimmers in Alameda I write to request that the senior swim program be expanded.

Thank you.

Marilyn Alwan

**From:** [Betsy Mathieson](#)  
**To:** [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Malia Vella](#); [Trish Spencer](#); [Tracy Jensen](#)  
**Cc:** [Lara Weisiger](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] October 3, 2023, City Council Agenda Item 7-B -- SUPPORT  
**Date:** Sunday, October 1, 2023 1:51:09 PM

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Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council:

I want to thank City staff for their hard work in negotiating a new lease with the Alameda Swimming Pool Association (ASPA). I urge you to approve the lease.

Operation of the swimming pools at Franklin and Lincoln Parks by ASPA allows the City of Alameda to leverage public tax dollars. As an ASPA member, both my membership dues and my volunteer hours provide a much-needed resource for Alameda residents – two inviting, safe, clean, and healthy swimming pool facilities that serve a need more commonly met, in other cities, by local government.

For years I contributed the minimum number of volunteer hours required of ASPA members – serving as a guard for Family Swim sessions a total of 6 hours a year. My family and I benefitted from the volunteer efforts of other members who not only served as guards but also maintained the plumbing and mechanical equipment, tested and balanced the water chemistry, cleaned the pools and the dressing rooms, took out the garbage and recycling, pruned the shrubs, watered the flowers, and taught hundreds of children to swim.

Now that I'm retired, I volunteer as the Thursday morning pool guard for Senior Swim sessions. I enjoy giving Alameda seniors an opportunity, free of charge, to exercise and socialize in a welcoming environment.

I urge you to authorize the City Manager to execute the lease agreement with ASPA. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Betsy Mathieson

Alameda



9/27/23

Dear Councilmember:

I am a long-time resident of Alameda and I have been a member of the ASPA for 20 years. Please renew our lease. It is especially important now since Alameda has no aquatics program. We provide many services to the community of Alameda—for example Senior swim (for the last couple of weeks, there have been more seniors than we can accommodate. It is a very popular program.) Beside Senior Swim, which is free, we have other free programs—Kinder Swim, swim lessons for children and scholarships for people who cannot afford the membership fee. Recently a family of 6 (refugees from Haiti) received free membership for the whole family. Also, children from Alameda point have come 6 or 7 times during the summer. At first some of them were very afraid of the water, but after even one session, many of them have learned to swim. The majority of these children are African American, and if you know the history of African Americans and swimming pools, you know how important that is. Also, the pools have operated on volunteer help, and everything gets done. Until the city of Alameda can provide these services, our pools are essential. Please renew our lease.

Sincerely,



Gina Shepard

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