

# Update and Input on Emma Hood Swim Center at Alameda High School

City Council

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# Recent Background

- Swim Center is approximately 60 years old. The swim pool was last retrofitted in 1990 and the dive pool was retrofitted in the mid-1980s.
- Through a Joint Use Agreement, AUSD currently operates and maintains pools.
- Alameda County Dept. of Environmental Health (ACDEH) issued Notice of Health Concerns and informed AUSD that facility will be “red-tagged” in May after school swim season.
- Staff worked with ACDEH staff with a general agreement to address immediate safety concerns combined with providing a long-term full swim center replacement plan.

# Input Process

- Ad-Hoc Committee meets weekly – 2 councilmembers, 2 AUSD board members and 1 youth representative, staff and 3 aquatic community members.
- Community focus group with full input that liaisons relay back to Ad-Hoc Committee.
- The Committee formed current recommendations from this successful collaborative approach.

# Code Violations Repair Plan

- Refinish the plaster in dive pool.
- Repair areas of concern on concrete pool deck.
- Address air leak that affects required water turnover rate.
- Other smaller issues being addressed.
- If approved by ACDEH, then Swim Center will close end of May, repairs will be completed and inspected throughout the summer with the Swim Center opening for the start of school.



# New Aquatic Facility - Components

- 30 meter to 50 meter competition pool
- 25 yard pool that can be used for practice, warm up, swim lessons and recreational swim with zero depth entry, which is especially helpful for seniors, disabled and young children
- Lighting for evening programming
- Recreational splash play structure
- Modernized locker rooms
- Sufficient seating areas with bleachers and open lawn for pop-up tents
- A multi-use room for training, classes, and birthday parties
- Concession/snack bar
- Picnic area.

# New Aquatic Facility - Potential Locations

- 10 sites considered by the Committee with two priority locations
- Existing site at **Emma Hood Swim Center** with added space that doubles the size.
  - Tighter fit but can incorporate all desired components
  - Existing infrastructure
  - Close to parking and transit
- Site at **Thompson Field**
  - Large amount of space
  - Requires relocating field and significantly affects the timeline and certainty
  - Additional cost for infrastructure and onsite parking
  - Less desired by the Committee overall
- Neither site has been vetted yet with broader community

# New Aquatic Facility - Additional Info

- City responsible for funding, construction and operation/maintenance
- Serves both competitive and recreation needs.
- Both sites identified are on AUSD owned land and City may request a land transfer agreement to build a city facility.

# Next Steps – Repair and Re-open

- Authorize funding for immediate repair work – not to exceed a total amount of \$350,000. 70% paid by City and 30% by AUSD. Pending authorization from AUSD.
- Total is anticipated to be lower but included significant contingency based on current discussions with ACDEH staff.
- ACDEH to formally confirm scope of repair work by mid-May. AUSD staff to schedule contractors and conduct work during June – July.
- Swim Center to re-open once repairs complete and approved by ACDEH.



# Next Steps – Long-term Plan

- Finalize the general components and location of the aquatic facility.
- City and AUSD to finalize an MOU outlining the overall scope of the aquatic facility and location as well as responsibilities, land transfer and milestones.
- Begin to identify potential funding sources and options for construction.

# Discussion and Direction