

From: [Artie Cortez](#)
To: [CITYCOUNCIL-List](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter of Support for City Aquatic Center Funding
Date: Tuesday, July 7, 2026 1:02:49 AM

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council:

I am writing as a member of Alameda Aquatic Masters to express my strong support for the City Aquatic Center project, including the proposed additional funding for the project enhancements.

The new Aquatic Center will help maintain and expand aquatic programming in Alameda for people of all ages and abilities, providing opportunities for recreation, fitness, swim lessons, and competitive swimming for years to come.

I also strongly support including the competition timing system, scoreboard, and related equipment. These features will allow local teams to host swim meets and competitions in Alameda and will enable ARPD to bring back the City's historic Swim Meet, which has not been held for several years.

I respectfully encourage you to approve both the construction contract and the proposed project enhancements. This is an investment that will benefit the Alameda community for generations. Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,

Artie

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council:

I am writing to express my strong support for awarding the construction contract for the City Aquatic Center, including the proposed additional funding for the project enhancements.

As an Alameda resident, President of the Alameda Aquatic Masters Board of Directors, and someone who has been swimming for more than 26 years, I have seen firsthand how important aquatic facilities are to a healthy and connected community.

My five-year-old son has participated in ARPD swim lessons for the past three years, but our family ultimately joined the Alameda Swimming Pool Association because of the lack of publicly available aquatic opportunities through City programs, particularly for family swim. While we are grateful the ASPA exists, it underscores the need for a City-owned aquatic facility that provides greater access for all Alameda residents.

The reopening of the Alameda High School Swim Center later this year will be a tremendous asset for our community, and I look forward to seeing it back in operation. However, even before the closure of Emma Hood Swim Center, demand for aquatic space in Alameda exceeded what the high school pools could accommodate. In addition, the primary purpose of the high school facilities is to serve Alameda Unified School District students and programs. A City-owned aquatic center is essential to meeting the broader recreational, instructional, fitness, and competitive aquatic needs of the community.

Many other cities throughout Alameda County operate their own aquatic centers, providing year-round access to learn-to-swim programs, youth swim teams and water polo, recreational swimming, adult fitness, Masters swimming, and aquatic exercise. Alameda deserves the same opportunity to invest in aquatic programming that serves residents of all ages and abilities.

I also strongly support including the competition timing system, scoreboard, and related equipment. These enhancements will allow local teams to host swim meets and competitions in Alameda, bring visitors into our community, and enable ARPD to once again host the City's historic Swim Meet, which has not been held for several years.

The City Aquatic Center has been discussed for many years and remains one of Alameda's most anticipated recreation projects. Even if approved now, the facility is still approximately two and a half years away from opening. Delaying this decision further only postpones a long-needed community asset that residents have been waiting for far too long. I respectfully urge the Council to move this project forward and deliver a City-owned aquatic center that will benefit Alameda for generations.

Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment to the future of aquatics in Alameda.

Sincerely,

Drew Swartz

Alameda Resident

President, Alameda Aquatic Masters Board of Directors

Vice Chair, Alameda Recreation and Park Commission (*listed for identification purposes only*)

From: [Holly Johnson](#)
To: [CITYCOUNCIL-List](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support of the aquatic center
Date: Monday, July 6, 2026 11:51:58 AM

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council:

I'm a member of Alameda Aquatic Masters, and I'm writing to voice my strong support for the City Aquatic Center project, including the additional funding being proposed for the project enhancements such as the timing system.

This new Aquatic Center means a lot to our community. It will help keep aquatic programming alive and growing in Alameda for people of all ages and abilities — giving folks the chance to swim for recreation, fitness, lessons, and competition for years to come.

I especially want to voice my support for the competition timing system, scoreboard, and related equipment. These additions would let us host swim meets right here in Alameda, and would finally allow ARPD to bring back the City's historic Swim Meet.

I hope you'll approve both the construction contract and the proposed enhancements. This is an investment that will pay off for the Alameda community for generations to come.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Holly Johnson

Shoreline Drive

From: [Marina Stankov-Hodge](#)
To: [CITYCOUNCIL-List](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]
Date: Monday, July 6, 2026 6:21:29 AM

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council:

I am writing as a member of MEMO swim team to express my strong support for the City Aquatic Center project, including the proposed additional funding for the project enhancements.

The new Aquatic Center will help maintain and expand aquatic programming in Alameda for people of all ages and abilities, providing opportunities for recreation, fitness, swim lessons, and competitive swimming for years to come.

I also strongly support including the competition timing system, scoreboard, and related equipment. These features will allow local teams to host swim meets and competitions in Alameda and will enable ARPD to bring back the City's historic Swim Meet, which has not been held for several years.

I respectfully encourage you to approve both the construction contract and the proposed project enhancements. This is an investment that will benefit the Alameda community for generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Marina Stankov-Hodge

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From: [Laurel Orduña](#)
To: [CITYCOUNCIL-List](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City Aquatic Center
Date: Sunday, July 5, 2026 6:15:44 PM

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council:

I am writing as a member of Alameda Aquatic Masters to express my strong support for the City

Aquatic Center project, including the proposed additional funding for the project enhancements.

The new Aquatic Center will help maintain and expand aquatic programming in Alameda for people of all ages and abilities, providing opportunities for recreation, fitness, swim lessons, and

competitive swimming for years to come.

I also strongly support including the competition timing system, scoreboard, and related equipment. These features will allow local teams to host swim meets and competitions in Alameda and will enable ARPD to bring back the City's historic Swim Meet, which has not been

held for several years.

I respectfully encourage you to approve both the construction contract and the proposed project

enhancements. This is an investment that will benefit the Alameda community for generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Laurel Orduña

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From: [Darrah Jones](#)
To: [CITYCOUNCIL-List](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Alameda City Aquatic Center project
Date: Sunday, July 5, 2026 5:37:17 PM

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council:

I am writing as a member of Alameda Aquatic Masters to express my strong support for the City Aquatic Center project, including the proposed additional funding for the project enhancements.

The new Aquatic Center will help maintain and expand aquatic programming in Alameda for people of all ages and abilities, providing opportunities for recreation, fitness, swim lessons, and competitive swimming for years to come.

I also strongly support including the competition timing system, scoreboard, and related equipment. These features will allow local teams to host swim meets and competitions in Alameda and will enable ARPD to bring back the City's historic Swim Meet, which has not been held for several years.

I respectfully encourage you to approve both the construction contract and the proposed project enhancements. This is an investment that will benefit the Alameda community for generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Darrah Jones, MSW, LCSW #127653
(385) 645-7640

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As always, if you experience a medical and/or psychiatric emergency please call 911 or present in the nearest Emergency Department. Should you need to speak to someone urgently, you may text 988 at any time, or HOME to 741741.

Below are a list of additional resources:

RAINN National Sexual Assault Hotline: 1-800-656-4673

National Domestic Violence Hotline: Call **1-800-799-SAFE**, Text 'Start' to **88788** or **Chat Online**

SAMHSA's National Helpline: Call **1-800-662-4357**

California Peer-Run Warmline: Call or Text **1-855-600-9276**

National Alliance on Mental Illness: Call **1-800-950-6264** or Text "Helpline" to **62640**

LGBTQ+ National Hotline: Call **1-888-843-4564**

Trans Lifeline: Call **1-877-565-8860**

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From: [Meeti Sudame](#)
To: [CITYCOUNCIL-List](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for the City's Aquatic Center
Date: Sunday, July 5, 2026 4:29:20 PM

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Members of the City Council:

I am writing as an Alameda Resident and member of Alameda Aquatic Masters to express my strong support for the City Aquatic Center project, including the proposed additional funding for the project enhancements.

The new Aquatic Center will help maintain and expand aquatic programming in Alameda for people of all ages and abilities, providing opportunities for recreation, fitness, swim lessons, and competitive swimming for years to come. As you likely know, the East Bay particularly is lacking in sufficient aquatic facilities to support the adult and children aquatic community. Most of the existing facilities are older and in need of significant and expensive repairs. A new aquatic facility will help improve our community's access to swimming lessons, including water safety, which is important for Alameda residents as we are surrounded by water.

I also strongly support including the competition timing system, scoreboard, and related equipment. These features will allow local teams to host swim meets and competitions in Alameda and will enable ARPD to bring back the City's historic Swim Meet, which has not been held for several years.

I respectfully encourage you to approve both the construction contract and the proposed project enhancements. This is an investment that will benefit the Alameda community for generations. We look forward to swimming in the new pool one day!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Meeti Sudame

From: [Rapha](#)
To: [CITYCOUNCIL-List](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Aquatic center construction
Date: Saturday, July 4, 2026 12:02:23 PM

Dear Mayor and City Council Members

As a participant in the Alameda Aquatic Masters program, I wanted to reach out and voice my enthusiastic support for the upcoming City Aquatic Center project, as well as the proposed funding boost for its enhancements.

The new Aquatic Center is vital to protecting and growing local aquatic programs. It ensures that Alamedans of all ages and skill level will have access to recreation, fitness, swimming lessons, and competitive swimming for years to come.

Furthermore, I fully endorse the inclusion of the scoreboard, competition timing system, and accompanying hardware. Equipping the facility with these features means our local teams can host meets right here in Alameda. It also gives ARPD the tools needed to revive our community's historic City Swim Meet, which has been sorely missed during its multi-year absence.

I respectfully encourage you to approve the construction contract along with the proposed funding for these project enhancements. This is an investment in our infrastructure that will pay dividends for generations to come

Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,

Raphael Casaes

From: [Dave](#)
To: [CITYCOUNCIL-List](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter of Support for City Aquatic Center Funding
Date: Saturday, July 4, 2026 9:27:28 AM

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council:

I am writing as a member of Alameda Aquatic Masters to express my strong support for the City Aquatic Center project, including the proposed additional funding for competitive swimming enhancements.

Alameda currently has limited competitive swimming options for youth and adults alike. As an island city, our residents deserve modern, accessible aquatic facilities close to home rather than having to travel off-island for quality competitive pool access. The new Aquatic Center is an opportunity to change that—not just for Alameda, but for the entire East Bay, which currently lacks a dedicated modern competitive pool facility.

I strongly urge the City to fully invest in competitive swimming technologies, including the competition timing system, scoreboard, and related equipment. These upgrades would elevate the Aquatic Center from a community pool to a true competitive venue capable of hosting swim meets, invitationals, and championship events. This would allow all local teams to host first-class competitive meets in Alameda, enable ARPD to revive the City's historic Swim Meet after several years' absence, and position Alameda as a year-round destination for swimmers from across the region.

A modern competitive facility of this caliber would fill a real gap in the East Bay, drawing swim clubs, schools, and masters teams that currently have nowhere comparable to compete. It would also provide our own youth and adult swimmers with the year-round training environment they need to develop and compete at higher levels, right here at home.

I respectfully encourage you to approve both the construction contract and the proposed project enhancements. This is an investment that will pay dividends for the Alameda community, and the broader region, for generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dave Hauser

From: [Celeste L.](#)
To: [CITYCOUNCIL-List](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City Aquatic Center
Date: Saturday, July 4, 2026 7:12:08 AM
Attachments: [image.png](#)

July 4, 2025

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Members of the City Council:

I am writing as a member of Alameda Aquatic Masters to express my strong support for the City Aquatic Center project, including the proposed additional funding for the project enhancements.

The new Aquatic Center will help maintain and expand aquatic programming in Alameda for people of all ages and abilities, providing opportunities for recreation, fitness, swim lessons, and competitive swimming for years to come.

I also *strongly support* including the competition timing system, scoreboard, and related equipment. These features will allow local teams to host swim meets and competitions in Alameda and will enable ARPD to bring back the City's historic Swim Meet, which has not been held for several years.

I respectfully ask you to approve both the construction contract and the proposed project enhancements. This would be an investment that benefits the Alameda community for generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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