

April 22, 2021

Chairs Johnson, Steiner-Hayward, and Rayfield, and members of the Committee:

My name is Peter Vince and I am one of the board members for the Greater Toledo Pool Recreation District. I have been involved in aquatics my whole life. I swam as a competitive age group swimmer for 10 years. I have competed as a master's swimmer at various times in my adulthood. I have taught swimming and managed pools. I have coached age group and high school swim teams. And now, at age 64, I am part of the Mavericks Masters Swim Team at the Greater Toledo Pool.

The Greater Toledo Pool is a great place to swim though it is over 70 years old. The staff and programs really fill a need for swimming instruction in an area that is surrounded by water; the beautiful Yaquina River, the incomparable Siletz River, the Olalla Reservoir, and the Pacific Ocean.

The Toledo Pool has offered swimming lessons for multiple generations of families. Countless kids have learned to swim at the pool. They learned to swim well by participating in the city and high school swim teams over the years. This is a key point. We need a pool to teach kids to swim well. We live in an area where dog paddling just won't do. Kids need to be solid in the water.

Our 70 year old pool has seen better days and isn't going to last much longer. The rivers and the ocean aren't going away. The need for people to know how to swim and to swim well isn't going away. Please help us to provide for the next three generations of east Lincoln County by helping us replace our facility with a renewed Greater Toledo Aquatic and Community Center. It will make a difference for the next 70 years.

Sincerely,

Peter Vince  
Vice President, Greater Toledo Pool Recreation District