

Dear Chairs Girod and Holvey, and members of the Committee:

My name is Ron George and I attended school in Newport starting in 1963. Now I am a retired Oceanographer living in the San Diego area. I am writing in support of the Greater Toledo Aquatic and Community Center.

My interest in the Greater Toledo Pool Recreation District is that our family moved to Newport in 1963 and found that there was no public pool. My sister and I were competitive swimmers. We were pleasantly surprised to discover the Toledo pool and swim team. Although we lived in Newport, we were welcomed warmly to the Toledo swim team. The coaches were excellent, new friends were made, and the team was very good. On some days we and other Newport swimmers traveled up the river to practice workouts in our 15' skiff. Some days we picked up a swimmer who lived on the other side of the river. The Toledo pool allowed us to make long-time friends and continue swimming through our lives. I'll never forget those days.

It's important for the Greater Toledo Pool to continue these services to communities in East Lincoln County. I am writing in support of funding for the Greater Toledo Aquatic and Community Center so that East Lincoln County communities will have the benefits we had. Materials for this request have been submitted by Representative David Gomberg.

We appreciate your consideration of a Capital Construction grant for the Greater Toledo Aquatic and Community Center. This funding is important to the communities in East Lincoln County.

Sincerely,  
Ron George