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On Behalf  
Of:

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My name is Josh Mink. I am the Athletics Director at Ontario High School. Improvements to Ontario Community Recreation Center and resources is necessary. Ontario has limited spaces for program development of youth athletics and activities. Those limits equate to extended wear and tear on existing community resources, but can also limit the number of participants due to lack of space. The recreation department, school district and other community organizations do an outstanding job of scheduling those spaces. However, in school district owned spaces, youth recreation often fills in the empty time slots that are not always convenient for families in Ontario.

The construction of a Community Resource Center will allow for expanded opportunities for the entire community. The addition of a pool in the city of Ontario will also allow Ontario High School to consider the addition of a Swim Team. This is something that has not been available to OHS students in the past. In addition to the expansion of High School sponsored opportunities, youth recreation opportunities will also be expanded. This will reinforce excitement in athletics and activities at the younger ages, only to promote participation in Athletics and Activities at the high school level.

In addition to creating space and opportunities for Ontario youth, this project will help build the "curb appeal" in Ontario, The Treasure Valley continues to expand at a rapid rate, projects like these will help attract families moving to the Treasure Valley to consider Ontario as a desirable place to raise their families. Projects like these help to expand opportunities for families.

In closing I would like to that the committee for their consideration of this project. This is a necessary project in our community that will have a far reaching impact for many years.