

This letter is to support funding to repair and restore operation to Osborn Aquatic Center in Corvallis for the economic impact it has to local business and the quality of life benefits.

Events at Osborn bring in \$1.5M to the Corvallis community

In addition to all the qualitative life benefits of water safety, health, exercise and community enrichment activities it provides for small children, families, up to seniors, it has a significant economic impact to the businesses in Corvallis. From the water polo meets, high school routine meets, district meets, several Corvallis Aquatic Team meets, Oregon Senior Games, Oregon Special Olympics, the people that attend these activities shop, dine, and stay in lodging at nearby businesses.

The several Corvallis Aquatic Team meets, Oregon Senior Games, Special Olympics, have attendance from all over Oregon and some Idaho, Washington, and Northern California, and these welcome visitors stay in hotels for the multiple all-day events. They will purchase their 3 meals/day at local business and plus any business while in town. These events have estimated 100-200+ multi-families in attendance.

Fairly certain the hotels, and nearby business, if review their revenue statistics this past year with historical revenue of these event weekends, there will be a noticeable deficit. Not a game-changer, but especially on Saturday mornings after swim practice, a group of swimmers will walk over to Market of Choice - this did not occur for the weeks Osborn was shutdown since September 2024.

Osborn employs >100 hourly wage employees (important for high school & college students). These incomes return back in revenue to the local businesses.

Thank you for your support,

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Corvallis resident for 27 years

4 Corvallis Aquatic Team swimmers spanning 2010-present