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On Behalf Of: Alto Swim Club  
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On  
Capital Construction  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB5531

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express strong support for continued funding for the Osborne Aquatic Center.

This kind of facility plays a very important role in developing athletes and hosting local and regional swim meets for swimmers within the community and across the state and West Coast. These events not only bring hundreds of families into the area (boost local restaurants, hotels, and businesses), they also provide life-shaping experiences for athletes of all ages.

At our club alone, we serve more than 600 swimmers, many of whom travel with the team to meets across the West Coast. For these athletes, pools like Osborne are more than just a venue, they are windows into a broader world of opportunity. We want to build a view of swimming that extends beyond the immediate neighborhood and shows a pathway for swimming to open doors and expand each athlete's world and experience.

The loss of Osborne would be more than disappointing, it would be a step backward for youth sports and community engagement. I urge you to recognize the center's impact and to continue supporting a facility that uplifts athletes, families, and entire communities.

Sincerely,  
Laura Mitchell  
Head Coach, Alto Swim Club