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As a resident of Corvallis from 1971 to 2007 (36 years), I have always had pride in the city's construction of Osborn Aquatic Center. My daughter trained there while she was on the Crescent Valley Swim Team. As a toddler, our son took swimming lessons there. As a family we regularly frequented the facility and thoroughly enjoyed it.

Having won gold in swimming (2 events) in the 2023 Senior Games in Ft Lauderdale, FL., I was keen (summer 2024) to qualify for the 2025 games in Des Moines, Iowa. The state in which I reside (Arizona) did not offer me that opportunity, whereas Oregon did. The venue last summer was none other than Osborn Aquatic Center. The staff are recognized professionals, and my times in three events qualified me for the 2025 games (July) in which I will be competing.

The cost of restoring the Center is significant. But interested parties have developed a systematic way of accomplishing the task; it begins with solid support from this legislature.

Please vote in support of five million dollars that will ensure future swimmers quality facilities in Corvallis. Thank you for reading and considering these thoughts.