

Submitter: Christina Coy  
On Behalf Of: Osborn Aquatic Center  
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Capital Construction  
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Good morning,

I am writing to provide my support for funding to repair Osborn Aquatic Center.

We live in Salem, but my kids swim for Corvallis Aquatic Team. We have been making the commute for over four years, sometimes twice a day. Why would we do that? Because it is a world-class organization running at a world-class facility. My kids have made lifelong friends and learned lifelong skills at CAT. They have learned amazing lessons about hard work and perseverance. They have learned the importance of sportsmanship and fitness. They have succeeded in ways many never will.

Osborn is a key part of their success. When we changed teams (from Salem to Corvallis), one of the first things I noticed was the pool space. It was AMAZING. There was so much going on! Besides the fact that there were enough lanes for all the swim team kids to effectively practice (a luxury not often found here in Salem), there were little kids taking vitally important swim lessons. There were seniors doing vitally important aqua aerobics. There were adults of all ages lap-swimming. All of this happens together, because the facility is so exceptional. I could just relax and enjoy watching my kids swim.

Osborn is one of a very small number of 50 meter pools in the State of Oregon. As long course pools go, it is one of only two that can actually host large, championship level meets. It draws teams from other states. It is a wonderful facility.

Please consider providing funding for the Osborn Aquatic Center roof repair. Getting that pool back up and running would mean so much to the community — swim team (not only CAT, but both local high schools as well), swimming lessons, general fitness for all who use it, and for the surrounding businesses who benefit significantly from the thousands of people who attend the big swim meets and other events.

Thank you,  
Christina Coy  
Resident of Salem, Mom of CAT swimmers, in support of Osborn Aquatic Center roof project