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My name is Mark Worden. I was the Aquatics Director at Osborn Aquatic Center (OAC) from 1980 to 2007. Since that time I have continued to swim with the Masters Swim Team at OAC.

Having seen the impact that OAC has on the state of Oregon, the county of Benton County and the City of Corvallis, I want to express my passionate support for the measure that would keep OAC serving Oregon. OAC serves more than a few select groups of people. I believe OAC has developed a commendable balance of serving groups as diverse as the Developmentally Disabled students within Corvallis School District to the elite competitive swimmers who qualify for the national swimming championships. OAC has 4 bodies of water at 4 different temperatures so they can accommodate many interest groups simultaneously, from water baby classes to adult exercise classes and many many special interest groups. There are few facilities that can host events as large as OAC which brings in competitors and spectators from all over the region which benefits local businesses and serves the entire region.

I believe the impact on livability within Oregon warrants support of repairing Osborn Aquatic Center.