

I write this testimony in support for funding to assist Osborn Aquatic Center's need for roofing repairs in the amount of \$5,000,000. Osborn was forced to close its doors abruptly in September 2024 after a routine inspection yielded a major structural issue with the roofing structure. The indoor facility in Corvallis has been closed since.

I have personally relied on the Osborn Aquatic Center for nearly 20 years, and it has since become an essential resource for my entire family. This facility is far more than a community pool—it serves local residents and supports Oregonians from across the state through a wide range of programs and services, including the following:

- Osborn is one of only two indoor 50-yard competition ready pools in our state and one of only three in the northwest. Given its location in the mid-Willamette Valley, the facility is utilized by Oregon residents statewide and additionally by those throughout the Northwest region. Osborn is utilized as a year-round facility which is something that should not be overlooked.
- Osborn is used by OSAA and USA Swimming supporting multiple school districts at the high school 5A, 4A, and 3A level including water polo and swim teams through practices, meets, and state championships.
- Osborn is used by the Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts of America and the Boys and Girls Clubs.
- Osborn is used for ROTC water training/drills, Lifeguard certifications, scuba certifications, water safety training, formal child and adult swim classes, aquatic therapy classes, CPR training, community education classes, and for various organized aquatic competitions.
- Osborn is dedicated to those with special needs and is one of few facilities within the state with accessibility for adaptive swimming.

Osborn Aquatic Center is an important contributor to our mid-valley economy boasting over \$1.5M annually related to events held at the facility. It employs well over 100 Oregonians from hourly wage employees to salaried positions and is used by hundreds more on a daily basis. Without the necessary funding for repairs, the facility will not be able to reopen its doors.

I ask that you approve funding to perform the necessary repairs so that Osborn Aquatic Center can reopen and serve its community both now and in the future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Jesse Staggs