

**From:** [Rosalyn Laudati](#)  
**To:** [CDD](#)  
**Subject:** Acquatic center  
**Date:** September 14, 2025 11:29:50 AM

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I think the acquatic center is better placed in the Castaways park. Mariners is very busy with tennis and backboard. to add a pool will make the area totally congested with traffic. I am against changing Mariners area. Those of us who use it as is are even now frustrated with the lack of parking. Do not add to the problem. Put the pool at Castaways.

Rosalyn M. Laudati  
Newport resident

**From:** [HEIDI GATEJ](#)  
**To:** [CDD](#)  
**Subject:** Aquatic Center  
**Date:** September 15, 2025 9:24:40 AM

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The idea of putting in an aquatic center at lower castaways is a terrible idea! The traffic issue this will create is argument enough not to do this project.

Thank you!

Heidi Gatej

**From:** [Lisa Wegner](#)  
**To:** [CDD](#)  
**Subject:** objection to proposed aquatic center at Mariners Park  
**Date:** September 15, 2025 2:29:48 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing as a 17-year resident of Dover Shores to voice my objection to the proposed development of an aquatic center at Mariners Park. I am a big fan of aquatic centers; however, re-engineering Mariners Park to remove the only children's playground in Dover Shores, as well as the tennis courts, is a poor choice.

As is obvious from the location of the elementary school, this neighborhood has been buzzing with young children as long as I have lived here. Why would the City desire to remove the only playground in the area where so many of these children play? Where are they supposed to go? The community is exhausted by children on e-bikes – however, removal of public gathering areas for children, young and old, will only exacerbate this issue, as they will be forced to leave the neighborhood to find another place to play. My children all grew up playing at the park, as did many others. This is also a park where elementary school students go to play after school. Installing an aquatic center there would devastate those kids and remove their only play area accessible from campus, not to mention cause much more dangerous traffic congestion around an elementary school where many kids either walk or ride their bikes as transportation.

There is no upside to this decision. The city can find another home for this that is out of the way of a school with small children.

Thank you,  
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**From:** [Andrea Bokosky](#)  
**To:** [CDD](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed Aquatic Center in Mariners Park  
**Date:** September 15, 2025 2:15:55 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposal of placing a new Aquatic Center at Mariners Park. While I support the idea of expanding community resources, Mariners Park is not an appropriate location for this project for several important reasons:

1. Traffic and Safety Concerns

Mariners Park is directly adjacent to Mariners Elementary School and the Mariners Library. Adding an Aquatic Center with a pool and 48 parking spaces would significantly increase traffic and congestion in a neighborhood already impacted by school drop-off and pick-up traffic. This raises serious safety concerns for children walking and biking to school, as well as for library visitors.

2. Parking Limitations

The proposal accounts for only 48 parking spaces. This is inadequate for an Aquatic Center of this size and will inevitably cause overflow into residential streets and school parking areas, creating a major burden for neighbors and visitors.

3. Impact on Neighborhood Character and Park Use

Mariners Park is currently a cherished green space used by families, students, and the community. Replacing open space with a large facility would drastically alter the character of the park and reduce the recreational area available to residents.

4. Noise and Environmental Impact

An Aquatic Center will bring increased noise, lighting, and activity into a quiet residential neighborhood. This will negatively affect the quality of life for those who live nearby.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee and City Council to reconsider Mariners Park as a viable location and explore alternatives that would better serve both the needs of the Aquatic Center and the surrounding community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Andrea Bokosky



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**From:** [Fritz Howser](#)  
**To:** [CDD](#)  
**Subject:** Aquatic Center at Mariners Park  
**Date:** September 15, 2025 1:46:57 PM

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Ladies & Gentlemen,

I am OPPOSED to the proposal to put an Aquatic Center over a portion of Mariner's Park.

Mariner's Park has provided and continues to provide a great park for children, sports, families and the adjacent Mariner's school.

While I am supportive of an Aquatic Center, it needs to be in the right location and Mariner's Park is not the right location.

Fritz Howser  
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**From:** [Katie Holst](#)  
**To:** [CDD](#)  
**Subject:** Strong Opposition to Proposed Aquatic Center at Mariners Park  
**Date:** September 15, 2025 3:49:24 PM

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Dear City of Newport Beach Officials,

I can't make it to the meeting on Thursday and so am writing to express my deep concern and strong opposition to the proposal to build an aquatic center at Mariners Park.

Mariners Park is a beloved and vital part of our community. It serves as a daily gathering place for hundreds of people, including my own children, who play there every day after school and on weekends. Whether it's basketball games with friends, tennis and racquetball matches, sports practices on the grass, or simply enjoying the open space, this park is an anchor for connection, recreation, and wellness.

The proposal to replace a significant portion of this green space with an aquatic center is not only unnecessary—it is deeply misguided. Green space is essential to the health and vibrancy of any neighborhood. It fosters physical activity, mental well-being, and social interaction. To diminish this treasured resource for a facility that is neither wanted nor needed by the surrounding communities would be a disservice to everyone who relies on Mariners Park every day.

I urge you to listen to the voices of the families, children, and neighbors who make up this thriving community. Please reject this proposal and preserve the integrity and beauty of Mariners Park.

Sincerely,  
Katie Holst



**From:** [Heather Taylor](#)  
**To:** [CDD](#)  
**Subject:** Strong Opposition to Proposed Aquatics Site at Mariners Park  
**Date:** September 15, 2025 4:36:00 PM

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Dear Newport Beach City Council and Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed plan to convert Mariners Park into an aquatics facility and parking lot. This proposal is an irresponsible use of taxpayer dollars and would come at the expense of one of the most heavily utilized and beloved community spaces in our city.

Mariners Park is not just a patch of grass, it is the heart of our community. It serves hundreds of children and families every single week who rely on its soccer fields, baseball diamonds, playground, open grass area, tennis courts, batting cage, and basketball court. Removing or drastically reducing these amenities would severely impact youth sports leagues, casual recreation, and the social fabric of our neighborhood. Fields are already scarce in Newport Beach, eliminating one of the few available spaces would make scheduling practices and games nearly impossible.

Additionally, this plan would:

- Create dangerous traffic congestion in an area already overwhelmed by school drop-off and pick-up traffic. Mariners Elementary is adjacent to the park, and adding a major aquatics facility would make the area unsafe for children walking and biking to school.
- Displace essential community resources such as the soccer fields, baseball fields, practice space for many sports, tennis courts, extremely populated large playground, and batting cages, assets that serve a much larger population than a single-purpose aquatics center ever would.
- Waste city resources by tearing down and rebuilding the fire station unnecessarily, when the current structure serves its purpose well, not to mention all of the existing structures and resources.
- Add noise and commotion to an otherwise family-focused residential neighborhood, degrading quality of life for nearby residents.
- Benefit a smaller, more specialized group at the expense of the broader community who use Mariners Park daily.

Our parks should remain inclusive, multi-use spaces that are accessible to everyone, not converted into a single-use facility that caters to a limited segment of the population. There are alternative locations better suited for such a facility that would not sacrifice irreplaceable parkland or jeopardize public safety near a busy school zone.

As a taxpayer, resident, and community member, I urge the City to reject this proposal and

prioritize preserving Mariners Park for the thousands of children, parents, and neighbors who depend on it as a safe, open, and vibrant public space.

Please confirm that you have received and read this email.

Respectfully,

Heather Taylor  
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**Subject:** FW: Aquatic Center at Mariners Park - NO THANKS!

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**From:** Carlene Stauff <[cdstauff80@gmail.com](mailto:cdstauff80@gmail.com)>  
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**Dear City of Newport Beach,**

I'm writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed aquatic center at Mariners Park. This is a deeply misguided idea that would negatively impact our community.

Mariners Park is the only park in our neighborhood and serves as a vital recreational space for countless families. I have three children who attend Mariners Elementary School and we use the park every day after school. It's always filled with kids playing, families gathering, and residents enjoying the open space. The park and its baseball fields are central to our community's identity and daily life.

All three of my sons play baseball and spend every weekend at those fields. Removing them would be a major disservice to local families and young athletes who rely on this space for sports, exercise, and social connection. The loss of these amenities cannot be overstated.

Additionally, our community does not need a public aquatic center. Many residents have access to private pools or participate in existing swim and water polo programs at Newport Harbor High School. This new facility would introduce significantly more traffic and non-resident visitors into the Dover Shores area, creating unnecessary congestion, altering the character of our neighborhood and creating safety concerns.

There is overwhelming community opposition to this project. I strongly urge you to reconsider this proposal and preserve Mariners Park for its current and irreplaceable use.

Sincerely,

Carlene Stauff  
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Dover Shores Resident

**From:** [Garrett, Errica](#)  
**To:** [Rodriguez, Clarivel](#)  
**Subject:** FW: No Mariners Park Aquatic Center  
**Date:** September 15, 2025 5:16:32 PM

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Subject: No Mariners Park Aquatic Center

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Hello,

I am writing in opposition to an Aquatic center at the Mariners Park location. From the plans it appears as if we are not only losing / relocating the fire station but we are also losing our beloved park.

Why is there a need for an aquatic center? The local High School has a newly renovated pool. We also have an aquatic center available at CMAC as well as a local YMCA that is affordable.

I do not see any benefit to this disturbing plan and hope that it does not go anywhere beyond the current discussion.

Thank you,  
Carrie Lee  
2313 Fairhill Drive  
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Sent from my iPhone

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**Subject:** FW: Strong Opposition to Proposed Aquatics Site at Mariners Park

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**From:** Heather Taylor <[htorneo@gmail.com](mailto:htorneo@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** September 15, 2025 5:23 PM

**To:** Dept - City Council <[CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov)>; [sjuris@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:sjuris@newportbeachca.gov)

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