

From: [Sacha Kljestan](#)
To: [CDD](#)
Subject: Aquatic Center in Mariners Park
Date: September 15, 2025 7:16:27 PM

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Hello,

I would like to strongly oppose the idea of putting the Aquatic Center in Mariners Park. We live nearby, our kids go to Mariners Elementary. We walk to and from school and I feel like this construction would add more traffic to an already busy area where crossing the street is dangerous. I also think the playground is essential, so is the tennis and racquetball courts. They're all things used by us and our neighbors frequently. Please do not put this in our neighborhood. Thank you.

Sacha Kljestan
1927 Diana Ln.
Newport Beach, CA 92660

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Alvin Chan](#)
To: [CDD](#)
Subject: Opposing Aquatic Center
Date: September 15, 2025 8:16:45 PM

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Hi there,

My name is Alvin and I live at 2156 Andover Lane. I heard about the proposed aquatic center at Mariner's park and I vehemently oppose. The park is where our community meets and we have all our social gatherings. Please do not take this away. Please find another spot for aquatic center and leave Mariner's alone. PLEASE LEAVE MARINER'S ALONE! Thank you.

Alvin

From: [Jessica Wohl](#)
To: [Dept - City Council](#); [CDD](#)
Cc: [Jurjis, Seimone](#)
Subject: Aquatic Center at Mariners Park - ABSOLUTE NO
Date: September 15, 2025 8:58:39 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Jessica Wohl and I am a long-time resident of Dover Shores and lifetime resident of Newport Beach. I believe the location of this public aquatic center at Mariners Park is not appropriate in any way. I am confused and oppose this proposed location for the multiple reasons listed below:

1. A major love of Mariners Park is the GRASS and open area our community practices at for multiple sports, along with the playground and baseball fields - which NHBA consistently uses. This park is absolutely packed on a daily basis with multiple activities. I would think that a location that is more open, under-utilized and in a community that does not have access to their own swimming pool would be better. There are many huge parks out there that barely anyone goes to and an aquatic center would be a great addition at those parks. This is definitely NOT one of them. Adding this center would result in a loss of existing recreational space that our community relies upon daily.
2. It was also approved for Mariners Elementary to take back some of the grass space permanently, which the children use for recess. It is their ONLY grass space to play on and that decision, which I fully support, will already leave less space for the park.
3. You are putting this pool into a community that doesn't even need it. If all residents were aware of this proposal, I bet the majority would vote it down. Having a heavily used public facility adjacent to homes, raises concerns about privacy, litter and potential after-hours activity that would negatively affect nearby residents.
4. Parking - This park is used so much within our own community that I cannot even imagine creating an aquatic center and increasing traffic tenfold. Residents will bear the brunt of added congestion and parking spillover. Traffic, noise and parking would draw tons of people from beyond the neighborhood, which would affect our safety and quality of life.
5. The majority of residents in Dover Shores have pools on their property. Those who do not either don't want one or use a friend's home or their country club. And then there's the ocean 10 minutes away, as well as the wave pool that is being built down the street off Irvine Ave.

For these reasons, we respectfully request the Council NOT approve or even consider this location for a public aquatic center at this park and instead preserve the space for neighborhood sports, play, the school and our community use.

Thank you for considering our concerns. We are happy to provide additional neighborhood input.

Sincerely,

Jessica Wohl
1800 Glenwood Lane
949-230-0625

From: [Maria Solomon](#)
To: [Dept - City Council](#); [CDD](#)
Subject: MAJORLY OPPOSED to Aquatic Center on Dover Drive
Date: September 15, 2025 9:15:50 PM

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As a resident of the Dover Shores community and a former Mariners Elementary parent, I am writing to express my horror at the idea of an aquatic center & a massive parking lot replacing the only park this neighborhood has. I was there every day when my children were little. Every inch of the property is currently in use for baseball, soccer, tennis, and an open area with playground equipment for the thousands of children that live in the surrounding streets. It is mind boggling that this is even being proposed.

The traffic I can't even comprehend - inconvenient to say the least to adult drivers AND dangerous to all the kids that walk and bike to school every day; the loss of open space for kids from birth all the way up to 6th grade at a minimum; cars and a blacktop parking lot on the little green space we have.

Newport Harbor HS just concluded a major pool project and has public access. The City literally last week approved a massive wavepool not 1 mile away, and there is a YMCA even closer.

Why on earth would this community need an aquatic center in the middle of a neighborhood on a relatively quiet street next to an elementary school?

Please do not approve this plan at the meeting scheduled IN THREE DAYS that our community is just learning about tonight.

Maria Solomon

From: [Garrett, Errica](#)
To: [Rodriguez, Clarivel](#)
Subject: FW: Aquatic Center
Date: September 16, 2025 7:27:13 AM

Errica Garrett
Administrative Assistant to the Mayor and City Council
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Newport Beach, CA 92660

-----Original Message-----

From: Belinda Kiesecker <belindakiesecker@gmail.com>
Sent: September 15, 2025 5:58 PM
To: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>
Subject: Aquatic Center

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Hello,

I live near Mariners Park and want to oppose turning it into an aquatic center. We have the beach. We are possibly getting a wave pool. Mariners park is always full. Please leave it as is.

Thank you,
Belinda Kiesecker
2024 Leeward Lane
Newport Beach

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: FW: Concerned Resident Opposing Aquatic Center at Mariners Park

From: Sarah Pattermann <spattermann@gmail.com>

Sent: September 15, 2025 7:17 PM

To: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>; Jurjis, Seimone <sjurjis@newportbeachca.gov>; kyle pattermann <kylepattermann@gmail.com>

Subject: Concerned Resident Opposing Aquatic Center at Mariners Park

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Dear Newport Beach City Council,

I hope you are well. My name is Sarah Pattermann and I am a resident of Dover Shores. I am writing to express strong concerns about the proposal to build the new public aquatic center at Mariners Park. While recognizing the value of aquatic facilities, I believe this location is not appropriate and that the project should instead be sited elsewhere. I ask that my concerns be considered seriously in the upcoming meetings and decision-making.

Below are some of the key issues from my perspective:

- Mariners Park is currently an important open and green space that offers room for many local kids to practice sports like football, baseball, soccer, tennis and more. It's also highly used for young children to have a place to play outside, instead of encouraging our youth to stay indoors and over utilize screens. Constructing a large aquatic facility will significantly reduce those amenities and change the character of the park.
- The infrastructure (roads, parking, ingress/egress) around Mariners Park is not designed for the increased traffic volume that would come with a swim complex. Residents will bear the brunt of added congestion and parking spillover.
- Nighttime or weekend events will increase noise, lighting, and disturbance to nearby homes. The quality of life for neighbors could be significantly impacted.
- Environmental risks must be considered: increased impervious surface, runoff of pool chemicals, heavy water usage, possible effects on local ecology, especially if any sensitive habitat is nearby.
- Cost and fiscal responsibility: the upfront construction is only part of the cost. The ongoing maintenance, staffing, heating, utilities, etc., may strain the city budget. If usage is less than projected, the burden may fall on taxpayers.
- Alternative sites have been discussed (e.g. OASIS Senior Center, Marina Park on the peninsula). Many of those may offer less disruptive or more suitable terrain, infrastructure, or visibility.
- Residents directly adjacent to Mariners Park deserve to have input, and I believe more comparative analysis should be done on all potential sites before finalizing one.

I would appreciate if the City could provide a detailed report comparing site alternatives, including traffic impact assessments, environmental impact studies, parking logistics, cost per site, and community feedback, ideally in advance of any votes or binding decisions.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I care about our community, and believe in making smart, sustainable choices. I would be happy to attend any public meeting to speak further or share additional perspectives.

Sincerely,

Sarah Pattermann

1637 Lincoln Lane, Newport Beach, CA 92660

858-602-9777

From: [Garrett, Errica](#)
To: [Rodriguez, Clarivel](#)
Subject: FW: Proposed swimming complex at Mariners park
Date: September 16, 2025 7:29:08 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Laurie Carroll <lauriewci@earthlink.net>
Sent: September 15, 2025 7:51 PM
To: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>
Subject: Proposed swimming complex at Mariners park

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I have lived in the harbor highlands community for 29 years. This neighborhood has enjoyed the amenities mariners park has provided for decades. What this community does not need is another complex bringing more traffic to the neighborhood. The plan I saw would eliminate not only the children's playground and grassy area, the tennis courts and handball courts but also our local fire station. This truly does not make sense to me.

I strongly disagree with this option of the public pool complex.

Laurie Carroll
Diana Lane resident

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: FW: Objection to Proposed Mariners Park Aquatic Ctr

From: Eric Horowitz <ericwitz@gmail.com>

Sent: September 15, 2025 8:22 PM

To: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>; CDD <CDD@newportbeachca.gov>

Subject: Objection to Proposed Mariners Park Aquatic Ctr

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Dear Council Members,

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed location of the new aquatic center at Mariners Park. While I understand and appreciate the City's efforts to enhance recreational opportunities for residents, the selection of Mariners Park is short-sighted and detrimental to the community.

The initial proposal at Lower Castaways was set aside due to significant traffic concerns. Unfortunately, the new site at Mariners Park presents many of the same issues. The intersection of Dover Drive and Irvine Avenue is already one of the busiest and most challenging areas in our city. Adding a high-traffic facility such as an aquatic center would only worsen congestion and increase safety risks for both drivers and pedestrians.

Perhaps most importantly, the fundamental difference between the two sites must be underscored. The Lower Castaways proposal at least sought to improve an underutilized and neglected area. In contrast, the Mariners Park site would permanently remove a valuable and highly utilized community asset. The sports fields and open space at Mariners Park are in constant demand by families, youth sports teams, and residents who rely on this park for recreation, wellness, and connection. Replacing this thriving hub of community life with a facility that is not broadly requested or urgently needed undermines the very values that make our neighborhoods strong.

Parks and open fields are increasingly scarce, and their importance grows as our city becomes denser. To eliminate an active, beloved, and essential community resource for an aquatic center is a decision that lacks foresight. If an aquatic center is to be built, it should not come at the expense of an already thriving and heavily used public space.

I urge the Council to reconsider the Mariners Park site and instead pursue alternative locations that address traffic concerns without sacrificing existing assets that are central to our community's daily life.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Eric Horowitz, 1224 Devon Ln Newport Beach, CA 92660

Subject: FW: Aquatic Center

-----Original Message-----

From: Nicole Schwartz <nicoledeanneschwartz@gmail.com>

Sent: September 15, 2025 9:38 PM

To: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>; Jurjis, Seimone <sjurjis@newportbeachca.gov>

Subject: Aquatic Center

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What??? This proposed aquatic center is a TERRIBLE idea. I do not know one single resident in the Dover Shores community who wants this. The traffic is already bad at that intersection and an aquatic center sounds disgusting and will be a huge liability for the city. We live down the street from the beach we do not need a public pool in the community. No locals will use it and it will drive in a ton of traffic. We have three children who play sports and Newport is already tight on field locations for sports games. Please do not remove any grass or sports fields. This is all we have left to keep our children outside and off electronics in this crazy world today. Whosever idea this was must not live in Dover Shores or close to it and definitely has no kids. You will upset A LOT of people. Do not consider this horrible idea. I am ashamed of the city.

Kindly,
Nicole Schwartz
714.397.9393

Subject: FW: NO to the aquatic center!

-----Original Message-----

From: Kristen Collins <kristenjoycollins@yahoo.com>
Sent: September 15, 2025 9:49 PM
To: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>
Subject: NO to the aquatic center!

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Hello,

I am a resident of Newport Beach and strongly oppose the proposed aquatic center taking over Mariners Park.

Mariners Park is an important space for our community and children. Do not take this away! Taking away Mariners Park would be a HUGE loss to our community. Please do not let it happen.

Kristen Collins
308 La Jolla Dr
Newport Beach, CA 92663
714-264-7253

Sent from my iPhone

From: [claire.ramser](#)
To: [CDD](#)
Subject: Aquatic Center
Date: September 16, 2025 7:47:40 AM

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Newport Beach was meant to be a small beach town but over the years we have increased our size substantially. This has created more traffic, pollution in our streets and beach, and we've created a much denser beach city.

By adding an aquatic center we will be adding to the congestion. Dover will be even worse than it is now with traffic, we will remove the only park our Mariners and Dover Shores residents go to, and we will be encouraging out of towners to bombard our town. This would be a horrible location for an aquatic center, it's also not necessary we have one at all we live on the bay and ocean where there's plenty of public attraction. This seems like a colossal waste of time, money and resources that could be of a better use elsewhere.

Please do not take away our only park in Dover Shores, please do not add more congestion to our small neighborhoods, and please don't build out of town attractions when we already have so many highly trafficked attractions for them to visit.

Thank you

-Claire Curci

Subject: FW: No on Mariners Aquatic Center

From: Brittany Barrett <brittanycbarrett@gmail.com>
Sent: September 16, 2025 8:25 AM
To: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>
Subject: No on Mariners Aquatic Center

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Please do not take away Mariners park and fill it with a congestion, filled pool. We have the Costa Mesa public pool that people do and can utilize. This park is for the families in this neighborhood. Our community does not need this and all it does is take away from the children who play at this spot EVERYDAY! .

-Brittany Barrett

Subject: FW: Mariners Park public pool

-----Original Message-----

From: Alicia Downing <alicia1279@yahoo.com>
Sent: September 16, 2025 9:31 AM
To: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>
Cc: Jurjis, Seimone <sjurjis@newportbeachca.gov>
Subject: Mariners Park public pool

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Hello City Council,

I am sending this email to express my family's opposition to installing a community pool at Mariners Park. Dover Shores/Westcliff area is a very family-oriented residential neighborhood where many of our children utilize Mariners Park to run and play and enjoy the large grass areas. Building a public pool and parking lot is not what the majority of our residents and homeowners want in this area. I would assume a large portion of this neighborhood already have a pool of their own or access to a private pool. We already have limited public grass spaces for our kids to play as it is. With the wave pool most likely being built 5 minutes away this seems like overkill.

I am also curious why this public pool is even considered a priority for the city? Who is this pool being built for and who will be utilizing it? Can anyone use it anytime? Can residents outside of Newport use it and how is usage regulated?

Thank you,
Alicia and Jason Downing

Subject: FW: Pool plans at Mariners Park

From: Ryan Dan <ryanmdan@gmail.com>

Sent: September 16, 2025 9:44 AM

To: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>

Subject: Pool plans at Mariners Park

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To the 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. This isn't just a matter of policy; it's about preserving a space that is the heart of our community.

Every week, I see hundreds of children and families enjoying Mariners Park. It's where our kids play soccer, practice baseball, and learn to love being active. The playground is consistently full, and the tennis courts and basketball court are in active use. Taking away these resources for a single-purpose aquatics center would be a devastating loss for all of us. There are already so few open fields in Newport Beach—this plan would make it nearly impossible for our field-based youth sports leagues to operate.

This proposal also presents serious problems for our neighborhood:

- **Traffic and safety:** Mariners Elementary is right next to the park. Adding a major aquatics center would create dangerous traffic congestion, making it unsafe for children walking or biking to school.
- **Wasting resources:** Tearing down the fire station and other existing, well-used community assets to build something new would be destroying valuable resources for something that benefits a much smaller group.
- **Noise and disruption:** A large facility would bring constant noise and commotion to our quiet, family-focused neighborhood, significantly reducing our quality of life.

Our public parks should be multi-use, inclusive spaces for everyone. There are other locations in the city that would be a better fit for an aquatics facility, locations that wouldn't require us to sacrifice one of our most important community spaces.

As a concerned resident and community member, I urge you to reject this proposal. Let's keep Mariners Park for the thousands of children, parents, and neighbors who depend on it as a safe and vibrant public space.

Respectfully,

Ryan Dan

2407 Sierra Vista
Newport Beach
714-348-1093

Subject: FW: Opposition to Proposed Pool Complex at Mariner's Park

From: Ben Trevizo <ben.trevizo@gmail.com>
Sent: September 16, 2025 10:00 AM
To: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>
Subject: Opposition to Proposed Pool Complex at Mariner's Park

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Dear Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers,

I am writing as a Newport Beach resident and homeowner in the Westcliff/Dover Shores neighborhood to respectfully, but firmly voice my opposition to the proposed public pool complex at Mariner's Park.

This project would remove one of the few remaining open green spaces in our neighborhood—space that is vital for local children and families. Mariner's Park currently serves as an irreplaceable community gathering place where kids practice soccer, baseball, and other sports in a safe and accessible environment. Replacing these fields with a pool complex would deprive our youth of essential recreational opportunities.

Additionally, a public pool complex in this location is both unnecessary and harmful. The surrounding neighborhood is already burdened with heavy traffic, particularly at the intersection adjacent to the park. Adding the influx of cars from non-resident visitors will create further congestion, safety hazards for pedestrians, and frustration for those of us who live nearby.

The introduction of a large public facility will also degrade property values, disrupt the peace of our community with increased noise, and potentially bring unwanted crime or safety concerns as outsiders are drawn into an otherwise quiet, residential neighborhood. This is not consistent with the character of Mariner's Park or the surrounding Westcliff/Dover Shores neighborhood.

Most importantly, there is no demonstrated need for a public pool complex in this part of Newport Beach. Nearby facilities already serve residents adequately, and this proposal sacrifices valuable open space for a use that is redundant and out of place.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the City Council to reject the proposal for a pool complex at Mariner's Park and instead preserve this space as the open, family-friendly park it was always intended to be.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of the concerns of residents like myself, who deeply value the safety, character, and quality of life in our community.

Sincerely,
Ben Trevizo

Subject: FW: Opposition to Proposed Aquatics Center at Mariners Park

From: Mark Azzarito <mark@blankstyle.com>
Sent: September 16, 2025 10:01 AM
To: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>
Subject: Opposition to Proposed Aquatics Center at Mariners Park

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Dear City Council Members,

My name is Mark Azzarito i am a dover shores resident and have two kids at Mariners Elementary School.

I have reviewed the proposed plan for an aquatics center at Mariners Park, and as a Dover Shores/Westcliff resident, I must express my strong opposition.

Mariners Park is a well-used and valued community space that currently supports a wide range of sports and recreational activities. The addition of an aquatics center would significantly reduce the park's flexibility and accessibility for activities beyond baseball.

The open grass field is in daily use for flag football, soccer practices, and other community recreation. It should also be noted that a portion of the park is owned by Mariners Elementary. If the school were to fence off its section in conjunction with the planned aquatics center, much of the remaining open field space would disappear entirely.

For these reasons, I believe the aquatics center is not an appropriate use of Mariners Park, and I respectfully urge you to reconsider this proposal.

Sincerely,

Mark Azzarito

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Subject: FW: Proposed Public Pool

From: Ryan Lopiccolo <ryanlopiccolo@me.com>
Sent: September 16, 2025 10:01 AM
To: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>
Subject: Proposed Public Pool

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Ryan Lopiccolo
1606 Lincoln Ln
Newport Beach, CA 92660
9/16/25

Newport Beach City Council
100 Civic Center Drive
Newport Beach, CA 92660

Re: Opposition to Proposed Swimming Pool in Dover Shores

Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing to express strong opposition to the proposed construction of a public swimming pool in Dover Shores. While I understand the City's desire to expand recreational facilities, this location is wholly inappropriate and will have a negative impact on our community.

First, Dover Shores already suffers from a lack of open green space. Adding a pool would further reduce the limited outdoor areas our residents rely on for walking, playing, and gathering. Preserving what little open space remains is essential to maintaining the character and livability of our neighborhood.

Second, our community is already heavily congested. Adding a pool would introduce even more traffic, parking demand, and noise to an area that is primarily residential. This is inconsistent with the neighborhood's design and quality of life.

Finally, and most critically, the stretch of Dover Drive where the pool is proposed is already one of the most dangerous crossings for our children. Many families walk or bike along this corridor, and introducing additional cars and congestion will only increase the risk of accidents. Protecting child safety must be a top priority.

For these reasons, I urge the City Council to reject this proposal. Dover Shores is not an appropriate location for a pool, and I ask that you preserve our green space, prioritize safety, and maintain the residential integrity of our neighborhood.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Ryan Lopiccolo

Subject: FW: Mariners Community Pool

From: David Paglia <paglia.d3@gmail.com>
Sent: September 16, 2025 10:14 AM
To: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>
Cc: patrick21@gmail.com; Vnessj@gmail.com
Subject: Mariners Community Pool

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Dear City Council,

My name is Dave and I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed new community pool at Mariners Park. While I understand the desire to provide recreational opportunities for residents, I believe this project is not in the best interest of our community for several key reasons.

First, the cost of building an aquatic center is a significant financial burden on taxpayers. Given the current economic climate, our city's funds could be better allocated to more pressing needs.

Second, the proposed location is not ideal. The site of Mariners Park presents challenges such as limited parking, increased traffic congestion, proximity to residential homes and loss of grass fields for local children to play on. These issues would negatively impact the quality of life for residents living in the area.

Finally, our community already has access to several aquatic facilities. Building another pool would be a redundant and inefficient use of resources.

I urge you to reconsider this proposal and instead focus on more sustainable and beneficial projects for our city. I appreciate your time and consideration of my concerns.

Sincerely,

Dave Paglia
1507 Kathleen Ln (Dover Shores Resident)

Subject: FW: Mariners Aquatic Park

From: Carter Kaufman <carter@carterkaufman.com>
Sent: September 16, 2025 10:20 AM
To: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>
Subject: Mariners Aquatic Park

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To whom it may concern,

I've recently become aware, along with some of my neighbors that there is a plan to potentially reconfigure our beloved Mariners Park into some kind of aquatic center with a pool.

While the initial instinct from some might be that such a change would be an upgrade and a renewal, myself and every other local Resident who have spoken with (25+) agree across the board that this is a terrible idea. I'm yet to encounter a single local opinion that is pro-pool.

If Mariners Park were downtrodden, unused, empty, or unattractive, then I would understand wanting to make a change. This is simply not the case. On any given weekday, or weekend, the park is full of life. Birthday parties, people running their dog, soccer and football practice, baseball practice, Concerts, movies in the park... The list goes on. This park is already highly utilized and highly enjoyed by both Newport Beach residents and those who live in the surrounding cities. It seems to me without any official data that this park is a destination for those looking for expensive grass, or a playground, or just to have a coffee outside in the shade.

To add a pool and additional parking would **undo the magic**. While I don't think the addition of an aquatic park is necessarily a bad idea, in this case we have to consider the sacrifice required to place it at Mariners Park. I would venture to say that the current configuration of Mariners Park and what it offers makes for the most attractive and utilized park in all of Newport Beach.

As previously mentioned; the residents of Newport Beach that I've spoken with have unilaterally formed the opinion that the reconfiguration of Mariners Park would be **nothing short of a tragedy**.

As a long-Tim Newport Beach resident who works in real estate and is highly familiar with the wants and needs of those who live in this wonderful place, I hope that this opinion, along with the opinions of the rest of those opposed are diligently considered by those spearheading the project.

Sincerely,

A Concerned Newport Beach Citizen

Carter Kaufman 949-294-6411

Subject: FW: Opposition to Proposed Aquatics Center at Mariners Park

From: Nicole Nguyen <nicole.nguyen@yahoo.com>

Sent: September 16, 2025 10:20 AM

To: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>; Jurjis, Seimone <sjurjis@newportbeachca.gov>

Cc: Wayne Cable <waynescable@yahoo.com>

Subject: Opposition to Proposed Aquatics Center at Mariners Park

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Dear Council Members,

As a longtime resident of the Mariners community, I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed aquatics center at Mariners Park. While I recognize the value of recreational facilities, this plan is deeply inappropriate for our neighborhood and would bring long-term negative impacts.

First and foremost, Mariners Park is one of the few remaining open green spaces available to families, children, and local schools. Installing a massive aquatics facility, along with expanded parking lots and new structures, would permanently reduce the park's natural character and compromise its current role as a community gathering space.

Second, the proposed designs call for significant increases in traffic and parking demand. With Mariners Elementary School and Mariners Library already adjacent to the site, congestion during peak hours is already a challenge. Adding an aquatics center of this scale—complete with expanded parking, fire station access drives, and large pools—would only worsen safety concerns for pedestrians, particularly schoolchildren.

Third, the proposed facility would create noise, lighting, and maintenance issues that are incompatible with the surrounding residential neighborhood. What is now a quiet, family-friendly park would instead become a regional draw, overwhelming our community and displacing existing recreational uses like youth sports, playground activities, and open field play.

Finally, the city has alternative sites—such as Bonita Creek Park—that are better suited for a development of this size. Bonita Creek already has larger parking capacity, more direct access to major roadways, and less residential adjacency. It makes far more sense to pursue such a project there rather than forcing it into Mariners Park, where it will cause irreparable harm.

For these reasons, I urge the council to reject the proposed aquatics center at Mariners Park. Our neighborhood values its open space, safety, and quality of life, and this project is simply the wrong fit for this location.

Respectfully,

Teresita Lane Local Residents

Subject: FW: STRONGLY OPPOSE Mariners Community Pool

From: vanessa shanahan <vnessj@gmail.com>
Sent: September 16, 2025 10:21 AM
Cc: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>
Subject: STRONGLY OPPOSE Mariners Community Pool

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Dear City Council,

My name is vanessa shanahan and I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed new community pool at Mariners Park.

the proposed location is not ideal. The site of Mariners Park presents challenges such as limited parking, increased traffic congestion, proximity to residential homes and loss of grass fields for local children to play on.

This portion of newport beach is UNDERSERVED in terms of parks per capita and this proposal removes a highly OVER-UTILIZED and SEVERLY TRAFFIC IMPACTED park for our community.

I urge you to reconsider this proposal and instead focus on more sustainable and beneficial projects for our city. I appreciate your time and consideration of my concerns.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Shanahan
1918 Teresita Ln (Dover Shores homeowner)

Subject: FW: Opposition to Public Pool at Mariners Park

From: Brooke Sanita <sanita.brooke@gmail.com>

Sent: September 16, 2025 10:31 AM

To: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>; sjurjis@newportbeachca.gov; CDD <CDD@newportbeachca.gov>

Subject: Opposition to Public Pool at Mariners Park

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Dear City Council and All Interested Parties,

I am a resident, and homeowner, of the Dover Shores Community and **adamantly oppose** the construction of a public pool at the Mariners Park location. I have been a resident of Newport Beach since birth, for over 45 years. I have grown up in this very special community and hold great pride and protection over it. I attended local elementary and high schools and now raise my 3 children in this very special place. We have paid the luxury property taxes to live in such a great community and have expressed our utmost support for the City Council and service workers of this community. Now, it is our turn to be heard and supported.

Over the past 5 years in particular, we as a community have entrusted the City Council to preserve and respect this great City and you have. Our respect, trust and support is a privilege that we have given to you. However, this privilege from community members can also be lost.

The Mariners Park location is not a good location for a public pool. Next to a public school is absolutely not the location to invite the public to come park and visit. Further, the traffic at the intersection of Dover and Mariners is already extremely busy and no doubt there will be someone hit by a car if this project moves forward. This community is already burdened by the noise, congestion and pollution of the Airport and now you want to dump a public pool at its entrance? Surely this will cause the public to come and park and even commit crime in our neighborhood. Mariners park is a special place, frequented by community members. I for one used to take all 3 of my children to Mariners Park when they were young and met many of the moms I am still close with.

I urge you to respect and trust the members of this community, as we have respected and trusted you, to listen to our voices and to NOT move forward with this project.

Best Regards,

Brooke and Sanita

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Subject: FW: Opposition to Public Pool Proposal at Mariners Park

-----Original Message-----

From: Cameron Sinclair <cameronrs6@gmail.com>

Sent: September 16, 2025 10:40 AM

To: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>

Subject: Opposition to Public Pool Proposal at Mariners Park

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Dear City Council Members,

I am writing as a lifelong Newport Beach resident and a third-generation member of this community. My children, the fourth generation of our family, are growing up here in Dover Shores. Mariners Park is an essential part of our daily lives – it is where my kids play, where families gather, and where countless children learn teamwork, sportsmanship, and the simple joy of being outdoors.

The proposal to replace a portion of Mariners Park with a public pool facility would permanently alter the character of this neighborhood and remove critical green space that serves hundreds of families every week. This would be the worst possible location for such a project. While I support expanding recreational opportunities in Newport Beach, Mariners Park is not the right site for a large aquatic center.

I urge you to protect Mariners Park and preserve it as open space for the children and families who rely on it every day. Please do not approve the public pool proposal for this location.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Cameron Sinclair

Dover Shores Resident

3rd-Generation Newport Beach Family

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: FW: Aquatic Center- Mariners Park

From: Emily Leach <leach.emilym@gmail.com>

Sent: September 16, 2025 9:51 AM

To: Stapleton, Joe <jstapleton@newportbeachca.gov>; Jurjis, Seimone <sjurjis@newportbeachca.gov>

Subject: Aquatic Center- Mariners Park

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To whom it may concern,

Please reconsider the aquatic center project at Mariners park. This is an expensive solution to a problem that does not exist. The only logic I've seen behind this is that 'Newport doesn't have a public pool'. Perhaps that's because we don't need one! We don't have a gap in creating competitive athletes, particularly in water sports. While a public pool at a vacant location like Castaways may have seemed like a good idea, residents will not get behind tearing apart Mariners park for a pool in a neighborhood that is surrounded by swimming pools.

Those who are 65 and older already get a free membership to the nearby YMCA where two newly remodeled and heated pools overlook the back bay. Those pools have organized group classes, free swim, and are well attended. The Newport Aquatic Center is also less than 1 mile from the proposed location.

Instead of debating this project I would ask whoever is in favor of this to go stand at Mariners park at 3pm on any day of the week so you can see all the things that will be erased during the years of construction and eventually the new center.

You will see countless children playing in the park - getting fresh air, their parents connecting, not looking at screens, and building the community you serve. You'll see the traffic an aquatic center would bring and the unsafe environment it would create for our children that walk and bike home from school.

You'll see Boy and Girl Scout troops holding unofficial meetings, after school tennis lessons, 1:1 baseball coaching in the batting cages, too many organized sports team practices to count, and sweet little birthday celebrations. Mariners park and Dover Shores is cherished by many and is one of the last places in Newport that feels like a true family area and many can't understand why it's being considered.

Please stop the exploration of this project or at least have a conversation with the people that live nearby and will be most affected by it.

Thank you for your consideration. Please confirm receipt of this email.

Emily Leach
Resident of Dover Shores and Newport Beach

Subject: FW: No public pool at Mariners Park

From: Gary Johnson <gjohnson493@hotmail.com>
Sent: September 16, 2025 10:46 AM
To: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>
Subject: No public pool at Mariners Park

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Dear Members of the City Council,

I am writing as a concerned resident of Westcliff/Dover Shores to formally express my opposition to the proposed construction of a public swimming pool in our neighborhood. While I understand the importance of providing recreational facilities for the broader community, I believe this particular location is not appropriate for such a development. There are several reasons why I and many of my neighbors strongly oppose the pool being placed in our area:

1. Traffic and Safety Concerns

A public pool will significantly increase traffic in a neighborhood that was not designed to handle a large volume of non-local vehicles. Increased traffic poses a safety risk to our children and pedestrians and would degrade the quiet, residential nature of our community.

2. Noise and Environmental Impact

Public pools naturally attract large crowds, especially during summer months. The resulting noise levels will disrupt the peace and quiet that residents currently enjoy. Additionally, the construction and ongoing maintenance of the pool may negatively affect local green spaces, wildlife, and the general environment.

3. Property Values and Privacy

The presence of a public facility can impact property values by increasing congestion, noise, and wear on local infrastructure. Furthermore, the privacy of nearby residents would be compromised with large groups frequenting the area daily.

4. Alternative Locations

Surely, there are other locations within the city that are better suited to accommodate a public pool—places that are already equipped to handle higher traffic and activity levels, and that would not negatively impact a quiet residential community.

I urge the City Council to reconsider this decision and explore other viable locations that would better serve the entire community without disproportionately impacting one neighborhood.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I am hopeful that you will take the concerns of residents seriously and prioritize maintaining the character and safety of our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Gary Johnson

Subject: FW: Proposed Public Pool

From: Tyler Holst <ty.holst@gmail.com>

Sent: September 16, 2025 10:47 AM

To: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>

Subject: Proposed Public Pool

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Dear Members of the City Council,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed public pool project that would eliminate all open park space in the Dover Shores community. While I understand the value of public amenities, this proposal sacrifices one of our most vital and irreplaceable resources—our open green space.

Our district already has public schools with pool facilities that are underutilized and fully capable of supporting athletic programming. Rather than investing in a redundant facility, we should be focusing our efforts and city funds on maintaining and improving the infrastructure we already have.

Parks are essential to the health and well-being of our residents. They provide space for recreation, community gatherings, and a connection to nature that cannot be replicated by a concrete structure. Removing this space for a pool that duplicates existing services is not only unnecessary—it's irresponsible.

This project feels less like a community improvement and more like a monument to the council itself. I urge you to reconsider this plan and prioritize sustainable, community-driven investments that preserve our shared spaces and reflect the true needs of our residents.

Sincerely,
Tyler Holst

1901 Deborah Lane

Subject: FW: Mariners park

-----Original Message-----

From: Michelle Lewis <michelle.elisabeth.lewis@gmail.com>

Sent: September 16, 2025 10:52 AM

To: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>

Subject: Mariners park

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Hello City Council Members,

I saw that there is a proposal to bring a pool to Mariners park. Please do not do this. That park is used by so many in the community and provides a local free space to be able to have fields, playground and community space. A pool is not needed and would take away community space that many families enjoy as is.

Please do not add a pool.

Thanks,

Michelle Lewis

Newport Beach Resident

From: [Tyler Holst](#)
To: [CDD](#)
Subject: Aquatic Center Studies
Date: September 16, 2025 10:56:41 AM

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Members of the Ad Hoc Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed public pool project that would eliminate all open park space in the Dover Shores community. While I understand the value of public amenities, this proposal sacrifices one of our most vital and irreplaceable resources—our open green space.

Our district already has public schools with pool facilities that are underutilized and fully capable of supporting athletic programming. Rather than investing in a redundant facility, we should be focusing our efforts and city funds on maintaining and improving the infrastructure we already have.

Parks are essential to the health and well-being of our residents. They provide space for recreation, community gatherings, and a connection to nature that cannot be replicated by a concrete structure. Removing this space for a pool that duplicates existing services is not only unnecessary—it's irresponsible.

I urge you to consider terminating the Dover Shores study that is so detrimental to the fabric of the neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Tyler Holst

1901 Deborah Lane

Subject: FW: Formal Opposition to Mariners Park Conversion Proposal

From: Mason Taylor Associates <mtaylor@compass.com>
Sent: September 16, 2025 11:09 AM
To: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>
Subject: Formal Opposition to Mariners Park Conversion Proposal

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Dear Members of the Newport Beach City Council and Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my formal and unequivocal opposition to the proposed conversion of Mariners Park into an aquatics facility and associated parking lot. This project, if approved, would constitute a serious misallocation of taxpayer resources and result in the loss of one of the most heavily utilized and irreplaceable community assets in our city.

Mariners Park as a Community Anchor

Mariners Park is not merely open space; it is the heart of our neighborhood and a vital hub for recreation, connection, and community well-being. On any given week, the park accommodates hundreds of families and children through its soccer fields, baseball diamonds, basketball court, playgrounds, open green space, batting cages, and tennis courts. These facilities support organized youth leagues, casual recreation, and day-to-day neighborhood life. To diminish or eliminate these amenities would irreparably damage the availability of recreational space in Newport Beach, where such fields and facilities are already in critically short supply.

Key Concerns with the Current Proposal

1. **Traffic and Safety Hazards:** Mariners Park is directly adjacent to Mariners Elementary School, an area already under significant strain from daily drop-off and pick-up traffic. The introduction of a high-capacity aquatics center would dramatically increase congestion and pose serious safety risks for children walking and biking to school.
2. **Displacement of Core Amenities:** The proposal would eliminate or drastically reduce vital facilities that serve a far larger cross-section of the community than a single-purpose aquatics center. The soccer fields, baseball diamonds, tennis courts, batting cages, playground, and open space meet the needs of thousands of residents across multiple age groups and activities.
3. **Unnecessary and Wasteful Expenditures:** The plan calls for demolishing and rebuilding the existing fire station, despite the current facility adequately serving its function. This aspect of the proposal alone represents an unjustifiable use of city resources, in addition to the broader waste involved in dismantling fully functional recreational infrastructure.
4. **Impact on Neighborhood Character:** Increased traffic, noise, and commotion associated with an aquatics facility would undermine the family-oriented, residential character of the surrounding community and reduce overall quality of life for nearby residents.

5. Limited Public Benefit: While an aquatics center would serve a narrow segment of the population, Mariners Park in its present form serves a broad and diverse community every single day. The trade-off is not equitable and fails to prioritize the greatest good for the greatest number of residents.

The Case for Preservation

Public parks should remain inclusive, multi-purpose spaces designed to serve the widest possible range of residents. Mariners Park exemplifies this principle, and its value cannot be overstated. There are other locations within Newport Beach far more appropriate for the development of an aquatics facility; sites that would not require the destruction of an established, multi-use park or jeopardize public safety in a busy school corridor.

As both a taxpayer and resident, I strongly urge the City to reject this proposal and instead prioritize the preservation and continued investment in Mariners Park as an open, accessible, and vibrant space for the thousands of families, children, and community members who depend upon it.

Please confirm receipt of this correspondence so that it may be included as part of the official public record.

Mark Taylor

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341 Bayside Drive
Newport Beach, CA 92660

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Subject: FW: No Aquatic Center at Mariners Park

From: Randy Hause <randyhausejr@gmail.com>

Sent: September 16, 2025 11:16 AM

To: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>

Cc: Tony Horvath <tonyaitch@yahoo.com>; Hause Jayne <jaynehause@yahoo.com>; James Dimitri <jjbdimitri@yahoo.com>; Don Hause <hause.randall@gmail.com>; Ailani Lockwood <lockwoodailani@gmail.com>; Mark S Dwyer <msd01@att.net>; Kellen Lock <kellenlockwood@gmail.com>; Casey Weaver (<kcweaver@sbcglobal.net>) <kcweaver@sbcglobal.net>; Dougall Johnson <yankmec@earthlink.net>; Ron Walker <walkerfamilyron@gmail.com>; Jeffrey Littell <frajeffrey@yahoo.com>; WaltBinswanger <wmbjr6@aol.com>; Michael Doner <hcmd74@yahoo.com>

Subject: No Aquatic Center at Mariners Park

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Dear Council Members,

What next are you trying to destroy?

Now it's Mariners Park???

Is this Stapleton's idea of a joke? Maybe we can build an Aquatic Park in his district? How about removing the tennis courts at Peninsula Point and creating an Aquatic Park in his district!

As a 50 year resident of Newport Beach who graduated along with my family from Mariners School, this is just another encroachment on the park. First, it was the fire department expansion, then the Crean Library AND now an Aquatic Park?

Soon it will look like Bob Henry Park, which is so small you can't even build a legitimate baseball diamond for players older than 12 years old!

And the traffic and congestion!

Please come to your senses.

Thank you,

Randy Hause and Family (representing 54 local voters).

Subject: FW: Oppose Public Pool @ Mariners Park

From: Kingsley Mfg. Co. Customer Service <kingsleyserv@sbcglobal.net>

Sent: September 16, 2025 11:33 AM

To: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>

Subject: Oppose Public Pool @ Mariners Park

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I am a registered voter in Newport Beach residing near Mariners Park, and I would like to voice my opposition to a public pool there.

Jeff Kingsley
1901 Highland Drive
Newport Beach 92660

Kingsley Mfg Co Customer Service
777 W 19TH STREET
SUITE F
Costa Mesa CA 92627

Phone numbers: 949-645-4401

Fax number: 949-646-0805

Subject: FW: Strong Opposition to the Removal of Mariners Park and Fire Station for public pool

-----Original Message-----

From: Katie Calder <kacalder1995@gmail.com>

Sent: September 16, 2025 11:43 AM

To: CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov; Jurjis, Seimone <sjurjis@newportbeachca.gov>

Subject: Strong Opposition to the Removal of Mariners Park and Fire Station for public pool

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Dear Newport Beach City Council,

I'm writing to express deep concern regarding the proposed removal of Mariners Park—including its beloved baseball field, tennis courts, playground, and most critically, the longstanding fire station—in favor of constructing a public pool. This plan would be a significant loss for our community.

Mariners Park is more than just green space; it's a vibrant hub of daily life and cherished memories. On any given day—rain being the rare exception—you'll find children laughing on the playground, families hosting birthday celebrations, and friends gathered to cheer on youth baseball and soccer games. It's a place that fosters connection, joy, and community spirit.

The fire station, in particular, is an irreplaceable asset. For decades, it has served Dover Shores and surrounding neighborhoods with speed and reliability, thanks to its strategic location. Its presence has provided comfort and safety to residents in times of urgent need. Removing it would compromise emergency response times and put lives at risk.

While I understand the desire to expand public amenities, a pool should not come at the expense of such vital and well-loved infrastructure. If the goal is to enhance community safety and recreation, I urge you to consider investing more in ocean safety and supporting the lifeguards who protect our coastline daily.

Please reconsider this proposal. Mariners Park and its fire station are foundational to our neighborhood's identity and wellbeing. Their removal would be a mistake with lasting consequences.

Sincerely,

Katie Ann Calder Da Silva

Former Mariners elementary school studio and long time resident of Dover shore in the Lady streets

Subject: FW: Drowning in Terrible Ideas

From: Adam Deermount <adamdeermount@gmail.com>
Sent: September 16, 2025 12:03 PM
To: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>
Cc: sjurjis@newportbeachca.com
Subject: Drowning in Terrible Ideas

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Dear Newport Beach City Councilmembers,

As a 10+ year resident of Dover Shores, I am writing to strongly oppose the idea of placing a public pool in Mariners Park. Quite frankly, this is an awful *idea* that reflects poor planning and misplaced priorities.

1. **Mariners Park is already overburdened.** The park is heavily used for kids' sports practices, recreational leagues, and community events. It is, if anything, undersized for the demand it already serves. Taking away scarce open field space for a pool would be a direct blow to the residents and families who rely on the park as it is.
2. **The pool is a solution in search of a problem.** Spending \$50 million (roughly the estimate on the initial Castaways pool proposal) on a facility that few residents need or want is a classic boondoggle. Newport Beach already has an abundance of pools—community associations, apartments, private homes, clubs, and high schools all provide them. The lack of public demand from the people who live here makes this project unjustifiable.
3. **Council priorities appear misplaced.** From the outside, this feels less like a project to benefit residents and more like an attempt by this Council to build a monument to itself. Residents deserve investment in infrastructure and services that genuinely improve quality of life, not mayoral vanity projects.
4. **The process has gone off the rails.** The ad hoc committee behind this pool was formed to identify potential uses for *Lower Castaways Park*. When the pool idea proved unworkable there, instead of doing the job it was created for, the committee simply shopped the pool around to other locations—an exercise in stubbornly forcing a bad idea rather than solving the problem it was supposed to address.

In short, this project is unwanted, unnecessary, and wasteful. Mariners Park should be preserved and enhanced for its existing uses, not compromised to make way for an unneeded pool.

I urge you to abandon this ill-conceived proposal and instead focus on initiatives that provide real, tangible benefits to the residents who elected you.

Sincerely,
Adam Deermount

Subject: FW: proposed pool at Mariners Park

From: Laurie Veitch <crvylidy102@aol.com>
Sent: September 16, 2025 12:07 PM
To: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>
Subject: proposed pool at Mariners Park

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Dear City Council,

I have been greatly disturbed with the news that a pool has been proposed at Mariners Park. My mother and dad bought their home in Westcliff in 1956, my siblings and myself went to school at Mariners, I bought a home in 1984 in Westcliff and raised my children here. We have a long history. Putting an aquatic center at Mariners Park is ridiculous. The park is always full with school children, families, sports activities, etc. To take park space away from that is not right. Go any afternoon or weekend and the park is active with sporting events, and families enjoying the park. There has to be a better place for you to put your aquatic center.

There are very few places in our wonderful city where it's citizens can enjoy the relaxation of green space, please do not take that away from us. Instead of being the council that wants to make a name for themselves with a new pool, be the council that respects its citizens and their wishes and leave the beautiful spaces that we love as is.

thank you,

Laurie Veitch
1500 Warwick Lane, Newport Beach

Subject: FW: Mariners Park

-----Original Message-----

From: Kathleen Nellesen <kathleennellesen@gmail.com>

Sent: September 16, 2025 12:08 PM

To: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>; Jurjis, Seimone <sjurjis@newportbeachca.gov>

Subject: Mariners Park

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I vote NO on the construction of a pool and parking lot at Mariners Park. That is not what this community needs and it would impact our neighborhood in a negative way.

Kathleen Nellesen

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Megan Glasgow](#)
To: [CDD](#)
Subject: Proposed Pool at Mariners Park
Date: September 16, 2025 12:20:04 PM

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Good afternoon,

I am writing to share my opposition to a pool facility at Mariners Park. I live 2 blocks from Mariners Park and drive by it multiple times a day. During the day the park (not just the play structures but the full open space) is full of parents, nannies and kids, many who walk there from the surrounding neighborhoods. After school it's also full of kids and their caretakers - and not just at the park, they are playing and practicing soccer, football, baseball, tennis, basketball, tag and all other kinds of joyful activities that require open space. Weekends at Mariners Park are full of sports - games, practices, pick-up events, as well as birthday parties and just general kids playing at the park. This would all be greatly reduced by putting a pool and associated facilities in and would disrupt one of the best and well-used open spaces around. One that serves multiple surrounding neighborhoods. I also have friends that would bring their kids from south Orange County just to play at this park because it's so enjoyable.

In addition, I have concerns about the noise, parking and traffic that would increase in our neighborhood from this project, affecting our home values and our quality of life. There is already an annoying amount of people that cut through Harbor Highlands to avoid the light at Dover and Irvine and this would no doubt increase that traffic volume. The use of a pool is full of whistles and noise, visitors coming and going, and parking in neighborhoods when the lot is full or too busy. I have three kids who all do water sports (swimming and water polo) and the traffic, trash, noise and crowds that occur at every single one of their events is always so disheartening to see in other neighborhoods. Don't let that happen here.

Sincerely,
Megan Jameson

Subject: FW: Oppose the proposal of aquatic center

-----Original Message-----

From: perryemsiek@gmail.com <perryemsiek@gmail.com>

Sent: September 16, 2025 12:18 PM

To: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>

Subject: Oppose the proposal of aquatic center

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Good afternoon,

I am writing to oppose the aquatic center planned at Mariner's Park.

Perry Bissell,
Newport Beach resident

Subject: FW: Mariners Park location for Swimming Stadium

From: Ronald Rubino <erecords.ron@gmail.com>
Sent: September 16, 2025 12:36 PM
To: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>
Subject: Mariners Park location for Swimming Stadium

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TO: City Council members and City Manager

This email is to express my recommendation to not select Mariners Park or Dover Shores and Pacific Coast Highway corner as sights for a City Swim Stadium.

On the Dover Shores and PCH corner you have heard from residents that this location has heavy traffic and can not support the project traffic in and out of this area. That has resulted in a search for alternative locations.

One of the alternative locations is Mariner Park. This location for a City's proposed large public pool complex would replace park, playing fields, tennis courts and children play equipment at Mariners Park.

The community uses this park for kids play, daily sports practice and games and open space. It is irreplaceable. Taking away sports fields, tennis courts and playgrounds for a massive aquatics facility would be the worst possible use of this space.

If the city goes forward with this proposed swim stadium, I suggest a site adjacent to Newport Harbor High School football stadium. The closed hospital site could be purchased and a design compatible with the existing Nature Center could be feasible. This solves two problems with one solution parking at the school could be shared with the swim stadium.

We all want what's best for Newport Beach. Please do not select Mariners Park for the swim stadium and protect our neighborhood park for our kids, families, and future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ronald Rubino
2845 Alta Vista Dr
Eastbluff HOA Board Director
38 year NB resident

Subject:

FW: PROPOSED AQUACTIC CENTER AT MARINERS PARK

-----Original Message-----

From: pamsomersnb@icloud.com <pamsomersnb@icloud.com>

Sent: September 16, 2025 12:51 PM

To: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>

Subject: PROPOSED AQUACTIC CENTER AT MARINERS PARK

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Dear Members of the City Counsel,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed public pool at Mariners Park. I have been a Newport Beach resident for fifty years and a resident of Dover Shores for more than twenty.

Mariners Park serves the community in so many ways. From practicing sports, a playground for young children and family gatherings to picnic.

Our community doesn't need a public pool! I firmly believe you would be wasting our tax dollars and will find very little support for the pool from residents of Newport Beach.

Perhaps spending money to improve our parks would be a much better choice.

I have no idea who is the brainchild of this ill advised project, but perhaps they wish to have their legacy be an unwanted and not necessary public pool.

I urge you abandon this misguided plan and put our tax dollars to work improving parks, infrastructure, and safety in Newport Beach!

Sincerely,

Pam and Jim Somers

1418 Galaxy Drive

Newport Beach 92660

Subject: FW: Reject the Proposed Aquatic Center location

From: Lacey Miller <lacymiller8@yahoo.com>

Sent: September 16, 2025 12:53 PM

To: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>; CDD <CDD@newportbeachca.gov>

Subject: Reject the Proposed Aquatic Center location

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Hello,

I own a home in Dover Shores where I'm raising my family. The new proposed idea of putting an aquatic center where Mariners Park is and has been for generations, is a very irresponsible idea for the city to even consider and I'm very disappointed that it has come to us having to send emails to defend why. Given your positions and your responsibility to our city, you all should already know why.

This city is based on generations of family's growing up here. All in which had some involvement with Mariners park over their lives. Buying a home in Dover shores is a dream to us all because of the amenities it has to offer. Walking to the park where our kids spend hours and hours is a huge one of them. Replacing the last of a grass field around us with a public pool is just inconsiderate on behalf of our city officials.

The plan removes much-needed open space and recreational facilities such as playgrounds, tennis courts, batting cages, picnic tables, birthday parties, lots of grass to run around. These are essential resources for our children and families. Once eliminated, they cannot be easily replaced, and future generations will be deprived of spaces that support healthy, active lifestyles.

The project would also create a dramatic increase in traffic. This is especially alarming given the proximity of the site to the adjacent elementary school. Increased congestion not only endangers the safety of students walking or biking to school, but also worsens pick-up and drop-off conditions that are already challenging for parents and staff. The risk to child safety in such a high-traffic zone should not be overlooked. Especially when you're wanting to put a public parking lot backed up to one of the best schools we have in the district. Doesn't seem very safe.

I'm unsure of the plan for the fire department but if the plan includes the removal of our local fire department then relocating such a critical service away from the area directly threatens public safety by increasing emergency response times. In situations where minutes make the difference between life and death, this is unacceptable and again, very irresponsible.

The cumulative impact of removing essential recreational spaces, endangering schoolchildren, worsening traffic, and reducing emergency protection is too severe to justify. Development should enhance the quality of life in Newport Beach—not diminish it.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed plan currently under consideration. While I understand the importance of thoughtful development, this proposal raises serious concerns that would negatively affect the well-being and safety of Newport Beach residents.

I urge you to reject this proposal to preserve critical community spaces, maintain essential services, and protect the safety of our families and schoolchildren.

If a personal legacy project is what the Mayor is after, maybe we can remove a park near his home for this “public” pool.

Thank you for your careful consideration of the concerns from the home owners who have invested their lives into this community.

Lacey Miller

Subject: FW: Aquatics Park

-----Original Message-----

From: Margy Rimland <mriland@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: September 16, 2025 1:23 PM
To: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>
Subject: Aquatics Park

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Hello,

My name is Margy Rimland and I live at 1621 Ruth Lane, Newport Beach. I am writing to express my strong opposition to placement of an aquatics center at the site of Mariner's Park. There are so many reasons why this is not a good location.

1. It is adjacent to a school that already has inadequate parking, traffic congestion at peak hours, occasional noise issues, etc.
2. This park is used by a significant number of people on a daily basis as well as hosting sporting events, local events such as The Fourth of July Carnival, etc.
3. There is a fire station and a public library already on this property. Are we really going to remove the trees, lawn, etc. and fill it in with concrete and chlorine?
4. None of the neighborhoods around the park have guard gates, etc. and will be subject to more cross traffic if additional public use options are placed on Mariner's park.
5. There are many children who live near Mariner's park and currently walk/ride bikes freely and safely. Adding more traffic will be a safety issue.
6. Traffic on Dover, Irvine Ave and Mariner's drive are already impacted at peak hours. I don't see how you have an entrance to an aquatic park anywhere except off Dover. The light at Irvine and Dover get's quite backed up as it is. Adding a light at Mariners/Dover would be difficult with the double street situation on Dover and would be very detrimental to the houses on Mariners/little Dover.
7. Castaways park receives far less traffic and use than Mariner's Park. There is already a light, a busy street and far fewer homes. Why not take a look there?

There are many other locations in Newport Beach that have access to larger streets, less current usage, less impact on nearby residential, etc. Is this really what Newport Beach needs? Both local high schools have Olympic sized pools and the youth population in Newport Beach is actually declining. There are plenty of places to learn to swim, be on a swim team, etc. not to mention miles and miles of beach. This facility does not seem to be something The City of Newport Beach needs or wants.

Thank you

Subject: FW: Strong Opposition to the Ill-Conceived Mariners Park Aquatics Center Proposal

From: Weston Gillfillan <weston.gillfillan@gmail.com>

Sent: September 16, 2025 1:29 PM

To: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>

Subject: Strong Opposition to the Ill-Conceived Mariners Park Aquatics Center Proposal

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Dear Newport Beach City Council Members,

I am writing to oppose the absurd proposal for an aquatics center at Mariners Park. This plan is not only a gross misuse of taxpayer funds but also a reckless assault on one of our community's most cherished assets.

The likely projected cost of tens of millions of dollars for this pool is an outrageous burden on Newport Beach residents, especially when it comes at the expense of our heavily used facilities, including one of the finest baseball fields in the region. Destroying such a vital community resource for a frivolous, poorly thought-out project is an insult to the families, athletes, and organizations that rely on Mariners Park.

I demand that the council abandon this moronic idea immediately and focus on sustainable, community-focused investments that actually reflect the needs and priorities of Newport Beach residents. Our parks deserve better than to be sacrificed for a legacy project that benefits the council's ego more than the public good.

Sincerely,

Weston Gillfillan
Dover Shores Resident/Mariners Elementary Parent

Subject: FW: Do not put a pool at mariners

-----Original Message-----

From: Fisher Robison <fisherrobison@gmail.com>

Sent: September 16, 2025 1:30 PM

To: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>

Subject: Do not put a pool at mariners

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Hi,

Writing to oppose the pool at Mariners. As many people likely writing in, I am 3rd generation Newport and my kids are now 4th.

As you have kids you come to become a bit of a Newport park expert.

Mariners is top notch.

Put the pool at Irvine terrace or the park on the peninsula near 56th street. That park is constantly empty and has the same backstop, tennis, and park layout as mariners.

Look how legendary the pools near the beach are in Australia.

Let's be legends.

Save mariners.

Subject: FW: Aquatic Park Relocation

-----Original Message-----

From: Kamryn Miller <kammymiller@yahoo.com>

Sent: September 16, 2025 1:34 PM

To: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>

Subject: Aquatic Park Relocation

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Dear Mayor and Council members,

I am writing to express my vehement opposition to the future Aquatic Park relocation to Mariner's park. This is a terrible idea for Mariner's Elementary families (my husband and daughter both attended) and the greater Dover Shores neighborhood (we are residents). Many of my neighbors agree.

The NHHS pool has just been completed, there is a YMCA close by not to mention the NAC and countless bay and ocean entry points.

Please vote no to this terrible idea (and don't get me started on the 66% above state mandated housing element 🙄). Our city deserves better. And that is from a 3rd generation CDM/Newport Beach raising a 4th generation.

Thank you for your attention to this!

Kammy Miller
Estelle Lane NB

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Garrett, Errica](#)
To: [Rodriguez, Clarivel](#)
Subject: FW: Public pool
Date: September 16, 2025 1:52:19 PM

Errica Garrett
Administrative Assistant to the Mayor and City Council
City Manager's Office
Office: 949-644-3004

100 Civic Center Drive
Newport Beach, CA 92660

-----Original Message-----

From: LYNNE GEORGE <lynne.george@icloud.com>
Sent: September 16, 2025 1:51 PM
To: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>
Subject: Public pool

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I am opposed to taking away fields to put in a public pool. That park is used daily for children and families to play, have birthday parties, participate in in sporting events and relax Sent from my iPhone

Subject: FW: NO on Mariners Park Demolition

From: Riley Beek <rileykbooking@gmail.com>
Sent: September 16, 2025 2:03 PM
To: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>
Cc: Jurjis, Seimone <sjurjis@newportbeachca.gov>
Subject: NO on Mariners Park Demolition

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Dear members of city council, and to whom it may concern-

I am a fourth generation resident of Newport Beach. I recently caught wind that the city is considering the idea of replacing Mariner's park with an aquatic center. My first instinct was to laugh at this absurd news- surely there was no way this was a legitimate idea? I grew up going to Mariners park and have many fond memories there as a child. Now as a parent myself, I take my own daughter to Mariner's park 3-4 times a week. We have picnics there, play on the jungle gym, and enjoy numerous park birthdays that are held there each week. Mariner's park is not only a staple in our community, but it's a safe, familiar outlet for parents to take their children. I speak on behalf of all parents in the area, especially mothers, when I say we do NOT want to see Mariner's park demolished for an aquatics center. It is too valuable to lose. It is the most crowded, popular park in the area for a reason. Please do not take that away from us.

With kindest regards,
Riley Beek

From: [Cori Kegans](#)
To: [Dept - City Council](#)
Subject: Opposition to proposed Public Aquatic Center site - Bonita Creek Park
Date: September 16, 2025 2:07:18 PM

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposal to construct a public pool (Public Aquatic Center) at Bonita Creek Park, which is home to our community's softball fields. While I understand the desire to expand recreational facilities, building a pool at this location would eliminate resources that are already essential to many families. A pool, while valuable, would serve a narrower purpose and a more limited group of residents.

My daughter plays softball on these fields, and I have seen firsthand how important they are to young athletes. The fields and the adjacent batting cages provide a safe, welcoming place for kids to learn teamwork, build confidence, and stay active. These facilities are not just fields of dirt and grass; they are where friendships are made, skills are developed, and our community comes together. In addition, this park hosts flag football, soccer and other various activities for both youth and adults. Removing them would not only eliminate opportunities for organized sports, but also disrupt a longstanding tradition of community gatherings that center around those fields.

The proposed pool would not only take away one of the few softball fields available but also remove the batting cages, leaving players without the practice space they rely on. These losses would be deeply felt by the children, families, and leagues who regularly use them.

I encourage City Council and the Ad Hoc Committee to seek an alternative location for the pool that does not come at the expense of these well-used and well-loved facilities. Preserving the softball fields and batting cages while pursuing new recreational opportunities will serve a broader range of residents and protect a resource that already meets an important community need.

Thank you for your consideration and for listening to the voices of the families in the community who rely on these fields and wish to see them remain a part of our city's landscape.

Respectfully,

Cori Kegans

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Subject: FW: Strongly oppose Mariners pool aquatic center proposal

From: Marquina, Sierra <SierraMarquina@iheartmedia.com>

Sent: September 16, 2025 2:19 PM

To: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>

Subject: Strongly oppose Mariners pool aquatic center proposal

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As a resident of Dover Shores, I, along with my family and neighbors, strongly oppose this idea.

Sierra Marquina Cox

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Subject: FW: Opposition to proposed community pool at Mariners Park

From: Nicholette Trevizo <ntrevizointeriors@gmail.com>
Sent: September 16, 2025 2:32 PM
To: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>
Subject: Opposition to proposed community pool at Mariners Park

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Dear Honorable members of the city council,

I am writing this letter in strong opposition to the proposed community pool complex at Mariners Park.

As a long time resident of the Westcliff/Dover shores neighborhood and parent of children who attend Mariners Elementary school, I feel that this will negatively impact our community.

The negative impacts I see first hand are:

- 1) increased traffic and a lack of parking in an already congested part of our neighborhood.
- 2) Lack of green grass and a park for our children to play in and practice for sports.
- 3) Our elementary school should be the first to be considered for taking over the grass in this park. Our school and children do not have a safe fenced in body or grass to play on for recess and sports.
- 4) Noise concerns
- 5) Visitors coming from neighboring cities adding to further congestion and pollution.

Please consider another location for this venue. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Your concerned neighbor,
Nicholette Trevizo

Subject: FW: Mariners Park Proposal

From: Luke Soule <luke.soule@gmail.com>

Sent: September 16, 2025 2:42 PM

To: CDD <CDD@newportbeachca.gov>

Cc: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>; Weigand, Erik <eweigand@newportbeachca.gov>

Subject: Mariners Park Proposal

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I recently became aware of the city proposal to put an aquatic center (previously announced for Dover/PCH lower Castaways area) in Mariners Park.

Mariners Park is an important part of what makes Dover Shores such a vibrant neighborhood. From the open fields for games, practices, informal play or just running around, and to the playground, Mariners Park is a cornerstone of the local neighborhoods. Beyond the formal games and soccer practices, the fields at Mariners Park are also home to many informal team practices, pickup games, and just kids running around having fun.

The two tennis courts at Mariners Park are the only lit public tennis courts in the entire city, and a vital community resource along with the handball court/tennis wall nearby. During peak times (weekend mornings and late afternoon to evening on weekdays), these courts often have waits of over an hour with multiple groups waiting to access. The limited lessons available at Mariners Park are always filled almost immediately with a wait list.

I have seen the proposed designs and every one of them would destroy Mariners Park as it is and make it much worse and at an enormous cost to city taxpayers.

All of these would be detriments to the existing usage and character of the park:

- Remove open space to add numerous parking spaces for people coming from outside the neighborhood - BAD
- Remove the only lighted public tennis courts in the city that are heavily used already - WORSE

Unfortunately, if the lower Castaways area is not viable for an aquatic center there may not be any suitable locations in west Newport unless the City can free up enough space from Corporation Yard to build there or purchase underused commercial/industrial space closer to the Santa Ana River.

I urge the City Council to preserve Mariners Park as the neighborhood recreational space it was designed to be. If an aquatic center is needed, please pursue locations that don't require destroying existing, well-used community assets. The Corporation Yard, underutilized commercial properties, or partnerships with Costa Mesa or the school district could provide solutions without sacrificing our neighborhood park.

Best Regards,
Luke Soule
Longtime Newport Beach resident

From: [Samantha Cessna](#)
To: [CDD](#)
Subject: I opposed the Mariners Park Pool Proposal
Date: September 16, 2025 1:37:31 PM

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Dear City Council Members,

I recently learned of the proposed plan to place a community pool at mariners park. The mariners park is an important and special park for this community that my children have loved and continue to love. A park with grass and a big playground have been such a staple as we have raised our two children here. To remove this park would leave our next closest option in Costa Mesa where homeless often loiter and the park is not as convenient to get to.

Please do not proceed with removing this important community asset to replace with a large parking lot and pool. Parents with small children need grass and open space!

Thank you,
Samantha McClellan

From: [Laura Nelson](#)
To: [CDD](#)
Subject: Aquatic Center at Mariners Park
Date: September 16, 2025 2:13:22 PM

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Good afternoon,

It was brought to my attention that there will possibly be an Aquatics Center built at Mariners Park.

This is very concerning for the following reasons: This park is used by so many local families, and is a high trafficked park already. The grass area is used by so many teams for soccer, football, and baseball practices. Field availability is already extremely limited in the area, so why would we eliminate mariners park?

Lastly, worked with the City of NB to book my sons 10th birthday party at the park. It was a soccer party, so we needed field space, and nothing near dover was available due to all of the sports leagues have these fields booked. So the party had to be hosted at Coastal Peak Park, which is a trek from Dover Shores.

Mariners Park already has limited parking due to the park, school and sports activities, we should not add a public pool that will attract a lot of non-locals to the area and more traffic. Newport Beach residents either have their own pools to use, friends pools, the YMCA (down the street) or they belong to a club with a pool to use. There is no reason to build an aquatics center in this area, and waste city money.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,
Laura Nelson
1118 Santiago, NB
916-761-2810

From: [Kamryn Miller](#)
To: [CDD](#)
Subject: Aquatic Park at Mariner's Park
Date: September 16, 2025 2:56:48 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my vehement opposition to the future Aquatic Park relocation to Mariner's park. No, No, No, 100% No! This is a terrible idea for Mariner's Elementary families (my husband and daughter both attended) and the greater Dover Shores neighborhood (we are residents). Many of my neighbors agree.

The NHHS pool has just been completed, there is a YMCA close by not to mention the NAC and countless bay and ocean water entry points.

Please vote no to this terrible idea. Our city deserves better. And that is from a 3rd generation CDM/Newport Beach raising a 4th generation.

Thank you for your attention to this.

Kammy Miller
Estelle Lane NB

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: FW: Public Pool at Mariners Park

-----Original Message-----

From: Timothy Quinn <tquinn5000@icloud.com>

Sent: September 16, 2025 3:25 PM

To: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>

Subject: Public Pool at Mariners Park

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As a 30 year resident of Dover Shores, I am writing to express my opposition to a public pool at Mariners Park. The park is used everyday by school kids after school, soccer practice, and for baseball practice and games.

Who determined that there was a need for a large public pool facility in Newport Beach ? If there really is a need for a public pool, what happened to using the Lower Castaways site which has been a vacant lot for the last 50 years?

I urge the members of the Planning Commission and City Council to take the time to visit the park in the afternoon during the week and on the weekends to see how much use the park currently receives. I can't imagine that a public pool would get more use than the park currently has.

Thank you for your consideration.

Annie and Tim Quinn

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: FW: YES to Mariners Park; NO to aquatic center

From: Andrea Lauer <alauer@trovata.com>

Sent: September 16, 2025 3:51 PM

To: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>

Subject: YES to Mariners Park; NO to aquatic center

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Dear Council Members,

I am strongly opposed to turning part of Mariners Park into an aquatic center. The green space & play area it provides are integral to our children & community.

Thank You,
Andrea Lauer
Dover Shores Home Owner & Resident
Parent to Mariners Elem student

From: [nicole summers](#)
To: [CDD](#)
Subject: NB Aquatic Center Proposal
Date: September 16, 2025 4:28:10 PM

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Good afternoon,

I was reviewing the renderings for proposed aquatic center locations. Here are my thoughts as a NB homeowner with children in the school district.

The Mariners Park location is not ideal. Mariners Elementary has the least amount of grass in the school district. Where would you move the fire dept? They are perfectly central to service NB. Responding time would increase. Parking is always an issue at Mariners. Plus, with over 16k student flag football players, in addition to other sports, this location is a daily hub for practice year around. Orange County dwarfs all surrounding counties for children in sports. This would remove precious grassy fields the kids rely on to learn and practice their skills.

Bonita Canyon park is another park that is utilized for sports daily. Plus the parking is horrendous.

There is a lot of land near the Newport Coast community center. It's a little more inland and gets more heat than closer to the beach. They have a big grassy field over there too.

There are buildings and lots being sold on the back side of Benihana. Plus, there's area for parking.

Another location would be on the back side of the YMCA on University. Richard, the owner on the back side is selling his massive property. He's building another property down the street. He's had it listed for a long time. Perhaps he'd sell the open dirt lot in-between him and the YMCA.

Otherwise, we have a massive ocean in our backyard, do really need an aquatic center?

Years ago when Newport & Santa Ana Heights annexed. Santa Ana Heights raised 11 million dollars from the pac community to go towards a community center in Santa Ana Heights. The funds ended up going towards the fire department on Mesa. They were even

looking a house to build in Newport Heights (behind El Pollo Loco) to make a community center.

Why not take the holes 1, 2, 9 & the driving range from the Newport Beach Golf Course. Can't the city take the lease back?

I would love to be included on the happenings as this progresses. Please include me in future emails to the public.

Sincerely,
Nicole Summers
949-922-1526

From: [Heather G](#)
To: [CDD](#)
Subject: Mariner's Park
Date: September 16, 2025 4:29:20 PM

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Please don't get rid of Mariner's Park

Heather Grimaldi, MS, BCBA
Business Development
Direct: 949-246-9292

From: [vanessa.shanahan](#)
To: [CDD](#)
Subject: STRONGLY OPPOSE Mariners Community Pool
Date: September 16, 2025 4:40:41 PM

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Dear City Council,

My name is vanessa shanahan and I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed new community pool at Mariners Park.

the proposed location is not ideal. The site of Mariners Park presents challenges such as limited parking, increased traffic congestion, proximity to residential homes and loss of grass fields for local children to play on.

This portion of newport beach is UNDERSERVED in terms of parks per capita and this proposal removes a highly OVER-UTILIZED and SEVERLY TRAFFIC IMPACTED park for our community.

I urge you to reconsider this proposal and instead focus on more sustainable and beneficial projects for our city. I appreciate your time and consideration of my concerns.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Shanahan
1918 Teresita Ln (Dover Shores homeowner)

Subject: FW: Opposition of Aquatic Park

From: Kim Davenport <davenportkimmy@gmail.com>

Sent: September 16, 2025 4:25 PM

To: Dept - City Council <CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov>; Jurjis, Seimone <sjurjis@newportbeachca.gov>

Subject: Opposition of Aquatic Park

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Hello There!

I am a 13 year resident of Dover Shores and
am writing to let you know my extreme opposition to the proposed aquatics park proposal for Mariners Park.

Out children value the grass area of Mariners Patk and our neighborhood does not support the aquatics project. we are opposed to the potential disruption of the park, vehicle and foot traffic.

Please consider this email a strong resident request to shut down the pursuit of this project.

Thank you,
Kim Davenport
1363 Galaxy Dr, Newport Beach, CA 92660