

Dear Chairs Girod and Holvey, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to show my very strong support for the "Greater Toledo Aquatic and Community Center."

You have a great responsibility to find worthwhile organizations to support, and I hope that you can see that ours is worth your approval.

My name is Ron Manning, and I have lived in Toledo for over 50 years. I am retired from the Georgia Pacific Paper Mill. My wife and I are members of the Friends of the Greater Toledo Pool.

I swim at the pool five days a week. I used to have a considerable amount of lower back pain, and even spent time in the hospital with it. I tried swimming as a recommendation from my doctor, and it has made a world of difference for me.

A major reason that I see a real need for our pool is our kids. We are almost surrounded by water, and our kids need to learn to swim. I had to perform CPR on a young man at a recreational lake, and he died. I've asked myself many times, "I wonder if he would have lived had he known how to swim?"

Having a Community Center included with the pool will be a great service to our honored SENIORS. Some seniors cannot get into the water, but with guidance, could extend their quality of life by using the available opportunities in the Community Center.

The livability of our community would be greatly improved with the addition of the "GREATER TOLEDO AQUATIC AND COMMUNITY CENTER."

I pray that you will give us some serious consideration in your deliberations.

Thank you for letting me ramble on.

Ron Manning