

For the record, I am Steve Albert, Executive Director of the Mittleman Jewish Community Center (or MJCC), serving Oregon since 1914. We serve everyone, and a majority of our users are not Jewish. Our facility, built in 1971, needs significant renovation. **A capital campaign is underway to fund two projects: increased accessibility in our pool area and expansion of childcare facilities. This is a lottery bond capital construction request.**

We house the only publicly-accessible warm pool in Portland. Many seniors and children rely on it for therapy to address medical issues. We partner with area health providers so patients can use the pool for rehabilitation and exercise. The therapy pool needs repairs to continue operating, and the areas around it must be improved to enhance safety.

The main pool area must also be improved to meet pool access demands in SW Portland. Space is limited at the only nearby outdoor pool which is massively overcrowded in summer. We plan to create a new outdoor, ADA-accessible area to reduce overcrowding and provide options for families looking to cool down.

Finally, working parents need greater access to childcare. Converting our unused racquetball courts into drop-in childcare and afterschool program spaces will address unmet needs. We'll add an indoor playground, which families consider a critical need, especially during the rainy, winter months. We're centrally located in SW Portland, accessible by TriMet, allowing all community members to utilize these services.

We are conducting a capital campaign, and engaging private donors, for this \$10 million project. Based on anticipated construction phasing, **MJCC is requesting \$5 million in lottery-backed bonds from the Legislature as the "last dollars in" to complete the projects.** These funds will allow for a facility that will enable all families who walk through our doors to thrive.