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I am submitting testimony for Osborn Aquatic Center- which serves the Corvallis community and beyond. I joined Osborn in 2017, when I first moved to Corvallis (from South Carolina). In 2021 during COVID, I joined the Corvallis Aquatic Team (CAT), which holds their swim practices at Osborn. In 2022, I competed in the Oregon Senior Games, which was hosted by the Osborn Aquatic Center. I met swimmers from all over Oregon and from out-of-state, who were hoping to qualify the National Seniors Game (I qualified!). In 2023 I was certified as a lifeguard at Osborn. I learned CPR, AED Use for the Professional Rescuer, and Waterpark Skills. Osborn provided this 2-day in-person training for free, while other pools charged \$200-\$500 for the same Red Cross certification program. In 2024, I swam the Portland Bridge Swim (halfway- about 5 miles)- my longest open water swim ever. I am 62 years old- and I never dreamed that swimming would become such a large part of my life. I feel that I am part of a community, many thanks to the Osborn Aquatic Center.