

Subject: Expand and Enhance the Green Lake Pool Rebuild

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Dear Mayor Wilson, Seattle Parks and Recreation, and Seattle City Councilmembers,

My name is [Your Name], and I live at [Your Address].

[Please add here your connection to Green Lake, aquatics, or living in Seattle, and why this project matters to you.]

Green Lake Pool was built nearly 70 years ago. For decades, our community has waited for a modern public aquatic and recreation facility that reflects Seattle's growth and evolving needs.

Seattle's population has grown more than 50 percent over the past 50 years, yet aquatic facilities have not kept pace. In a city surrounded by water, we must do more to ensure access to swimming, water safety education, recreation, health, and competitive opportunities for youth, families, adults, and seniors.

Limited pool capacity means:

- Long waitlists for Learn-to-Swim programs
- Inadequate training space for school teams
- Restricted access for lap swimmers and recreation users
- Missed opportunities for health, wellness, and community connection

Water safety is also an equity issue. In King County, the drowning rate for Black residents has been double the county average. According to USA Swimming:

- 79% of children in households earning under \$50,000 have little to no swimming ability
- 64% of Black children, 45% of Hispanic/Latino children, and 40% of white children report little to no swimming ability
- If a parent does not know how to swim, there is only a 19% chance their child will learn

Seattle can and must address these disparities.

I strongly urge you to expand the current proposal beyond a 6-lane, 25-yard replacement pool. A larger, more flexible facility, such as an 8- to 10-lane pool or a 50-meter configurable pool, would allow multiple programs to operate simultaneously and better serve our growing community.

This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity. Please invest in a facility that reflects Seattle's size, values, and future.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]