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Please include the following in the transcript for the Budget Hearing:

Mary T Aquatic Center is important to many, many Louisville families. MTM greatly contributes to the quality of life of many young swimmers, to rehab patients, to law enforcement & rescue dive teams, to current high school swimmers and to the hope of future potential college swimmers....as well as past & future Olympians.

MTM is currently serving Masters Swimming, City of Louisville Youth Swimming (Hammerheads), LMPD, Navy Seals, Army Special Forces, Navy Special Forces, Louisville EMS, Louisville Fire Dept, Bellarmine University, JCPS, Infant Survival, scuba diving, kayaking, 3 Tri-Athlete Groups, as well as the only public lap swimming, water aerobics, swim lessons and infant lessons in the City.

MTM truly stands alone. It enhances the aura and allure of Louisville. It enhances the city's focus on sports, on exercise and on fitness for all it serves. It is Louisville.

A few of the families I represent today include: David Northup - former swimming alum, his son currently swims for Lakeside and David is the nephew to our own Madam Butterfly, our facility's namesake, Mary T. This family represents the many past Olympians that started their careers at our pool.

The Forde family - Pat & Trish Forde – their family represents the future Olympians from Louisville. Their daughter, Brooke, a Stanford student, is well on her way to a potential spot on the next US Olympic team. Brooke also got her start in our pool.

I am the Board of Directors chairman of Lakeside Swim Team and father of Emma Jury – though she's not on the Olympic track, she is tremendously committed and driven and intends to swim in college. She's a 17 year-old young lady that has been swimming at Mary T since she was 6 years old. She represents all of the young swimmers with hopes and dreams to be a collegiate swimmer.

Lakeside has over 300+ swimmers that use MTM as a practice facility each and every day.

Our program and coach are nationally recognized for greatness in athletics and for preparing

swimmers for the next level in swimming. Lakeside Swim Team was just recognized again for GOLD MEDAL of EXCELLENCE by USA Swimming – our program is ranked 15th in the country and only 20 teams are awarded this distinction. It would be devastating to our program and the Louisville swim community if these doors were to close.

Between 2015 and 2018, the State of Kentucky sent 44 swimmers to swim at Division I NCAA programs in the Power Five conferences. The majority of those were from our program.

According to the November Courier Journal article, MAXED OUT, “For a city that produces so many of the nation’s top competitive swimmers, Louisville has a surprising shortage of indoor pools.”

Please do not make this problem any worse.

Not only would this cut be devastating to our competitive swimmers but also to the recreational swimmers as well.

Please do not limit access to healthy activity, to discourage a critical life skill or to cut an out-of-school opportunity for our youth.

With respect I am asking you to keep the doors of Mary T Aquatic Center open for our entire community.

Thank you,
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