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Dear Metro Council Members,

I attended the meeting last night but unfortunately by the time I got off work and got downtown the room was full and I had to sit in the overflow room. I wasn't able to speak last night because I would have been #73 and had to get home. I would like this to be included in the transcript from last evening.

I am support keeping the Mary T. Meager aquatic center open and operating fully! The center is used for health and wellness not only by the residents in the area but those also in other areas of town, Oldham County, Bullit County, and Shelby County.

What is the MTM Aquatic Center?

- It is where my friend took her infant twins to Infant Survival swim training.
- It is where my elderly neighbor go to aqua aerobics class because it hurts her joints to do other types of exercise.
- It is where my nephew, in his 20's, goes to swim laps and use the work out room.
- It is where another friend takes her children for swim lessons.
- It is where my daughters swim and workout 20+ hours a week

MTM is also used for training by :

LMPD  
Navy Seals  
Army Special Forces,  
Nancy Special Forces  
Louisville EMS  
Louisville FD

It is used by schools:

JCPS & Bellarmine University

It is the ONLY PUBLIC lap swimming pool and is used for teaching swimming lessons, competitive swimming and by those who want to exercise:

City of Louisville Youth Swimming (the Hammerheads)  
Masters Swimming-adults who practice and compete in swimming  
Scuba diving lessons

Kayak lessons

3 Tri Athlete groups

Infant Survival swim lessons and swim lessons for other ages too

Water Aerobics

Weight and aerobic exercise room

Practice facility and competition pool for the Lakeside Seahawks, a nonprofit youth program

MTM not only contributes to the health and well being of our community members but also helps to save lives through the swim classes and drowning prevention training classes that are conducted here. Diabetes and obesity are becoming an epidemic in our state with staggering number of people in our area with diabetes and/or obesity. Isn't it important to get kids and adults alike active in order to lead healthier lives? The long term impact of diabetes and obesity on the health and finances of our community is staggering.

I think our government needs to find OTHER ways to CUT our budget WITHOUT RAISING TAXES! I am 100% against new taxes or tax hikes—we need to FIX the pension problem (like many corporations have had to do). Cut our the FLUFF in the budget and not important programs like the Mary T. Meager Aquatics Center!!

Thank you,

Kimberly Tidwell