Since 1989 the shoreline senior center has been a big part of my life. It does a great service for the community offering programs and community involvement programs to benefit the seniors in this area. One of the big pluses for the center is the treatment and caring offered to all seniors - from SNAP to companionship, classes to keep us fit and involved, nourishing lunches, Dr. Hibbs (Bastyr University) giving advice and check-ups for all. We seniors would like to be a part of the multi-generational community center. We would like to see the commercial kitchen continued as for many it is our big meal of the day. I encourage you to let the voters of the area decide if the increase on the bond for property owners is a good investment.

Donna Ault, Shoreline Resident since 1953 (before it was a city!)

Good evening. Thank you for providing this opportunity to speak to you all. This is to be quite an evening for you as you select our next city council member and elect the mayor. I’m here tonight on behalf of the Shoreline-LFP Sr. Ctr as we look to the future of the center in our community.

In the Hawaiian culture the elders are called kupunas, the honored elder who has acquired enough life experience to become a family and community leader and as such the kupuna is expected to speak out and help make decisions on important issues for both: family and community.

We ask you, as this process for the Community Center and Senior Center moves along, to please come to us, listen to us, and learn from us. Include us in decision making. By the year 2025 it is believed that the city’s population will be 20% over the age of 65. So obviously the need for a vital facility that will meet the wide range needs of this population should be planned for and planned well. There will be a continuing need for not only recreational use but a variety of support services that the current center offers to seniors and their families. Many of the seniors in our community who use the center the most are those who can do so despite their modest means: it provides essential services, it provides a place to be socially connected, it provides opportunities to volunteer in useful ways (Power of One as an example) wellness programs a place to get a haircut, your teeth cleaned and great foot care; head to toe service. And then, go have a hot lunch with your friends.

Most important: it provides a place to be: a safe place, a place to meet new friends, a place where people care about one another, a place where you can come every day if you want or just come for certain classes. A place where you know you will always be welcome.

Just this past week one of the seniors who comes every day, volunteers during lunch time and is a veteran, told me “I come here so I’m not sitting home alone; it gives me something to do. I have friends here.” Another said: “I just didn’t want to sit home alone today so I came to the adult coloring class where no one talked much, but we were there peacefully enjoying the activity and being together.”
The elders in this community are the lawyers, doctors, teachers, store clerks, veterans, parents who volunteered in the schools, who cheered their kids as they graduated from one of the most revered school districts in the state. Indeed, they are the ones who helped make Shoreline the city it is today.

That is why I’m here this evening to ask you to consider very seriously to continue supporting the elders of our city as you have done so well through the years. Give back to them as they have given to all of us here.

We look forward to working with you in the decision making and thank you for listening.

To the members of the City of Shoreline City Council

In regards to the future of the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center

There is concern about the future of the current facility housing the senior center due to its location on the Shoreline Center campus. Because of the impending light rail making its way to Shoreline that is bordering the school district property, there is thinking that the school district can, or will, either develop the property or sell it. Some are feeling a lack of confidence that the senior center will be part of the long range planning in the event the district makes the decisions it will need to make concerning the property.

With that in mind, the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center seeks dedicated space, within the proposed multi-generational Shoreline Community and Aquatic Center, a project the City of Shoreline scheduled to be put to a vote in November 2019.

The dedicated space the senior center is seeking would be 6,000 square feet plus a commercial kitchen

We ask you to consider, with all empathy, the needs of our seniors and assure that the original levy be amended to include essential items to protect and nurture the lives of Shoreline seniors, future seniors: the "gray vote".

The existing Senior Center, 18560 1st Ave NE, #1, has been granted a 5-year lease by that properties owners, the Shoreline School District. It has been functioning there successfully for 41 years and currently has 3,518 members, ages 50 and over. These are voters who help make up 1/5 of the voters in the community.

With the advent of the light rail station planned for that area, the use of that property after the lease is up in five years is in question. Losing a facility serving seniors is a grave loss, not only potentially dangerous to the aged individual, but to the entire community as well.

Therefore, we need to be assured that the levy for funding that will appear before your constituency in March 2019 contains items proven essential to senior citizens in all financial strata. Including, and especially, to those of modest means, as well as the adult children of seniors who will continue to age, even as they care of their aging parents.
Specifically, we ask that the Shoreline City Council emphasize with current needs, while going forward highlighting Shoreline as a good place to grow up and to grow older in a safe environment; to learn and share wisdom, to enjoy a healthy lifestyle regardless of economic challenges.

We understand the current estimate of the cost is $257 per household on a 20 year bond and $184 per household on a 30 year bond. We further estimate that an addition of the 6,000 square feet and amenities we seek would be additional $5.7 million. This addition includes dedicated space for a senior center plus a commercial kitchen.

Thank you for your consideration,

JonAnn Cruver, Former Program Coordinator, Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center

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Eric, I just saw the new Currents magazine this weekend. Thank you so much for the front and center article on the pool facility. It was very exciting to see that the City has taken a real interest in listening to the swim communities and is beginning to reach out to the school district for opportunities to partner. I am happy to see that our inquiries at the district level are being heard as well. It is so critical to all of the Shoreline schools, not just the two high schools, that the board hears what an important role swimming plays in the lives of a multitude of children. I understand that the school district is just about to release their findings regarding either funding or land options to help “dig this hole” right! I hope with your vision for this center, you can keep that goal on track.

I believe I have heard at city council meetings that there is a March deadline to prepare this project for voters. I sincerely hope that we all give the time necessary to finding the best solution not only for the constituents that will use the facility but also for future growth in our area. To accommodate for all of that it is so imperative that we consider the four elements we need for this pool:

- An 8 lane competition pool that will meet all of the needs of the many swim teams running through and around our city
- A separate Diving well to allow for diving, warm-up and cool-down capacity but also keep diving a part of the high school swim & dive sport in a safe and inclusive way!
- Large capacity viewing area and deck space
- Adequate depth which allows for starts, turns, and water polo

Ultimately I know the Shoreline voters will be pleased to see both entities working for the best option possible and more likely to get the construction ball moving if it is done right the first time!

Thank you again for your service to our community.

Angela Nouwens
Dear Councilwoman Chang:

We are writing to you on behalf of our United States Masters swim team, the North End Otters. We have used the Shoreline Pool for our workouts for MANY years. If you are not familiar with Masters swimming, it’s basically swim team for adults! Anyone 18 and over is welcome to join Masters swimming.

Our particular team is made up of swimmers ranging from 20-76 years old with all different abilities and experience represented. We have former Division I, II and III collegiate swimmers, we have life long swimmers, tri athletes and people who just love to swim. Some of us compete and a group of us love open water swimming as well. We believe that swimming is a life-long sport!

We are keenly interested in the new pool being planned. We believe that a quality pool is a HUGE asset to the city of Shoreline and the North King County/South Snohomish County community. We enthusiastically support the following:

- An eight-lane 25 yard pool with two diving boards.
- A pool deck that provides plenty of space for swim teams to assemble and rest during swim meets. Not only are there two high school swim teams, but there is also a summer age group rec team (The Gators) who host meets. Our master’s team would also be able to host swim meets with more deck and spectator space.
- A large spectator area.
- Other water sports that would benefit with a new pool – water polo, synchronized swimming, cold water rescue groups, kayakers. These sports require a deep end for their activities.

We invite you to come and meet us at one of our workouts! We practice every weekday from 6:30 a.m.-7:30 a.m. If you are interested in getting in the pool, even better! Please contact Christi Flynn (425-985-8789) or Mary Lippold (206-484-1785) and we will be sure to meet you on deck.

Sincerely,

Christi Flynn          President
Mary Lippold           Vice President
Martha Layzer          Treasurer
Sandy Gates            Secretary
Tani Stenfjord         Board Member
Gail Rautmann          Board Member
Fiona Clauson          Board Member
To Shoreline City Council:

I write in regard to your proposed bond levy to fund the Shoreline Community Center. My plea is that it must include 6000 square feet of space and a commercial kitchen for a permanent home for the Shoreline/Lake Forest Park Senior Center. It is appreciated that our current site is temporary dependent on the whim of the school district who own the building.

The background from which I speak has been over 30 years of practicing Family Medicine in our community followed by volunteer service at the Shoreline/Lake Forest Park Senior Center since September 1st 2010. I understand the needs of our seniors.

I cannot over emphasize the need for a commercial kitchen. These folks live on a finite income during years of infinite increasing cost of living. The subsidized balanced food we serve is the base of nutrition necessary to physical health for many. The nutrition is almost as important as the socializing while eating is essential to their mental health. They also need the myriad important services we offer: haircuts, foot care, legal consultation, Bastyr Clinic services, dental care, a host of fitness classes, classes in computer and i-phone just to name a few. These activities require space.

Who are these seniors? Our parents, grandparents and friends. They are the institutional memory of our community. They bring lifetime experience working in diverse professions. They represent nearly one fourth of our population and they are our most consistent resource of volunteer service. They need your support and you need their votes. Please include that 6000 square feet of space and that commercial kitchen. It is a win/win and it is the RIGHT thing to do.

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With appreciation for

Nola M. Moore M.D.
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   - Last Name: Not answered

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   - City, State, Zip: Not answered

3. Contact Information (optional)
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4. Do you represent an official neighborhood group or organization?
   - (○) No

5. If you answered, "yes" to the question above, what organization do you represent?
   - Not answered

6. We welcome your comments in the space below.
   
   Hi! I am so excited to hear about a new aquatic center and senior center. I am the parent of a competitive swimmer on the Cascade Swim Team. We have been at this for a few years now and my swimmer is enthusiastic and excited for his future and competing for his high school and hopefully even swimming in college. He is very dedicated and top notch swim team and swim facilities are very important to our community as well as the ability for my swimmer to achieve all his very lofty goals.

   Yes, I have a very competitive swimmer and his needs, of course, drive my own priorities but even bigger than that are the needs of our community and the possibilities that a new aquatic center can bring to our city. I am not just a Seattleite who swims for cascade. I am a member of this community and have lived her for over 18 years.

   Swimming and Diving are a very important part of high school activities and sports. It is one of the few non-cut sports and supports and provides opportunities for simmers and divers of all levels and abilities. It is a sport that can be done at any age and any ability. It produces physically strong athletes without the impact of other sports and encourages long term healthy lifestyles that are so very important at this time. Swimming is vitally important to maintain and a competitive pool and dive tank are crucial to this.

   As someone who sits through a lot of swim meets I can tell you that spectator viewing is critical when thinking of a competitive swimming pool. An eight lane pool with great viewing area capable of handling large crowds will make this facility one of the most sought after in the area. We are attending swim meets at least once if not two times a month year round and there are many many more going on all the time. Every weekend
even. Most of the pools are too small and have traumatizing viewing areas. This could be a revenue stream for the city as well as supporting the amazing athletes of all levels in your community.

There are not only the Shorecrest and Shorewood high school teams that use the shoreline pool but also cascade swim club and the shoreline gators in the summer. This is several hundred if not a thousand or more competitive swimmers that could benefit directly from this facility and that doesn’t take into consideration the thousands of other area competitive teams that will love to be able to host their meets here too.

Recreational swimming is also important and so popular in our area. I understand and agree with the need for a great recreation facility as well but I really think that both are possible. We recently attended a meet at the Snohomish aquatic center and they have a great facility. Large competitive pool and great viewing area along with a large and busy rec area separate from the competitive area. This separation also ensures that the recreational areas are available for play and lessons while competitive events are going on which enables continued revenue from rec swimming to keep coming in.

I don’t know much about diving and don’t know what the Snohomish facility has in that area but I do know that there are no competitive dive tanks or opportunities to train at a high level in that sport north of downtown. Really federal way is the only place with real training for diving. I think it would be great to be able to provide a north end opportunity for the many people that may want to try out diving as a sport but don’t have access to the facilities and training that it requires. This is a great sport that provides many opportunities for high school students and college scholarships and opportunities beyond.

I hear great things about this committee and that you are all listening and considering the needs of our swimming community and I really appreciate that. I truly hope that you will amend the plan to include a more competitive friendly swim environment and that we can count on you to support and encourage the great sport of swimming in our community.

Thank you so much!

I swim laps at the Shoreline Pool and also the Lynnwood Pool. I am very excited about the new Shoreline Community and Aquatics Center. I would like to say that when I swim, the lanes are usually full with at least two in a lane at peak hours. It would be wonderful to have at least 8 lanes, if not more in the new plans. The pool will only become busier as the population grows.

Thank you,
Cheryle Hirst

1. (○) Ridgecrest
2. (○) Email
Citizen Comments

Honorable Mayor and City Council members,

I’m John Hibbs. I’m a resident of Shoreline since 1998, and a physician, and I’ve supervised a free medical clinic on Mondays at the S-LFPSC for the last 12 years. This is a teaching clinic through which rotate senior medical students, so that they’ll get focused training in community geriatrics. We’ve become a core offering of the Senior Center; we love being there.

But my statement tonight is not about us; it’s about the needs of Shoreline’s seniors, and our senior center. And, of course, the proposed new Community and Aquatics Center.

Citizens of Shoreline will be asked to support the bond that will build the new Community Center, and it’ll be expensive. Very many of these voting citizens of Shoreline are seniors, older property owners, and they’ll be asked to pay for the bond. They don’t play basketball. A few of them swim, but these senior swimmers already have a pool. Some may enjoy the proposed walking track, but these senior walkers already have a walking track.

The social, nutritional, and other needs of seniors are well studied and reported. They cannot be met by offering a few classes in the proposed new Community Center.

How to provide for seniors’ needs in senior centers is also well studied, and this success requires significant dedicated spaces, specialized staff, knowledgeable and diverse programming, and the like.

Yes, Shoreline presently has a senior center. But it’s location is impermanent; we all know this.

Finally, and perhaps most important – forward-thinking cities around the country are moving traditionally isolated senior centers into community-connected spaces. Data is being collected and published. The word is out: seniors, their communities, and people of all other ages in these communities are better off -- socially, emotionally, physically better off if seniors and senior centers are not separated from other community spaces and activities.

The writing’s on the wall. We’re hoping to build a new community center in
Shoreline. If we do not plan for it to house our seniors and their permanent senior center, this will be a great opportunity lost, and, I’ll go so far as to say, a source someday of regret or shame for us. I say this with full respect and appreciation for the intelligence and good-spiritedness of Shoreline’s voters and our City Council. I think if we do not include a dedicated and complete senior center in our new community center, it will only be because of a lack of understanding and information about what makes seniors and communities healthy.

Let’s do the right thing. Thanks much.

First, a sincere thank you to the City staff who are doing a great job of continuing to provide City services, especially the crews plowing the roads and keeping our citizens safe.

I am writing in regards to the proposed community center, and the request for inclusion of additional space for a dedicated senior center. I know a number of people in the senior community have already reached out with public comment, and as can sometimes happen when people are passionate about an issue, these comments and requests sometimes come across in a very unfriendly (or even threatening) tone, or with an assumption that you are not doing what is right for the community. Although the City’s relationship with the Senior Center has been strained in some regards over the years, I hope you will look past that negativity, and give serious consideration to the benefit of having a dedicated senior center. I greatly appreciate your considering my comments and would be happy to talk with anyone individually if you would like.

- **Facts:** Seniors are one of our largest groups of citizens. We know that the health and wellness of seniors is directly tied to social interaction. Research shows that cross-generational interactions are very beneficial for youth and seniors. If we were to have the seniors and kids at the same community center, the possibilities of creating great relationships are endless.

- **Passage of this bond measure:** While seniors may not be great at fundraising, doorbelling or mobilizing (like the swim team parents), we know that seniors vote. The passage of this bond measure is dependent on votes. In my experience as the past Chair of the 2006 parks bond, I know that voters are not swayed by the total amount of dollars a measure costs, but rather by “what’s in it for me”. Our bond measure in 2006 passed easily because we were able to engage all the stakeholders by funding many different projects: an off leash park, upgrades to commonly used parks, turf on a soccer field, a restroom at a little league field, acquiring open space, etc. We had campaign donations and support from all these user groups. If we leave out the seniors, we will be going into the bond measure with one very large stakeholder group being excluded. The community center, at any amount, will likely be a heavy lift. We have a better chance of passage if this community center is built to truly serve everyone. While there is data that indicates the community center may not be used by the majority of our citizens, without actually having something comparable, it is impossible to know exactly what the usage will be. A
more visible location, better programming and stronger marketing can change the assumptions.

- **Thinking forward.** In the 2006 parks bond campaign, our inspiration was what we were leaving for the kids – that resonated with people in terms of preserving open space. Similarly, many of our citizens who are in their 40’s or 50’s are potential users of a senior center. Let’s think about the future, the needs of not just current seniors, but those of us who will soon be part of that group.

- **Managing the Senior Center:** Again, it’s hard to predict or design what this might look like. When the City agreed to assume Ronald Wastewater, nobody knew exactly how that transition would work, and we have had to figure that out as the assumption has proceeded. It’s good to be flexible and always looking for the best way to proceed. It’s not realistic to expect that we will have the details worked out prior to this going to a vote, but that should not be the reason to exclude the senior center. We have smart, dedicated City staff who I am confident will come up with the best way to handle this. There are many other cities who run senior centers, plenty of examples to learn from. Many factors are likely to change between now and the time the community center is built and operational. If this is really one of the critical concerns, consider including language that gives the City the option of managing (or not managing) the program.

- **Revenue Source:** As the City continues to grow, it is likely that any extra space can be used for other programming. One example is renting the space to a church or other group. Shorewood High School currently rents their cafeteria to a church on Sunday mornings, for quite a significant amount. The Community Center can also be a revenue source, if managed correctly and if that intention is part of the build out. As a professional event manager, I would also advocate for a catering kitchen. I frequently have people ask me where they can have an event in Shoreline (memorial, class reunion, weddings, etc.) It always hurts a little to send them to Edmonds or Seattle. While we know a community center won’t be a “windfall” there are definitely ways that it can generate revenue, if it is built correctly from the beginning.

- **Current Location:** I do not agree that it is the City’s responsibility to find a new home for the senior center because of the implications of the rezone in the light rail area. Our duty is to serve all the citizens, and inclusion of a senior center space in our community center is logical. Kind of like having the police station in City Hall. It is a natural connection and easy for people to locate, because seniors are part of our community.

I greatly appreciate your time in reading my comments and your thoughtful decision making.

Sincerely,

Shari Winstead
To: Shoreline City Council

I write in regards to the proposed Shoreline Community Center. My request is that it should include 6000 square feet and a commercial kitchen earmarked for a permanent site for the Shoreline Lake Forest Park Senior Center.

I am a proud member of this Senior Center as well as being one of its many volunteers. This agency has a myriad of activities focusing on the talents and needs of the elderly population.

As a former geriatric nurse practitioner, I appreciate the wellness emphasis of our center. It supports physical and mental health in its client population. Its nutrition programs are integral to this age-group’s well being AND its transportation program makes it accessible to all.

As our population continues to increase in age, your Senior Center will continue to serve many of Shoreline’s citizens. Integration of this entity into your proposed Shoreline Community Center would also enhance opportunities for intergenerational programs. I urge you to include this community resource into a proposed new all inclusive Center.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Carolyn H. Enloe, GNP retired
Dear Shoreline Mayor Hall, Council members, and City Parks Director Friedli,

I am writing to you to request that the city of Shoreline formally partner with the Shoreline School District to collaborate on the new design for the proposed aquatics and community center. As you know, there has been much discussion about the initial, proposed design. The preliminary conversations with the city and architects did not include the high school swim coaches from Shorewood and Shorecrest, community swim team representatives, and other
current users. Most regular users were shocked to find out the that pool size would be reduced from 6 lanes to 4 lanes. 6 lanes is the minimum requirement for the school and community swim teams to be competitive - no one wants just a lap pool! The swimming community are requesting that the city of Shoreline, with the support of the Shoreline School district, advocate for a design that includes: 8 deep lanes, ample viewing area, deck space, changing rooms and a separate diving well. A competitive, fast pool design will allow for flexible use and will ensure the continued participation of over a dozen community and high school swim teams, and clubs that represent hundreds of swimmers and their families in our area.

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The swim teams at Shorewood and Shorecrest for boys and girls are “no-cut” sports, that welcome all students, regardless of their abilities. At the City Council meeting last month and School Board meeting this week, students testified how swimming and being on these teams has affected their physical, social and mental well-being, and enhanced their high school experience. Girls swim practices begins in mid-August which give freshmen girls to opportunity to bond with upper classmen and come into the new school year with friends and a group that they can be a part of. This is so important - especially for young women entering high school. The teams range from kids who are competitive State-level swimmers and divers, to others who barely know how to swim! The Principals of both high schools recommend that kids join and team or club in the fall to be more involved and help them assimilate - and swimming, like other no-cut sports and clubs, is a perfect, healthy way to connect with other students. This is important to note because if the pool design was reduced to the proposed 4 lanes, the school and community swim teams would not have enough space to have a large numbers of swimmers practice and compete at meets. Coaches have reported that swimming would have to become a high school “cut” sport in Shoreline. Is that acceptable for a progressive city and school district that prides itself on inclusion, equity and the development of the “whole child” who values a life-long healthy lifestyle?

I have two swimmers this year that would not be able to participate on the boys’ and girls’ swim teams at Shorewood High School if they were a cut sport. My daughter Caroline is a Junior and has swam for Shorewood since freshmen year. She has also represented Klahaya in the summer league, since she was 6. She is a “top of the B-level” swimmer - solid, but not Regional or State level. She has physical limitations due to hip dysplasia, and her doctors strongly recommend swimming for therapy since her hip surgery in 2016 to keep her flexible and (relatively) free of pain. Caroline was recently voted a captain for the Shorewood 2019-20 girls’ swim team, not because she is the fastest swimmer, but (I suspect) because she is a positive role model and supports all the girls on the team, regardless of ability. My family is also hosting an exchange student from France this year, who is also a junior at Shorewood. Constantin Guillarme knew how to swim but had never participated on a competitive team. In addition to becoming an good swimmer, he has made new friends and is much happier at school. He also has chronic asthma, so there is no way would have been accepted to a cut swim team that was overly competitive and relied on fast times and contacts to get in. Now motivated, he registered for the lifeguarding prep class this winter and plans to earn his certification this spring! For students, athletics - especially inclusive sports like swimming - help foster life skills such as teamwork, self-discipline, resilience, and help them be strong and proponents of a healthy lifestyle. Swimming is an important safety skill for all children to learn and the lessons and lifeguarding class/CPR lessons offered at the Shoreline pool are affordable. As mentioned above,
in order to accommodate these many aquatic programs, and continued no-cut boys’ and girls’
swim & dive teams at the high schools, the new community pool design cannot be smaller than
the current 6 lanes, have a deeper end for a diving well, ample viewing space and changing
rooms.

**Who will use a new larger capacity community pool?** In addition to supporting current
users (Shorewood and Shorecrest boys and girls teams; Cascade swim club; Gators swim club;
Shoreline Parks and Recreation programs for kids, adults and seniors; boy/girl scout troops and
other community groups; Red Cross CPR and lifeguarding programs; drop-in swimmers,
community rentals, etc.), **a larger aquatics center with 8 lanes, could also bring in revenue
for the city and/or school district by allowing Shoreline to host regional and State swim
meets, expanding swim and wellness programs, and encouraging more rental
activities.** Our aging population also will be using the pool more for low-impact
exercise, physical therapy, and social time. I would suggest the Shoreline City Council and
Shoreline School Board go visit the Snohomish pool and other community aquatics centers in the
region to envision the future. The current architectural design for the Midvale property could be
changed to accommodate these requests by reducing green space and reconfiguring other
common areas within the parcel of land. Or, the City and School District could consider
retrofitting the current location on 1st Avenue North and expand into the adjacent park space.

The design of a new community pool is an opportunity to support the current and future
needs of our Shoreline students and families. As someone mentioned at a meeting, we can only
dig the hole once! A good pool and community center design has the potential to attract an
increasingly diverse population into the swim community and be an opportunity to generate
much-needed revenue for the city. You have options, and now is the time for the city of
Shoreline and Shoreline School Board to be a part of the process to help guide and create this
once-in-a-generation community aquatics center that will support the health and well-being of
our students and families for years to come.

Sincerely,

Suzanne and Steve Gugger