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Council,

I am writing to express my disappointment following the recent vote to fund the reopening of the Northside Pool, and to respectfully urge you to revisit and reconsider this decision with a broader lens.

While I understand the intent behind the vote, I am concerned about the unintended consequences that may follow—particularly for residents on the north side who already face barriers to access. The economic realities for many families mean that traveling across town is not a simple matter. Relying on bus routes increases both time and cost, and contributes to higher CO₂ emissions at a time when we should be prioritizing sustainability. For others, the necessity of crossing busy highways creates real safety concerns, especially for children.

These challenges stand in contrast to the vision of creating walkable neighborhoods—communities where families can safely and easily access amenities close to home. Removing or limiting such a vital community resource risks deepening inequities rather than strengthening our city.

I ask that you take time to reflect—not just on the immediate figure of \$90,000, but on the long-term impact this decision will have on generations of residents. What will draw families to this area? What investments signal that all neighborhoods are valued equally?

Just as there was an ability to mobilize fundraising efforts to reopen the pool, I believe that same energy could be harnessed and redirected to sustain it. With community support and creative approaches, this could provide just the boost needed to keep the pool operating and thriving.

I hope you will reconsider this decision and explore solutions that align with equity, accessibility, and the long-term vitality of our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Chris Woodard