



King County

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Councilmember Tom Rasmussen
Chair, Parks Committee
P.O. Box 34025
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Dear Councilmember Rasmussen:

I was recently contacted by Seattle resident Christine Larsen, who is a member of Project Seattle Pools. Christine informed me that you have agreed to support the Comprehensive Aquatics Plan in the city's upcoming 2009 budget session. As a King County Council member who represents North Seattle residents, and as a Maple Leaf resident who hopes to take my seven-month-old twins to public pools, I want to thank you for your support of this plan.

I understand that due to budget constraints, not all budget requests can be funded. The members of Project Seattle Pools, however, recognize the need for public pools in Seattle. Public pools provide a healthy, affordable recreational activity for Seattle residents. Whether providing children with a place to take swim lessons, or making space available for seniors to participate in water aerobics, public pools benefit Seattle citizens of all ages and abilities, living in all economic and geographic sectors of the city. I encourage the Seattle City Council to provide funding in its 2009 budget for the Comprehensive Aquatics Plan.

Again, thank you for your support of this project, which will help ensure an enhanced place for public pools in Seattle's future. If you wish to contact me about this, or any other issue, please feel free to contact me at (206) 296-1001 or bob.ferguson@kingcounty.gov.

Sincerely,

Bob Ferguson
King County Councilmember