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Attn: Camron Parker, Senior Planner

Subject: Pool for Eastside

Recently I received an invitation from "Splash" to attend your meeting on January 10. I was unable to attend, however, I would like to express some thoughts regarding the subject. As a parent (78 yrs. old) of 4 children (Now in their 40's) who all were swimmers at Sammamish High School. I have followed swimming in this area all my life.

My thought is for the Park & Community Services to personally contact Bill Gates and request his participation, possibly for all or part of the cost. While I recognize that Bill Gates and his foundation have done wonderful charities throughout the world, I think that he might be receptive to leaving a legacy for the area in which he lives. A swimming pool (similar to the pool at Federal Way) would be a great legacy for his family or his foundation, and it would serve many people in this area for

years for his lifetime and beyond. Thinking beyond the pool, I also believe that the old Safeway property would make an area that could be a place for a beautiful Bellevue central park — with a Bill Gates legacy pool as the centerpiece.

Maybe even the U. of Washington would reinstate swimming if they had a "spectator" pool.

Give Bill a try — it might work!

Thanks for "Listening".

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