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**Letter of Support – Earlier Pool Times for South Bay United Water Polo Club**

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**From** Marian Christy Palzis <marianpalzis@gmail.com>

**Date** Sun 9/28/2025 9:24 PM

**To** ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS <ALLELECTEDOFFICIALS@elsegundo.org>

**Cc** Martha Holt <holt.martha@gmail.com>; Chris Palzis (Isla's Dad) <palzisproperties@gmail.com>; Marian Palzis <marian.palzis@cshs.org>

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council,

On behalf of the Palzis family, we are writing to express our strong support for a schedule that prioritizes earlier practice times for the South Bay United Water Polo Club at The El Segundo Aquatic Center.

As contributors to both the ED Fund and The El Segundo Plunge Foundation, we are committed to investing in the health, education, and development of youth in El Segundo and the Wiseburn district. Access to structured athletic programs, particularly aquatic sports, has a powerful impact on a child's physical, social, and academic growth. Ensuring earlier pool times for our youth athletes directly supports their ability to balance rigorous schoolwork with the training needed to compete and thrive.

This issue is especially critical for our young female athletes. Girls who participate in sports develop confidence, leadership skills, and academic discipline that serve them well throughout their lives. Providing them with fair and ideal practice times helps level the playing field and promotes gender equity in athletics, reinforcing the values of inclusion and opportunity that our community holds dear.

We respectfully urge the Council to adopt a pool schedule that reflects the needs of youth athletes—especially those in South Bay United Water Polo Club—by granting them earlier practice slots. In doing so, you will be supporting not only their athletic development but also their overall academic success and well-being during these vital years of growth.

We thank you for your consideration and for your ongoing dedication to fostering a thriving, healthy, and balanced future for the children of El Segundo and the

Wiseburn district.

With gratitude,

The Palzis Family

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**Support for Earlier Practice Times for South Bay United Water Polo**

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**From** Jennifer Houston <jlh1414@gmail.com>

**Date** Tue 9/30/2025 6:15 AM

**To** ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS <ALLELECTEDOFFICIALS@elsegundo.org>

Dear Mayor and Council members,

I am writing as the parent of an 11-year-old girl who plays for South Bay United Water Polo. Our family is deeply grateful for the El Segundo Aquatic Center and the opportunities it provides, but we are also struggling with the impact of late practice times on our daughter's health, schooling, and passion for the sport.

At this age, consistent sleep is critical for academic performance and healthy development. Late practices that end after 9pm mean she comes home exhausted, often with homework unfinished, and far fewer hours of sleep than a child her age needs. This takes a toll not only on her schoolwork but also on her enthusiasm for the sport she truly loves. We know she has the potential to achieve great things in water polo, but the late nights are an unnecessary barrier.

Water polo is also uniquely important for young girls in our community. South Bay United is the only program in the area offering all-girls teams across 12U, 14U, and high school. For many girls, this is their only chance to play on a competitive, all-girls team. If we cannot secure earlier pool time, our daughters are already at a disadvantage compared to athletes in other communities with better access. This is already an issue due to later pool times; SBU is unable to recruit new, younger players as families don't want their kids up that late.

We strongly believe in equity between aquatics clubs. While swim teams currently have priority for earlier hours, sharing those time slots would allow water polo athletes especially younger children to thrive without sacrificing their education or well-being. With earlier times, our club can grow, inspire more families to participate, and continue building an inclusive, competitive program that represents El Segundo and the South Bay with pride.

I respectfully ask you to support a new pool schedule that gives South Bay United earlier practice times. This decision would not only help our daughter, but also support the development of youth water polo in the South Bay and ensure that all children boys and girls have a fair chance to pursue their passions.

Thank you for your consideration and for supporting the health, education, and athletic opportunities of our community's children.

Jennifer Houston

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## Equitable Practice Times for Water Polo

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From Martha Holt <holt.martha@gmail.com>

Date Tue 9/30/2025 9:35 AM

To ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS <ALLELECTEDOFFICIALS@elsegundo.org>

### **Honorable Members of the El Segundo City Council,**

I am writing in response to the proposed vote on October 7 regarding equitable practice times for water polo teams.

All three of my kids have played with South Bay United in some capacity over the last six years. My daughter started Splashball at age six at the Plunge, when practice times were much more reasonable. It still felt late, but we could tell she had found her sport, and we made concessions to make it work for her—shower and PJs at the pool, then straight to bed when she got home. She was tired, but so happy to be in the water learning to play water polo. When the Plunge closed and practices were moved almost exclusively to ESAC, the exhaustion increased. Still, her love of the sport and her club kept her with SBU, where she remains.

My son started at age 10 and had a similar reaction when he joined South Bay United. He instantly loved the sport, his coach, and the friends he made at SBU. The late practice times were hard for him as well. He is a kid who wants to excel in both school and sports. Getting home at 9:30 p.m., having a second dinner, showering, and *then* finishing up any unfinished school work before bed is extremely difficult for high-achievers like him.

I can also speak from my perspective as the club administrator for South Bay United. I have been deeply involved in almost every aspect of the club for the last several years. I have coordinated many Open Houses and "Bring a Friend to Practice" days, and when it comes to the younger kids, the reaction to our practice times is almost always the same: *"Oh, our son/daughter loved it. But we just can't attend a practice that starts at 7. He/She is in bed by then."* This is often followed by, *"We had to find another club that could accommodate our schedule."* It is so discouraging.

Lastly, my husband is the Junior Varsity coach at El Segundo High School for both the girls' and boys' programs. He is always surprised to hear how far families are driving to find a club that has practice times better aligned with healthy sleep schedules. What a gift it would be to the entire South Bay community to keep these kids local.

No matter how you look at it, our sport—and especially our youngest athletes—has suffered from these late practice times. Please vote to give these athletes, and those in the future, a chance to be part of a sport that is thriving in every other area up and down the coast of California. Let's keep our local kids local, not driving elsewhere to find clubs with consistently early practice times.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Martha Holt

## SBU Water Polo Pool Times

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**From** Laura Murray <laurahartmurray@gmail.com>

**Date** Tue 9/30/2025 10:14 AM

**To** ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS <ALLELECTEDOFFICIALS@elsegundo.org>

Hi there,

I am an El Segundo resident and have two boys at Center Street Elementary School. My older son really enjoyed the Splash Ball program with South Bay United Water Polo Club but when it was time for him to move up to 10U, the late practice time was a non-starter for us. He normally gets in bed between 7 and 7:30 so to have the practice go until 9 would be really disruptive to his sleep and health at such a young age. We love water polo so we now drive to LMU where the practice time is a much more reasonable 4:30 - 6:00 pm but would prefer to remain local with other families in the El Segundo community (not to mention avoid the drive to LMU during rush hour). I hope you will consider giving SBU access to El Segundo aquatic facilities earlier to allow us to come back!

Thank you for considering!

Laura Murray

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## Support for Equitable Pool Time for Water Polo

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**From** Eric William Meyer <ericwilliammeyer@gmail.com>  
**Date** Wed 10/1/2025 10:14 AM  
**To** ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS <ALLELECTEDOFFICIALS@elsegundo.org>

Dear City Councilmembers,

My name is Eric Meyer, and I am the proud father of a 10U South Bay United water polo player, Duke. Coach Alex Heck's Splashball program was an incredible introduction for my son and made him fall in love with water polo from the start.

We have balanced Duke's participation in many sports and other activities, and water polo has remained at the top of his list, particularly after last weekend's success of his team going 2-0 in his first official game and Duke contributing several goals, assists, aggressive defensive, and most importantly, spirited play.

Now that Duke plays competitively, the late practice times have become a serious challenge for our family. They make it difficult for him to balance school, rest, and family time. I have spoken with many other splashball parents, several of whom had promising young water polo players, who did not have their children participate in club water polo this year specifically because the late practice schedule was too great of a burden on their children and families. I anticipate these challenges will exacerbate as Duke's school and homework obligations increase each year in school.

I am confident that with more equitable scheduling — earlier water time on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday — water polo programs in El Segundo and the greater South Bay would grow just as swimming has. Families would stay, more kids would join and participate, and our city would strengthen its reputation as a true aquatic hub that supports all sports equally.

With the reopening of The Plunge and the renovations at the Aquatic Center, now is the right moment to create a schedule that reflects fairness and accessibility, and facilitates the participation in a historically strong sport in the area. A sport that teaches discipline, teamwork, perseverance and other athletic skills that translates across other sports and into life. While college athletics is not at the forefront of my concerns or wishes for my children, I know several young adults and adults who enjoyed playing water polo at the highest levels, which opportunities were certainly attributable in major part to early life training and participation. I respectfully ask you to support the water polo community by making practice times more equitable.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Eric Meyer

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## Request for Equitable Pool time for South Bay United Water Polo Club

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From Hao Cui <haocuihc@gmail.com>

Date Tue 9/30/2025 3:17 PM

To ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS <ALLELECTEDOFFICIALS@elsegundo.org>

Dear Council Member,

I am writing on behalf of my family to express our concerns regarding the current weekday water polo practice schedule at the El Segundo Aquatic Center, which is held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays beginning at 7:00 p.m. While we greatly appreciate the city's commitment to supporting youth sports, we respectfully request consideration for earlier practice times to better support the needs of young athletes and their families.

Our family is deeply invested in water polo—it is the primary and only sport that our 9-year-old child (Carter Cui) participates in. However, the late evening practices present several challenges:

- **Sleep and Academic Impact:** Practices that end around 8:30 p.m. and getting home around 9pm often result in our child going to bed well after 10:00 p.m. This makes it difficult for them to get the recommended amount of sleep for children their age, which in turn impacts focus and performance at school the following day.
- **Weather and Attendance:** During the winter months, late evening practices are especially difficult, as the cold discourages younger athletes from attending regularly. It is also challenging to recruit new players under these conditions, which limits the growth and sustainability of the program.
- **Comparisons to Nearby Clubs:** Neighboring clubs, such as the Trojan Water Polo program, hold weekday practices at 5:00 p.m. This schedule is much more suitable for children, ensuring that they can complete practice, eat dinner at a reasonable time, and still maintain healthy sleep habits. The 10U team lost 2 players in the summer to Trojans with practice time being the primary reason.

In addition to these points, we believe earlier practice times would also:

- **Promote Long-Term Participation:** More family-friendly practice times will encourage new families to join and remain in the program, strengthening El Segundo's reputation as a hub for youth aquatic sports.
- **Support Community Wellness:** Accessible, well-timed youth programs foster healthy lifestyles and keep children engaged in positive, structured activities outside of school.

We kindly ask that the City Council consider adjusting the weekday water polo practice times to begin earlier, ideally around 5:00 p.m., in line with best practices at other regional clubs. We believe such a

change would make a meaningful difference for current players while also attracting new families to participate in this excellent program.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. We appreciate the City Council's continued efforts to support youth athletics in El Segundo and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Hao Cui (Father of Carter Cui, 10u)

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## Request for Equitable Pool time for South Bay United Water Polo Club

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From Mary Scholz <cmay911@gmail.com>

Date Wed 10/1/2025 1:49 PM

To ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS <ALLELECTEDOFFICIALS@elsegundo.org>

Dear El Segundo City Councilmember,

I am writing to you today as a passionate aquatic parent to advocate for the equitable allocation of pool space/practice times at the El Segundo Aquatic Center for South Bay United Water Polo Club. In a setting like the South Bay, pool space is a critical asset to the community to promote and enhance water safety with the ocean at our doorstep. Year after year, it seems that water polo is at the bottom of the list when it comes to assigning pool time. This issue is not exclusive to El Segundo as many local communities seem to deem water polo teams as least worthy of preferable pool time. However, it would be wonderful to see El Segundo be a leader in this aspect and prioritize water polo teams and their access to equitable pool time.

We have two sons, ages 13 and 11, who are members of the combined 12u/14u boys team for South Bay United. Both of my sons have flourished physically, socially and emotionally as they have taken their swimming skills to this team sport. This is especially true for my older son who was never confident playing traditional team sports like soccer, baseball and basketball. He has always been most comfortable in the water. He enjoys being on a competitive swim team, but also asked for the experience of playing a "team" sport. Water polo has allowed him to become a leader, think critically about how to interact with his teammates and opponents and set goals for himself that will extend to his high school and college years.

While we have been happy with our experience on South Bay United, the practice times have been challenging. Currently, our boys are in the pool until 9:00 pm. By the time we are home and showered it is close to 10:00 pm and there is little time left to do anything but go to bed. As they move along middle school and beyond, their school workload has increased and we have to balance our school priorities and sleep needs with their desire to be a part of the water polo community.

Currently, South Bay United is perfectly poised to teach and introduce water polo to our community and build a strong foundation of knowledgeable players. However, when friends and classmates inquire about learning more, they are dismayed at the practice times and oftentimes lose interest because the late nights "don't work" for their family. Especially for our youngest team members that are still in elementary school, it is hard for parents to make that sacrifice for a sport their children are just starting out in.

I am respectfully asking that you consider supporting the water polo community by providing South Bay United earlier scheduling on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday . I believe this is a reasonable request that would allow the athletes to practice effectively by allowing for adequate rest, it would help the club grow, and it would show the city of El Segundo's support of the water polo community.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this important matter.

Sincerely, Mary & Jason Scholz

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## Support for Beach Cities Alpha Swim Club

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From Angie Greenspan <angelagreenspan@gmail.com>

Date Wed 10/1/2025 10:43 PM

To Pimentel, Chris (Mayor) <cpimentel@elsegundo.org>; Baldino, Ryan (Mayor Pro Tem) <rbaldino@elsegundo.org>; Boyles, Drew (Council Member) <dboyles@elsegundo.org>; Keldorf, Michelle (Council Member) <mkeldorf@elsegundo.org>; Giroux, Lance (Council Member) <lgiroux@elsegundo.org>; \*ALL CITY CLERKS <ALLCITYCLERKS@elsegundo.org>

Dear Mayor Pimentel and City Council Members,

I am writing as a concerned parent and supporter of the non-profit Beach Cities Alpha swim club to respectfully urge you to preserve our team's access and training hours at the El Segundo Aquatics Center, particularly in the competition pool.

More than 100 El Segundo and Wiseburn families rely on this facility for year-round training, competition, and community, and we are very concerned about any proposals that would reduce access, cut hours, or displace the team. Specifically:

- **Competition Pool Access:** Our athletes need consistent training in a regulation-size pool to remain competitive and safe.
- **Consistent Hours:** Training requires stable schedules. Reducing prime-time pool hours would force many younger swimmers to travel outside the community.
- **One Team, One Location:** Splitting the team across facilities would weaken the strong culture and continuity we've built.

On a personal note, my 10-year-old son recently joined Beach Cities Alpha and is thriving. His dream is to join Jr. Guards next summer and eventually compete in swim meets as he continues to improve his swimming skills. If the team is forced to leave El Segundo, we likely won't be able to continue, since both my husband and I work full-time and need our kids' activities to remain local.

We respectfully ask the Council to protect the current pool allocations and continue supporting Beach Cities Alpha as a community-rooted program at the Aquatics Center. Please help us keep our kids in El Segundo water!

Thank you for your time and commitment to youth athletics and community programs.

Sincerely,

Angie Greenspan

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## Request for Equitable Pool time for South Bay United Water Polo Club

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**From** Eric Anderson <anders5.eric@gmail.com>

**Date** Thu 10/2/2025 8:09 AM

**To** ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS <ALLELECTEDOFFICIALS@elsegundo.org>

Eric Anderson

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Dear Esteemed City Councilmember,

I am writing to you today as a concerned (parent/athlete/coach/community member) to advocate for the equitable allocation of pool space/practice times at the El Segundo Aquatic Center for South Bay United Water Polo Club. In an aquatic hub like the South Bay, pool space is a critical asset to the community. As schedule considerations take place for the aquatic facilities in El Segundo, we believe it's essential that the facility's schedule be allocated equitably to support all of our athletes, including the water polo players of South Bay United.

Water polo is a unique sport rooted in teamwork that helps athletes build strength, grit, and discipline. Such skills help build character in our youth that extend far beyond the pool, contributing to the academic and personal success for students who have the opportunity to pursue a water polo journey.

Athletes are often introduced to the sport in this community and build a strong foundation. Yet when faced with the late night practice times allotted for the water polo clubs at the El Segundo Aquatic Center, they leave for other communities with more reasonable practice times, sometimes driving as far as Long Beach or Santa Barbara. As a result, it has been increasingly difficult to build a club to support this community. And sadly, it has been even more difficult on the athletes who've stayed with the club as they struggle to build their lives around an unnecessarily strenuous late night practice schedule.

Luckily, with the re-opening of The Plunge (whose namesake is an accomplished water polo coach, Urho Saari) and El Segundo Aquatic Center's renovations, the city has an opportunity to create a schedule that reflects support for the water polo community. In this pivotal time, there will now be a chance to showcase offerings beyond swimming, by providing multiple avenues to engage in the

aquatic world, much like what's been done in communities up and down the coast. Most importantly, this would create an accessible entry to water polo that would attract athletes, rather than turn them away.

And so, we/l respectfully ask that you consider supporting the water polo community by providing South Bay United earlier scheduling on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday . We believe this is a reasonable request that would allow the athletes to practice effectively by allowing for adequate rest, it would help the club grow, and it would put El Segundo water polo on the map. We believe that the decision to allocate resources equitably would be a statement of El Segundo's values, namely that water polo is valued as much as any other sport in this city.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Eric Anderson

## South Bay United Water Polo Practice Times

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**From** Tim Trimailo <timtrimailo@gmail.com>

**Date** Thu 10/2/2025 8:41 AM

**To** ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS <ALLELECTEDOFFICIALS@elsegundo.org>

**Cc** Lori Trimailo <lorialyssa@gmail.com>

 1 attachment (57 KB)

Concerned Parent Letter re Water Polo Practice Times.pdf;

Good morning,

Please see attached letter of concern and request regarding late practice times for youth water polo at El Segundo Aquatic Center for South Bay United Water Polo Club.

Thank you for your consideration.

Tim Trimailo

2 October 2025

From: Tim Trimailo (parent of SBU Water Polo Player Kellen Trimailo)

[timtrimailo@gmail.com](mailto:timtrimailo@gmail.com)

Subject: Request for Equitable Pool time for South Bay United Water Polo Club

Dear Esteemed City Councilmembers,

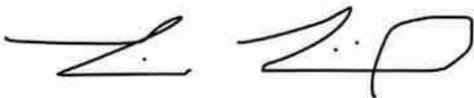
I am writing to you today as a concerned parent to advocate for the equitable allocation of pool space and practice times at the El Segundo Aquatic Center for South Bay United Water Polo Club. In an aquatic hub like the South Bay, pool space is a critical asset to the community. As schedule decisions occur for the aquatic facilities in El Segundo, we believe it's essential that the facility's schedule be allocated equitably to support all of our athletes, including the water polo players of South Bay United.

My son, Kellen, began Water Polo in February of this year. He absolutely loves the sport and plans to compete for future school teams. The only drawback we've experienced to date is that almost all of his practice are late at night on school nights. As an honors student in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, it's tough to finish water polo practice at 9pm and get to bed at a decent time to get enough rest for a full academic load the next day. Equally sad, we've seen an alarming amount of attrition amongst his teammates in the short time he's played the sport and we believe it is largely due to the later than acceptable practice times.

I respectfully ask that you consider supporting the water polo community by providing South Bay United earlier scheduling on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday . We believe this is a reasonable request that would allow the athletes to practice effectively by allowing for adequate rest, better retention within the sport, and an opportunity to put El Segundo water polo on the map! We believe that the decision to allocate resources equitably would be a statement of El Segundo's values, namely that water polo is valued as much as any other sport in this city. Go South Bay!

Thank you for your time and consideration on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Tim Trimailo, consisting of a stylized 'T' followed by a flourish.

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## El Segundo Resident Urging You to Keep Our Swim Team at the Aquatics Center

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From Melissa Blaser <melissablaser@me.com>

Date Thu 10/2/2025 11:38 AM

To Pimentel, Chris (Mayor) <cpimentel@elsegundo.org>; Baldino, Ryan (Mayor Pro Tem) <rbaldino@elsegundo.org>; Boyles, Drew (Council Member) <dboyles@elsegundo.org>; Keldorf, Michelle (Council Member) <mkeldorf@elsegundo.org>; Giroux, Lance (Council Member) <lgiroux@elsegundo.org>

Cc \*ALL CITY CLERKS <ALLCITYCLERKS@elsegundo.org>

### Melissa Blaser

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**October 2, 2025**

City Hall  
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El Segundo, CA 90245

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,

I'm writing to you not just as a resident, but as a parent watching my children thrive in a program that could be taken away from them—not because it's failing, but because other teams won't share the resources they already have.

My daughter Vivienne has spent nearly half her life at the El Segundo Aquatics Center. She started with Alpha Aquatics at Wiseburn when the pool opened six years ago. Now she's 12, in 6th grade, and swimming is part of who she is. My 9-year-old son is in the lessons program. If we lose access to this pool, my kids won't be able to continue their sport. And we're not alone—**Beach Cities Alpha** serves over 100 El Segundo and Wiseburn families who call this facility home.

Here's what's at stake:

**Our swimmers need the competition pool.** The proposal to give us four shallow lanes simply doesn't work for a competitive swim team. You can't train competitive swimmers in shallow water any more than you could prepare a basketball team on a half-court. Our athletes need the depth and full 50-meter length of the competition pool for proper stroke development, flip turns, competitive readiness, and safety. Shallow lanes are for recreational swimming and lessons—not for training athletes who compete at high levels.

**Consistent hours during prime time matter.** Our younger El Segundo swimmers currently train on the South side during these crucial hours. Losing North Side access or being pushed to shallow lanes would force us to send kids farther from home, fracturing the community we've built.

**Keeping our team together keeps kids engaged.** The Aquatics Center is where Beach Cities Alpha exists as one unified program. Split us up, and you'll watch what we've built slowly fall apart.

I want to be clear: **we're not asking for exclusive access.** We're willing to share. We've always been open to collaborative solutions that serve all young athletes in our community.

But here's what troubles us: South Bay United water polo uses the Wiseburn pool. Trojan water polo has access to multiple pools throughout the South Bay, including Miracosta—yet they won't share Miracosta with South Bay United, and apparently won't share the Plunge either. Instead, the proposed solution is to push our swim team into four shallow lanes while water polo takes the competition pool.

**We're being asked to accommodate everyone while teams with multiple facilities won't share among themselves.** If we lose proper training space, our families have nowhere else to go. Meanwhile, Trojan has other options they're choosing not to use collaboratively.

Surely we can find an equitable solution—where teams with multiple pools share them with each other, rather than displacing a community program that has called the Aquatics Center home since day one.

We're longtime El Segundo residents who supported the Plunge reconstruction and are excited to return there when it reopens. We're willing to split practices between both El Segundo pools. We're flexible. We're cooperative. We're part of this community.

**Please don't let us be displaced from our home pool.** Help us keep our kids in El Segundo water—where they belong.

Thank you for listening and for standing up for the young athletes and families who call this city home.

Sincerely,

**Melissa Blaser**

El Segundo Resident, Parent of Swim Club Member, and El Segundo Business Owner

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**ESAC Proposals..**

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**From** Marc Ubaldi <marc@ubaldimail.com>

**Date** Thu 10/2/2025 12:04 PM

**To** Pimentel, Chris (Mayor) <cpimentel@elsegundo.org>; Baldino, Ryan (Mayor Pro Tem) <rbaldino@elsegundo.org>; Boyles, Drew (Council Member) <dboyles@elsegundo.org>; Keldorf, Michelle (Council Member) <mkeldorf@elsegundo.org>; Giroux, Lance (Council Member) <lgiroux@elsegundo.org>; \*ALL CITY CLERKS <ALLCITYCLERKS@elsegundo.org>

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**10/02/2025**

**El Segundo City Council**

City Hall

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Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing as a concerned resident and parent of a swimmer and a strong supporter of the non-profit **Beach Cities Alpha swim club**, to respectfully urge you to **preserve our team's existing access and training hours at the El Segundo Aquatics Center**, particularly within the competition pool. The **El Segundo Aquatics Center** is a premier facility that has been home to our individual swim clubs since it opened 6 years ago and is critical to the success and unity of our newly united program. It is also a central hub for the more than **100 El Segundo and Wiseburn families** who are part of our swim club — a strong, local base that relies on this facility for year-round training, competition, and community engagement.

We are deeply concerned about any proposals that would reduce access to the competition pool, limit current training hours, or displace our team from the Aquatics Center. Specifically:

- 1. Loss of Access to Competition Pool Space:** Our swimmers train to compete at the highest levels, and that requires consistent access to a regulation-size, 50-meter competition pool. Moving us to smaller or non-competitive facilities would significantly hinder our athletes' development and ability to remain competitive as well potentially being a safety hazard.
- 2. Maintaining Current Hours Is Essential:** Swim training is highly dependent on consistent scheduling. Any reduction or rescheduling of our current pool time would disrupt practice structure and limit training opportunities, especially for our younger swimmers. BCA has worked hard to keep our younger El Segundo swimmers in the water on the South side of Wiseburn during prime time hours. The loss of the North Side during prime time hours will materially impact our ability to maintain this schedule for these swimmers and they would almost certainly be required to commute to other locations which are further away.

- 3. Keeping the Team United in One Location:** Splitting practice locations or relocating portions of the team would fracture the strong community we've built. The Aquatics Center provides a shared space that fosters team identity, culture, and continuity — all of which are vital for athlete retention, parent involvement, and program growth.

Our swim club is more than a sports team. It is a combined entity of two long-standing, inclusive local programs that promote physical health, discipline, and confidence among hundreds of youth — including a significant number of El Segundo residents. We host local meets that bring positive attention and economic activity to the city and provide a supportive environment that benefits swimmers of all levels.

**My son Ezio Ubaldi started his swimming journey in the lessons program at the Plunge in El Segundo at 3 years old. After the plunged closed and lessons re-opened he continued this journey in the El Segundo rec lessons programs at ESAC. The coaches there recommended that he try out the lessons offered by Alpha Aquatics (now BCA) and he loved it. He loved it so much he is on the swim team now. At 9 years old he is already competing at a high level against other passionate swimmers all across LA. Potentially having his access to ESAC disrupted with essentially no discussion with the team is frankly baffling. I am hoping as a resident and as a parent that the council will re-consider the proposals at hand.**

We respectfully ask that the Council protect the current pool allocations and continue to support Beach Cities Alpha as a unified, community-rooted program at the El Segundo Aquatics Center. Please help us keep our kids in El Segundo water!

Thank you for your time, and for your commitment to supporting youth athletics and community programs in El Segundo.

Sincerely,  
Marc Ubaldi

**El Segundo Resident and Parent of a Beach Cities Alpha Swimmer**

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## Support for Equitable Pool Time for South Bay United Water Polo Club

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**From** Meredith Post <meredith.kintner@gmail.com>

**Date** Thu 10/2/2025 12:06 PM

**To** ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS <ALLELECTEDOFFICIALS@elsegundo.org>

Dear City Council members,

My name is Meredith Kintner, and I am the mother of a 9-year-old girl, Sydney, who is a Wiseburn Unified student and has fallen in love with the sport of water polo. She started splashball at age 7 with practices from 3:30–4:30 pm—perfect for young kids. But when she moved up to 10U last fall (when she was 8 yrs old), her practices shifted to 7–9 pm. For children this age, those hours are not just inconvenient, they are unhealthy. Experts recommend school-aged kids be asleep well before 9 pm, yet our athletes are just leaving the pool at that time. We even have to explain to her teachers why she may be tired in class the next morning.

This imbalance goes deeper than bedtime. Swim clubs have the earlier hours, which makes it easier for families to commit, and that's exactly why they've grown louder and stronger in numbers.

Meanwhile, water polo is fighting to stay alive in this city and unreasonably late practice times are a driving factor.

Families see the late-night schedule, decide against joining, and the cycle continues—fewer players, fewer voices, less influence, and even later times. That cycle directly limits our competitiveness. Without growing numbers of local athletes, we will never be able to build strong teams, and our kids will always be at a disadvantage compared to other communities where water polo is nurtured.

At a recent meeting, my daughter Sydney herself raised her voice to this council. She loves this sport deeply, and it says a lot that a then 8-year-old felt compelled to speak up for something she cares about so much. As her mother, I will continue to stand alongside her and fight for the sport she loves—for her, and for every child who deserves the same chance.

Now, with the reopening of The Plunge and the renovations at the El Segundo Aquatic Center, the City has a chance to break that cycle. Communities up and down the coast support both swimming and water polo as pillars of their aquatic programs. By offering water polo equitable pool times, El Segundo can finally give our kids the same opportunity swimmers already enjoy: to grow, compete, and thrive.

To continue relegating water polo to the latest hours is to knowingly disadvantage an entire group of young athletes. But a vote for equity is a vote for fairness, health, opportunity, and competitiveness—for choosing to grow all of El Segundo's aquatic programs, not just one. That's a decision no one should be able to vote against.

Thank you for your time and your commitment to supporting all of our city's young aquatic athletes, both water polo players and swimmers.

I look forward to joining you at the next City Council meeting on October 7th at 6pm.

-Meredith

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## Future of Wiseburn Unified School District Aquatics Center

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From Yanell Buckland <yanellf@hotmail.com>

Date Thu 10/2/2025 1:11 PM

To Pimentel, Chris (Mayor) <cpimentel@elsegundo.org>; Baldino, Ryan (Mayor Pro Tem) <rbaldino@elsegundo.org>; Boyles, Drew (Council Member) <dboyles@elsegundo.org>; Keldorf, Michelle (Council Member) <mkeldorf@elsegundo.org>; Giroux, Lance (Council Member) <lgiroux@elsegundo.org>; \*ALL CITY CLERKS <ALLCITYCLERKS@elsegundo.org>

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing as a concerned Wiseburn Parent and a strong supporter of the non-profit **Beach Cities Alpha swim club**, to respectfully urge you to **preserve our team's existing access and training hours at the El Segundo Aquatics Center**, particularly within the competition pool.

The **El Segundo Aquatics Center** is a premier facility that has been home to our individual swim clubs since it opened 6 years ago and is critical to the success and unity of our newly united program. It is also a central hub for the more than **100 El Segundo and Wiseburn families** who are part of our swim club — a strong, local base that relies on this facility for year-round training, competition, and community engagement.

We are deeply concerned about any proposals that would reduce access to the competition pool, limit current training hours, or displace our team from the Aquatics Center. Specifically:

- 1. Loss of Access to Competition Pool Space:** Our swimmers train to compete at the highest levels, and that requires consistent access to a regulation-size, 50-meter competition pool. Moving us to smaller or non-competitive facilities would significantly hinder our athletes' development and ability to remain competitive as well potentially being a safety hazard.
- 2. Maintaining Current Hours Is Essential:** Swim training is highly dependent on consistent scheduling. Any reduction or rescheduling of our current pool time would disrupt practice structure and limit training opportunities, especially for our younger swimmers. BCA has worked hard to keep our younger El Segundo swimmers in the water on the South side of Wiseburn during prime-time hours. The loss of the North Side during prime-time hours will materially impact our ability to maintain this schedule for these swimmers and they would almost certainly be required to commute to other locations which are further away.
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Our swim club is more than a sports team. It is a combined entity of two long-standing, inclusive local programs that promote physical health, discipline, and confidence among hundreds of youth —

including a significant number of El Segundo residents. We host local meets that bring positive attention and economic activity to the city and provide a supportive environment that benefits swimmers of all levels.

We respectfully ask that the Council protect the current pool allocations and continue to support Beach Cities Alpha as a unified, community-rooted program at the El Segundo Aquatics Center. Please help us keep our kids in El Segundo water!

Thank you for your time, and for your commitment to supporting youth athletics and community programs in El Segundo.

Sincerely,

**Yanell Buckland**

Wiseburn Resident and Parent of Swim Club Member

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## Please preserve Beach Cities Alpha access @ El Segundo Aquatics Center

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**From** Brock Batten <brock.batten@gmail.com>

**Date** Thu 10/2/2025 3:34 PM

**To** Pimentel, Chris (Mayor) <cpimentel@elsegundo.org>; Baldino, Ryan (Mayor Pro Tem) <rbaldino@elsegundo.org>; Boyles, Drew (Council Member) <dboyles@elsegundo.org>; Keldorf, Michelle (Council Member) <mkeldorf@elsegundo.org>; Giroux, Lance (Council Member) <lgiroux@elsegundo.org>; \*ALL CITY CLERKS <ALLCITYCLERKS@elsegundo.org>

### Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I'm writing as a proud Wiseburn parent/supporter of the Beach Cities Alpha swim club to urge you to preserve our team's access and training hours at the El Segundo Aquatics Center — especially in the competition pool.

For six years, this facility has been home to our swimmers and is now the heart of our newly united program. More than 100 local families from El Segundo and Wiseburn depend on it for year-round training, competition, and community.

We're concerned about any proposals that would cut into our current pool space, hours, or ability to stay at the Aquatics Center. In particular:

- **Competition Pool Access:** Our athletes need consistent use of a regulation-size 50-meter pool to train safely and remain competitive. Smaller or non-competitive facilities simply won't allow that.
- **Current Hours:** Swimming requires consistent schedules. Losing prime-time access on the North Side would disrupt practices, especially for our youngest swimmers, and could force them to commute farther for training.
- **One Location, One Team:** Splitting practice sites would fracture the strong community we've built. The Aquatics Center keeps us united, fostering team identity, parent involvement, and growth.

Our swim club is a community program that builds confidence, discipline, and health for hundreds of kids — many right here in El Segundo. We also bring positive visibility and economic activity to the city through local meets.

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Thank you for your time and for supporting youth athletics in our city.

Sincerely,  
Brock Batten 310-415-6470

(Parent of 2 young BCS swimmers!)

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## My children's pool time to swim with their friends is at risk!!!

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**From** Daniel Fung <danhuafung@gmail.com>

**Date** Thu 10/2/2025 8:52 PM

**To** Pimentel, Chris (Mayor) <cpimentel@elsegundo.org>; Baldino, Ryan (Mayor Pro Tem) <rbaldino@elsegundo.org>; Boyles, Drew (Council Member) <dboyles@elsegundo.org>; Keldorf, Michelle (Council Member) <mkeldorf@elsegundo.org>; Giroux, Lance (Council Member) <lgiroux@elsegundo.org>; \*ALL CITY CLERKS <ALLCITYCLERKS@elsegundo.org>

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members and School Board Members,

I am a Wiseburn resident and parent of two young elite competitive swimmers of Beach Cities Alpha swim Club. I am writing as a concerned resident and parent after hearing about a very concerning business plan for the Wiseburn Unified School District/ El Segundo Aquatic Center that is to be presented at the El Segundo city council meeting on 10/7/2025. I respectfully request that our team's existing access and training hours at the Wiseburn Unified School District/ El Segundo Aquatic Center, particularly within the competition pool, not be taken away from our team.

The Wiseburn Unified School District/ El Segundo Aquatic Center is a premier facility that has been home to our individual swim clubs since it opened 6 years ago and is critical to the success and unity of our newly united program. It is also a central hub for the more than 100 El Segundo and Wiseburn families who are part of our swim club. Our swim club relies on this facility for year-round training, competition, and community engagement.

We are deeply concerned about any proposals that would reduce access to the competition pool, limit current training hours, or displace our team from the Aquatics Center. Specifically:

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significant number of El Segundo and Wiseburn residents. We host local meets that bring positive attention and economic activity to the city and provide a supportive environment that benefits swimmers of all levels.

We respectfully ask that the Council protect the current pool allocations and continue to support Beach Cities Alpha as a unified, community-rooted program at the Aquatics Center.

Please help us keep our kids in water! My kids just want to swim with their friends and the ability to do this is being threatened.

Thank you for your time, and for your commitment to supporting youth athletics and community programs in Wiseburn and El Segundo.

Sincerely,

Daniel Fung

Wiseburn Resident and Parent of 2 children who are part of Beach Cities Alpha Swim Club.

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## Aquatics "Business Plan"

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**From** Kerrie McNally <kerrie\_taylor@hotmail.com>

**Date** Fri 10/3/2025 11:31 AM

**To** Pimentel, Chris (Mayor) <cpimentel@elsegundo.org>; Baldino, Ryan (Mayor Pro Tem) <rbaldino@elsegundo.org>; Boyles, Drew (Council Member) <dboyles@elsegundo.org>; Keldorf, Michelle (Council Member) <mkeldorf@elsegundo.org>; Giroux, Lance (Council Member) <lgiroux@elsegundo.org>; \*ALL CITY CLERKS <ALLCITYCLERKS@elsegundo.org>

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Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing as a concerned parent, Wiseburn USD resident, and strong supporter of the non-profit Beach Cities Alpha swim club, to respectfully urge you to preserve our team's existing access and training hours at the El Segundo Aquatics Center, particularly within the competition pool.

The El Segundo Aquatics Center is a premier facility that has been home to our individual swim clubs since it opened 6 years ago and is critical to the success and unity of our newly united program. (The unity of which was accomplished in part at the urging of the City to avoid problems like those I write to you about.) The facility is also a central hub for the more than 100 El Segundo and Wiseburn families who are part of our swim club — a strong, local base that relies on this facility for year-round training, competition, and community engagement.

We are deeply concerned about any "business plan" proposals that would reduce access to the competition pool, limit current training hours, or displace our team from the Aquatics Center. A careful reading of the "business plan" that will be presented to the Council on October 7 shows that our club will suffer a significant adverse impact in our access and proposes that we use unsafe facilities for the purposes of our club. Specifically:

1. **Loss of Access to Competition Pool Space:** Our swimmers train to compete at the highest levels, and that requires consistent access to a regulation-size, 50-meter competition pool. Moving us to smaller or non-competitive facilities (like the instructional pool) would significantly hinder our athletes' development and ability to remain competitive as well potentially being a safety hazard.
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As a child, I had the opportunity to participate in a competitive swimming program. However, because the practice pool was over 40 minutes away from my home, my parents could not support my participation. As a result, I was not able to swim competitively until high school. I hope that my daughter and son are not deprived of their opportunities to swim as children because of a hasty decision to adopt a "business plan" that will jeopardize their safety and access.

We respectfully ask that the Council protect the current pool allocations and continue to support Beach Cities Alpha as a unified, community-rooted program at the El Segundo Aquatics Center. Please help us keep our kids in El Segundo water!

Thank you for your time, and for your commitment to supporting youth athletics and community programs in El Segundo.

Sincerely, Kerrie McNally

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## Support for Equitable ESAC Schedule in El Segundo

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**From** Jelena Mirkovic <sunshine.jelena@gmail.com>

**Date** Fri 10/3/2025 2:54 PM

**To** ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS <ALLELECTEDOFFICIALS@elsegundo.org>

Dear El Segundo Council Members

I am writing to express my strong support and hope that you will vote on Tuesday to develop an equitable schedule for water sports teams at ESAC, with earlier times for water polo teams. My three sons have been members of South Bay United Water Polo club for several years now. The club holds the majority of practices at ESAC and we usually end up with 7-9 practice times, even for our 10U group. This really affects our evening routine, because the kids do not arrive back home until 10pm. This makes it really hard for them to take a shower, wind down, get ready for bed and have enough rest until the next school day. It would be wonderful if practice times could be at least an hour earlier, if not two hours. My youngest son tried playing with Trojan for a semester, and they had 6:30-8 practice times, which worked much better for our evening schedule. But he was feeling loyal to SBU, and decided to go back to SBU.

Our club has suffered some player attrition in the last year, to the point where 12U and 14U groups had to be combined to even have enough players to enter tournaments. We had to forgo many tournaments, because we just did not have enough players. We are working hard to grow our age groups again and be able to compete. Having an earlier practice time would be such a great help to reach this goal! We cannot attract new members if our practice times remain this late.

Thank you very much for considering this request  
Jelena Mirkovic

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**Please Protect Beach Cities Alpha Swim Club's Pool Access – Keep Our Kids in El Segundo Water**

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**From** Liz Fancher <fancher.liz@outlook.com>

**Date** Thu 10/2/2025 6:54 PM

**To** Pimentel, Chris (Mayor) <cpimentel@elsegundo.org>; Baldino, Ryan (Mayor Pro Tem) <rbaldino@elsegundo.org>; Boyles, Drew (Council Member) <dboyles@elsegundo.org>; Keldorf, Michelle (Council Member) <mkeldorf@elsegundo.org>; Giroux, Lance (Council Member) <lgiroux@elsegundo.org>; \*ALL CITY CLERKS <ALLCITYCLERKS@elsegundo.org>

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Liz and Joe Fancher  
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626-627-9223

October 2, 2025

El Segundo City Council Member  
City Hall  
350 Main Street  
El Segundo, CA 90245

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing as a deeply invested parent and proud supporter of the non-profit Beach Cities Alpha swim club to respectfully urge you to preserve our team's existing access and training hours at the El Segundo Aquatics Center, especially within the competition pool.

For my family — and especially my daughter — the Aquatics Center has been much more than a facility. It's where she discovered her passion for swimming, grew in confidence, and learned the values of hard work and dedication. One of her favorite memories is learning how to dive with Coach Bailey at this very pool — an experience that sparked her excitement for swimming and gave her the courage to take on new challenges in and out of the water. From those first lessons to the advanced training she now receives, I've seen firsthand how essential this pool and this program are to our youth.

The El Segundo Aquatics Center has served as a premier facility for local swimmers since it opened six years ago. It's the backbone of our unified program, supporting more than 100 El Segundo and Wiseburn families who rely on this space for year-round training, competition, and community engagement.

We are deeply concerned about any proposals that would reduce access to the competition pool, limit current training hours, or displace our team. In particular:

- **Loss of Competition Pool Access** – Our athletes train to compete at the highest levels, and that requires consistent access to a regulation 50-meter competition pool. Moving our practices to smaller or non-regulation facilities would seriously hinder their development and could also compromise safety.
- **Maintaining Current Hours Is Essential** – Swim training depends on consistency. Any reduction or reshuffling of our pool time would disrupt practices, especially for younger swimmers. Beach Cities Alpha has worked hard to keep El Segundo youth training locally during prime hours. Losing access to the North Side during these times would almost certainly force many families to commute farther, weakening the program and impacting kids like my daughter who thrive on routine.
- **Keeping the Team United** – Splitting practice locations or moving portions of the team would fracture the strong sense of community we've built. The Aquatics Center provides a shared space that fosters team identity, culture, and continuity — all of which are crucial for athlete retention, parent involvement, and program growth.

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For my daughter, swimming isn't just an activity — it's her passion, her safe place, and the foundation for so many life lessons. The El Segundo Aquatics Center has nurtured that passion from the very beginning, and I cannot overstate how important it is to keep this opportunity local for our kids.

I respectfully ask the Council to protect the current pool allocations and continue supporting Beach Cities Alpha as a unified, community-rooted program at the El Segundo Aquatics Center. Please help us keep our children — and their dreams — in El Segundo water.

Thank you for your time and for your ongoing commitment to supporting youth athletics and community programs.

Sincerely,  
Liz and Joe Fancher

## Wiseburn pool

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**From** YunYun Zhuang <yun.zhuang@gmail.com>

**Date** Thu 10/2/2025 7:17 PM

**To** Pimentel, Chris (Mayor) <cpimentel@elsegundo.org>; Baldino, Ryan (Mayor Pro Tem) <rbaldino@elsegundo.org>; Boyles, Drew (Council Member) <dboyles@elsegundo.org>; Keldorf, Michelle (Council Member) <mkeldorf@elsegundo.org>; Giroux, Lance (Council Member) <lgiroux@elsegundo.org>;  
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Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing as a concerned resident and parent as well as a strong supporter of the non-profit Beach Cities Alpha swim club, to respectfully urge you to preserve our team's existing access and training hours at the El Segundo Aquatics Center, particularly within the competition pool.

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I am sure you have already seen numerous emails come through regarding this issue. All we are asking is a chance to review the proposed changes and do what is right for the kids in the community. The swim club not only provides the sport to the kids in the community but also trains the kids to be ready for junior lifeguards, which is more important than any sport, surviving and respecting the beaches/ocean that is so close to our community.

Thank you for your time, and for your commitment to supporting youth athletics and community programs in El Segundo.

Sincerely,  
YunYun Zhuang  
Parent of Swim Club Member  
Resident of El Segundo

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## Formal Comments on the Proposed Aquatics Business Plan: Concerns Regarding Competitive Pool Time Allocation

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From Volkan Ustun <ustun@ict.usc.edu>

Date Thu 10/2/2025 7:30 PM

To Pimentel, Chris (Mayor) <cpimentel@elsegundo.org>; Baldino, Ryan (Mayor Pro Tem) <rbaldino@elsegundo.org>; Boyles, Drew (Council Member) <dboyles@elsegundo.org>; Keldorf, Michelle (Council Member) <mkeldorf@elsegundo.org>; Giroux, Lance (Council Member) <lgiroux@elsegundo.org>;  
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Dear El Segundo Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and Council Members,

I am writing to express significant concerns regarding the pool allocation changes within the proposed Aquatics Business Plan. While the plan may aim for "equality" in distribution, the resulting allocation is not equitable for the facility's highest-performing program. Specifically, the proposed reduction in Competitive Pool time for **Beach Cities Alpha (BCA)**, coupled with an expectation to utilize the **Instruction Pool instead**, will be **detrimental to their ability to train and compete at a state and national level**.

My name is Volkan Ustun, and my family represents the deep connection that the aquatics program fosters. Both of my sons swim for Beach Cities Alpha, and the quality of the program has made our family invest heavily in the El Segundo community—including frequent patronage of local businesses, promoting El Segundo to out-of-town guests, and most recently, my older son enrolling in El Segundo Middle School. **Beach Cities Alpha is a significant community asset and a key driver of non-resident engagement and revenue for the city and ESAC.**

Maintaining the competitive excellence of **Beach Cities Alpha requires dedicated time in the Competitive Pool**. As a premier program, BCA is on a trajectory to produce national-level athletes, with potential competitors for the **2028 Los Angeles Olympics**. The **Instruction Pool** cannot substitute for this need due to differences in depth, lane width, and competitive setup (e.g., block starts, turn practice). **Diluting their access to the competition pool risks devaluing the high standards and return-on-investment the city has made in the ESAC facility.**

We urge the Council to re-evaluate the proposed allocation by prioritizing **the total community benefit and quantifiable usage metrics**. Beach Cities Alpha currently represents the largest user base, serves a high number of **El Segundo resident families**, and provides substantial financial contributions to ESAC operations. **Any proposed change must be supported by a clear analysis that demonstrates a superior, equitable distribution of resources based on these measurable factors, not just an arbitrary division of hours.**

Please consider the **significant, disruptive** impact this plan will have on the hundreds of swimmers and families, including many El Segundo residents, who depend on BCA's current operating schedule.

Thank you for your careful consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,  
Volkan

Volkan Ustun, Ph.D.  
Director of Human-inspired Adapting Teaming Systems  
USC Institute for Creative Technologies  
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## Request to Preserve Beach Cities Alpha Swim Team Access at El Segundo Aquatics Center

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**From** davide visentin <visentin.davide@gmail.com>

**Date** Thu 10/2/2025 7:49 PM

**To** Pimentel, Chris (Mayor) <cpimentel@elsegundo.org>

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I am a Wiseburn School District parent, and my son Vasco, a freshman at Da Vinci High School, has been a swimmer with Alpha for the past three years. He is now gaining valuable new experience with Beach Cities Alpha. The El Segundo Aquatics Center, with its unique swimming environment and our team's excellent coaching, has given Vasco a true sense of place and belonging, where he has been able to grow and thrive.

Wiseburn is the center of our daily lives—for both education and sports—and it is where our family feels rooted. The possibility of losing access to the pool, or seeing it reduced, is a source of real concern for us. As a family, we want to know that our local facility will continue to play a positive and essential role, not only for Vasco, but for our entire community.

Please see the attached full letter, which outlines our concerns on behalf of the Wiseburn and Beach Cities Alpha community.

Respectfully,

Davide Visentin



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**10/02/2025**

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

City Hall  
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El Segundo, CA 90245

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retention, parent involvement, and program growth.

Our swim club is more than a sports team. It is a combined entity of two long-standing, inclusive local programs that promote physical health, discipline, and confidence among hundreds of youth — including a significant number of El Segundo residents. We host local meets that bring positive attention and economic activity to the city and provide a supportive environment that benefits swimmers of all levels.

I am writing as a concerned parent and a strong supporter of the non-profit Beach Cities Alpha swim club to respectfully urge you to preserve our team's existing access and training hours at the El Segundo Aquatics Center, particularly within the competition pool.

I am a Wiseburn School District parent, and my son Vasco, a freshman at Wiseburn High School, has been a swimmer with Alpha for the past three years. He is now gaining valuable new experience with Beach Cities Alpha. The El Segundo Aquatics Center, with its unique swimming environment and our team's excellent coaching, has given Vasco a true sense of place and belonging, where he has been able to grow and thrive.

Wiseburn is the center of our daily lives—for both education and sports—and it is where our family feels rooted. The possibility of losing access to the pool, or seeing it reduced, is a source of real concern for us. As a family, we want to know that our local facility will continue to play a positive and essential role, not only for Vasco, but for our entire community.

We respectfully ask that the Council protect the current pool allocations and continue to support Beach Cities Alpha as a unified, community-rooted program at the El Segundo Aquatics Center. Please help us keep our kids in El Segundo water!

Thank you for your time, and for your commitment to supporting youth athletics and community programs in El Segundo.

Sincerely,  
Davide Visentin  
Parent of Beach Cities Alpha's swimmer.