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Good afternoon Mayor and Councilmembers,

Please see the email below as public comment for Item #5 on tonight's Agenda. This will form part of tonight's public record and post meeting material.

Thank you

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Dear Mayor and Council,

We appreciate the work the city staff has done to assess the condition of ISC and taking measures for the future. We have analyzed the assessment report and we are sure you have as well. There are certain takeaways and proposals we have based on our understanding and with the express objective of getting our swimmers, divers and artistic swimmers back in the water. These proposals are broken down into immediate, short-term, medium-term, and long-term. We are happy to discuss these with you and staff to take them forward.

Immediate:

Immediate help to find alternate water at reasonable rates. Sign use agreement for Mary Gomez and find synergy between city programming and the three clubs' needs.

Short-term:

We believe safe access can be provided to the swimmers if we only open the pools and not the buildings or dive tower. Only allow swimmers, coaches, and lifeguards on deck from the south entrance and block off access to all unsafe areas. Make access by staff to the mechanical room and equipment safe. Provide portable toilets. Make entrances (gates) easily accessible and up to code/standards. This should be fairly easy and quick to do.

Medium-term:

In the medium term there are two approaches, not necessarily an either-or and both can be taken up. First approach is doing ~~some~~ critical maintenance to ISC to further extend useful life until the long-term solution is ready. The other is to get a portable pool installed in Central Park or another location that can become part of the long-term strategy.

Plan 1)

Bldg A: Block access. Make access by staff to the mechanical room and equipment safe

Code: Address P1 code issues that come in the way of pool access. For example, limit the number of people onto the pool deck by only allowing coaches, lifeguards and swimmers, and so egress issues can be addressed

Canopy: Replace rusted gutters. Over time remove solar panels, repair holes, and recoat

Pool deck: Block access to diving well viewing windows and deck above them. Over time reseal pool deck elsewhere where necessary

Maintenance items: Address as necessary over time

Dive tower: Block access

Bleachers: Good condition, back wall can be repaired over time

Bldg D: Block access and repair over time

These are just the high-level items. Many details need to be worked out but we believe we can work on them together to make this successful at minimum cost.

Plan 2)

Myrtha Pools makes portable pools that can be installed relatively quickly. They aren't cheap but aren't exorbitantly expensive like rebuilding ISC; and they have long useful life. We can connect the city staff with Myrtha and start a conversation on where it can be installed, what it will need and how much it will cost. It can become a long-term solution for additional water as well; there are many examples of places where this has been done.

Long-term:

Work with the three clubs and their joint representatives to fund rebuilding the ISC. Two parallel approaches possible: city funds plus donations that the clubs obtain; secondly is through a bond measure.

In the meantime fund the drawing-up of plans for rebuilding the ISC that are realistic while still world-class (not like the astronomical plans from last attempt).

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