

## Dear Pool Supporters:

Thank you for emailing the City Council last October during the Mayor's budget hearings. Thanks to you, the Council mandated that the Parks Department perform a preliminary pool feasibility study. Also, thanks to you, aquatics supporters made an outstanding showing during the Parks Strategic Plan public forums.

Now it's time to remind both Parks and the City Council of your support for pools. Both the final Parks Strategic Plan and the Pro-Parks Levy proposal are being hammered out right now. On top of this, the Council will soon review the prelim pool study. Your participation really does make a difference. Read on for instructions on how **YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR AQUATICS, AGAIN!**

### **ACTION ONE: Submit Public Comments to the City Council's Citizens Committee for a New Park Levy**

The committee will advise the Council by **June 30** on the pros and cons of asking voters to renew a parks levy on November's ballot. As part of that process, the Committee will analyze specific parks projects that could be covered by renewal of the levy. Please suggest that funds for pools be included in the proposed levy-- email [parksandgreenspaceslevy@seattle.gov](mailto:parksandgreenspaceslevy@seattle.gov) and be sure to cc the leader of Parks Department Strategic Planning process ([mickey.fearn@seattle.gov](mailto:mickey.fearn@seattle.gov)) and/or the Superintendent of the Parks Department ([timothy.gallagher@seattle.gov](mailto:timothy.gallagher@seattle.gov)). Optionally, you can also attend the 3 public forums for the Levy Committee in person (details: [http://www.seattle.gov/council/issues/parks\\_levy.htm#names](http://www.seattle.gov/council/issues/parks_levy.htm#names)).

### **ACTION TWO: Remind the City Council of your interest in the results of the preliminary pool study**

Email each of these Councilmembers INDIVIDUALLY:

[tom.rasmussen@seattle.gov](mailto:tom.rasmussen@seattle.gov) - Chair Parks & Seattle Center

[richard.conlin@seattle.gov](mailto:richard.conlin@seattle.gov) - Vice-Chair Parks Committee & Council President (strong levy proponent)

[jan.drago@seattle.gov](mailto:jan.drago@seattle.gov) - Parks Committee member

[tim.burgess@seattle.gov](mailto:tim.burgess@seattle.gov) - Parks Committee alternate

On one of these mails, please cc [mickey.fearn@seattle.gov](mailto:mickey.fearn@seattle.gov) - Leader of Parks Strategic Planning Process

In your brief email to Councilmembers please remember to:

- Thank the Councilmembers for their public service - a little thanks goes a long way
- Mention your support of pools and interest in the draft "Pool Study" to be discussed at an upcoming Parks & Seattle Center Committee meeting
- Request they include aquatics in the new parks levy package

Thank you for your dedicated advocacy for public pools.

Elizabeth Nelson and the Project Seattle Pools Team, [www.seattlepools.org](http://www.seattlepools.org)