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**Subject:** Public Hearing 1530 and 1534 Fifth Avenue Marin Academy Pool

Dear Ms. Giudice,

As recommended by the Commission, I'm submitting comment by email to you to ensure it receives it.

I've got a daughter who is a junior at the school who participates on the water polo team. The existing pool is inadequate for modern high school sports needs, if not painfully when considering that California including significantly the Bay Area is nationally prominent in high school and college water sports.

But, I'm more moved that the planned facility will be shared with the San Rafael community. The facility will be a boon, particularly located in this neighborhood of pool sparse San Rafael. Marin Academy will have the ability to, and will expand its significant community related services for which there is need and demand.

Although a parent of an MA student, my testimony is more informed by my perspective as a San Rafael resident loyal to my larger community, and as a 10 year plus neighbor who lives on 5th Avenue. Beside added community services, the community will aesthetically benefit. With too little exception particularly in regard to its commercial buildings, 5th Avenue is bordered by nondescript and dreary architecture. The two buildings the pool will replace are of this sort. They won't be missed, replaced by the vibrant energy the pool and its activities will provide. I pass by the MA campus daily. Each time its architecture and pristine maintenance refresh my my eyes (and my soul). To my sensibilities, the addition of the pool will extend the campus's positive visual effect and enhance the energy the school provides its neighborhood.

Sincerely, Bill Robathan