

Rajan & Rhea Dev

San Rafael, CA 94901

San Rafael Planning Commission

Re: Marin Academy Pool Relocation

For: October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

To whom it concerns,

As both the parents of a Marin Academy graduate and members of the community, we are very excited to support Marin Academy's investment in relocating its pool and aquatic facilities.

In addition to supporting Marin Academy's support of student and faculty aquatic activities, the new aquatic center will be both readily accessible on the 5<sup>th</sup> street corridor and of the scale to support numerous opportunities for community access as outlined by the school.

We believe that this project will provide a terrific new asset and set of services for both the community of San Rafael and the school.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Warm regards,

Rajan and Rhea Dev

October 12, 2020

Steve Stafford  
Senior Planner  
City of San Rafael

Dear Mr. Stafford,

I'm writing to express my support for the Marin Academy Aquatic Center project.

As a member of the Tamalpais Aquatic Masters (TAM) swim team, a lifelong resident of San Rafael, and a contributing member of the San Rafael Chamber's Economic Vitality Committee, I consider this project to be a win across the board.

The benefits to Marin Academy students and families; to the regional education community; to the residents of and the City of San Rafael and County of Marin; and to the many members of the TAM swim team have been shared with the Planning Commission and staff in a variety of detailed reports over the past several years.

Planning Commission approval of this project will promote health, economic vitality and community connections, and add a jewel to the heart of San Rafael.

Warm regards,



Dr. Mike Pelfini

[REDACTED]  
San Rafael, CA 94901

## Steve Stafford

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**From:** Rick Meyerhoff [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 12, 2020 11:36 AM  
**To:** Steve Stafford  
**Subject:** pool

dear steve,

marin academy is presenting the community of san rafael with a brand new uptodate state of the art facility which will entail an olympic pool and the accompany facilities that will house that pool.

marin academy has established itself as a top-tier facility in education. along with that goes a recognition of how athletics plays an important part in the education process of young adults teaching them team work and the skills needed to navigate one's ways in an ever evolving world.

the greeks (geeks?) recognized the importance of athletics when they founded the olympics over two thousand years ago and held them every four years (i believe) so that rival city states could put away their differences and compete in an atmosphere that fostered what is the best in mankind- his spirit to excell and appreciate the beauty that is life.

a new facility like marin academy is proposing will supplant the old and very out-moded current pool. the new pool will be able to provide diversity to the many different groups of youth activities as well as adult endeavors. currently marin academy is host to a very successful masters swim team which i am privileged and honored to be a part of and the successes we have experienced as a team has been a result of their facilities that they have so generously provided. and marin academy makes that possible by providing adult swimmers with a place to train and enjoy the comederie that youth programs have fostered down through the years and the health benefits that accompany that from youthful years to old age.

in addition a learn-to-swim program for the community is a blueprint for success that all will be provided with the opportunity to learn how to swim at a first class facility that can handle large groups of those who want to better themselves in the water.

also the benefits far outweigh the detriments (whatever they may be) to the community by having a first class facility that is located closer to mission and fifth streets making it accessible to all who heretofore found it difficult to access and find the current pool hidden far back on the outer extremes of the current campus.

finally, marin academy has proven itself to be a first class educational institution and there is no reason why a first class pool shouldn't be in their regime of providing young adults in the community, student athletes and older citizens an opportunity to better themselves through the rigors of training and health related benefits of swimming.

respective fully submitted,

richard meyerhoff

[REDACTED]  
san rafael

## Steve Stafford

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**From:** Michael Boorstein [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 11, 2020 10:52 PM  
**To:** Steve Stafford  
**Subject:** Marin Academy Pool Project

Steve Stafford  
Project Planner

Dear Mr. Stafford,

My Family moved to Kentfield in 1961 and as a child I spent a great deal of time at what is now the Marin Academy Pool. At that time it was the original Jewish Community Center.

After I finished college at Berkeley, I joined the Tamalpais Aquatic Masters. I was in my early 20's and my father, a local psychiatrist, also joined. For many years we have enjoyed swimming with the Masters team at Marin Academy and we would love to see a new aquatic center built for many future generations to utilize and enjoy and stay fit!

Thank you very much.  
Michael Boorstein  
[REDACTED]

## Steve Stafford

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**From:** Glenda Carroll [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 11, 2020 8:41 PM  
**To:** Steve Stafford  
**Cc:** Marie McSweeney  
**Subject:** Marin Academy Pool Relocation

Dear Mr. Stafford,

I am very pleased that you are considering the pool relocation at Marin Academy. I have been a resident of San Rafael for more than 37 years and a member of Tamalpais Aquatic Masters, an adult swim team that utilizes the pool at MA.. As you know, the current pool is old but for the past 25 years, it has been my home away from home; my go-to place for exercise and camaraderie. Our team draws from swimmers all over Marin County and occasionally San Francisco and Richmond. We are a group of people that enjoy the water and we welcome athletes of all abilities. Our growth has been limited because of the size of the pool. One thing that I am most proud of was our Adult Learn to Swim program. It was open to any local adult that was interested and wanted to conquer their fear of the water. It was a great success. Again, we were limited to the number of novice swimmers we could work with by the size of the pool

I see a new larger pool as an asset to San Rafael and a way to reach out to its many diverse communities. I hope you will approve the pool relocation.

Glenda Carroll, [REDACTED] San Rafael, Ca 94901

Author: ***Drop Dead Red***

"(Trisha Carson is)...a smart, steadfast gumshoe who, in her second book, continues to flourish...Carroll's writing bounces off the page." Kirkus Reviews

## Steve Stafford

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**From:** mariemcswim [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 11, 2020 7:58 PM  
**To:** Steve Stafford  
**Subject:** Marin Academy pool relocation project

Marie Mcsweeney  
[REDACTED]  
San Rafael, Ca 94901  
[REDACTED]  
10/10/2020

Steve Stafford  
San Rafael City Planner

I'm writing in enthusiastic support of the Marin Academy pool relocation project.

I'm the coach for 2 swimming programs, that have benefited from the generous use of the Marin Academy pool.

Tidalwaves is a community youth swimming program, serving kids 4-18 yrs old.

Over the last 40 years, hundreds of 4-6 yr olds have learned to be water safe at Marin Academy. Youth 7-18, have been gifted the opportunity, to experience the joys of the sport of swimming.

For decades, Marin Academy has been the home of the Tamalpais Aquatic Masters. TAM is an adult swimming program, offering learn to swim, lap/fitness, and competitive swim opportunities.

I'm also aware of numerous soccer, volleyball, basketball, and hockey programs, using the Marin Academy facilities!

Marin Academy, has demonstrated, over the last 40 years, an awareness of, support for, and commitment to, members of our community at large.

I'm certain, the approval of this project, will allow MA, to continue to have an incredible impact on, and continue it's investment in, an even larger, grateful community!

Thank you,  
Marie Mcsweeney

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

## Steve Stafford

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**From:** John Foote [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 11, 2020 7:52 PM  
**To:** Steve Stafford  
**Subject:** Marin Academy Pool Proposal

Dear Mr. Steve Stafford,

Neither my late wife nor I nor either of our children have ever attended Marin Academy. However, we have enjoyed their partnership with the community for many years. Specifically, we swim at the MA pool with the Tamalpais Aquatic Masters. This activity has been an important part of our health and wellbeing, particularly recently as we have battled cancer.

Marin Academy is to be commended for their outreach to the community in many ways, and this new pool will be a significant resource to further support their outreach. The existing pool is over 90 years old with only 5 narrow lanes, and requires significant effort to keep functioning. Located at the back of the campus, it has limited access and visibility. The new pool in the generally commercial area on 5<sup>th</sup> street will provide modern facilities and 13 wide lanes. With Marin Academy's record of outreach to the community, such a facility will undoubtedly be used to further enrich the lives of students and residents alike.

Therefore, I strongly support approval of the proposed MA pool project.

Sincerely,

John Foote  
[REDACTED]

San Anselmo, CA 94960

## Steve Stafford

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**From:** Alex Sennhenn [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 11, 2020 7:44 PM  
**To:** Steve Stafford  
**Subject:** Marin Academy Pool Relocation Project

Dear Mr. Steve Stafford,

My name is Alex Sennhenn, and as a member of the Tamalpais Aquatic Masters (TAM) swim team, I am writing to express my support for the Marin Academy Aquatic Center project. Relocating the pool to the Fifth Avenue site will improve visibility and access to quality aquatic programs for students, parents and community partners, like us.

The pool at Marin Academy has become a second home to me over my three years on the team, so I know how helpful an updated aquatic facility that's more accessible will be. My journey with swimming started only five years ago, but in the last five years swimming has provided me with more than just a workout. I was initially inspired to take up swimming because of the physical benefits, so when I had the opportunity to sign up for a swim class I took it. The first day of that class was life changing. Not only has swimming gotten me into the best physical condition of my life, but through swimming I have pushed myself past limits I never knew I had, and have accomplished things in the pool I could only dream of. The improvement I've felt in my physical, emotional, and mental health have been such profound and positive effects on my life that swimming has become a core part of who I am.

I know that if Marin Academy can build a modern aquatics facility that is on a more commercial corridor will not provide current student athletes with an opportunity for growth, it will provide the opportunity for Marin Academy to offer valuable community programs that will only serve to improve the health and quality of life for residents of Marin County. With a new and more accessible pool, Marin Academy can offer a variety of new programs such as community lap swimming, adult and child learn-to-swim programs, lifeguard training, and youth swim leagues. Any of the programs I listed would improve the health and safety of the community, but it also leaves the opportunity for another person to discover the life-changing benefits of aquatics, and I know from experience that's the most valuable thing to be offered with a new facility.

All of us at TAM Masters are very excited about this project. We look forward to continuing our partnership with Marin Academy and enjoying this beautiful new investment in the San Rafael community.

Warm regards,

Alex Sennhenn



**Steve Stafford**

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**From:** John Myers <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 11, 2020 6:52 PM  
**To:** Steve Stafford  
**Subject:** Marin Academy Pool Relocation Project

Hello Steve-

As twenty year plus residences of San Rafael and just blocks away from the Marin Academy Campus, we are enthusiastically endorsing the relocation project for the MA Pool!

We have had the pleasure of participating in the local residence program to use the facility and it has enriched our community outlook. It has joined our community in healthy pursuits as well as a greater understanding of each other.

There is no doubt the new location will allow more participation for others.

As well as standing as a connecting point for so many to pursue a healthy activity that many in San Rafael cannot access.

MA does things well. It is a good neighbor in the downtown area. And, the new location will be a welcomed accomplishment that San Rafael can benefit from by its presence.

As a person of Color.....the location is a great idea that we ALL can benefit from.

I do hope the City welcomes this step!

Renee Randolph Myers

John Myers  
[REDACTED]

San Rafael, CA

## Steve Stafford

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**From:** Nancy Ridout [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 11, 2020 4:12 PM  
**To:** Steve Stafford  
**Cc:** Marie  
**Subject:** Marin Academy Pool Relocation Project

Dear Mr. Stafford,

Thanks to the generosity of Marin Academy, the Tamalpais Aquatic Masters found a home pool for its competitive adult training and community fitness over thirty years ago. The relationship has benefitted both the school and the community throughout these years and has resulted in a close bond and mutual respect.

The pool built back in the 1930's is still hanging there but each year we wonder if it will be the last. The prospect of a new pool, in a much more convenient location, that would accommodate many more swimmers is very exciting! It would enable our small adult swimming team to grow and offer the opportunity of health and fitness to much a wider population of the community, and enable the school to expand its aquatic programs and create new ones.

I urge the Planning Commission to recommend approval of this project. It will not only benefit the school but will support its outreach to the community and its well-being. A win-win for everyone!

Thank you for your consideration of this exciting project.

Nancy Ridout, Member  
Tamalpais Aquatic Masters

**Steve Stafford**

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**From:** Anne Claman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 11, 2020 4:00 PM  
**To:** Steve Stafford  
**Subject:** Support for Marin Academy Aquatic Complex

To: Mr. Steve Stafford,

I am writing to express my support for the Marin Academy Aquatic Center Project.

I have been a San Rafael resident for over 25 years and I have been a member of Tamalpais Aquatic Masters ever since i moved here from San Francisco in 1994.

Both my children attended Marin Academy and swam on the swim team for all four years. In addition my daughter played water polo there.

The current Marin Academy pool has done amazing service, but needs to be replaced and brought up to current safety standards. The new pool in its new location on 5th Avenue would be an amazing improvement providing multiple opportunities for community lap swimming, youth and adult learn to swim classes and recreational and competitive swim leagues.

I have watched my Gerstle Park neighborhood change in the last several years with an influx of wonderful young families with young children. I know many of them would be thrilled to take advantage of the opportunities for swim lessons and water safety classes so near to where they live.

As a Masters swimmer with Tamalpais Masters we have been so lucky to work with Marin Academy. We have been able to give many Marin and San Rafael residents an awesome swim program that is open to swimmers of all abilities.

Once again, I fully support the new Marin Academy Aquatic Complex!

Thank you.

Anne Clark Claman  
[REDACTED]  
San Rafael, CA 94901

**Steve Stafford**

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**From:** marcia bargmann [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 11, 2020 3:12 PM  
**To:** Steve Stafford  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Letter of support ofr Marin Academy Aquatic Center project

Marcia Bargmann

Bay Street Canvas

[REDACTED]  
San Rafael, CA 94901  
[REDACTED]

October 11, 2020

Marin Academy Pool Relocation Project

Dear Steve Stafford,

I am a member of the Tamalpais Masters (TAM) swim team and a small business owner in San Rafael since 1999.

I am writing to convey my complete enthusiasm and support for the Marin Academy Aquatic Center Project. This project and ultimate completion is a community asset for San Rafael, allowing access to quality aquatic programs for the students of Marin Academy, their families, and friends. Most of us realize the importance for athletic programs provide a well-rounded education and a valuable community spirit.

TAM Masters is a nationally registered US Masters swim program and accepts swimmers of all skill levels, providing us with the comradery of a team membership. Tam Masters has been swimming at Marin Academy for 40 years now, made possible by a generous partnership with the high school. We, as a team, value and appreciate this partnership.

Personally, one of my favorite programs at the school pool, headed by our Coach Marie, is the Adult Swim lessons, offered to the community for non-swimming adults to learn swimming. As a team member we volunteer as teachers and assist the learners in a safe pool experience while learning the skills of swimming.

The new anticipated pool/aquatic center has all of us at TAM extremely excited, including our surrounding community and all those at Marin Academy.

Warm regards,

Marcia Bargmann

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Dear Mr. Steve Stafford,

I have been a member of the Tamalpais Aquatic Masters (TAM) swim team for almost 20 years and I am writing to express my support for the Marin Academy Aquatic Center project. Relocating the pool to the Fifth Avenue site will improve visibility and access to quality aquatic programs for students, parents and community partners, like us.

TAM Masters is registered as a US Masters swim program and embraces swimmers of all skill levels, providing a healthy recreational outlet for many Marin County residents. The team has been swimming in the Marin Academy pool for more than 40 years, made possible by a generous partnership with the school that we value and appreciate.

Marin Academy's existing swimming pool was constructed in 1930 and has served many swimmers in its' 90 years. However, it is now well past its useful life and requires substantial health and safety upgrades to meet current public pool standards. Significant upgrades are necessary to make it useful and more relevant to current aquatic programs. The new location provides an opportunity to create a modern pool for student athletes and community groups as well as move the pool to a commercial corridor for easier access.

All of us at TAM Masters are very excited about this project. We look forward to continuing our partnership with Marin Academy and enjoying this beautiful new investment in the San Rafael community.

Warm regards,

Mary Ann Stich

[REDACTED]  
San Rafael, CA 94901

## Steve Stafford

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**From:** Jessica Jakobi [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 10, 2020 1:38 PM  
**To:** Steve Stafford  
**Subject:** Marin Academy Pool Relocation Project-Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Stafford,

As a member of the Tamalpais Aquatic Masters (TAM) swim team for 27 years and past TAM Board member for over 10+ years, I am writing to express my whole hearted support for the Marin Academy Aquatic Center project!!! I am 62 years old and swimming (both recreational and competitive) has been an integral part of my life since childhood. I swim for the mental, physical and spiritual benefits and always feel better after getting out of the MA pool than I did before getting in.

What I enjoy most about swimming with TAM is our coach, the people and the program. Marie, our very knowledgeable, positive and encouraging coach, has built a flexible Masters program that helps adult swimmers of varying ages, abilities and desires meet their personal goals. From recreational swimmers, to triathletes, to national and world record holders-we have all enjoyed the benefits of our program for years at MA. I have made enduring friendships with great people and enjoy the camaraderie with teammates who both push and support each other in and out of the pool. Watching 70 year olds go off the blocks is very inspiring. I want to continue to age like that!

We are very grateful to Marin Academy and appreciate the generous partnership we have enjoyed with the school over many decades, along with their support of our swim program. MA has always been extremely welcoming to our team and made us feel a part of the community. While I enjoy the coziness of the current pool, I am really looking forward to swimming in the gorgeous, modern and much larger new one! The new facility and location will improve visibility and access to all of the aquatic programs at Marin Academy and may enable TAM to expand our team outreach to teach more adults in the wider community to learn how to swim.

In sum, all of us at TAM Masters feel very fortunate to be a part of the Marin Academy community and are VERY excited about this project and the lovely new facility that will certainly inspire us to do more good and swim even harder!

Sincerely,

Jessica Jakobi  
[REDACTED]

San Anselmo CA 94960



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Liz and Doug Chiang  
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San Rafael, CA 94901

October 10, 2020

City of San Rafael Planning Department  
1400 Fifth Avenue  
San Rafael, CA 94915

Re: Marin Academy Aquatic Center

We are the parents of two Marin Academy alumni and have a daughter who currently attends and swims on the school team. We are writing to you regarding the upcoming Public Hearing on October 13, 2020 regarding the pool relocation.

We are very familiar with the school property and have reviewed the plans and understand the improvements they wish to make. We feel that the plans represent a significant improvement to both the property and the neighborhood. The current facility is nearly a century old and lacks basic features needed to operate fully and safely. A couple aspects of Marin Academy that we particularly appreciate is how much they value and commit to teaching the importance of physical and mental health and their longstanding commitment to engaging with the larger San Rafael community and beyond. Communities are stronger with places to be active and social together and this upgraded location and facility will allow for increased opportunity for the school to expand current programs, build on existing partnerships and welcome new community groups. The benefits are endless!

We feel the plans represent a much needed improvement and will serve the Marin Academy aquatic athletes and community partners for decades to come. We look forward to seeing this project fully realized.

Sincerely,

Liz & Doug Chiang



## Steve Stafford

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**From:** Annie Terstegge [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 8, 2020 5:00 PM  
**To:** Steve Stafford  
**Subject:** COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF MARIN ACADEMY POOL RELOCATION PROJECT

Dear Mr. Steve Stafford,

I am a neighbor of Marin Academy and a member of the Tamalpais Aquatic Masters (TAM) swim team, I am writing to express my support for the Marin Academy Aquatic Center project.

My husband and I have lived in our home, directly behind the parking lot and pool area of Marin Academy, since 2005. Marin Academy is a wonderful and considerate neighbor. They keep their property impeccably clean and safe. They notify neighbors any time they're hosting a big event. Noise from the school has never been an issue for us. We have not had a single negative experience with them as our neighbors.

TAM Masters is registered as a US Masters swim program and embraces swimmers of all skill levels. I began swimming with TAM in my twenties and am now in my forties with two kids. My life has changed a lot, but TAM has always been there at Marin Academy ready to let me have a swim when my schedule allows. Every time I've come back after a long hiatus from swimming, I get to see all the same faces. The team is filled with supportive and friendly women and men of all ages and skill levels.

The current Marin Academy pool needs to be replaced. I grew up in San Rafael and remember swimming in the pool as a kid at Marin Academy Sports Camp. It's surprising that the same pool is still there - nothing has changed. It's old. The pool and surrounding deck is too small for swim meets and water polo matches. It would be wasteful to invest in the current pool where it's located now. The swimmers and water polo players of Marin Academy should be able to proudly host meets and matches at their own school. The current pool does not allow that.

I am very excited about this project. As a member of TAM and a neighbor of Marin Academy, I look forward to enjoying this beautiful new investment in the San Rafael community.

Sincerely,

Annie Terstegge



San Rafael, CA 94901