

Mr. Mark Jinks  
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Alexandria City Hall  
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Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mark:

I am writing on behalf of the INOVA Alexandria Hospital to express our support for the efforts to improve the aquatics situation in Alexandria. We have met with the Advocates for Alexandria Aquatics (AAA) and agree with the principles that they endorse: the City needs more and better swimming pools so that all residents can enjoy a healthier lifestyle and all kids in Alexandria can learn how to swim and survive in the water.

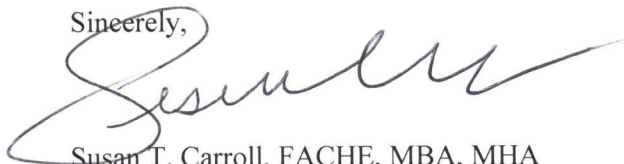
As you are aware, swimming and other exercises in the water can be done by new- born infants through octogenarians. Water aerobics, exercise classes, lap swimming, any number of activities can be done in the water to make a person healthier and stronger. The idea of adding a large, indoor, multi-use swimming pool to Alexandria's aquatics inventory particularly appeals to us since it provides year round access to these healthy activities.

We also endorse the concept of teaching every child in Alexandria to swim. This is truly a life-saving skill that all should have. Whatever can be done to encourage this is most welcome. Of course, in order to teach the large number of children in the Alexandria school system, sufficient pool space is needed. This ties in well with the actions that you and the City are taking to increase the number of pools in Alexandria and their attractiveness to our residents.

We can envision aquatics programming expanding even further – into employee wellness programs, youth and adult sport injury rehabilitation, prenatal/postnatal wellness classes, etc. Our mission at Inova is to improve the health and well-being of the Community we are privileged to serve; we believe that this project and AAA have the same vision for a healthy community.

We look forward to working with the City and AAA to promote better and healthier lifestyles for Alexandria's residents. Please let us know if we can be of assistance in this effort.

Sincerely,



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