



# Public Comment

## Item 3.C

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### **Statement for City Council – Agenda Item 3C**

Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers,

I respectfully ask the Council and staff to take a moment to review the George M. Silliman Community and Aquatic Center in Newark, CA, before finalizing plans for this project. My daughter's family uses the Silliman Center year-round, primarily because of its indoor features, which extend the usability and community benefit well beyond the summer months. In fact, the facility also hosts daycare programs, and my older granddaughter volunteers there, helping school-age children on break, and attending many birthday party held in the facility meeting rooms

—illustrating how a thoughtfully designed facility can engage residents of all ages.

Here is a link to the developer's information on the Silliman Center:

[George M. Silliman Community and Aquatic Center – COAR Group.](#)

Several years ago, I wrote to the Council suggesting this model be explored further and that Newark's more recent revenue and expense financials be requested for review. My concern remains that if Tracy invests in a facility designed to operate only a few months out of the year, the city may face challenges in covering ongoing costs and retaining a well-trained staff.

A facility with year-round use, indoor flexibility, and programs for multiple age groups may not only be more financially sustainable but also provide a stronger return on investment for our residents. Tracy deserves a community asset that grows with the city and remains a central gathering place throughout the year.

Thank you for considering this perspective as you deliberate on this important item.

Respectfully,

Karen Moore