

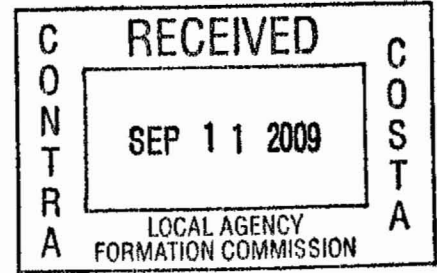
October 14, 2009
Agenda Item 7
Attachment 3

Green Valley Recreation and Park District Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update

Attachment 3:

Letters and E-mails

Kelly M. Flanagan
2475 Paddock Drive
San Ramon, California 94583



September 10, 2009

Chair Gayle Uilkema and Commissioners
Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission
651 Pine Street
Martinez, California 94553

Re: *Green Valley Recreation and Park District*

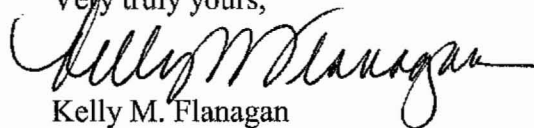
Dear Chair Uilkema and Commissioners:

I write to urge you not to dissolve the Green Valley Recreation and Park District (GVRPD). While I am not a resident of Danville, I am a concerned resident of Contra Costa County and the parent of a high school senior who is an employee of the District. In addition to the recreational opportunities that it provides to its members, the GVRPD provides much-needed summer jobs to teenagers in the County. It employs approximately 13 lifeguards and 5 gate guards, some of whom have worked at the pool for as long as 4 seasons.

This past summer was my daughter's first summer working as a lifeguard at the Green Valley pool, and that job provided her with not only a pay check, but with training and responsibilities that she would have been unable to get in many other job settings. Because of the seasonal nature of the work, it is perfect for high school and college students who need work that fits their school schedule. While 18 jobs is not an earth-shattering number, it is not an insignificant number in this economy, and eliminating those jobs sends the wrong message to youth who work hard at school during the school year and very much want the opportunity to work at a meaningful job during the summer.

For those kids, for the volunteer board who runs the GVRPD with no compensation for many hours of hard work, and for the many families who very much enjoy – and in these hard times, need – the recreational opportunities that the GVRPD provides, it would truly be a shame to dissolve the District.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Kelly M. Flanagan

Linda Auby
35 Surrey Court
Danville, CA 94526
(925)855-1855

Received
Sep 15 2009

September 15, 2009

Chair Gayle Uilkema and Commissioners
Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission
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Sincerely,

Linda Auby

Received
Sep 15 2009

Sylvia Perfetto
156 Belgian Drive
Danville, CA 94526

September 15, 2009

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I grew up in Danville and used to swim at the Green Valley Pool as a child. Today, my children enjoy the setting. This is such a small corner of the world that cannot possibly have any measurable effect on the Commissioners.

There are more important issues to resolve as Commissioners. I urge you to seriously consider focusing your time on issues of greater value.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Perfetto

**Tracy and Gregory Noble
131 Maiden Lane
Danville, CA 94526**

Received
Sep 16 2009

September 15, 2009

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Furthermore, we live on Maiden Lane and if the pool is dissolved we are genuinely concerned about the use of the land. It could very well be sold to a developer which would mean the end our pedestrian walkway and quaint street.

My children have made lifelong memories and incredible friends swimming at the Green Valley Pool. Movies under the stars and Friday night dinners will be a thing of the past if we have the Green Valley Pool taken away from us. Please consider our neighborhood full of young families just starting out who look forward to the time spent with family and friends at our neighborhood pool.

Sincerely,

Tracy and Greg Noble

Received
Sep 16 2009

Pete and Martha Dorado
117 Montana Drive
Danville, CA 94525
837-3230

September 14, 2009

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Martinez, CA 94553

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Sincerely,

Pete and Martha Dorado

Received
Sep 16 2009

Jenna Biglow <jennabiglow@yahoo.com>

09/16/2009 10:23 AM

To: LTexte@lafco.cccounty.us

Cc: greenvalleypool@hotmail.com

Subject: The potential closing of the Green Valley Pool

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you in regard to the possible closing of the Green Valley Pool. It appears that there is a problem with the current situation in how the pool is run. If I am understanding it correctly, some individuals believe that the money allocated for the pool is not a good use of tax dollars and it would be better if the funds were used elsewhere.

My questions are to these particular individuals, should we allocate the funds to health care? Should the funds be distributed to law enforcement or centers that provide a sense of community? You see, I believe that in a sense, these dollars are being used for just these purposes. The pool provides a place for exercise, which is a remedy for many health ailments. It provides a place for people to constructively use their time and it creates jobs, which cuts down on crime. The pool provides a place of community where people can come together and share with one another. In my opinion, this is not a poor use of tax dollars.

May I mention that it is my tax dollars that you are talking about. Do I have a say in how they should be spent? All of the people who are voting on how to use my tax dollars will go home to their own communities without disruption. It is my community that will be impacted by their vote. I would hope my thoughts are taken into consideration before making a decision that could have such a huge impact on the lives of my family and this community. Summer days will never be the same if the pool were to close. Please don't take this away from us.

Thank you for your deep consideration,
Jenna Biglow

Received
Sep 18 2009

Scott Horton
166 Cameo Dr
Danville, CA 94526

September 18, 2009

Chair Gayle Uilkema and Commissioners
Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission
651 Pine Street, 6th Floor
Martinez, CA 94553

Re: ***Green Valley Recreation and Park District***

Dear Chair Uilkema and Commissioners:

I am a very strong supporter of the Green Valley Pool and treasurer of the Green Valley Pool board. Please DO NOT vote to reduce the Green Valley Recreation and Park District sphere of influence to a zero sphere. With no uncertainty this would lead to dissolution of the Green Valley Recreation and Park District and ultimately closure of our community pool. We are happy with the way things are and do not want anything to change. As you requested we have investigated the functionality of our pool as a private entity. We have discovered that because our pool is so small, 22 feet x 50 feet, it would not succeed if privately owned and funded entirely by user fees. We did not raise pool dues this season and still had a 15% decline in membership due to the economy. To be a private pool we would need to increase fees by more than 100%. This is not a viable option. There are only two options before you, keep things the way they are or close the pool. This pool has been the heart of the Cameo Acres neighborhood in Danville for close to 60 years. We live in a neighborhood where the majority of homes do not have a pool in every back yard. This pool is wonderful community resource.

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Sincerely,

Scott Horton

Received
Sep 18 2009

Molly Welsh
132 Belgian Drive
Danville, CA 94526

September 14, 2009

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My children will be devastated if this pool is no longer available. We literally count down the days/months when the pool will be opened! Our kids have all learned to swim because of the access to this pool. It is a wonderful experience for the kids in the community to have the feel of family with neighborhood children. We have celebrated many birthdays at our quaint pool and would be very upset if it was taken away. This pool is one of the last pure and simple ways of life in these tough, scary times.

Please consider keeping this alive. Thank you.

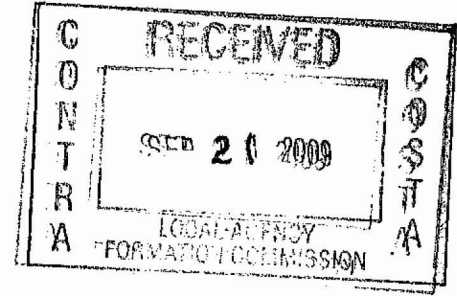
Molly Welsh

Mary Jo Harrell
1648 Green Valley Road
Danville, CA 94526

September 16, 2009

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Sincerely,

Mary Jo Harrell

"William Shryer" <wshryer@behaviorquest.com>
09/20/2009 07:47 AM

Received
Sep 21 2009

To<ltexe@lafco.cccounty.us>
cc

Subject
Green Valley Pool

Lou Ann Texeira
LAFCO Executive Officer

Lou Ann,

It was with incredulity that I received a flyer from the Green Valley Pool with the news that the LAFCO is taking under consideration the possibility of closing the pool and dissolving the Green Valley Recreation and Park District. While a few LAFCO may feel this is not a wise use of government funds, I guess they forgot that the people are the government and not LAFCO. This is one of the central features of our neighborhood and it is used daily on a year round basis for many purposes for parents dropping their kids off to Green Valley elementary School, all summer for kids to have a safe and supervised place to play and the list goes on. Community ambiance is an important part of the Danville Community and we would urge you to keep what's good in a neighborhood and not ruin something by selling it off to developers, which is one possibility that could happen. Please consider the people who make up the community and want to keep one of our little gems for the good of the cause.

All the best,

William Shryer DCSW, LCSW
Clinical Director
Diablo Behavioral Healthcare
Danville, CA 94506
925-648-4800
www.behaviorquest.com

John and Jane VanderWerf
212 Oak Road
Alamo, CA 94507



September 15, 2009

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651 Pine Street, 6th Floor
Martinez, CA 94553

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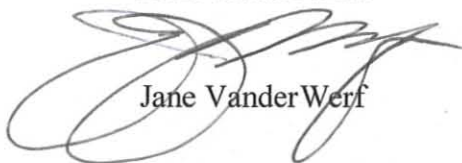
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Our 11-year old daughter, Kelly, who went to school at Green Valley and now goes to Los Cerros, has made lifelong memories swimming with her friends at Green Valley Pool. Movies under the stars and Friday night dinners will be a thing of the past if Green Valley Pool is closed. Please consider the value that this pool adds to our community. It is truly a unique place where adults and kids alike can gather to have fun and relax. But perhaps most importantly, it is a place where adults and kids can form lifelong friendships and *that* is what building a good community is all about. That little pool's value is truly immeasurable.

Sincerely,



John VanderWerf



Jane VanderWerf

My name is Kelly,
and I have a
bunch of memories
and fun times
there. I would hate
it if you closed the
pool!

Some of Our Memories from Green Valley Pool



Please Commissioners don't take away this pool from this community!

There is NO replacing it!

Received
Sep 21 2009

Bob & Carolyn Espinosa <stewgotts@sbcglobal.net>
09/21/2009 02:34 PM

To: LTexe@lafco.cccounty.us
Cc:
Subject: Green Valley Pool

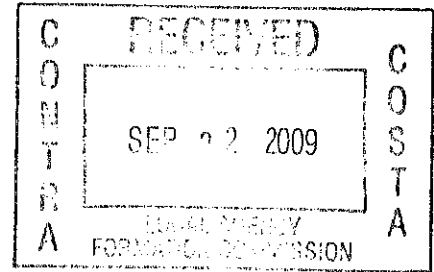
We are residents of Danville and live near the Green Valley Pool. We have lived here since 1964 and have enjoyed the pool with our neighbors and children since then. Please to not change the Green Valley Recreation and Park District (GVRPD). It is a very effective use of government for us.

Carolyn and Bob Espinosa
180 Maiden Lane
Danville, CA 94526
925-837-7588

Sara Selway
134 Arroyo Dr
Danville CA 94526

September 14, 2009

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Sincerely,

Your Name

Received
Sep 22 2009

Craig and Marybeth McCullum <cmmccullum@sbcglobal.net>
09/21/2009 06:45 PM

To: LTexe@lafco.cccounty.us
Cc: Green Valley Pool <greenvalleypool@hotmail.com>
Subject: Green Valley Pool

To LAFCO Executive Officer Lou Ann Texeira, Chair Gayle Uilkema and LAFCO Commissioners:

We are writing to request that you vote against dissolving the Green Valley Recreation and Park District and allow it to continue as it has for decades. The Green Valley Pool is a central hub and gathering place for surrounding neighborhoods where ties between members of the community are built and strengthened. Our kids have grown up spending summers at the Green Valley Pool learning to swim, participating in swim team, playing with friends and getting exercise in a safe and healthy environment. Losing this valuable resource in our community would be devastating to us and to the many families who enjoy and benefit from using it.

Throughout the year, the pool parking lot also serves as the safest and most efficient conduit for countless neighborhood families walking and riding bikes to and from Green Valley Elementary School. Without this route, children in our neighborhood would be forced to wait at the corner of Cameo Dr. and Green Valley Rd. without a crossing guard and with insufficient space to allow them to wait safely to cross the street (there is no sidewalk at this corner). Losing the parking lot would also be blocking a major artery that alleviates much of the traffic snarl at the intersection of Diablo Rd. and Green Valley Rd.

The Green Valley Pool is one of the great reminders of Danville's history and of simpler times. It is a place where people of all ages can enjoy community for a reasonable price. While Danville is often associated with affluence, the GVP is a place where families of more humble means from a variety of neighborhoods enjoy gathering throughout the summer months. It would truly be a shame to see this landmark in our neighborhood and town not to be maintained for future generations to enjoy.

Sincerely,

Craig and Marybeth McCullum
Green Valley Pool Members since 2003



Diablo Behavioral HealthCare



September 21, 2009

Chair Gayle Uilkema and Commissioners
Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission
651 Pine Street, 6th Floor
Martinez, CA 94533

Re: Green Valley Recreation and Park District

Dear LAFCO commissioners,

I live next door to Green Valley Pool and it is one of the gems of our neighborhood. It is used on a year round basis for swimming in the summer and for additional parking for moms to walk their kids to school from the parking lot. It is not just a pool but a pocket park with barbecues, basketball and tether ball etc. It is a huge benefit for our community. It irks me that the Commissioners think this is not a proper use of government. The government is by the people not by LAFCO. I sincerely hope to see and meet all of the LAFCO Commissioners at the community meeting on Saturday September 26th, 2009 at 12:30 PM at the Green Valley Pool. If the Green Valley Recreation and Park District has to be changed then we need to look at who can take over this operation such as the Towne of Danville. To even considering a sale to developers is out of the question.

Sincerely,

William Shryer
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wshryer@behaviorquest.com

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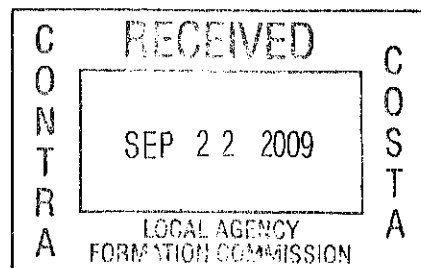
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Diane Morrell
1656 Green Valley Road
Danville, CA 94526

September 14, 2009

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Additional, our family has lived in this home for 2 generations (since 1967). Not only did my husband enjoy this pool as a youth, our son now enjoys it. We would literally hate to see it close.

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Sincerely,

Diane Morrell

Kenneth Morrell

Received
Sep 23 2009

Ginny Hooper <bghooper@sbcglobal.net>
09/22/2009 10:41 PM

To: LTexte@lafco.cccounty.us
cc:

Subject: Keep the Green Valley Recreation and Park District!

Chair Gayle Uilkema and Commissioners
Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission
C/O Lou Ann Texeira, LAFCO ED

Dear LAFCO Commissioners:

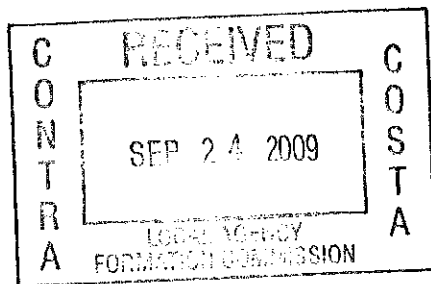
Please keep the Green Valley Recreation and Park District in Danville! The Green Valley Recreation and Park District is an extremely valuable resource for the community around it. My children learned to swim there and our family relied on the pool and area around it for many years while the children were growing up for access to a pool, for being together with friends and family from the neighborhood and for learning to swim. They and their neighborhood friends could walk there or ride their bikes without going on major high traffic roads. GVRPD is unique in its capacity to build community in north east Danville. It is particularly valuable for young families, many of whom would be unable to replace what it offers in their lives.

As I am sure you are aware, earlier this year, the East Bay Regional Park District was asked by the town of Danville to divert the money and resources it provides to Green Valley Recreation and Park District to the town of Danville. After researching the issue, the East Bay Regional Park District decided that the GVRPD is both a unique asset to the community and an effective use of its resources. It denied Danville's request and decided to continue its support for Green Valley Recreation and Park District.

I urge LAFCO to continue its support for Green Valley Recreation and Park District. Please DO NOT dissolve the District.

Sincerely,

Virginia Hooper
25 Pulido Court
Danville, CA 94526
925-837-3855
evhooper@sbcglobal.net



September 22, 2009

To whom it may concern:

I beg you not to change the
Green Valley Recreation and Park
District. It is very important
to me and my neighbors that
the pool be available to us.

Yours truly,

Barbara Nowell

My kids grew up in that
pool - please.

Received
Sep 25 2009

Brian P. McDonough

100 Feliz Ct.
Danville, CA. 94526

September 25, 2009

Chair Gayle Uilkema and Commissioners
Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission
651 Pine Street, 6th Floor
Martinez, Ca. 94553

Re: GREEN VALLEY RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT (GVRAPD)

Dear Chair Uilkema and Commissioners;

It is with dismay that I write you about the proposal to dissolve the GVRAPD. I am most aware of the need for government to find ways to reduce costs. I am also aware that government never looks within to save, it is easier to target the people who pay for government.

I am sure you are not aware of the history of the pool. The people who were the first residents of Cameo used this as the central recreation area since there were no public parks or pools in the area. Some of these original residents are still around, and some of their children live in the area. Many of the parks features are merit badge projects of Boy Scouts who grew up there. The pool languished for a number of years until a single mom in the neighborhood breathed new life into it thru her efforts to form GVRAPD. Since that time thru grants and other forms of fund raising the facility is the attractive place you see now. What you don't see are the volunteers who put in the time to produce that neighborhood gem.

Having raised my kids at this neighborhood gem I hoped to continue that with my grand children. As one of the volunteers in the early nineties I was responsible for the addition of the wading pool which my grand- daughter so enjoys today.

The people who live in Cameo pay the same taxes as any other resident in Danville, however they receive less for their money. We pay for street lights yet there are no streetlights in this neighborhood and you should be aware we pay for sidewalks, which are absent also. We alone pay for the park not the whole of The Town of Danville, and I have never heard of a Cameo resident complain of the tax for this special district.

I ask that the commissioners look long and hard at the chance of making a short-sighted decision before looking at the long term affects to the people they think they are helping.

Very truly yours



Rebecca Lantz
207 Verde Mesa Dr
Danville, CA 94526

Received
Sep 28 2009

September 25, 2009

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Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission
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Sincerely,

Rebecca Lantz and the whole Lantz Family

morgan* <mismarysunshine@sbcglobal.net>
09/27/2009 09:09 AM

Received
Sep 28 2009

To: LTexe@lafco.cccounty.us
Cc:

Subject: Save the Green Valley Pool

To whom it may concern:

As a young child, the beginning of summer always brought new hopes and anticipation for how my friends and I would spend our scorching days. As my family did not have air-conditioning, and Danville on average in the summertime is in the high nineties, the majority of my childhood was spent at the Green Valley Pool. All the neighborhood kids would call up one another and ride our bikes down to the pool. It was exciting to be able to see everyone in their new suits, racing each other, splashing and playing everyone's favorite water games; marco-polo, colors, categories, and diving contests. Naturally the Green Valley Pool was the highlight of my childhood, as I spent just about every summer day there from opening to closing time. Often we would order pizza for the lifeguards and host barbeques. Our best friends could always be found at the pool.

This still holds true today. Now, at the age of 20, I am a head Lifeguard. Originally when I applied for the job I told the board members that I wanted to be a staff member, not because it was just another summer job, but because I felt I would be giving something back to a place that nurtured me and helped me learn important life lessons. The Green Valley Pool was where I first learned how to swim. It was where my babysitters worked, also as lifeguards. I learned that hot dogs need unlimited sources of ketsup, and how to ride my bike up and down dirt BMX paths. The only thing about the Green Valley Pool that has seemed to change is the improved landscaping. The Movies Nights, a tradition that started when I was about nine, has continued with popcorn machines and state of the art projectors. Much better than the old one that I remember helping my best friend's dad set up that would topple over in the wind. But I think the best thing about the Green Valley Pool is the "Mom and Pop" feel.

The Green Valley Pool is the type of a community where families come to congregate. I always felt safe there as a kid, knowing that my best friend's parents were there to watch over me along with the lifeguards. Today, we have a much larger staff that includes a college graduate pool manager, gate guards, junior and head lifeguards. These are the only paid staff members. The board members do so much for the pool behind the scenes. They put in countless hours to make sure that everything runs safely and smoothly for all workers and members alike.

The Town of Danville is very supportive, believing us to be an asset to the community at large and it very much wants the district to continue operating the Green Valley Pool. I know that what was said at the latest LAFCO meeting to discuss the future of the pool was essentially that they do not believe operating a community swimming pool is an effective use of government. They want to see it privatized.

Currently, the only people who pay extra taxes that go towards the pool are the residents in Cameo. Having such an asset like a community pool increases their property value, thus the Green Valley Pool is an economic asset. In these hard times, one would think that anything that raises the value of their home would be a good thing. Another point to mention is that these homeowners who pay extra taxes also receive a discounted membership and if the Green Valley Pool was to be dissolved, their taxes would still remain the same.

The Green Valley Pool is a community pool that serves members from all over. Yes, most are from Danville, however some of the members also come from as far as Orinda in order to preserve the relaxed feel of the pool. As a past member, Gate Guard, Green Valley Shark Swim Team kid, now turned coach, swim instructor and lifeguard, I ask Danville to please look at what makes a community a community. Is it where you are physically placed, or rather the bonds that you form and the memories that you make with those who are important in your lives? The official vote will be on October 14th to see whether or not LAFCO will take over the pool. Please help us represent what your children hold so dear, the memories of summer, the Green Valley Pool.

-Morgan Dillingham

I have forwarded a letter from a mother who belongs to the pool. She, her husband, and her daughter come to swim regularly every week and her daughter also takes swim lessons at the pool. What she has to say represents what many other members have expressed to me over the years.

Hi Morgan. I'm happy to hear you're writing an article about the GVP. I feel GVP is a gem left unaffected by today's fast paced world. I really love the Green Valley pool.

My thoughts are as follows:

...should the LAFCO decide to close the GVP they would be losing more than a pool. The GVP has managed to maintain what many of its patrons love most...a small town, family friendly community where children, young adults, parents and grandparents connect with each other. The patrons of GVP come back year after year because GVP is a place where memories are being made, children are learning to swim and families can share in what matters most, quality time together.

Smiles,
Jen Romano

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Sep 28 2009

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09/26/2009 02:24 PM

To: LTexe@lafco.cccounty.us
Cc:
Subject: Green Valley Pool

Dear LAFCO Executive Officer, Lou Ann Texeira,
My name is Monica Schmitt. I am a 25 year old that grew up on Pulido Rd. I recently heard that you would be voting on the closure of Green Valley Pool and I wanted to get my voice heard.

Some of my earliest memories growing up involve the Green Valley Pool. Not only was my mom on the pool board but we spent countless summers at the pool. I learned to swim at that pool, made lifelong friends at that pool, and even had my first real job at the Green Valley Pool. Being a part of a community pool as a kid taught me many lifelong lessons that I didn't realize until today when reflecting to write this letter. I learned how to be a part of something. I was involved as a kid in cleaning up the pool, meeting friends there for picnics, and even helping to set up for movie nights. I attended both swim lessons and swim team at Green Valley Pool (go sharks!) which taught me healthy competition and gave me a sense of accomplishment. My first real job was as a gate guard at Green Valley Pool. I learned the responsibilities of being on time, setting up for success, money management, the importance in communicating with coworkers, and many other life skills.

As an adult, I am a second grade teacher. I see children every day that need a place to grow and learn like the Green Valley Pool. I was discussing with fellow teachers the other day why students are having such a hard time, and the outcome we came up with was because the majority of their childhood is spent sitting in front of a TV. The chance to play, grow, and think for themselves has been taken away by laziness. It is just easier to plop your kid down in front of TV than let them be a kid. Unfortunately, there are few easy safe places left for kids just to be a kid. And if you take away Green Valley Pool they will lose one more opportunity. Also, childhood obesity is rising in the United States at alarming rates. The pool is a safe, fun way to encourage children get exercise (even if they don't know it).

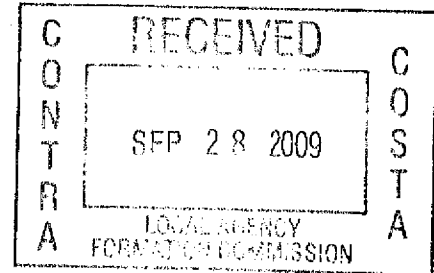
I truly cannot imagine my childhood without bike rides down to the pool, barbeques with family, swim lessons, swim team, all of my friends playing sharks and minors, diving for rings and other pool games, my job there and all the memories I have made. Please do not take these opportunities away from a generation that truly needs a place to go.

Sincerely,
Monica Schmitt

please call if you have any questions (925)683-8676

Eleanor Parker
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September 24, 2009



Chair Gayle Uilkema and Commissioners
Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission
651 Pine Street, 6th Floor
Martinez, CA 94553

Re: ***Green Valley Recreation and Park District***

Dear Chair Uilkema and Commissioners:

I am a senior and a strong supporter of the Green Valley Pool! Please DO NOT vote to reduce the Green Valley Recreation and Park District sphere of influence to a zero sphere. Dissolving the Green Valley Recreation and Park District and closing the pool will remove one of the healthiest of outdoor activities that seniors, as well as youngsters, can use to build and retain their strength and vitality. Please do not change our structure.

Our pool is small—only 22 feet x 50 feet—and therefore would not succeed if privately owned and funded entirely by user fees. This pool has been the heart of the Cameo Acres neighborhood in Danville for close to 60 years and remains a vital element of our community life. We live in a neighborhood that does not have a pool in every back yard.

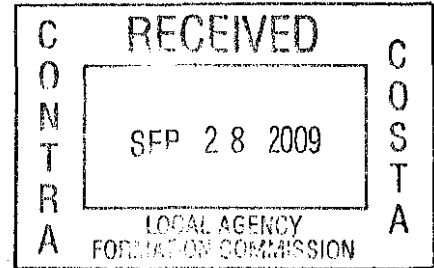
With the convenience of a neighborhood pool, so many children learn early on the joy of swimming and make lifelong memories and friendships swimming at Green Valley Pool. Many of our sons and daughters have learned water safety there and a number have become summer lifeguards during school and college life both at Green Valley and other school and park pools. Movies under the stars and Friday night dinners have helped to keep our children busy and away from juvenile problems so that police surveillance has been reduced. While many seniors like myself still live here and enjoy the pool, our quaint neighborhood is full of young families just starting out who want to be close to excellent schools and can look forward to leisure time spent with family and friends at our neighborhood pool. Most of us walk to the pool without using the family car, a great saving in this time of austerity.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Parker

Jennifer Romano
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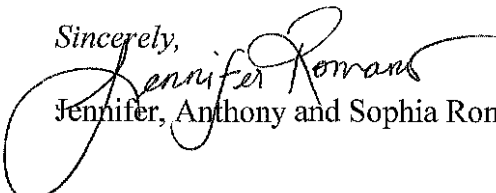
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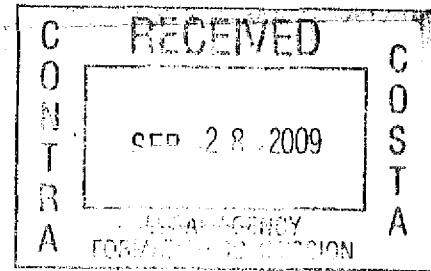
I am a strong supporter of the Green Valley Pool! Please DO NOT vote to reduce the Green Valley Recreation and Park District sphere of influence to a zero sphere. This would lead to dissolution of the Green Valley Recreation and Park District and closure of our pool. We are happy with the way things are and do not want anything to change. Our pool is small, 22 feet x 50 feet, and therefore would not succeed if privately owned and funded entirely by user fees. This pool has been the heart of the Cameo Acres neighborhood in Danville for close to 60 years. We live in a neighborhood that does not have a pool in every back yard.

To dissolve Green Valley Pool means to dissolve a community. Our children make lifelong memories swimming at Green Valley Pool. Movies under the stars and Friday night dinners will be a thing of the past if we have Green Valley Pool taken away from us. **Green Valley Pool has managed to preserve something special and unique - a family orientated community where families go to simply relax and bond with thier children and others. Please consider our quaint neighborhood full of young families just starting out who look forward to the time spent with family and friends at our neighborhood pool.**

Sincerely,


Jennifer, Anthony and Sophia Romano

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Please do not close the Green Valley Pool!

We need MORE small parks and recreation for our children NOT LESS!

I served on the Districts board as the treasurer for 6 years. My daughters learned to swim at the pool as toddlers. They volunteered with me and my husband pulling weeds and preparing the pool and grounds for summer. As teenagers, they worked at the pool checking in guests. Their first lessons about being productive members of society and working together were learned at the pool. They were proud to be a part of our community and learned to enjoy the rewards of their hard work.

Green Valley Pool is more than just a local swimming hole!

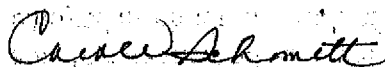
I realize that in these tough economic times, a small community pool is not considered to be of great importance. But it is! Many of us live here in the Cameo area because we enjoy the family atmosphere, the large yards, and the ability to walk our kids to schools and to local parks. We want the lifestyle that we had as children. We want our kids to be able to ride their bikes down to the local pool and to have some of the freedom that we enjoyed as children. And, of course, we need them to be safe.

It is a fact that our children need exercise. Yet we keep taking away all possibilities! We are fearful of them going on an unsupervised bike ride like we did as kids. The number of bikes in the rack at the pool tells me that we feel safe here in our neighborhood.

Don't take that from us. Not everyone can afford the local country clubs nor wants to put a pool in their back yard. Yet we want our kids to participate in swimming events and to enjoy their summers! And we would love it to be within walking or biking distance!

Please do not change the Green Valley Park and Rec District. It is a viable and treasured part of this community.

Our summers at the pool were the best! I am looking forward to taking my granddaughter down to the pool next summer. I hope that I won't be disappointed.


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Subject: Green Valley Pool

Ms. Texeira, Chair Ms. Uilkema and Commissioners;

Respectfully, we urge LAFCO to keep the Green Valley Recreational and Park District intact and the Green Valley Pool doors open.

Although we moved to Danville only three short years ago, our **memories and experiences** with the Green Valley Pool extend back as far as 1972. My husband and I are fortunate to have recently purchased the home in which he grew up on Belgian Drive, only three houses away from the pool entrance. Many others in our neighborhood are too second generation owners, with longstanding family traditions at the pool. We are now creating summertime memories with children of our own.

In the 1980s, my husband was a swim instructor and lifeguard, along with several of his six brothers and sisters. Daily, they would walk to GV Elementary and Los Cerros through the parking lot with neighbors, friends and family. Fast-forward thirty years: swimming at the pool has long been a **tradition** for our own two daughters -they couldn't wait to visit grandma and grandpa just to dive in the refreshing pool only a few yards away. My daughters and their dozens of cousins all learned to swim at this very pool while visiting their grandparents, as Sunday family bbqs frequently began with a 'quick' visit to the pool that somehow lasted deep into the evening.

Today, our family is grateful to enjoy the same rituals as the **generation** before. We walk our own **children** through the pool parking lot on a daily basis, with the anticipated safety of crossing guards only a few meters away. Other options, e.g. crossing at Cameo/Green Valley, are not only unmonitored, but unsafe with new high school drivers. *(I myself have been nearly hit by a car [on a driver's red light] on several occasions at that intersection.)* Walking to school along Diablo Road is not only extremely loud during commute hours, but unsafe without a barrier separating the six feet between pedestrians, bikers and oncoming commuter traffic distracted by the day's duties that lie ahead.

Several times a week, the pool is an anticipated **respite** for our family, especially on hot, summer evenings and weekends. Families order pizza, **bbq with friends** and simply enjoy the beautiful surroundings as a true **shared community**, yet another reason we're **proud to live in Danville**. Movie nights on the lawn, popcorn machine in tow, have become yet another family

tradition, inviting friends and relatives from neighboring cities to an enjoyable evening set among the stars - an evening we are so very **proud** to host.

My children are active members of GV Sharks non-competitive swim team - a **gratefully welcomed** alternative to the other all-consuming swim team options that are plentiful throughout this city. They've learned to be better swimmers, have enjoyed time with neighborhood friends in a **stress-free** environment provided by the qualified young swim coaches, who also serve as great **role models**. Doing your 'best' swim without the added noise, stress, horns and utter chaos has been a thoroughly **rewarding** experience.

Off season, the GV Pool parking lot has served as **a safe place** for children to learn to ride bicycles, to ride skateboards and just **'be a kid'** without added stress of oncoming cars. It is used several times a week by a fitness group, again, a **safe** location without traffic, and very **convenient** for the neighborhood adults who attend. The parking lot serves as daily overflow for the over-challenged parking lots at the local schools - on back-to-school nights, sports and fundraising events, the lot is full.

Although during such difficult economic times, I certainly appreciate LAFCO's desire to re-allocate the GV Pool funds. I would in turn **expect** that you'd understand the hundreds of community members impacted by its closure also need **a safe haven** to bring their own children, and **enjoy quality family time, especially** during these trying times.

Our community is more than happy to contribute our membership dollars to keep the pool doors open. We only ask that you do the same.

Warmly,

The Wanket Family

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Subject: Green Valley Recreational and Park District (GVRPD)

I am a resident of Danville and am writing in support of continuing Green Valley Recreational and Park District (GVRPD). The pool and park area maintained by the district provides a valuable community asset. The pool provides a venue and activities for children and family to meet and build roots in the community.

We were members of the pool when we were new to the community and our kids were young. There we met a number of our neighbors. These relationships have long outlasted our direct involvement in the pool. Equally importantly, these close friendships and acquaintances serve the community as a whole as people know and look out for one another, know and supervise each other's kids.

Thus though we are no longer members, we continue to benefit from the continued presence of the Green Valley Recreational and Park District (GVRPD).

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Cc:

Subject: Please keep Green Valley Pool

Hello Lou Ann,

So many memories are made here for families. The families in our neighborhood (3 houses down from the pool) are closer because of the pool. I hope you are able to help. Thank you kindly.

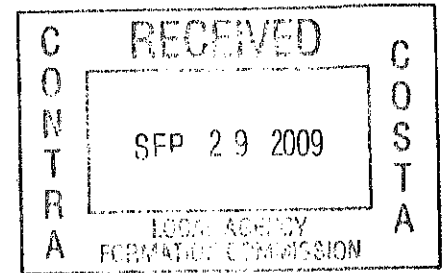
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Julie Mello
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September 24, 2009

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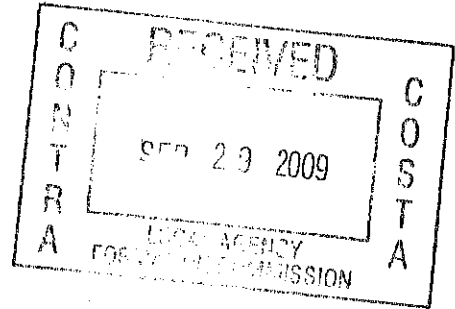
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Sincerely,

Julie, Courtney, and Justin Mello
4th generation Danville residents

Amy Bingaman
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To: LTexte@lafco.cccounty.us
Cc: greenvalleypool@hotmail.com
Subject: Future of Green Valley Recreation & Park
District

Dear Ms. Texeira, Chair Uilkema and Commissioners,

I am writing to urge LAFCO to sincerely reconsider its position on terminating the status of the GVRPD as it has maintained since 1956. We have lived in Cameo's neighboring Diablo Hacienda area for over 12 years, and since we have a pool in our backyard, have never felt the need to become Green Valley Pool members. Regardless, when the "Save Green Valley Pool!" flyer landed in my mailbox, I was compelled to attend the informational meeting and thus write to you for several key reasons.

Green Valley Pool has a long-standing history of serving its community well, providing recreation to many with an emphasis on a simple, safe, family environment at an affordable cost. This facility is unique in that it has continued its purpose over the years since its inception, enabling people to relax and enjoy each others' company without the fast pace that so many are accustomed to nowadays. Ask anyone who is/was a member or, like we, who know of Green Valley Pool, and one would state with resounding affirmation that it represents what Danville strives to continue to be known for - quaint, small-town, friendly, and well-run - something of which to be proud! Over the years, our family has been invited to the pool by friends who are pool members and have thoroughly enjoyed summer afternoons there, whether it be for parties or just hanging out at the pool. My husband's family grew up in the subdivision in which we currently live, and has fond memories of summers at the pool - learning how to swim there, bringing lunches to his brother while he lifeguarded there, among others. Doubtless, over the years since, many others have also developed fond memories as well.

While there are many good nostalgic reasons for keeping the GVRPD, there are also ones of the future that are economic in nature as well. Good planning takes hindsight as well as foresight; while we are in turmoiled economic times, it does not make sense to 'rob Peter to pay Paul', as it doesn't necessarily get you anymore ahead. The approximate \$46k that has been earmarked for the GVRPD is being well used, in that it is enabling a worthwhile service to be continued. While it might be used equally well in other areas, without a well-substantiated, accountable, and well documented plan, those monies would more likely fall into a nebulous pot. There are many possible ramifications of a decision toward dissolution, the full impacts of which would not be immediately known, but of which residents would in the future suffer the consequences. Citizens have witnessed this occur too many times in too many areas of government and are frustrated - I'm sure that as tax-paying citizens yourselves, you can agree.

While we appreciate LAFCO's charter and do not want urban sprawl, nor inefficient or illogical use of tax dollars as well as government services, life's experiences and good old common sense should at times dictate as we follow both our heads and our hearts, and decisions that buck

sometimes truly unreasonable ideals be supported. I can see the logic in directing the Green Valley Pool to become self-sustaining as others in our area; however, when details are examined and conditions are found to be unique, allowances should be made for the betterment of those involved. Yes, there should be equality where possible, but let's face it, the world isn't always quite so, no matter how noble our intentions; along with that, as long as people approach situations with forthright integrity, decency should prevail throughout. In other words, it won't be the end of the world if GVRPD remains, even though other 'special districts' have been dissolved.

The future of our neighborhood - its character, charm, and safety - is at stake if GVRPD goes away, which is likely without a plausible means of support to sustain itself. Our three children have all gone to Green Valley School; two are now at Monte Vista, and our youngest at Los Cerros. I have been a para-educator at Green Valley for the past 7 years. It has been such a blessing to be able to walk to and from school, along with all the other neighborhood families from both the Cameo and Diablo Hacienda areas. Over the years and even now, we have heard so many families speak of our ideal ability to walk to these schools. Many cyclists and joggers on their way to Mount Diablo use the pool's pedestrian walkway as well. The future of this land and what it has offered to our neighborhood hinges on being able to keep the pool operating.

Thank you for the many hours you have spent studying this situation and working diligently towards maintaining your commission's charter. Ms. Texeira, thank you for taking the time to meet with us last Saturday and to share information with us. We realize that your intentions for all are well meant and that the closing of Green Valley Pool is not your goal. I ask you to please picture yourselves living in our area with your families; formulate decisions based on not just assumptions or what may seemingly make logical sense in the short-term, but keep the people in mind, the reason for good government.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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Re: Green Valley Recreation and Park District

Dear Commissioners

On September 26, 2009 I attended a community meeting with LAFCO Executive Officer Lou Ann Texeira. The meeting was held at the Green Valley Pool in Danville. The subject was the future of the Green Valley Recreation and Park District (GVRPD).

Our family has been a non-resident member of the Green Valley Pool for the past four years. We do not live in the Cameo neighborhood of the GVRPD. Many of our eight-year-old son's friends and classmates live in the Cameo neighborhood and play at the pool during the summer.

Ms. Texeira was very patient in listening to the questions and concerns of the meeting participants. Her explanations about LAFCO and the process of the Municipal Service Review of the GVRPD were very informative.

My understanding of the issue is whether the property taxes paid by the Cameo homeowners shall continue to be used to support the GVRPD. This tax revenue is currently \$46,000 annually. The Green Valley Pool is also supported by annual fees paid by residents of the Cameo neighborhood and non-residents

The benefits to the Green Valley Pool members have been many. Participants at the meeting told of successive generations of their family having a safe, local community environment, within walking distance from home for many, where children and families have played together and formed a very real sense of community. The Green Valley Pool has also been a source of summer employment for students from the greater East Bay area.

The history is that the GVRPD was formed in the 1950's, well before the existence of LAFCO. There is no information that there have been any governance issues that would require any change of the GVRPD during this period of more than 50 years.

Based on the discussions at the September 26 meeting, there is not another way for the GVRPD to sustain the operation of the Green Valley Pool without the current property tax support. Any change that would require the formation of a homeowners association or operation by a private entity would substantially increase the costs. The increased costs would occur in part due to the expense of professional management, the cost of complying with the numerous laws applicable to a homeowners association, and the possibility of increased property taxes on the property. The probability that the required number of Cameo homeowners would vote themselves into a new operating or ownership scheme that would significantly increase their costs is not likely.

Many of us at the meeting are convinced that a vote by LAFCO resulting in a change or dissolution of the GVRPD will result in the closing of the pool. The closing of the pool would result in a takeover and sale of the property. A worst case scenario is that the property would then be developed with homes or condos. We hope that it is not the purpose or intent of LAFCO to eliminate such a wonderful asset

or create development on the property. The pool adds value to the homeowners and the quality of life of the community at a reasonable cost that should be continued as the GVRPD.

It was suggested at the meeting that a possible solution would be to hand off the GVRPD to another agency such as the East Bay Regional parks, or the school district, or the Alamo Parks and Recreation Committee. It is highly unlikely in today's economy that any public agency is willing to add costs by assuming the operation, funding, or liabilities of the GVRPD. It also does not make sense to add any other agency oversight to the GVRPD. What was missing from the meeting was a compelling argument about why any change in the status quo by LAFCO is required. The Green Valley Pool is an efficiently operated community asset that has been in existence for more than 50 years. It is appreciated by many families in the area, especially families with young children. How could I explain to my son that the pool is closed because our government, against the recommendation of the community, decided to fix how it was operated?

Sincerely

s/ Terry N. Lane

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Dear all,

We moved into Cameo Acres when we got married 26 years ago. One of the selling points for us was the Green Valley Pool. We joined the pool even before having our two sons. The pool was a great place for us to meet our neighbors and get some exercise. There was a great sense of community within the confines of the pool area.

Both our boys learned to swim at the pool, spent many hours with friends at the pool, and celebrated many birthdays there. My husband and I also enjoyed hanging out at the pool with our boys socializing with our neighbors, picnicking and barbequing. The pool was a great family place where everyone looked out for each other's children.

During the years my sons enjoyed the pool, I served on the Board as Treasurer. This was a volunteer position that required a lot of time. Serving on the Board of the Green Valley Pool is a voluntary position that the neighborhood parents take on because we realize the great benefit of a neighborhood pool: a close, safe place where our kids can swim and socialize.

Many children in Cameo Acres also get their first jobs working at the Green Valley Pool. They serve as gate attendants or lifeguards and get an opportunity to give back to the community, while get some work experience.

Although our boys are grown, I have always looked forward to the day I can take my grandchildren down to the pool to hang out, learn to swim, and meet new friends. Don't take this dream away from me, and others like me, who want to continue the tradition.

The Green Valley Pool is an amenity that has drawn families to this neighborhood for years. Closing the pool would be a travesty to the community and effect property and human values. Please don't let this happen!

Sincerely,

The Thomas Family

James Factor <jimfactor@sbcglobal.net>
09/30/2009 01:58 PM

Received
Sep 30 2009

To: Itexe@lafco.cccounty.us
Cc:

Subject: Green Valley Pool

Dear Ms. Teixeira,

I am a resident of Cameo Acres in Danville. I would like to express my support for the Green Valley pool that has served this neighborhood since its inception nearly 60 years ago. My home actually has a pool already so you might think I wouldn't really care if the Green Valley pool went away, however, this is not the case. I recognize the value of this community pool to the neighborhood and of course the higher property values that we all enjoy by having this pool. I also have to ask the question of why we would let something go that has worked for us for nearly 60 years?

Sincerely,

Jim Factor

Lisa M. Lane
1448 Emmons Canyon Drive
Alamo, CA 94507

Received
Sep 30 2009

September 29, 2009

Chair Gayle Uilkema and Commissioners
Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission
651 Pine Street, Sixth Floor
Martinez, CA 94553

Subject: Green Valley Recreation and Park District

Dear Ms. Uilkema and Commissioners,

I am writing to express my concern over LAFCO's contemplated changes to the Green Valley Recreation and Park District (GVRPD). As non-resident members for the last four years, my family has formed many close relationships with many other families. My sense of connection to my community is owed in large part to our experiences at the Green Valley Pool.

As the commissioners weigh the factors which will shape their decision, I would ask you to consider the enormous benefit the Green Valley Pool offers to its members as well as the community at large:

- This is a fun, **SAFE** environment for our children. They have a chance to be physically active with old friends and make new friends while under the supervision of lifeguards and member parents.
- The opportunity for constructive diversion for our youth, as well as the relationships nurtured at the pool, promote neighborhood safety, **LOW CRIME RATES** and a sense of security for children and their parents. The frightening story regarding a child walking home from school through Cameo Acres a few weeks ago demonstrates that knowing one's neighbors can make a critical difference for a child in danger.
- The Green Valley Pool is physically too small to sponsor a swim team. To some this may seem like a disadvantage. But for those of us who choose to be members, we appreciate that our children can swim for the joy of **SWIMMING WITHOUT COMPETITION AND PRESSURE**. We are there to make friends, not win ribbons. This is unique in a world of over-scheduled children with insufficient time for play.
- Property values in Cameo Acres as well as the surrounding areas are strong as a result of access to this facility. I have known families (both in the Cameo neighborhood and nearby) that would not have purchased their home if they had not had access to a community pool. The closure of Green Valley Pool would adversely impact home prices, thus ultimately **REDUCING PROPERTY TAX REVENUE** to the county and state.

During our meeting last Saturday with LAFCO's Executive Officer, Lou Ann Texeira, many scenarios for restructuring the GVRPD were presented. I believe we made clear our arguments why **NONE OF THESE PROPOSALS ARE FEASIBLE**. We have yet to

see a **STUDY SUPPORTING A VIABLE PLAN** which would allow the Green Valley Pool to remain the strong asset to our community that it is today. To date, it appears there are only unsupported assumptions facilitating a convenient handoff of responsibility.

According to your website, LAFCO is charged by the State legislature with “**DISCOURAGING URBAN SPRAWL** and encouraging the orderly formation and development of local agencies” **BASED ON “LOCAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND CONDITIONS.”** It also states that **LAFCO MUST CONSIDER THE “EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED ACTION** and of alternate actions on adjacent areas, mutual social and economic interests, and the local governmental structure”. My concern is that you will take a vote on October 14 with the intent to “save” our pool by organizing it under another structure or agency. But by doing so without a viable, well researched plan, you may inadvertently sound the death knell for the Green Valley Pool, which most of us believe would contribute to the urban sprawl that you purport to discourage. I have no doubt that a very long line of developers with campaign contributions in hand for someone with influence would quickly appear. If this vote leads to the Green Valley Pool’s demise, it can never be undone. This 60 year old community asset would be lost forever.

So that you understand my passion for this vote, I’ll share with you a mother’s little daydream. In June of 2020, my son Danny will come home from his freshman year at college (on a scholarship, we hope). He’ll call Carson and Tyler (his buddies since preschool) and say, “Hey dude – meet me at The Pool at 2:00. Yeah Awesome.” And maybe us old moms and dads will be allowed to catch up with them for hamburgers later. If the ice cream truck shows up, I know we’d better bring our wallets because some things never change. Thank goodness we won’t have to watch another Disney movie under the stars....

In closing I would like to remind us all of Colin Powell’s statements to President Bush in August of 2002, warning him of the consequences of military action in Iraq. Subsequently dubbed the Pottery Barn Rule, he stated that “once you break it, you are going to own it.” (The Atlantic, October 2007). My point is that when a mother takes a two-year-old into a china shop, a country goes to war, or a commission votes on a recreation district, we must all be cautious of **UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES**. To do otherwise would be **ACTING NEGLIGENTLY**. Please do not assume a solution exists if you have not proven that it, in fact, does. I understand that the GVRPD may be an anomaly and inconvenience for LAFCO, but it is efficiently run, provides benefits to the community and vastly improves the quality of life for many.

SO PLEASE.....IF IT AIN’T BROKE, DON’T FIX IT.

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Lane

cc: via Email to; LAFCO Executive Officer, Lou Ann Texeira, LTexe@lafco.cccounty.us

roller134@comcast.net
09/30/2009 08:16 PM

Received
Oct 1 2009

To: ltxe@lafco.cccounty.us
Cc:

Subject: Green Valley Pool

Dear LAFCO Commissioners,

I'm writing you on behalf of Green Valley Pool. I'm a resident on Maiden Lane and one of my top reasons for purchasing my home 4 years ago was that there was this Fabulous Pool down the street to take my children to. I look at the pool as part of my neighborhood....I even get assessed for the pool on my taxes and believe it should stay as a pool and nothing else. It gives the children in the neighborhood a place to mingle and meet their friends. We have lots of neighborhood social activities there such as movie night that my children look forward too. The pool is not for only the young children, but it gives the teens in the neighborhood a place to work during the summer. The pool also offers a place for you to have your birthday parties and sports parties...it is a great addition to our neighborhood.

I truly believe that my property value will go down (more than it already has in this market) without the pool in our neighborhood. We would be eliminating the idea of a quality neighborhood for families to raise their children. I truly hope you take everything into consideration. This pool is an important part of the Cameo Neighborhood and should not be eliminated. I purchased my house on the street because it had a pool at the end that I could take my kids to all summer long.

Please don't eliminate this for my young children. We appreciate your support.

Thank you,

Liz Roller
171 Maiden Lane
Danville, CA 94526
925-743-1920

Andrew Parker
147 Belgian Drive
Danville, CA 94526

Received
Oct 1 2009

September 23, 2009

Chair Gayle Uilkema and Commissioners
Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission
651 Pine Street, 6th Floor
Martinez, CA 94553

Re: ***Green Valley Recreation and Park District***

Dear Chair Uilkema and Commissioners:

I am a strong supporter of the Green Valley Pool! Please **DO NOT** vote to reduce the Green Valley Recreation and Park District sphere of influence to a zero sphere. This would lead to dissolution of the Green Valley Recreation and Park District and closure of our pool. We are happy with the way things are and do not want anything to change. Our pool is small. 22 feet x 50 feet, and therefore would not succeed if privately owned and funded entirely by user fees. This pool has been the heart of the Cameo Acres neighborhood in Danville for close to 60 years. We live in a neighborhood that does not have a pool in every back yard.

Our children make lifelong memories swimming at Green Valley Pool. Movies under the stars and Friday night dinners will be a thing of the past if we have Green Valley Pool taken away from us. Please consider our quaint neighborhood full of young families just starting out who look forward to the time spent with family and friends at our neighborhood pool.

My wife, two children, and I are regular attendees at the pool and look forward to our time spent there with the other families in the neighborhood. It is a wonderful spot to come together for some simple relaxation and fun. We do not wish to see any changes to this pool or our neighborhood. Again, Please **DO NOT** vote to reduce the Green Valley Recreation and Park District sphere of influence to a zero sphere.

Sincerely,

Andrew Parker

September 30, 2009

Received
Oct 1 2009

Chair, Gayle Uilkema and Commissioners
Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission
651 Pine Street, 6th Floor
Martinez, CA 94553

RE: Green Valley Park and Recreation and the Green Valley Pool

My family bought our Cameo Acres home in 1965. Having a community pool close by was one of the nice things about living in this neighborhood.

As I grew up, I have fond memories of spending most of my summer vacation days at our community pool. We'd all walk or ride our bikes down to the pool to meet our friends and cool off. Our parents could relax poolside, and enjoy a leisurely swim during the break time. It has been a safe, accessible, and fun part of our neighborhood for nearly 60 years!

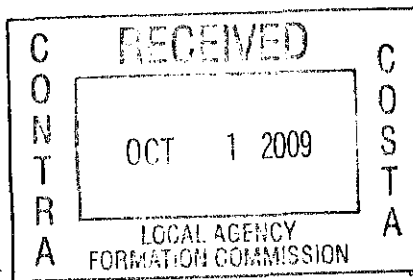
A lot of things are the same about the pool: same size, same friendly staff and member families. A couple of the beautiful oaks had to be removed – but the one I gazed up at during my “deep end test” in the late 1960s is still there. Some things have changed, in a good way: more of the property has been landscaped, the fencing has been improved, flowers, umbrellas, padded lounge chairs were added. There are more social events like barbecues and movie nights. There isn't a diving board anymore (I kind of miss that, but it's okay). Instead of the lifeguard yell of “Walk please”, one used to be benched for 10 minutes – and the benches used to be dry wooden boards with splinters!

We love our community pool, and we don't want to change the way it's being funded. My parents brought me to the pool while I was growing up, and now I bring my children to this pool. Our neighborhood is not opposed to change (after all, all our homes used to have identical floor plans!), but some things are better left the way they are.

Please ensure that our Green Valley Park and Recreation District remains the way it is.

Thank you for reading this letter.

Magret A. Nunes (King)
Cameo Acres homeowner and resident since 1965



Dear Chairwoman Gayle Uilkema,

29 Sept 2009

I am writing to plea for the Green Valley Pool and its asset to our neighborhood. I have lived in this area for over 35 years. I have eight children and they all learned to swim in that pool over their young years. We were able to walk or I could send them to the pool as it was close enough, and I felt it was safe for them to go alone. We had many a picnic there and met friends there also. It was the only recreation area designated for our neighborhood and we really appreciated it.

Although during the Summers we loved the pool area, we also have used the pool area as a drop off and pick up for school year round. It has provided a safe spot for small children to wait and be picked up. This spot has allowed children to get home safely and also has saved time for children and parents. There have been many safety school issues in this day and certainly parents ability to drop off and pick up quickly and safely is a bonus for our whole neighborhood. This also allows children to get home quickly instead of an hour later as the bus system will have to allow to run efficiently.

If homes are built in that spot, the safety for children coming to and from school will be gone as children will be forced to walk on the main roads. Also parents will have no way for delivering and picking up except on the main roads with hundreds of other mothers picking up and delivering also.

I used the Green Valley Pool area year round for all of my children going to school at Green Valley Elementary or Los Cerros, and now for my grandchildren. The swimming has been a real bonus. Green Valley Pool area is the only park area for our small community. It is used continually by the whole area. Please do not think it anything but a great resource to our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Merrily MacDonald

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Christine Sharrock
1759 Green Valley Road
Danville, CA 94526

30th September, 2009

Chair Gayle Uilkema and Commissioners
Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission
651 Pine Street, 6th Floor
Martinez, CA 94553

Received
Oct 1 2009

Re: Green Valley Recreation and Park District

Dear Chair Uilkema and Commissioners:

I am writing to express my concern that Contra Costa LAFCO may make decisions at their upcoming October 14th meeting that will, intentionally or otherwise, lead to the dissolution of the Green Valley Recreation and Park District with loss of open space and possible subsequent infill development of the parcel of land now occupied by the District's pool and park facilities.

I understand that LAFCO has several concerns regarding the continued existence of the GVRPD as a public funded agency and that, whilst some recommendations presented in the MSR (e.g. reviewing membership fees, adopting an annual budget and financial audit, public meeting notification, etc.) have been implemented by the GVRPD board, the question of whether the district represents a valid use of \$41,000 of property tax income remains. I also understand that LAFCO is charged by the state with preserving open space use of land and curtailing urban sprawl, and that your goal is not necessarily to close the District. However, given the unique situation and history of the GVRPD it is uncertain that a viable alternative arrangement for managing and funding exists.

We are a small recreational pool and park facility, set in a long-established neighborhood, with funding and management arrangements that date back to 1956. That these arrangements and this situation are unusual in today's Danville-Alamo community does not make them invalid. The GVRPD offers something that is hard to find elsewhere: a non-competitive, family-oriented atmosphere that fosters healthy outdoor fun in a safe setting and builds stronger community and neighborhood ties. Not only do local children learn to swim here, they have the opportunity to take on their first responsible jobs as gate guards and life guards. Not only can parents enjoy playing with their children here, they can develop friendships and acquaintances with others that help to build a strong and caring community. And few can doubt that those who choose to get more involved and serve on the board are taking an opportunity to give back to the community in which they live in a most positive way.

The GVRPD defines in large part the Cameo Acres community and spreads its positive influence beyond its membership – to every young child that walks safely to school along the pedestrian pathway, to every busy parent that volunteers at the school and finds a convenient place to park whilst rushing to a class, to every family that moves into the area and is made to feel welcome and that they have a place in their new community from the very first time they step into the facility. We like it this way!

Of course there are problems with the running and organization of the District but that is not sufficient grounds for its dissolution. The current board has shown it is willing to be guided by LAFCO's recommendations and implement changes in order to ensure the continued life of the GVRPD.

There are those who have enjoyed memberships of larger pools with competitive swim teams and think that is how GVRPD should be, but they should not dictate the model for every recreational organization and pool in the area. Perhaps they do not understand that we, the members of GVRPD, do not look for that in the facility to which we belong; nor could we afford to pay the high enrollment and membership fees that many such organizations and clubs require; and neither do we have the space to build a large competitive pool on our corner of land. Who knows, our little neighborhood pool with its relaxed, friendly atmosphere and affordable fees may just be a better way to bring communities together and keep alive the spirit of good neighborliness that we so value.

But there remains the question – is this appropriate use of \$41,000 or so of tax payers' money? I understand some will say “no” and ask why should we continue to receive that funding? But if this is the only viable alternative, the only source of 50% of the monies needed to keep this District functioning, is it really too much to ask? What else could be done and done better and with more value to the local community with this \$41,000? We use just 0.02% of what we contribute in countywide property tax to keep the GVRPD operating, contributing to the community, preserving an open space. Please let us keep this funding and keep the GVRPD open.

Study us and see what it is that makes the GVRPD work. Evaluate what we contribute to the community. Measure the return on investment in goodwill generated, community spirit built, relationships strengthened, young people's lives enriched. These sound like such grandiose claims for such a little facility but, believe me, if you come and relax by the pool one weekend, you WILL see all this happening!

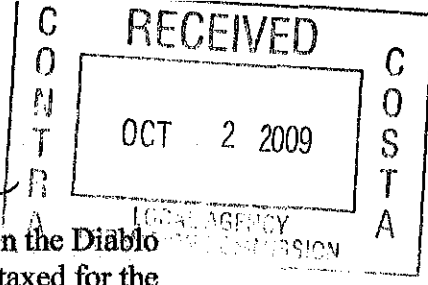
My concern is that you may make a decision on October 14th that begins a process that leads to the closure of the GVRPD and the loss of this open space to a developer for ever. We cannot operate without our little \$41,000 piece of the property tax revenue pie. Please do not begin the process that would take it away from us.

Thank you for your time and consideration in reading this.

Sincerely,

Christine Sharrock (Mrs.)





Dear LAFCO committee members) *Gayle Viekema, chair*

For over 40 years, my husband and I have lived on Belgian Drive in the Diablo Hacienda area of Danville, which is adjacent to Cameo Acres, the district taxed for the Green Valley Pool. Our back fence, along with our neighbors' to the East and West of us, is the Northern and Eastern border of the Green Valley Pool property. We each paid for this redwood fence out of our own pockets.

Many of our neighbors' kids have worked at the pool along with three of our 4 children as teenagers. 2 of our sons learned plumbing and electrical skills from their job as maintenance persons there, which they are still applying today as successful adults and good parents in their various jobs. Our daughter, (who is "Miss San Ramon Valley"), was a life guard there, learning lifesaving and first aid skills she is still applying as a mother and school teacher. (She named the school newspaper "the Green Valley Grapevine") What better place could a young teenager work to learn such valuable life skills? And WALKING distance from home!

This pool area is much appreciated by the families in our area of Danville which is unique to many communities nowadays: a safe, relaxing, inexpensive, healthy environment for all ages, free of competitiveness and stress. It is what defines our neighborhood and the stream flowing beside it. The only taxpayers assessed are those within its small district, so that the rest of the county is not encumbered in any way. It is one of the most efficient uses of taxpayers' money ever to be devised. Since it is not "broken," why does the county want to "fix" it? Many improvements have been made over the years at very low cost.

Closing this "oasis of sanity," should not be even considered an option. THAT would be an act of INsanity!. The right of way it provides from the intersection of Maiden lane, Clydesdale and Belgian Drive is a safe passageway for all the many school children on their way to and from Green Valley Elementary School on Diablo Road. It does not create a traffic problem, as it is within walking distance of most of its members who enjoy this beautiful and well maintained source of family recreation. As a matter of fact it solves traffic problems on rainy days, in particular, as parents can park in the parking lot of the Pool while waiting for their kids, thus relieving some of the congestion on Diablo Road in front of the school.

To summarize the advantages of continuing to maintain the Green Valley Pool, as is:

1. Provide a safe, affordable and healthy environment for family recreation
2. A non-competitive place for all ages to exercise and learn to swim.
3. A safe right-of-way for elementary children on their way to/from school
4. Efficient use of taxpayers' money with far reaching human enrichment benefits
5. Help provide a positive, ecologically balanced neighborhood
6. Provide traffic relief
7. Provide valuable employment opportunities for youth in the area.
8. What better use is there for this acre-plus prime land?

Why has this suddenly become a problem when it has been functioning with no negative impact for 50 years? This pool is why so many good families choose to live here! Its legacy is now being enjoyed by grandchildren of many who grew up here. Do NOT even think about closing it.

Very sincerely yours, Ariel and Robert Witbeck 108 Belgian Drive, Danville.

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FAX TO:
925-646-1228

C O N T R A	RECEIVED	C O S T A
	OCT 2 2009	
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION		

217 Valle Vista
Danville, CA 94526

Oct. 2, 2009

TO:

Chair Gayle Wilkema & Commissioners
Contra Costa Local Agency Formation
651 Pine St., 6th Floor — Commission
Martinez, CA 94553

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter is to express our
opposition, as residents of
Danville and of Camino Altes
specifically, to the proposed
dissolution of the Green Valley
Recreation and Park District
and resultant closure of the
Green Valley Pool.

The Green Valley Pool has been
an important part of our
lives here several miles from
downtown Danville for over
50 years! Our children, and
sometimes grandchildren, have
had their first swimming
experiences at the GV Pool, and

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many have taken their first swim lessons at the EV Pool as well. Our residents and their friends and families have enjoyed the EV Pool's function as a local recreation and socialization center with parties and barbecues at the poolside.

There is no other community resource for families in our part of town, although our local government does maintain parks and recreation areas in other parts of Danville. The closest park to this neighborhood is about 2 miles away - much too far for young children on foot in the heat of our 90-100°+ summers!

It is the responsibility of our government, including LAFCO, to make decisions "by and for the people" - including the residents of Cameo Acres, who presently have no public transportation options for children and senior citizens. Is the less than 1% of property taxes allocated to the EVRPB really

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so poorly spent that it should be reallocated to other areas of the county? I understand dissolving the GVRPD will not save the taxpayers any money, merely deprive Cambo residents, and others in the larger Klanville community, who purchase memberships of a much loved and needed venue for healthy, active recreation.

On a personal note our family began using the Green Valley Pool in 1956 when my parents purchased their home at this address. My father still lives here, as now do I and my husband. We have been looking forward to reopening a family membership and joining our neighbors at the GV Pool next summer - we have young grand children who would benefit from swimming at the GV Pool as I did as a child rather than spend the hot afternoon

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in front of the TV eating
junk food and playing
video games.

Ladies and gentlemen,
please consider our view-
point very seriously, and
exercise your judgment
to preserve a needed
resource and asset,
indeed a landmark
some feel, to our com-
munity. Thank you!

Respectfully,

Betty Whipple Crawshaw

for: Wendle L. Whipple

Thomas L. Crawshaw

Betty Whipple Crawshaw

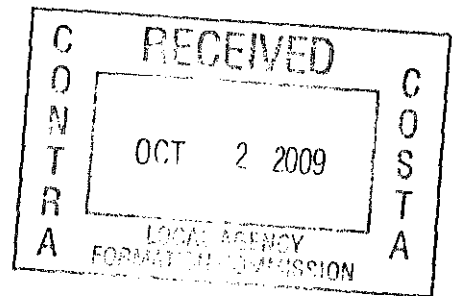
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Danville, CA 94526

email: bwcrawshaw@live.com

Dear Lago Commissioners,
Please do not change the
Green Valley Recreation and Park
District. It has meant so much
for our family of six children
and myself to have a pool
to enjoy every summer. It has
~~been~~ served a great need
for sixty years with no problems
so please don't change it.

Thank you
Blondie Ireland
at 216 Valle Vista
Danville



Michael Sharrock <Michael.Sharrock@athenian.org>
10/03/2009 02:51 PM

Received
Oct 5 2009

To: "LTexe@lafco.cccounty.us" <LTexe@lafco.cccounty.us>
Cc: <greenvalleypool@hotmail.com>

Subject

Dear all whom this concerns,
I would like to tell you how much I will miss the pool if it goes. Please don't close the pool, the pool is a great place to go to relax and swim. I think that most people will agree with me when I say I would hate to see the pool go. Would whatever will take its place benefit the people of Danville and Alamo more? I must say that I don't think it will. Please take into consideration the feelings that the people swam here would have to watch it go. Please don't get rid of Green Valley Pool!!!!!!

Thanks for your time,

Michael Sharrock

Lisa Harrison <llfharrison@yahoo.com>
10/04/2009 01:43 PM

Received
Oct 5 2009

To: Ltexe@lafco.cccounty.us
Cc:

Subject: Green Valley Pool

Dear Lou Ann and Commissioners,

My name is Lisa Harrison and my family and I are residents of the Cameo Acres community and I am writing in regards to our neighborhood pool.

As a lifelong Danville/San Ramon Residence this pool has been in my life since I was a young child. Growing up going to Green Valley and then Los Cerros many of my closest friends were members of this pool and I grew up spending my summers here.

I am now grown and have children of my own. When my husband and I were looking for a home to raise our children the Green Valley Pool had a lot to do with our decision to buy our house. We are residents of Maiden Lane and the pool is just a short walk down our street. This pool gives my children a wonderful sense of belonging and community. The Ice Cream man comes down my street due to the pool and I always have family pass by my home on their way to the pool. It is where we have met some of our closest neighbor friends and it is where I know my kids are safe and happy.

This pool is a gem that does not exist anymore in the new neighborhoods that are built. When I spend time with my neighbors and their children at the pool I often feel as though we have taken a step back in time and are in a Norman Rockwell moment.

This pool unites our neighborhood and our children; it would be devastating if this pool did not exist in our lives. I hope that the board moves to recognize a community icon that has been in my life for a long time and recognizes its value to our lives and does not take that away from my small children.

With Thanks-

Lisa Harrison
170 Maiden Lane
Danville, Ca 94526

theboynes@comcast.net
10/04/2009 06:28 PM

Received
Oct 5 2009

To: LTexe@lafco.cccounty.us
Cc:

Subject: Green Valley Pool

To Chair Gayle Uilkema and Commissioners,

Please do not close Green Valley Pool. It is a vital heart of our community. I have lived on Cameo Drive for 30 years and my children are grown and gone now. We no longer use the pool and facilities, but I have fond memories of the many summer hours I spent there with my girls in the days before we had air conditioning. We don't have our own backyard pools, so the pool down the street felt like a necessity for us. I shared good times with my neighbors while my children made good friends with neighborhood children in a safe, comfortable, happy environment. My children took their first swimming lessons there, they won their first swimming trophies there, they had their birthday parties there, and as they got old enough to ride their bikes down the street, I knew they would be safe at the pool, watched over by friends, neighbors, and lifeguards. One of them even had her first job there, fell in love there, and felt her first heartbreak there.

I want the children in Cameo Acres to continue to experience the same kind of joys and freedoms that my kids did because of the pool at the bottom of the street. Green Valley Pool is important to us. Community bonding is necessary to create safe neighborhoods, and the pool is where our bonding takes place. We worked together to make improvements over the years to make it the welcoming neighborhood coming-together place that it is. Please let us keep our pool.

Sincerely,

Kathleen & Bruce Boyne

Rachel Haven <rachel_haven@sbcglobal.net>
10/05/2009 10:00 AM

Received
Oct 5 2009

To: ltxe@lafco.cccounty.us
Cc:

Subject: Green Valley Pool

Dear Ms. Teixeira,

I have been unable to attend any of the meetings regarding the Green Valley Pool, but I did want to drop you a note.

We have lived on Fairway Drive for almost seven years. We are just a short walk to the Green Valley pool. In fact, joining the pool was one of the first things that we did after purchasing our home. My kids took swim lessons there and made their first friends there.

The pool is such an important part of our neighborhood. It is a place that our kids swim and play. It is a place for our families to gather in the summer for barbeques and movie nights. We sit together and talk about what is happening on our lives. It is truly an integral part of our little community and we look forward to its opening every year.

We intentionally looked for a home without a pool. Our children were very young when we moved in. We liked the idea that we would have a neighborhood pool for our kids to use. We also liked the idea that it was affordable. We don't play golf or tennis so it just doesn't make sense for us to join one of the local country clubs. The Green Valley Pool is an affordable alternative for many, many families in our immediate area.

My understanding is that the Green Valley pool has been serving our community since the 1940's. Why should we be penalized because it is different than the pools and clubs that came afterward? It doesn't seem fair that we should lose our wonderful little neighborhood pool because it doesn't fit into some current format.

I believe that the Green Valley Pool adds so much value to our community. Not monetary value necessarily, but value in the sense that it helps to bring our community together. We get to know each other on a much more personal level. We know each other's children and our children have very close bonds because they are together all summer in a wonderful family atmosphere. We also have a very safe community because we all look out for each other. I believe this also stems from the fact that we have created these close bonds at the pool.

In addition to the pool, the parking lot is a safe passage for hundreds of children daily to and from school. I worry that if this access were to go away our children would be put in jeopardy by having to walk on the very busy Diablo Road or Green Valley Road. There are no sidewalks on the Cameo side of Green Valley Road and the children would have to walk on the shoulder in danger of being hit by cars. As I am sure you are aware, there is no way to widen Green Valley Road.

With the daily traffic congestion due to the nearby proximity of Los Cerros Middle School and Monte Vista High School, it is simply not safe for elementary school age children, or anyone for that matter, to walk on the side of the street that edges Cameo. If the parking lot were to go away I am afraid that the traffic congestion would become even worse because hundreds of kids would be unable to walk to and from school safely.

I hope that LAFCO can see that the Green Valley Pool is an important element to our neighborhood. It has been in existence for a very long time and has worked well in our community. Please see your way clear to leave our neighborhood pool as it is so that we can continue to have a safe place to gather in our community. Please also take into account the safety issue of the children traveling in and out of our neighborhoods. Loss of that access would be devastating and dangerous for our kids.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Rachel Haven
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GREGORY SMYTH <greg.smyth@sbcglobal.net>
10/05/2009 12:46 PM

Received
Oct 5 2009

To: LTexe@lafco.cccounty.us
Cc:

Subject: Please Save Green Valley Neighborhood Pool in Danville!

Dear Lou Ann Texeira, Chair Gayle Uilkema, and Commissioners,

I am writing this letter to ask you to please reconsider you thoughts of closing Green Valley Pool in Danville. I grew up in the Green Valley Pool neighborhood and now my husband and I have purchased here. One great asset of this neighborhood is the Green Valley Pool.

Green Valley Pool is our neighborhood park, meeting place, and safe passage to Green Valley Elementary School.

Three large neighborhoods of children funnel down through quiet residential roads to the Green Valley Pool parking lot. From there, crossing guards safely escort the children across a dangerous intersection to the elementary school. If there was no Green Valley Pool cut off, children would be forced to leave the safety of the neighborhood and use either Diablo or Green Valley road. These two roads are extremely busy and dangerous as they are the driving routes to the elementary school, middle school, high school, freeway and stores. Many of the drivers along these roads are high school teenagers.

My 3 children love meeting with their friends every day and walking to and from school. Many parents walk or drive their children to the pool parking lot daily to cross with the guards. The pool parking lot is wide, open, and safe because it is not easily accessible to the man road. I park there and walk to the school to work in the class rooms or attend school meetings. Many children learn to swim at Green Valley Pool, and learn to ride their bikes in the Green Valley Pool parking lot. I let my children walk our dog to the pool and back. There is a constant flow of neighbors passing through the pool lot to get to school, or just as a safe exercising and dog walking route. I will not let my children walk to school if the Green Valley Pool lot is closed. It would not be safe for them on the nearby busy roads.

Please protect our neighborhood park, pool and elementary school access. Please protect Green Valley Pool.

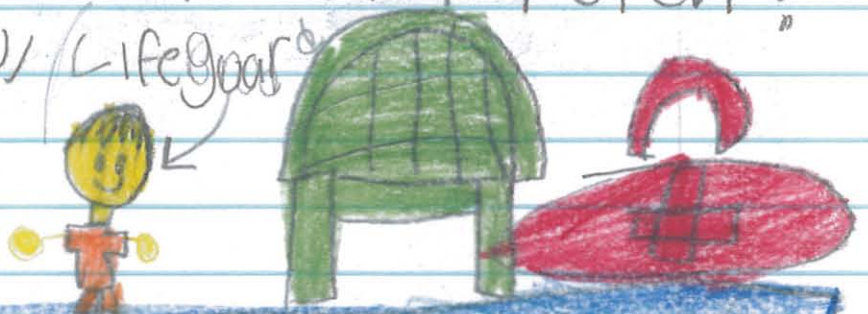
Thank you.
Greg and Traci Smyth
55 Pulido Ct.
Danville, Ca 94526
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The three neighborhoods that can access the Pool through safe back neighborhood roads are:

1. Cameo / Verde Mesa Area
2. Belgium / St. Timothy's Area
3. Diablo Country Club Area

Dear Gayle Wilkema and Commission^{er}

I am writing to you about the green valley pool. please don't close our pool I love swimming there. That is where I learned how to swim. I love going to the pool with my family and I always see my friends there too. It is my favorite place to go in the summer. The green valley pool is very special to me. Please keep it open!
Thank you, Life Guard
Emerson



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Beverly Chan <tototooboo@sbcglobal.net>
10/06/2009 06:24 AM

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To: LTexe@lafco.cccounty.us
Cc:

Subject: Support for Green Valley Pool

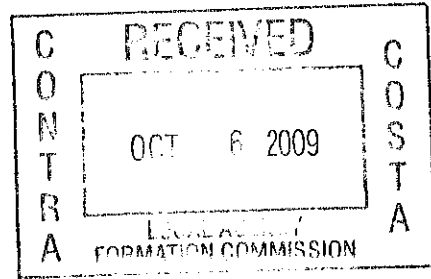
To Whom It May Concern,

I am a neighbor of the Green Valley Pool and live a few blocks away in the Diablo Hacienda area. We are not members of the pool but enjoy walking through the area daily. It is a wonderful place full of history and community ties. It greatly enhances the quality of life for the community. Please do what you can to support and maintain this pool for future use.

Thank you.

Beverly Chan

Chair Gayle Uikema and Commissioners
Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission
651 Pine Street, 6th Floor
Martinez, CA 94553



Please do not close Green Valley Pool!

My family and I have been connected to the pool since 1985. In the mid to late 1980s my wife was the Green Valley Pool director; who brought the pool back from disrepair through state grants, motivating neighbors to help with annual maintenance; while proving to the city of Danville that Cameo Acres could do it without help and I'm sure still can.

Our family had the greatest times at the pool with our girls on the swim team, the evening BBQs, meeting new neighbors, and recreating in our neighborhood in a safe family oriented way.

Please do not change the Green Valley Park and Rec District. It's a great asset to the community.

Craig Schmitt, SRV Fire Capt., retired
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