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Dear County Councilmembers,

My name is Beth Wolff. I have been a resident of Clarksburg since 2016, and I am the President of the Clarksburg Neighbors Alliance, the Pastor of Clarksburg Church and The Clarksburg Yard, a community placemaking space located in the Upper Coolbrook Neighborhood of Clarksburg.

I am writing to urge the County Council to include funding for **Site Selection and Facility Planning for a Clarksburg Recreation and Aquatics Center** in the **FY27 Capital Improvements Program (CIP)**.

Clarksburg's need for a recreation and aquatics center has been clearly documented for over a decade. The County's Recreation Facility Development Plan for 2010–2030 identified Clarksburg as the **highest priority** location for such a facility. Sixteen years later, that need remains unmet, even as lower-priority projects identified in the same plan have been completed elsewhere in the County.

The recently released Gateway Sector Master Plan acknowledges this ongoing need, referencing a recreation facility multiple times. However, without a clear commitment to begin site selection and facility planning, this long-standing priority risks being deferred yet again.

Including Site Selection and Facility Planning in the FY27 CIP is a necessary and reasonable first step. It does not commit the County to immediate construction, but it does signal a clear intent to move forward and allows the County to responsibly evaluate location, scope, cost, and timing. Without this step, Clarksburg remains stuck in a cycle of acknowledgment without action.

Clarksburg continues to grow, and families—especially youth—lack access to recreational and aquatic facilities that are readily available in other parts of the County. Community organizations like The Clarksburg Yard are doing what we can to provide connection and enrichment, but we cannot replace the role of a County-supported recreation and aquatics center.

As you consider public testimony on the FY27 Capital Budget and the FY27–32 CIP, I respectfully ask that you ensure funding is included to begin this project. Clarksburg has waited long enough to see movement on what the County itself identified as its highest recreation priority.

Thank you for your time, your service, and your consideration.

Sincerely,
Beth Wolff
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