



SAMPLE LETTER TO BELLEVUE CITY COUNCIL FOR SEPTEMBER 17th

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Dear Mayor Robinson, Deputy Mayor Malokoutian and City Council Members,

My name is *[your name]* and my address is *[insert your Bellevue or other address. For Bellevue residents - feel free to note how long you have lived in Bellevue, where you have moved to Bellevue from, what brought you to Bellevue or what attracts you to Bellevue].*

[insert your tie to aquatics or passion for a new public aquatic facility. Tell your story. It is important for the council to hear heartfelt and personal stories.]

[you may use the statements below in your letter, but we highly encourage you to customize them to fit your point of view and include the points that are most important to you. The council wants to hear from 'you'.]

Thank you for your continued support for a major new Bellevue Aquatic Center for our community and supporting the proposed master plan for Bellevue Airfield Park. This site will become a major community hub and provide much needed community amenities within East Bellevue. The new Bellevue Aquatic Center at Airfield Park will be reachable by our schools, families, seniors, and those who live and work in the region. It will provide much needed aquatic programs especially water-safety skills for both youth and adults. I can not wait to see Bellevue Airfield Park developed and become a place for me (and my family) to recreate and create lifelong memories together. It will be a place that I will use regularly and so too will my friends and neighbors. There is something for everyone.

I believe the environmental concerns of neighbors can be addressed in the design phase and that we all can play a role in making sure that the city's next major community park will not only meet but exceed the environmental guidelines that the city and state require.

I support the new Bellevue Aquatic Center at Bellevue Airfield Park because... *[Add a personal statement about why you, your family, or friends support and what it would mean to have such an oasis as a part of your lives. How would it enhance your life and build connections.]*

It has been far too long that our community has been without a new public aquatic facility that meets our needs. I am excited about the adoption of the master plan and moving the development of the park and the new Bellevue Aquatic Center into the design phase. I fully support SPLASHForward's private partnership role with the City and look forward to seeing this public private partnership take the next step so that we can build and open the new aquatic center for use within the next few years.

Please support the City to **take the next step** to adopt the Airfield Park master plan.

With respect,

[Your name]

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