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City Council Members:

It is with great dismay I learned of the possible closure of Olinger Pool! If this is done, it means that children are the lowest priority in this city. Only the "rich kids" will have the opportunity to swim and take swimming lessons.

My son swam competitively all over the state and it was amazing and wonderful to see the swimming facilities in McMinnville, Albany, Corvallis and Dallas. It is inexcusable for the City of Salem to have not one pool that can be used for competitive swimming.

Olinger, Walker and Leslie Pools should all be open to everyone, especially in the summer when children need activities to keep them healthy and occupied.

I urge you to reconsider the closure of the pools!

Sincerely,  
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P.S. Even when the Kroc Center is built and has a pool, it will not meet the needs of all children for swimming pools.