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Dear City Council,

Closing of Olinger and Walker pools in Salem is a great concern to me, an Albany person for as it would impact High School swimming and water polo. This is a concern because these two sports are well attended with high levels of competition. In addition, parents and families of these sports tends to be the people "involved" and the kids with high motivation leading to being a well rounded adults. Swimming and water polo are sports where participants tend to involved year around. These pool closures impacts Albany because of competition and thus, leading more kids to travel longer distances to swim & play and also eliminating that choice from those kids who are unable to travel. The only win solution would be to build a new pool in Salem. Salem is the capital city and I've been quite amazed that Salem LACKS a pool. It's time that Salem supports such a project, not taking away the only options it has.

Thank-you. If you have additional questions, please contact me.

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