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**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** Please submit for the council meeting Tuesday Feb 23rd: YOUTH SPORTS at Alga Norte Aquatics Facility

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To Carlsbad City Council:

My name is Colleen Walseth. I am a Carlsbad city resident. I am a parent to two swimmers who swim for North Coast Aquatics. I am parent to a soccer player that plays year round for City SC. Our family is an avid user of family swim, lap swim and have even advocated for the city in promotional videos saying how grateful we are for all the City as done to get our kids back to playing their sports. However at this time I urge you to start opening up Alga Norte's aquatic facility. It has been 9 months and we are now more aware of how COVID 19 is spread. We know that outdoor sports, especially swimming in chlorine, is a low risk activity. The State of CA has put out guidelines to return to youth sports. Please see my attachments below if needed. I have been paying a premium (\$5,000 exactly) for your facility for 9 months while unable to watch my 9 and 7 year kids swim. I haven't seen my little kids swim in a year. There are clearly things that are unsafe happening all around us outside of your gates yet still on your property which I would like addressed. We also know now some of the restrictions are no longer necessary.

Please address the following:

- When is the city planning to align Alga Norte aquatics with the state guidelines for youth sports?
- Spectators are allowed for age appropriate supervision in the state guidelines, I urge you to let us parents in the gates even if it's one per household
- Address the time limits for a swim session. Why are we still only allowing the kids 45 minutes of swimming? I pay 4x as much as your lap swimmers.
- Allow more kids per lane, 6 per lane per USA Swimming guideline or more lap swimmers per lane allowing our team fees to go down.
- Allow the kids to do dryland on the greenbelt areas again so I can feel safe dropping my kids off.
- Allow the families to use the front gates and check in there. The back gate is a mess! So many people. We were distanced more prior to covid.
- Address making a safer pick up/drop off area for cars outside the front gates. The parking lot is so dangerous. Where is the signage for drop off area?
- Allowing the swimmers to rise off in the shower after practice. My poor 7 year old son is freezing. The lap swimmers get to shower why can't the kids?
- Regarding lap swim: Why are we having more swimmers per lane? I can't get a reservation for myself, let alone 2-3 lanes for each family member. At least let families be together in a lane! If someone doesn't want to share a lane then they should pay more.
- Regarding Basketball at Alga: How is this even still allowed? I am at those courts every single night M-F 5-7pm and there is always pick up games going on with 20 guys. They are swearing, sweating, spitting and unmasked. How do I explain that to my 7 year old?

I have emailed Mike Paceco and I have encouraged other parents do call and email as well. We need some changes made at Alga Norte. There is more than enough room to allow us in the gates and to allow the kids a proper swim practice session.

Please open up for the safety of your residents, the safety of our kids in your pools and parking lots!

Thank you for your time.

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