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Dear Members of Circle of Friends,

I write in regards to Circle of Friends' wish to fund a feasibility study regarding an indoor/outdoor pool at Warner Park. It is my understanding that your organization has some funds raised and is interested in raising additional money, for the study as well as for the building and operation of the pool.

While I do support a Northside pool, I also understand that the currently planned expansion of the Warner Park Community Center is a priority for the residents of the neighborhood, for the City Alders in the area and for the entire north side. I also understand that the current plans for a pool would conflict with this expansion.

I would support a feasibility study with some provisions. The study would need to evaluate not only capital costs of such a facility, but also operating costs. Our City budget does not have any provisions, now or in the future, for operations of a new pool. My support would also be contingent on the support of the two Alders in the neighborhood. They work directly with residents of the area, and would be in a position to determine whether their constituents support such an undertaking.

I do not question your commitment to the youth and families of the Northside and admire your efforts. This is though, a complicated issue and regardless of initial enthusiasm, it will require additional City staff and resources. I am not currently in a position to commit those resources without additional information and support from members of the Common Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul R. Soglin".

Paul R. Soglin
Mayor

Cc Alder Larry Palm
Alder Rebecca Kemble
Eric Knepp