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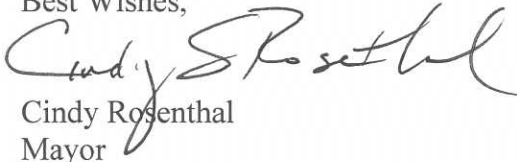
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to tell you about an initiative that would be another potential gem added to our quality of life in Norman. For many years, there have been discussions about the need for a year-round swim facility in Norman. As a community of almost 111,000, Norman does not have an indoor aquatic facility that would provide much needed health and recreational space and programming for our competitive swim teams, our senior citizens, school-age children, and families. An aging university pool and local YMCA serve a very small segment of the community and also do not house the kind of competitive facilities or health-related aquatic facilities that might serve not only Norman, but also as a significant regional draw.

Just a couple of years ago, the City Council adopted a Parks and Recreation Master Plan, which identifies the need for an indoor swim facility as a “high priority”. The planning process included the input of literally thousands of community members and indicates the public support for such a facility. Discussions of a public-private collaboration between the City, the Norman Public Schools, the Norman Regional Health System, and the Cleveland County YMCA have been ongoing. In several surveys of our community, a year-round aquatic center has repeatedly garnered significant support among our citizens. While the recession has slowed progress on this front, it certainly has not dampened public enthusiasm or diminished the need.

Norman certainly needs a year-round aquatic center and I am supportive of efforts to realize that dream. Please feel free to contact me with any questions which you might have.

Best Wishes,



Cindy Rosenthal
Mayor