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Erin	PLEASE ADOPT the MND - there are too many reasons to add here why this must happen.	PLEASE APPROVE this resolution. There are too many reasons to mention why this is an utter necessity. It would be an absolute shame for the LBUSD student body AND COMMUNITY for the board to do anything other than to APPROVE this resolution.
Harpal	I urge the board to adopt the MND related to the proposed pool project. The CEQA criteria have been thoroughly met supporting the pool modernization project and there is no reason to delay it's progress.	Please approve Reso no 24-06. The current pool is functionally obsolete and if not upgraded will become rife with health code violations requiring millions of dollars of duplicative capital expenditure, which could be rolled into the new pool project (read: fiscally irresponsible). The current proposal is sound and superior to the MANY exhaustive alternatives our talented district staff have analyzed and presented in both design and pricing.
Lauren Unterberger		The pool renovation project is long overdue, and it is time for the board to come together and fully support it. I am deeply disappointed that this is still a topic of debate. Simply bringing the pool up to code would not only be costly but ultimately an inefficient use of resources. Our children and the entire community deserve a modern, safe, and functional facility. This is an investment in our future, and we cannot afford to delay it any longer.
Laura Sewell	Please adopt - Laguna Beach needs updated facilities for our community!	Please approve - Laguna Beach students, staff, and the community deserves nice facilities.
Leslie Elliott		<p>The modernization of LBUSD facilities, particularly the aging pool, has reached a critical juncture. The Facilities Master Plan has long identified the pool as nearing the end of its lifespan, with updates planned and budgeted. Yet, here we are, down to the last strokes, sitting on the precipice of being stalled by this board's chronic inability to make timely decisions.</p> <p>Let me be clear: if this board continues its pattern of inaction, the district will be forced to waste millions on temporary fixes—money that could have been invested in a lasting solution. This failure would not only squander taxpayer dollars but also rob an entire generation of students of the resources they deserve. The blame would rest squarely on this board's shoulders.</p> <p>If the board does not approve the 45 meter pool project now, it will be yet another example of its ineptitude and failure to act. This avoidance strategy—delaying decisions until the situation falls apart—is not leadership; it is cowardice.</p> <p>I am tired of watching our schools suffer because of this board's incompetence. If you refuse to approve this project immediately, it will stand as yet another glaring example of your failure to govern. And let me assure you, this community will not tolerate further incompetence. Should you continue down this path of stalling and inaction, you will be held accountable. Our students and community deserve better than this dysfunction. It's time to act—or step aside for those who will.</p>

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Erica Rahall	Please adopt the MND as much time and effort has gone into constructing a plan with the least environmental impact and the most student benefit!	Please approve the resolution for a much needed larger (45m +) and modern pool, locker rooms, and spectator seating. Why not be known for making a positive contribution to our school community during your time as a member school board? I encourage you to think about the tremendous impact that you can have on our growing aquatics programs by providing limitless opportunities to our students now and in the future! You have the ability to give our young children a chance to engage with the high school swimmers and water polo players as they grow up. As a community, we can participate and come out to support these teams at home meets/games! Our facilities desperately need updating and we should be comparable (or even above!) the surrounding districts' high school facilities. Let's work together toward this goal and keep LBUSD the #1 district in OC!!
Jason Olin	<p>I am a parent of a student at TMS. Please approve the CEQA NMD. Please avoid creating further delay. The high school needs a modern pool facility to allow for water polo. All of the review steps have been completed. Not adopting the CEQA NMD will add at least a year's delay, and costly maintenance will be necessary to keep the pool open, a pool that has outlived its useful life in its current state.</p> <p>Outdated infrastructure is a key factor that determines student's academic and professional success. Choosing to not invest in our future leaders is a mistake. California SARC ratings include consideration of infrastructure. Delays and inaction at this point in the process have no justifiable reason. Help our children and future generations by supporting this much needed improvement.</p>	<p>I am a parent of a student at TMS. Please approve resolution 25-06. Please avoid creating further delay. The high school needs a modern pool facility to allow for water polo and safe water activities for students. All of the review steps have been completed. Not approving this resolution will add at least a year's delay, and costly maintenance will be necessary to keep the pool open, a pool that has outlived its useful life in its current state.</p> <p>Outdated infrastructure is a key factor that determines student's academic and professional success. Choosing to not invest in our future leaders is a mistake. California SARC ratings include consideration of infrastructure. Delays and inaction at this point in the process have no justifiable reason. Help our children and future generations by supporting this much needed improvement.</p>

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Anonymous	<p>Do not push this pool issue down the road. It will be an embarrassment if the money has already been earmarked, but the board can not have all 892 questions answered because they have no trust. If this is stalled with money being spent on temporary fixes, this community will come undone. This board can't even approve a standard interim contract, which makes us look horrible for any potential permanent superintendent candidates. Horrible! THIS board is inefficient, out of compliance regularly, and completely rogue. Each week, you make the job harder for Leadership Associates. In addition, the board members should not have separate Instagram accounts where they advertise board issues/agenda items, etc. The board speaks with one voice through the proper channels of the school website and communications department, that just won an award, I might add, and now that Sheri Morgan was (sadly) elected, her Instagram should be personal in nature only and NOT a reflection of official board business. To be discussed in governance, I am sure, but unacceptable and once again, a violation of board bylaws. These things should be obvious, but clearly need to be explained by Peggy Lynch of Leadership Associates to the majority. In addition, I do not think Howard Hills reads public comments or his email since he never responds. Unacceptable. You were elected, you have a responsibility to respond.</p>	
Erika R.	<p>Please adopt the MNG as delaying the construction of the new pool will cost more money and even more time (Dixon is estimating 5-10 years). This is something that is desperately needed by the district and the money has been earmarked for YEARS. ADOPT THE MNG!</p>	<p>Please approve the resolution as delaying the construction of the new pool will cost more money and even more time (Dixon is estimating 5-10 years). This is something that is desperately needed by the district and the money has been earmarked for YEARS.</p>

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Bry Shen		<p>Good evening Board members,</p> <p>Our pool is outdated, unsafe, and failing our students. Swimming is a life-saving skill, a competitive sport, and a vital part of PE. Yet, our kids are stuck with a facility that no longer meets their needs.</p> <p>This isn't a luxury—it's a necessity. We need your approval to move forward. The community supports it, and solutions exist. It's time to act and give our students the safe, modern facility they deserve.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
Peggy Wolff	<p>Please adopt the MNG. I want to share my support for the current 45 meter plans for the LBHS Pool. This is a much needed update. The pool supports the programs offered to LBHS Students and LBUSD has the funds to create and support capital improvements which are part of a high quality education. Please move forward with the LBHS Pool remodel plans.</p>	<p>Please approve the resolution and support the LBHS Pool remodel moving forward. The LBHS pool has supported multiple Olympic athletes, athletes attending Ivy League Universities and programs for all ages. This is a community space and is in dire need of a remodel. LBUSD has always proudly planned and executed capital improvements to the school sites that enhance and support a quality educational experience for ALL. No matter the enrollment, school sites should be high quality and invested in improvements over time. It is time to move forward and plan for the future with a 45 meter pool remodel.</p>
Lisa Sadowski	<p>Please adopt the MNG tonight. We cannot further delay this pool. Air quality and noise abatement have all been studied and this should pass. Please do not penalize our kids over all of the adult politics in this town.</p>	<p>Please approve the resolution tonight.</p>
Justin Sadowski	<p>Please adopt the MNG</p>	<p>Please approve the resolution</p>
Julie Gersten	<p>Please support the new pool. Every angle has been thoroughly vetted and considered. It's time for LBUSD to move forward with the pool.</p>	<p>Please support the new pool. Every angle has been thoroughly vetted and considered. It's time for LBUSD to move forward with the pool.</p>

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Nick McConnell	<p>Please adopt the MNG. Investing in modernized LBUSD school facilities and community amenities, such as swimming pools, offers significant benefits for students, educators, and the broader Laguna Beach community.</p> <p>I was a direct beneficiary of this amazing school district. I was lucky enough to grow up in Laguna and graduate from the the high school. The facilities, staff, and specifically the aquatics program set me on a course for my dream career that I am happy to still be doing to this day. I am an active duty Helicopter Rescue Swimmer for the United States Coast Guard and have been for the last 17+ years. This school district, community and the resources that it invested in me have directly resulted in me being able to serve the greater public. The lives I have helped to save across this nation reflect directly back on this community. Personal accomplishments and deeds is not something we public servants tend to talk about but I thought that it would be important to add to the expansive list of examples of exceptional humans that have come out of this small but mighty school district. Why be sensible when we can be extraordinary.</p>	<p>Please approve the resolution. Modernizing LBUSD school facilities is essential for boosting student achievement, supporting teacher retention, enhancing community health, and strengthening the local economy. By prioritizing these investments, Laguna Beach can empower students, foster community engagement, and ensure sustainable growth— it's time for LBUSD to move forward with our pool.</p>
Elizabeth Manji		<p>The pool renovation is long overdue, and our community deserves a modern, safe, and functional facility. Simply bringing it up to code would be costly and inefficient. A 45m pool is an investment in our future — we need to move forward now.</p>
Geraldine Klein		Yes
Greg Harfst		New pool !!!
Kaleim Manji		<p>The pool renovation project is overdue, and it is time for the board to come together and fully support it. I am disappointed that this is still a topic of debate given it's already been approved. Simply bringing the pool up to code would not only be costly but ultimately an inefficient use of resources. Our children and the entire community deserve a modern, safe, and functional facility. The 45m pool is an investment in our future, and we cannot afford to delay it any longer.</p>
Kate		<p>We must do this. Our community has waited long enough— it's time for the board to come together and make this renovation happen. Our children and neighbors deserve a state-of-the-art, safe, and functional facility. The 45m pool is more than an upgrade; it's a lasting investment in our future that we can't afford to put off any longer.</p>
Erin Browne		Yes

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Meredith Baigrie	The pool renovation project is long overdue, and it is time for the board to come together and fully support it. I am deeply disappointed that this is still a topic of debate. Simply bringing the pool up to code would not only be costly but ultimately an inefficient use of resources. Our children and the entire community deserve a modern, safe, and functional facility. The 45m pool is an investment in our future, and we cannot afford to delay it any longer.	
JB	It is clear that our community needs a larger pool to serve the needs of our student athletes and community swimmers. The length of the pool is a compromise and was determined after multiple meetings involving the stakeholders. The Initial Study by the District concluded that the environmental impact of the project could be mitigated. Failure to adopt the Resolution will waste millions of dollars and profoundly delay construction of a facility that would meet the needs of our community.	Adopt the Resolution.
Roberson-Beery Family	Please adopt this so that we can move forward with the pool project.	<p>Dear Board Members,</p> <p>We urge you to approve this resolution in support of a new pool for our students and community. Every year, LBUSD produces stellar CIF Champion and Olympic athletes in water sports, and they deserve a facility that allows them to train and compete at the highest level.</p> <p>As a family with a Thurston student who must travel out of town for competitive swim, we know firsthand the need for a top-tier pool in our community. Approving and Investing in this facility will not only benefit our student-athletes, but will also strengthen our school's legacy in aquatic sports, and of course benefit the wider community through open swim.</p> <p>Please approve this resolution and give our water athletes the resources they need to excel.</p> <p>Sincerely, Lisa, Johnathan and Layla Roberson-Beery</p>

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Johnathan Roberson-Beery	Please adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration	<p>Dear Board Members,</p> <p>LBHS consistently produces top-tier water athletes, Olympic medals as well, and yet our facilities fall short of their needs, and they often need to travel to a training facility that can accomodate for the high level athletes they are. This is a disservice to our kids and Laguna as a whole.</p> <p>As a family with a Thurston student who travels out of town for competitive swim, we see the clear need for a high-quality pool in our community.</p> <p>Please approve this resolution and move forward with a new swim facility that allows our students to train and compete in a fully developed pool that will allow for their achievements.</p> <p>Sincerely, Johnathan Roberson-Beery</p>
Carolyn chudy	N/A	<p>The pool renovation project is long overdue, and it is crucial that the board come together to provide full support. It is concerning that this issue remains a point of contention. Merely bringing the existing pool up to code would incur significant costs and ultimately result in an inefficient use of resources. Our children and the entire community deserve a modern, safe, and functional facility. The 45-meter pool represents a valuable investment in our future, and further delay is no longer an option. It is time to prioritize the long-term benefits of this project for the well-being of our community.</p>
Garthe Knight	<p>The only rational choice is to approve the Mitigated Negative Declaration. Failing to do so will create angry divers, swimmers and polo players. They will spend another year making their beleaguered parents drive to Newport and Irvine and maybe even Dana Point. They will become indoctrinated in non-Laguna propaganda and demand even more things like new tennis courts or a new performing arts space. That will cost even more money. And with all the tariffs and deportations there is no way the district can afford that. I pledge allegiance to Herr Howard and Meister Morgan and the Federation, as always and forever.</p>	

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Grace Wee	<p>Please approve the resolution for a new 45 meter pool.</p> <p>We have left the district and now both our children attend private schools.</p> <p>One of the reasons why we left LBUSD is because the LBHS facilities would greatly benefit from upgrades. Specifically, the pool, theater and certain classrooms, are outdated and require the building of new facilities or improvements to existing infrastructure.</p>	<p>Please approve the pool.</p>
		<p>It's time to move forward. The renovation of the Pool isn't a need, it's a must, and the previous board voted unanimously to move forward with a 45-meter pool.</p> <p>The fact that we are still debating this long over due project is a drain on our community's energy, resources, and spirit.</p> <p>Lets look to the future, one with a modern facility that everyone can enjoy.</p>
Ryan		<p>Please approve the findings and move forward with the pool modernization project. The community and student body have been limping along for way too long. This project should not be delayed any longer. I strongly urge the board to trust the report and not meddle this to death which would waste a lot of time and money. Moving this forward is the logical and sensible step for everyone. Thank you!</p>
Ashley Malone	<p>In favor of adopting the MND as there is little to no impact on the environment.</p>	<p>In favor of executing the NOD to proceed with the pool modernization project. I was raised in Laguna Beach and spent 15 plus years swimming, teaching and life guarding at the pool. I now bring my 5 year old twins to the same swim lessons I used to teach. The pool facilities look the exact same as they did 25 years ago. We should be proud of our facilities, but they are not supporting the needs of our community. Water polo is a dominant sport in California and swim lessons are imperative for safety. Proceeding with anything but a full modernization is like putting lipstick on a pig.</p>

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Shannon Stringham		<p>My name is Shannon Stringham, and I'm writing on behalf of our current and future student athletes, the broader community, and the future of aquatic sports at Laguna Beach High School. Our current pool has reached the end of its life and needs significant upgrades. We need a pool that meets the 45-meter requirement for CIF to host home water polo and swim meets. Without this, our student athletes are forced to practice and compete at offsite locations, wasting valuable time and resources.</p> <p>A larger pool would enhance aquatic programs at LBHS, offering more lanes for swimmers and improved size and depth to better serve our water polo teams. The proposed plan also ensures student safety with separate locker rooms for students and the public, improves the spectator experience, and reduces long-term operating costs with energy-efficient upgrades.</p> <p>The current pool is no longer sufficient, and its failure to meet modern needs is a setback for our students and the entire community. I urge the School Board to support the construction of a new 45-meter pool that will positively impact the safety, competitiveness, and future of our aquatic programs for generations to come. Thank you.</p>
Shabnam Penry		<p>I encourage you to approve the CEQA NMD so the pool project can move forward without delay. A postponement would mean spending millions on temporary repairs instead of investing in a long-term solution. Approving the NMD now allows construction to start this summer, minimizing disruption to students and the community. Please support this much-needed improvement. Thank you.</p>
Newth Morris	<p>Though it has been a very rocky road to get here, I think we have arrived at an excellent compromise solution.</p> <p>The 45m pool design respects neighbors concerns while adding desperately needed water to the community.</p> <p>I urge the Board to move forward on the pool.</p> <p>Respectfully</p>	
Tara Thompson		<p>Let's not delay this by putting band aids on the 30 year old pool that cannot host a swim meet nor a water polo match. It's time we move forward and build a new pool for the athletes of this community who are earning scholarships every year and representing our city at the University level and Olympic level.</p>

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Vivian		<p>Please prioritize moving the Pool Modernization Project forward. Delays only lead to rising costs, and if prolonged, the project may become financially unfeasible.</p> <p>Investing in modernized LBUSD school facilities—including swimming pools—benefits both students and the community. For students, swimming is a lifelong sport that promotes health and well-being. For the community, it offers recreation and essential water safety training.</p> <p>Let’s take action now to ensure these valuable resources remain accessible for generations to come!</p>
Grayson - TMS 6th Grader		<p>I think that the board should approve the resolution because there is not enough room to fit all of the activities that need to happen in the evening. I am a swimmer and have had to swim pretty late at night and I know water polo friends that have to stay even later. I'd like to get better at swimming and will probably have to go out of town to train with another team in a better pool.</p>
member of the greater community	<p>Well let's see if Morgan and Hills follow their supportive comments made to the VL meeting for the 45m pool and the concept design. This is one of the myriad approvals needed as preparation is made for the construction to begin a year from now (March, 2026). As projects with the city routinely receive a CEQA negative dec make sure you both along with Ms. Perry are not influenced by those who will likely speak tonight and live near the pool facility. The concept design has improved and mitigated light, sound. Remember recently Laguna's mayor encouraged citizens to use the trolley and Laguna Local drive service and not drive at all---that should help with traffic and parking as a ready made solution.</p>	<p>There is no logical reason to not approve this resolution. This is standard business practice to ensure the steps were followed to provide the most environmentally responsible and neighborhood friendly project. Please support this. As with the city projects such as the promenade there are differing view points. Much work has been done on this as part of the FMP 10 year update approved last year and this needs to move forward.</p>

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Mike Gruba	<p>I will not be able to attend the board meeting to speak in person because I will be driving my son and 2 other Laguna Beach boys out of town in order to practice water polo. The current pool is not only falling apart (closed for repairs often) and past its life span, it is too small for youth programs and community use to coexist. The LBWPC (youth water polo that feeds our HS program) has not been able to accommodate boys or girls 14u teams for several years due to lack of pool space and forces kids to practice late in the night when space is available. Driving 30 minutes out of town in order to continue playing a sport that Laguna Beach prides itself in, is a real killer for a family dinner and has led to many kids/families deciding to stop playing the sport or in some cases even transferring to other clubs/schools for better pool facilities and access. As a community pool user and parent of aquatic sports children I was excited to see the pool modernization plans in the master plan 2 years ago. I was disheartened by a small portion of the community that successfully alienated the LBUSD by convincing the city to not be involved in the process and build a separate city pool (which appears will not be possible) in attempts to further slow down the LBUSD from building a school pool that the community will be able to benefit from also. Please do not slow this project down any further now that you know the facts. Any delays will only cost the tax payers more money.</p>	<p>In a collaborative process involving countless stakeholders (including neighboring homes/businesses) this project has gone through many renditions and I am certain will continue to be slightly adjusted to try to accommodate everyone's wishes. Allow for these conversations to continue to take place but DO NOT stall any votes or decisions that would cause this project to stall and miss important deadlines (health code deadlines and summer construction goals). The local aquatic communities needs this pool, local businesses need this pool and all students from pre-school to alumni need this pool ASAP. When we travel to play water polo games and swim meets it is common for families to eat out and spend time in that town for the day. Local businesses will flourish when an out of town 10u polo team celebrates with froyo from Active Culture or dozens of burritos from Adolfo's. Teams will travel from Channel Islands and San Diego and choose to make a weekend in Laguna which further benefit the local hotels and restaurants in town at a time when local businesses are struggling.</p>
Anonymous	<p>Let the community make their comments and get on with the business of getting through the agenda (for once) and approving the pool. No long speeches by anyone, no need to "clarify," which is never clarifying, and no pontificating just because you have a packed house. Not your soapbox, and no one cares. For once--just be good board members that listen more than you speak (Howard and Sheri).</p>	

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Susan Anderson	<p>Please adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration</p> <p>The LBHS pool reconstruction project has had a thorough environmental review and the school district has addressed any possible concerns through mitigation measures. Its is time to move the pool project forward!</p> <p>Total costs and inconvenience are increasing by delaying the process Construction and material expenses are increasing as the years pass Updated facilities are a necessity not a luxury. Our community and neighborhoods are enhanced by this project</p>	<p>Please Approve The Resolution No. 25-06</p> <p>It is time to move the pool project forward!</p> <p>Total costs are increasing by delaying the process. Community and Educational disruption is increasing by delaying the process. Updated facilities are a necessity not a luxury. An updated pool benefits the youth in our community. An updated pool benefits swimming education, water polo and swimming programs, conditioning programs for track and field and Surf Teams. An updated pool benefits community safety by training Junior Lifeguards, certifying Lifeguards , scuba diving programs and scouting practice. An updated pool benefits Laguna Beach City well-being with masters swim, lap swimming, water aerobics and family activities. An excellent school district with well maintained facilities increases property values. Please stop the special interest delays.</p>
Brad berberian	.	<p>I am a lifelong Laguna beach resident and the father of three daughters. My youngest of which plays for the Laguna club water polo U14 team. As many of us who live here know, water polo is a huge part of the community . We have produced two gold medalists and many more college players that were able to go to outstanding universities via athletic scholarships in water polo. I was surprised that we are still debating this as I was under the impression that the pool had been approved. Nonetheless, having a proper pool for our kids to practice and play games in is imperative to the continued growth of our swimming and water polo programs here in our city. While we have been able to find success in our programs, it has come at great inconvenience and often times requiring teams to go to another city to practice and play games . I implore the board to approve the pool again, as it is a vital component to sustaining our water polo program and all the ancillary benefits that our children get from playing</p>
YIMBY	Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration will all haste.	<p>Please approve the MND and CEQA, and authorize the staff to execute the Notice of Determination. The current pool is no longer usable and doing a patch job to save money now will end up costing taxpayers more in the long term. This is the most fiscally responsible decision to all parties involved.</p>

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Kortney Lillestrand	Please adopt the MND. We can't afford to waste precious time and energy for 5-10 years on modernizing our community pool.	<p>Please approve the CEQA resolution. Our community needs an updated healthy pool for all of our community members as well as our kids.</p> <p>Many families use the pool for exercise, swimming lessons, play sports, training, and just for fun. It is the only public pool in Laguna.</p> <p>We are the #1 school district in OC and our facilities should mirror that success. How can we have kids and adults swimming in a pool in which they're cutting their feet? I think it's incomprehensible that we live in a beach community where every person should know how to swim and we have a pool that is too small, outdated, falling apart, and is hurting people.</p> <p>Please approve the pool moving forward. It will directly affect our students, parents, families and ALL community members for the better. Upgraded school facilities directly improves property values.</p> <p>It will decrease the amount of time and money spent as well on utility costs.</p> <p>I want our students to know that our school board is doing their job as locally elected public officials entrusted with governing a community's public schools. It is NOT about ignoring our kids and their interests and putting a few key highly influential and wealthy individuals needs first (Village Laguna and Sensible Laguna). Let me remind you that the role of the School Board is to ensure that the school district is responsive to the values, beliefs, and prior of their communities.</p> <p>Our community wants and needs a new pool.</p>
Alan Flatt	Please proceed with the pool. Our public schools must have a larger pool. 45 meters is the minimum. It should be a standard 50 meters and is very unfortunate that we will not have a standard length pool. However, 45 meters is the absolute minimum.	Please vote yes and adopt this resolution. The pool must move forward.
Adam Lillestrand	Please adopt because we don't won't the pool modernization to be prolonged.	Please approve CEQA because are community deserves an updated pool.
Cindy Jacobs		Yes
Monica Levine	I encourage the board to adopt the MND to allow pool development progress and to avoid unnecessary, costly delays. If the project is delayed, an estimated \$2 million in repairs are necessary to keep the pool operational including replastering and replacing equipment or parts that are 30 years old.	I look forward to the boards approval of resolution no. 25-06 so the pool project can move forward. Our community and our students deserve updated facilities. Our community can't wait to bring our Laguna athletes back home to an expanded facility that can accommodate their practices and meets/games. Let's make it happen!
marc	Yes adopted	Yes adopted, delegating authority to staff to execute the notice of determination.

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CME		<p>Unlike many here, I do not use the pool. My children do not use the pool. And there's a high probability that none of us will ever go in the new pool. Also, the construction will be a burden to me on my daily commute down Park. That being said, I am completely supportive of moving forward. We need to upgrade the pool and do it now. It is an embarrassment to our town and not satisfactory for all of the children in this town. We have spent enough money to date and need to start construction ASAP before costs continue to rise. Let's do this and do it the right way. Do not get hung up in petty business. Our town needs to reunite and we cannot do that until this pool project moves forward. Do not be the reason for divisiveness and animosity in this town. Do what is right for the kids as leaders of the school board.</p>
Ed Wilson	<p>We need more pool space in Laguna Beach. The school board should do everything in its power to ensure that the planned 45-meter pool is built as expeditiously as possible. The approved plan (which is a compromise from the originally proposed 50-meter pool) will benefit LBUSD students and the community at large.</p> <p>As a household of 3 current LBUSD students and 2 alumni, we can attest to the need for a larger pool. We have to drive out of town 4 nights a week so that our eldest son (at Thurston) can play water polo because there is not enough pool space at the high school pool to accommodate a boys' 14-and-under water polo team. If kids in this age group want to continue with water polo/aquatics, they need to leave our town and compete for other clubs. This is unfortunate for a host of reasons. The kids waste (precious sleep and homework) time traveling outside of town. For many, the burden becomes too much, so they drop water polo and/or swimming to participate in other sports closer to home. For us, what would be a walk to the LBHS pool, becomes a drive of over an hour at least 4 days a week. A 45-meter pool will go a long way towards keeping our kids in town, in aquatics, and wearing maroon and white. Our students will be able to use the saved commute time for homework and/or sleep. Though the school board should be focused on the well-being of our students first and foremost, the greater community will also benefit from more pool space.</p>	<p>We need more pool space in Laguna Beach. The school board should do everything in its power to ensure that the planned 45-meter pool is built as expeditiously as possible. The approved plan (which is a compromise from the originally proposed 50-meter pool) will benefit LBUSD students and the community at large.</p> <p>As a household of 3 current LBUSD students and 2 alumni, we can attest to the need for a larger pool. We have to drive out of town 4 nights a week so that our eldest son (at Thurston) can play water polo because there is not enough pool space at the high school pool to accommodate a boys' 14-and-under water polo team. If kids in this age group want to continue with water polo/aquatics, they need to leave our town and compete for other clubs. This is unfortunate for a host of reasons. The kids waste (precious sleep and homework) time traveling outside of town. For many, the burden becomes too much, so they drop water polo and/or swimming to participate in other sports closer to home. For us, what would be a walk to the LBHS pool, becomes a drive of over an hour at least 4 days a week. A 45-meter pool will go a long way towards keeping our kids in town, in aquatics, and wearing maroon and white. Our students will be able to use the saved commute time for homework and/or sleep. Though the school board should be focused on the well-being of our students first and foremost, the greater community will also benefit from more pool space.</p>

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Claudia Morris	<p>The LBHS pool is a valuable asset to our community. I urge the Board to adopt the MND and allow this project to proceed without unnecessary delays.</p> <p>The district has conducted an extensive environmental review, and the proposed mitigation measures effectively address potential concerns, ensuring the project's responsible implementation.</p> <p>Delaying the approval of the MND beyond March 2025 would have significant negative consequences, such as increased project costs, extended disruption to students and the community, and the potential for further costly repairs to an aging facility. Please let's move forward! Our kids and community need and deserve a better, safer, more modern pool facility.</p>	<p>I strongly support the approval of Resolution No. 25-06 for the LBHS Pool Modernization. This resolution is vital for moving the project forward, ensuring a modern pool for our community, and demonstrating responsible environmental stewardship while avoiding costly delays. Please approve it</p>
Amanda Alden	<p>We look forward to the Board's adoption of the mitigated negative declaration, taking us another step closer to a school facility that is commensurate with the high standards of our school community.</p> <p>Personally, our two kids will likely never be on a swim or water polo team, having other interests. In fact, our kids may never experience the final finished pool to cheer on their classmates even, given their ages and how long permitting and construction can take. We will certainly be personally inconvenienced by construction since we drive by the high school every day.</p> <p>However, despite all this, we are fully supportive of the new 45 M pool. We have watched the presentations over the last 18 months and talked to many stakeholders. It's clear it would be fiscally irresponsible (to continue to pour money into dilapidated facilities), among all the other reasons others have spoken eloquently about. Let's give it the greenlight and proceed through the required steps as quickly as possible, before construction prices cost the district yet more money.</p> <p>We appreciate the Board's support of the kids.</p>	
David	I recommend the adoption of this.	Please approve!
Greg Sharenow	Please keep this simple and approve pool.	Please keep this simple and approve pool.

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Thasa Zuziak		<p>I am calling on you to immediately approve the Negative Declaration for the CEQA report and keep the pool project on track for summer. The work has been done, every mitigation has been addressed, and this is an upgrade to an existing facility. Further delays are inexcusable and put this project—and the pool itself—at serious risk.</p> <p>If the project is stalled any longer, we face the very real possibility of the health department shutting the pool down, depriving our students and community of a critical resource. This pool is essential for student athletics, physical education, and community programs. It is not optional—it is a necessity.</p> <p>The board has a legal obligation to ensure our facilities are safe, modern, and compliant. This pool, built three decades ago, no longer meets the needs of our students or today's standards and must be upgraded. Failure to act now will directly harm students, undermine programs, and create avoidable liability.</p> <p>Do not be the board remembered for taking this facility away from students and the community. There is no valid excuse to delay. I urge you to do your duty, fulfill your responsibility, and approve this project without further obstruction.</p> <p>Act now.</p>
Iva Pawling	<p>Please adopt the MND to keep the pool project on schedule. It is imperative there is no disruption to the planned timeline so that we don't have to abandon this project in order to spend millions on fixes to an outdated pool. Our district, kids and community deserve to have facilities representative of the privileged community we live in.</p>	<p>Please approve the resolution to adopt the CEQA. It is important that this current board, who has a tendency to ask an excessive amount of unnecessary questions and not take action in a timely manner, NOT delay this simply because they don't understand it or find inconsequential faults in the report. The experts have spent years on this project to get us to this point, and while no process is without errors and missteps, we are lucky to have gotten here. I urge this board to vote to approve this crucial step in the Pool Modernization Project to deliver this community the pool that is deserved.</p>
Shaheen Sheik-Sadhal		<p>This is it. We are at a major inflection point for our community. If we do not approve the resolution tonight, this community will not see a new pool for another 5-10 years and at a cost orders of magnitude greater than will be achieved in this moment. It would result in devastating consequences. Investment in our facilities cannot be put on hold any longer. We need a new pool. We need students, staff, and community members to have safe, inspiring facilities that serve their needs. The MND clearly shows that all impacts can be effectively mitigated, and there is no reason to question the expertise of all those involved. Approve Resolution No. 25-06, please. The entire community is watching.</p>

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Cathy A.	Please adopt the MND. Delaying the Pool Modernization Project could set back necessary improvements by 5-10 years, forcing LBUSD to spend \$2 million this summer on temporary health code upgrades—funds that would be better invested in long-term modernization. Failing to act now jeopardizes not only the financial feasibility of the project but also the safety, accessibility, and quality of a vital community resource. A modernized pool enhances student learning, supports athletic programs, and provides essential recreational and health benefits for Laguna Beach residents of all ages. The time to invest in our future is now—LBUSD must move forward with the Pool Modernization Project.	Please approve the resolution. Delaying the Pool Modernization Project could set back necessary improvements by 5-10 years, forcing LBUSD to spend \$2 million this summer on temporary health code upgrades—funds that would be better invested in long-term modernization. Failing to act now jeopardizes not only the financial feasibility of the project but also the safety, accessibility, and quality of a vital community resource. A modernized pool enhances student learning, supports athletic programs, and provides essential recreational and health benefits for Laguna Beach residents of all ages. The time to invest in our future is now—LBUSD must move forward with the Pool Modernization Project.
Jennifer Nudleman	3A - Please adopt the MND. Our students and community deserve an updated pool that allows for the continued swim team and water polo tradition of our town.	4A - Please approve the resolution. Delaying would be crushing to the project. Students are currently forced to look outside of town for adequate swim facilities making it unrealistic for some families to consider swim team and water polo for their kids, and leaving many who would have wanted to participate unable to do so. The pool renewal greatly benefits our entire community.
Payal Avellan	We are in no way a sports family, so we have absolutely no skin in this game. However, we recognize the need to update school infrastructure and the importance the pool plays in our community's culture and the well being of our young people. This project has been a long time coming, please adopt passage of the CEQA.	Please approve the CEQA for the 45m pool project.
Kari Damato		I am in full support of the LBHS Pool Modernization Project. I have been the swim coach here since 2008 and believe it is what's in the best interest of our students and community. Our current pool is in desperate need of modernization and doesn't provide adequate space for our school district to use as we'd like.
Maria Reichel		I urge the board to the approve the resolution as presented and allow the project to move forward. The LBHS pool reconstruction project has undergone extensive expert and community review, including environmental impact, since the initial concept was presented in 2023. The district has worked to ensure that potential concerns are addressed through appropriate mitigation measures. The current proposal reflects compromises that meet the needs and concerns of our many stakeholders.  Please allow this project to proceed so the school board, staff and the community can focus their time and energy on the issues that truly matter to the success of all our students.
Sarah Burge	Please adopt the MND	Please approve the resolution..

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Crystal Jerabek-parent, resident	Please adopt the MND and keep this project moving.	Please approve this resolution- we can not afford any delay!
Edward Spencer	Yes	Yes
Jamie Jameson		I'm writing to urge the board to adopt the CEQA findings so we can continue much needed forward momentum on the pool renovation.
Sarah Campbell Besso		I would like the new pool. I care about the traffic during the building process. We do need a proper Water polo pool.
Sera	This is well thought out and independently done. The district does not influence the CEQA process. New members Hills and Morgan in spite of Sensible and Village Laguna supporting your campaigns in written form on their websites and financially with large donations among their individuals as a board member you represent ALL. Let this process go forward as the actual neighborhood interference will be minimal compared to the greater community benefit.	Move these forward
Laura Jumani	Please adopt the MND as presented.	Please approve and adopt today without delay. Let's keep this approved 45m pool project on schedule to minimize downtime for our student athletes & community. Our current pool is in such disrepair - delays will be costly. Thank you.
Shannon Ticatch		<p>Our students deserve to move FORWARD not stay stagnant and therefore get behind the other programs around us. The swim and water polo programs in Laguna are a main source of pride to our community. They deserve a facility that is up to standards (and in my opinion, deserve a leading facility in our area). If the Pool Modernization Project is not moved forward in this meeting, it will likely result in a delay of 5-10 years. The health code demands we invest about \$2M for long overdue upgrades this summer IF we do not continue on the current modernization plan schedule, thus making it financially unlikely to move forward. This is unacceptable. Our students should not have to leave their community to participate in programs that are up to today's standards. Let's keep our students HERE!</p> <p>Modernizing LBUSD school facilities is essential for boosting student achievement, supporting teacher retention, enhancing community health, and strengthening the local economy. By prioritizing these investments, Laguna Beach can empower students, foster community engagement, and ensure sustainable growth—it's time for LBUSD to move forward with our pool.</p>
Emily Rolfing	Please adopt the MND and move the Pool Modernization Project and other FMP items forward.	Please approve the resolution and move the Pool Modernization and other FMP projects forward. Thank you

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Diana Rose	Please adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the LBHS pool reconstruction project. This project has undergone a comprehensive environmental review process and will provide significant benefits to students and residents.	Please approve this resolution. Your support will demonstrate a forward-thinking approach that prioritizes the well-being of our entire community - students, families, educators and residents. As a parent of two young children and a LBHS alumni, I am asking the board to please approve this resolution without delay. The pool modernization is urgently needed and the process has been thorough. Thank you!
Matt Gummow		I am very much in favor of adoption of the MND for the pool project. Please let's move forward with this great improvement for our students and community!