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Subject: Objection to ice ribbon due to demolishing the McCormick Park ice skating rink
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Hello –
As a long time Missoulian you may guess that I am not happy about the way things have been going in my hometown. I grew up here, left for about 5 years to go to Helena and a one year stint in Spokane. So.. for about 60 years or so Missoula has been my address.

So… for a while since I returned Missoula was for the most part unchanged. But for about the last 20-30 years things have been trending downward. And…it is not only the city but the county and the school district that has had profound negative ramifications for me and my family.

In this email I cannot expect to list all the horrible things that have happened to me due to local government.

So…my latest problem with the city, which does actually tie in to something that happened in 2004 or so: The demolition of our beloved McCormick Pool. It actually was in great shape except that it did leak. This may not make sense at first glance, however, fixing leakage is much more cost effective than building a new pool(and demolishing one).This fact was brought up when 2 city councilors stated that it would cost only 3 million as opposed to 13 million in pool expenditures. I had swam there shortly before the demolition and had taken my children there for many years -it was so nice – and in a perfect location with the most beautiful scenery.

I am getting off track a little – my comment today – since my beloved McCormick Pool is gone – is that WE DESERVE OUR ICE SKATING RINK BACK. There are plenty of places to fish around Missoula, but there are few places to ice skate. There is the private Glacier Ice Rink at the fair and there is the smaller ice skating rink in the Rattlesnake – that is it!!! This is inexcusable for our city to have so few opportunities for ice skating.

And to hear that the city wants to build ice skating somewhere else is so sad and inexcusable.

Additionally, as a property owner my taxes are always gong up and up and up.

Remember – there is a difference between wants and needs – and it is past time to learn this as a member of our city council.

This is not the time to be spending more of our money. I just heard that Missoula has a reserve fund of only 700,000 dollars.

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I am sending this without proof reading it – hope there aren't too many mistakes.