

Friends of Albemarle  
c/o Cedar Pruitt, President  
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To the Community Preservation Commission,

Thank you for your commitment and investment in Gath Pool, a treasured citywide asset and community resource that is badly needed.

We recognize that an increase in project costs requires you to demonstrate a commitment once again to this city and to helping it thrive for decades to come, and we are both grateful for your consideration and whole-heartedly encourage another investment of the CPC funds. We offer our strongest support and advocate for moving forward rapidly with this needed project which impacts all of Newton.

Our nonprofit organization Friends of Albemarle, which we launched as an established 501(c)3 in January 2021, represents all 8 wards of the city. We now surpass 500 members and continue to represent Newton broadly, with a roster that includes multiple elected officials including half of City Council and a member of the State Legislature.

We have collaborated closely with Newton city departments since our founding while working on solutions for Gath Pool and have also heard from many community members over the past two years. As you know, Gath plays a vital role in keeping users healthy and engaged, and able to have access to swim lessons, team sports, outdoor exercise and community connections.

Your investment in Gath Pool will pay dividends in a connected, healthy community resource cherished by seniors, children, and everyone as they swim, walk, play, splash, compete, learn and connect. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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