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I am in favor of reopening the CSM Aquatic Facility. As the former Aquatic supervisor of the CSM pool and the former Aquatic Supervisor for the Charles County Recreation, Parks and Tourism Division, I can attest that this facility needs to be reopened. Our community has grown and the three indoor facilities that we currently share operations with can't accommodate all our public needs. We need a facility that is open daily, not just afternoons and weekends. WE need a space and place for our senior citizens to gather and exercise as well as our homeschool population. This is also another space for competitive swim teams to utilize and swim lessons to be provided. This would also help our community tremendously when high school swim season is in full swing, (Nov 15th-March 1st) there is almost no availability for the community to utilize our indoor pools due to practices and swim meets for SMAC swimming. CSM pool has been a staple for years in our community and when it was forced to shut down, it

was not received well by our community. I was asked weekly if I knew anything about the reopening of CSM, or if I knew the cause of the closure, or if there was something I could do to get it reopened, but I had no idea why it was forced to close down, so I didn't know how to help. I can inform you it was completely renovated, new white coat, filtration system in 2016. In Jan of 2020 a new UV filter was added, then two months later the facility closed down. I am sure some things will need to be done to make it "operational" again after three years of sitting, but I don't feel like it would cost any more than trying to build a standalone facility at this time. Fix what we have, get some of what the community needs trending in the right direction, then plan for the new multi-gen building. Let's NOT THROW away something that has been a home to many.

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