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May 20, 2014

To: Mayor Bates and Berkeley City Council Members
From: Claremont Elmwood Neighborhood Association (CENA)
Regarding: Agenda Item #34, Possible City Parks Ballot Measure for November 2014

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers:

The demise of Willard Pool has been an issue in south Berkeley for well over four years. The Board of Directors of the Claremont Elmwood Neighborhood Association stand solidly behind the recommendations of our citizen Parks & Waterfront Commission that unearthing Willard Pool and making all the required improvements to bring it back to our community should be the #1 capital project of any Parks Bond Measure.

Willard Pool should not be an "add-on" or the last on a long list of projects. As was proposed by our Parks & Waterfront Commission after hours of deliberation and testimony, it should be the first priority in any capital plan. And in the interest of equity, this is the only project that would benefit District 8 and 7.

Thank you for considering our position. We look forward to the return of Willard Pool.

Sincerely,

Claremont Elmwood Neighborhood Association Board of Directors